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UC Executive Pat Ryan Appoints Dr. Wazir Suni Jefferson as County's First Chief Diversity Officer



KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the appointment of Dr. Wazir Suni Jefferson as Ulster County's first-ever Chief Diversity Officer. Dr. Wazir Suni Jefferson has dedicated his career to advancing dialogue, inclusion, and equity. Dr. Jefferson most recently served as the Chief Diversity Officer of Dutchess Community College. (Contd. Pg. 22)

Hope Farm Responds to Covid-19 Crisis Providing Fresh Produce for the Community



Loch Sheldrake, NY (November 18, 2020) Countless heroes stand out for the essential help they continue to provide throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Some wear badges or scrubs, while others grow our food or work in markets or kitchens to prepare our meals. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER:

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

Ecclesiastes 5:1

OBITUARY

Bradley Houghtaling 75 of Monroe, NC went home to be with Jesus on Saturday November 7th.

He was at home with his loving family by his side. Brad was born November 3, 1945 in Liberty NY to the late Harriet (Sackett) Houghtaling and Virgil (Budge) Houghtaling. Brad spent most of his life in Neversink, NY before retiring to Monroe, NC 15 years ago. Brad was a proud veteran of the US Marine Corp and served in Vietnam. He was an avid Nascar and Dirt Track racing fan. He could be found most Saturday nights at the races with his loving grand- daughter Brookelynn and his best friend Pip.

Prior to his retirement in 2005 Brad worked for Kantrowitz Bros in Woodridge, NY and The Town of Neversink Highway Department.

Brad leaves behind his loving wife of 45 years Evelyn (Eck) Houghtaling, his daughters Kimberly Houghtaling of Monroe, NC and Katielyn Crew and his loving granddaughter Brookelynn Houghtaling of Hemby Bridge, NC, his brother Carl Houghtaling, his sister Debbie Dubas and several nieces and nephews.

Brad was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church 4013 New Town Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Union County, NC at 700 West Roosevelt Blvd Monroe, NC 28112 or Oak Grove Baptist church. Holland Funeral Home of Monroe handled the arrangements for the family.

Ellen Bingham - On Saturday, November 14, 2020 Ellen Bingham loving Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and loving wife passed away at the age of 82 at her home in Durham, North Carolina. Ellen was born in Sandy Lake, PA to Maggie and Smokey Armann. She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband Ken of 56 years, her brother Jim, her brother in law Joe and her nephew Joey. Ellen was survived by her sister Mary DiFrischia of Beaver Falls, PA and her brother Bob Armann of Johnstown, PA. She had seven beautiful and strong children with 5 son in laws. Her oldest daughter, Peggy McCormick of Lenoir, NC and her late husband Brian. Her two sons Kenny and Joe Bingham who preceded her in death. Her daughter Mary Lowe of

Woodbourne, NY and her husband Peter. Her daughter Barbara Cannon of Mountandale, NY and her husband Ralph. Her daughter Kim Martin of Neversink, NY and her husband Chris. Her youngest daughter Cathy Howard of Durham, NC and her husband Brett. Also surviving Ellen was her 11 Grandchildren and their spouses and 14 Great Grandchildren. Laurie and Amy Clemmer of Lenoir, NC and their children TJ, Cheylyn Jo and Tommy. Joe and Julie Morris of Grovetown, GA and their children Alex, Stacy-Lyn, Preston and Gabby. Lis and Xaver Iling of Woodbourne, NY and their children Gwen and Ryelin. Scott and Kristi Morris of Yorkville, NY. Randi and Dan Burger of Peabody, MA and their daughter Charlie Bea and their soon to be new addition of Samuel Kenneth due in January. Lindsay Shea of Durham, NC and her daughters Hayden and Raegan. Coby Denman and his fiancée Jamie Evans of Woodbourne, NY. Samantha and Victor Herring of Suffolk, VA and their daughters Kinleigh and Olivia. Kourtney-Lyn and Mark Vrydaghs of New Hartford, NY. Cristal Cannon and her boyfriend Jonathan Riley of Mountandale, NY. Bryan Lowe a cadet at West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Our Mother loved playing Bingo and going to casinos. She enjoyed traveling and playing on the computer. Her grandkids and great grandkids were her world. She loved each and every one. She was passionate about the Pittsburgh Steelers and the New York Yankees. She will be missed. A graveside service will be held at 11am on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, State Route 55, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Rev. Walter Haff will officiate. A family and friends gathering will follow graveside services at Praise Dominion Church 21 Canal St., Ellenville, NY 12428 "To my children, I'm sorry for the unhealed parts of me that in turn hurt you. It was never a lack of love for you. Only a lack of love for myself." "No matter what I do to move on from this pain, deep down inside I will always know that I'll never get to hug my Mom again..." Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonial-familyfuneralhomes.com

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****November 22, 1950**

Roy Palmer of Saugerties, who was hunting in the Slide Mountain section late Saturday, came upon the wreckage of a plane on Cornell Mountain about a quarter mile from the Slide Mountain tower. Five bodies were found in the wreck.

Howard Brooks, 71, of Sundown died Sunday at noon at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital after an operation. Mr. Brooks was born in Sundown July 6, 1979, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H., Brooks. He is survived by his wife, Emma Aldrich Brooks; a daughter, Ila Mae; a son, James and a foster son, Edward Van Dover. He left two brothers, Herbert of Sundown and Isaac of Springfield, Mass; and one sister, Effie Brooks Sheley of Sundown.

November 23, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garber of Bradley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Jean to Gerald Grey, son of Mrs. Raymond Pasqual of Haledon, N.J. The bride elect is a senior at Tri Valley Central School. The couple has not set a wedding date.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary very quietly at their home on Friday, November 18th. They were married in 1903 by the Rev. N.L. Heroy at Grahamsville, N.Y. They have one daughter, Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck; two grandchildren, Douglas Hasbrouck of Troy, N.Y. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith of Hasbrouck

November 26, 1970

Mrs. M.S. Groo, 82, (the former Jessie Eidel) of Lake Park, Florida and formerly of Grahamsville, died Wednesday, November 25th after a long illness. She was born to Obediah and Ellen Kortright in Fallsburg on April 29, 1888. She was a lifelong active member of the Woodbourne Reformed Church. She is survived by her husband, Myer and a sister, Mrs. Clara Finch of Middletown.

November 20, 1980

Bonnie Lee Johnson, daughter of Lee and Carol Johnson of Grahamsville, became the bride of Arnold L. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stewart of Florida on October 25, 1980 at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. McCarty performing the ceremony. Shirley Dole, organist, accompanied Wayne Elberth as he sang "I Pledge My Love."

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

Our Thanksgiving issue would not be the same without remembering Peggy and her American Wild Turkey story. Keeping with tradition, as no one could describe the American Wild Turkey better...

The American Wild Turkey

By Peggy DeWire

"Gobble, gobble," said the wild tom turkey sitting on a limb in a maple tree almost hidden in the leaves. "You caught me resting after my lunch of grasshoppers and seeds. I'm called Tom Two Toes and I'll tell you how I got named."

He settled himself more comfortably on the limb fluffing out his beautiful brown plumage, tail hanging down neatly folded and beard tassel on his chest swinging to and fro.

Two years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the woods to the edge on an open field.

There we watched how she pecked at ants, bugs and berries (strawberries are my favorite). She showed us things that are good to eat. She walked along very slowly to keep her brood together and stopped often, spreading her wings so we could rest under their shade.

We came to a pond on our way to the next open meadow and the whole family waded in with Mom cackling at us to stay together and paddle quickly across. All the splashing caught a snapping turtle's attention and it investigated, managing to bite off two toes of the last chick to struggle up on land, safely across. I limped along at first but I kept right up with my family after that awful experience.

I also remember my first flight one summer day when I was about two weeks old. Mom and all of us were feeding together in a field pecking at ants and grass seeds. My keen eyesight helped me get the smallest bits of food as well as keep a sharp lookout for danger.

Suddenly Mom flew up into a tree and landed on a limb six feet off the ground. From there she called perk, perk encouraging us to join her.

One by one we flapped out little wings to get up there, the smaller chicks landing short on the ground and launching themselves again and again till they succeeded. I made it on my first try and snuggled beside Mom proudly. After that day we never slept on the ground but always in a tree.

By the end of my first summer I was nearly as big as Mom and looked like her in my new brown-bronze plumage. My head and wattle turned red, white and blue, my wing feathers brown with white edging. Half-inch long yellow spurs grew on my legs. A grand five-inch brown bristle beard drooped from my chest.

My brothers and I practiced loud gobbling, dragging wing tips on the ground and spreading our tail feathers into wide showy fans. All this gobbling commotion was too much for Mom and she drove all her young toms out of the flock with loud yelping cries, and led our sisters off and away.

During the winter it was very hard to find enough food until we joined some deer that scraped snow aside uncovering moss and grass. While they foraged, we turkeys with sharp eyesight watched every alert for danger. And then we ate.

I'm now a full-grown gobbler who controls the clearing you're standing in looking up at me. This spring I fought another tom and beat him in a knock-down fight for this spot.

He grabbed me by the neck but I spurred him hard enough on the chest to draw blood. He let go and fell flat on the ground defeated. I jumped on his back and did a victory march to and fro. Then I let him escape.

Now I gobble to attract hens to my clearing where I'll be the alpha male for the next ten years, barring a hunting accident.

I think it's easier for you to call me Tom Two Toes rather than my full name, Meleagris gallopurva.

**Household Hints:****Need a Good Degreaser for Cleanup after Thanksgiving Dinner?**

Pour 3-4 tablespoons white vinegar into your favorite brand (especially bargain brands) of liquid dishwashing detergent and give it a few shakes. The added vinegar will not only increase the detergent's grease-fighting capabilities, but also provide you with more dishwashing liquid for the money, because you'll need less soap to clean your dishes.



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

Don't look now but the HOLIDAYS ARE ALREADY HERE! They snuck up on us this year. Even though the pandemic has caused the cancellation of many of our annual events and activities, your Parks & Recreation team are working to make sure that we still celebrate these holidays! The sad news first: We have cancelled the Elf Workshop and the Annual Tree Lighting Festivities. Our first concern is the safety of our community, and we felt these events would compromise that. But the good news is that we will have our Annual House Decorating Contest! We are extremely excited to be able to keep this tradition going. This year all of our prizes have been donated from our local businesses and artisan crafters including Claryville Pottery, Eureka Studios, ThunderView Farms, Zanetti's Auto, Catskill Mountain Sugar House, Story's Neversink Plant Co., Golden Shears Salon, Grahamsville Little World's Fair and Claryville Fire Dept. to name a few. To enter your "holiday house" complete the entry form and drop it off at Town Hall. Entry forms can be picked up at Town Hall and the Neversink and Grahamsville Post Offices. You can also find the form in the Townsman (Page 13) and online @ townofneversink.org.

While we cannot have the Tree Lighting Festivities, that is not going to stop us from decorating Bicentennial Park to the hilt. We will have trees that will be sponsored by some of our organizations, such as the Daniel Pierce Library, the Boy Scouts, our Rondout Neversink Stream Program and Golden Shears Salon, lighting up the park. We will once again have the "Smitten for Mittens" tree sponsored by TESSA which provides mittens, gloves to anyone that needs them. And of course, we will have the town tree and the gazebo all ablaze with lights. The trees have once again been generously donated by Gotsch Family Tree Farm. Our goal is to have everything completed and switch turned on by December 13 for the entire community to enjoy!

Other exciting news is the Community Ice Rink. Installation is coming along, and we hope to be open soon after Thanksgiving. Actual opening day will be posted online at the Town of Neversink website. Parks and Recs is asking for donations of ice skates. Our plan is to offer ice skates to families who need them as "loaners for the season", Once the ice skating season ends, we ask that the ice skates be returned to Parks & Rec where we will prepare them for the next season. If you have any ice skates you no longer use or have grown out of and would like to donate them for use at the Community Ice Rink, please drop them off in the box at the Town Hall lobby.

As this is a community ice rink, we are looking to the community to help with the maintenance. Maintenance entails sweeping the ice at closing time to remove any ice shavings, turning off lights and locking the doors. If you would like to help with the ice rink maintenance, let Parks & Rec know via email at parksandrec@townofneversink.org or call Cher at 985-2262 ext. 312. Lets all come together as a community and keep our Ice Rink skateable.

As with anything in life, there will be rules that must be followed while enjoying the Ice Rink. These rules will be posted onsite at the rink. And due to the current COVID requirements, we are restricting the number of skaters on the to 25. Failure to follow the rules risks us closing the Ice Rink.

That is the latest news from your Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation team. Keep reading the Townsman for our ongoing updates to events and activities here in the community.

Stay safe, be healthy and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

A Country Calendar
By Ann Higgins



2021

Country Calendar Order Form:

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Sullivan 180 to Kick off Walkthrough Wednesdays at Peace, Love & Light at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

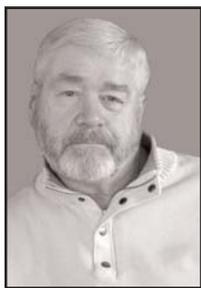
[FERNDAL] - Sullivan 180 and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts are pleased to announce Sullivan 180's Walkthrough Wednesdays, as part of Peace, Love & Lights. Peace, Love & Lights is a drive-thru holiday light experience in Sullivan County, hosted by Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. It is open seven days a week from November 23 - January 3. Each Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., guests can explore Peace, Love & Lights up close and personal, out of the car, and in the midst of the magic.

Sullivan 180 is also challenging our community to walk a collective 500 miles of Peace, Love & Lights, with a goal to draw 500 residents to walk the one-mile route over the course of the six Wednesdays (11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, and 12/30). So strap on your sneakers, zip up your winter coat, and get ready for a socially- distant, outdoor winter exercise! Once the 500 miles are reached, several of our community partners have generously offered to match a \$500 donation to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless (SCFH), including Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Liberty NY Rotary Club. The PRASAD Project has also generously committed to donating \$2,000 to the SCFH for children's clothing, toys and food! (Contd. Pg. 24)

Fortune Favors The Dead

Mysterious Book Report No. 427

by John Dwaine McKenna



Fortune Favors The Dead, (Doubleday, \$26.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-3855-4655-3), is the first novel from author Stephen Spotswood. It takes place in New York City in 1945, and features a pair of female private eyes in the style and manner of Rex Stout, with Lillian Pentecost, "the most famous woman detective in the city and possible the country," as the alternative to Nero Wolfe, and her young protégé, Willowjean Parker, standing-in for Archie Goodwin. All similarities end there however, as Mr. Spotswood's characters are uniquely modern

and entirely his own . . . while honoring the legends of the past such as Miss Marple, Poirot or the aforementioned Nero Wolfe, who solved cases using their minds to observe, reason, and deduct, rather than guns, fists and brute strength.

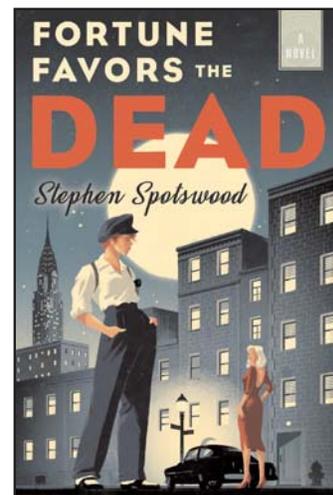
The story is narrated by a twenty-something Willowjean Parker, who's been hired as an assistant —after running away from home at age fifteen and traveling with a circus for five years— to Ms. Pentecost, who is suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, a progressive wasting disease of the central nervous system.

Their case is a murder mystery in which the heiress to a steel company is bludgeoned to death with a crystal ball in a locked room of her Manhattan mansion, where a Halloween party séance was held. The medium turns out to be someone Ms. Pentecost has long suspected of fraudulence and chicanery, but has never faced off with as an adversary. Add in a pair of dysfunctional twins— a girl and a boy, children of the murdered woman— an overprotective godfather to the twins, a menacing foreman at the steel company and a patient, smart and dedicated NYPD detective into the mix . . . one of who becomes a love interest of Willowjean Parker . . . and you have a great cast of traditional characters, suspects and gumshoes to entertain, enthrall, and enthruse us all for some time to come. From the stylish, artsy Art Deco style front cover to its last page, *Fortune Favors The Dead* is a killer kickoff and a rousing start to what we hope will be a long-lived series!

Like the review? Let your friends know, *You saw it in the Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

And Hey! Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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DEC Proposes Changes to Streamline, Simplify Black Bass Fishing Regulations

Proposal Replaces "Any Size" and 10-Inch Minimum Size Limit Regulations for Smallmouth and

Largemouth Bass with Statewide 12-Inch Minimum/Public Comments Accepted through Jan. 23, 2021

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is proposing changes to black bass (smallmouth and largemouth bass) fishing regulations to make these regulations easier to understand while continuing to successfully manage these species for future angler enjoyment. DEC is accepting public comment on the proposed elimination of "any size" and 10-inch minimum size limit regulations for black bass from many rivers throughout the state, as well as Lake Colby in Franklin County, Moose Pond in Essex County, and Lake Champlain. The proposal replaces these unnecessary special size limits with the statewide 12-inch-minimum black bass size limit.

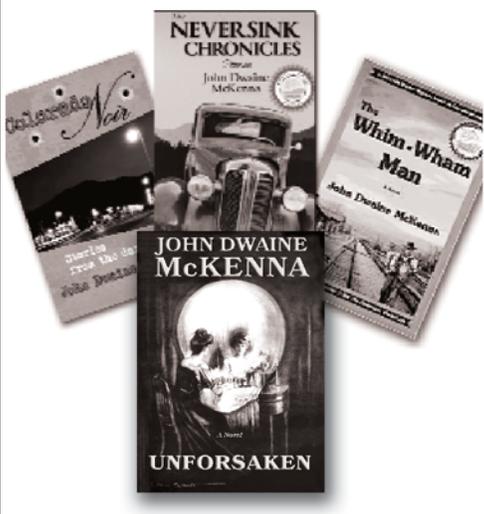
"DEC is continuing our efforts to eliminate special fishing regulations that do not serve a species management purpose," said Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Today's announcement encourages increased fishing participation by streamlining the State's black bass fishing regulations and making them easier to follow without impacting fishing opportunity."

Some rivers and streams in New York are currently managed under a 10-inch minimum size limit regulation to allow harvest of black bass populations generally believed to not grow as large as their lake and pond counterparts. However, a recent Black Bass 10-inch Minimum Size Limit Evaluation (PDF) study found no differences in the size structures or growth of smallmouth bass in rivers managed under this regulation and those from rivers and lakes managed under the statewide 12-inch minimum size limit. Smallmouth bass were the focus of the evaluation because they are more prevalent in rivers and streams than largemouth bass. There is no need to maintain the reduced minimum size limit in these rivers.

Lake Champlain is recognized as one of the best black bass lakes in the country and DEC found no justification to continue to regulate it with a minimum size limit less restrictive than the statewide 12-inch minimum size limit. "Any size" regulations for black bass in Lake Colby (Franklin County), Moose Pond (Essex County), Catatonk Creek (Tioga County), and Fall Creek (Tompkins County) are also considered unnecessary.

The regulatory proposal is available on the DEC website for review and public comment. Comments on the proposal should be submitted via e-mail to dec.sm.regulations.fish@dec.ny.gov or via mail to the Inland Fisheries Section, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4753; subject line "Black Bass Regulations." Comments will be accepted through Jan. 23, 2021.

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Hope Farm Responds to Covid-19 Crisis Providing Fresh Produce for the Community

(From Pg. 1) During the recent health crisis, dedicated farm workers at Hope Farm in Loch Sheldrake, NY, have remained socially distanced while tending the land and harvesting much-needed organic, locally sourced produce to keep many local residents fed. Located on the college campus of SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake, NY, the farm is a collaborative effort with SUNY and New Hope Community, a nearby human services organization serving adults who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities. The people at New Hope Community are empowered to live their best lives and pursue their dreams, and Hope Farm provides the perfect setting.

Through New Hope's Day Habilitation Without Walls (WOW) program and its Supported Employment Program, men and women focus on their abilities and put in a rewarding day's work at the farm. Thanks to the collective efforts of community volunteers and staff, the farm has proven its weight in gold - rather, in potatoes, tomatoes and garlic - just three of its bumper crops this growing season. Crops harvested are also picked up at the farm weekly by New Hope's 42 residences and their main campus Community Bistro and contributes to many healthy and delicious meals.

"Hope Farm is just one of the ways we provide unique opportunities for personal growth and self-direction. The people we serve can choose from a wide variety of educational, therapeutic, and recreational activities," said Debra J. McGinness, Chief Executive Officer, New Hope Community. "They love being able to eat what they grow, right off the vine, and feel proud to share these foods with others in the community," she added.

Sprouting Hope and Independence

Megan VanGorden, who joined the farm as manager in January, has drawn on her training, experience and work ethic to help her adjust to the unforeseen challenges. She has had support from Farm Associate Anthony Martinez, Farmer/Horticulture Assistant Sophia Fidecaro-Gonzalez, supported work employees Tara and Dean and a small group of volunteers - Josh, Scott, Tina and Jay, who stepped up to fill the Covid staffing void. Early in the season, they even relied on NHC's horse barn staff for food deliveries. "Everyone was so helpful and welcoming when I started here. We knew what we had to do to get the farm in shape and we did it. Farming is time sensitive and we had to get the crops in the ground," she pointed out. That meant operating for a time without the New Hope Community residents, who were required by state mandates to pause from their off-campus jobs and activities on the farm, to control the possible transmission of Covid-19.

"When the supported work program employees came back after self-quarantining, they were so excited to be there and were super focused on their jobs," VanGorden observed. "The farm is a community-oriented place and a way for them to gain skills, pursue their interests, and engage with the greater community. It is a valuable resource for them and for the community. I feel so grateful to be a part of it!" (Contd. Pg. 9)




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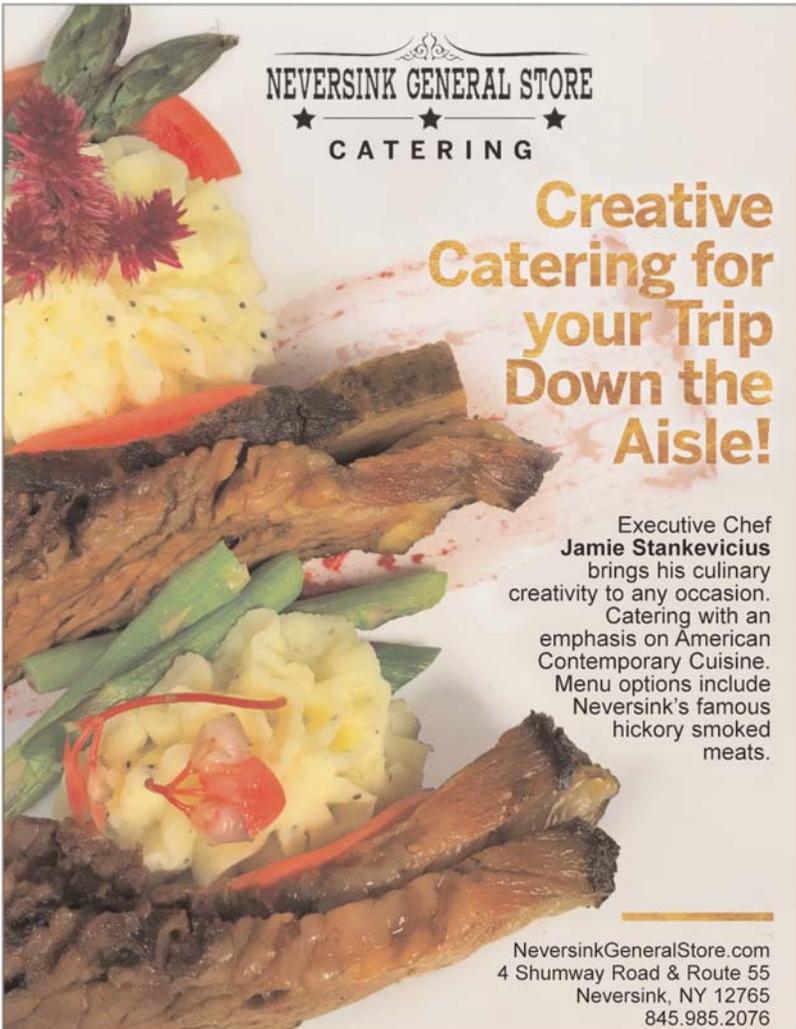
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Hope Farm Responds to Covid-19 Crisis Providing Fresh Produce for the Community

(From Pg. 8)

Feeding the Community

In addition to donating food to community food programs, produce grown on the farm is used by students of the College's Culinary Arts Program to prepare meals, and is served in New Hope's residences and on-campus Community Bistro. The same high quality produce is also delivered to local food pantries and community nutrition programs which have seen heightened demand in recent months. They benefit from donations of over 30 varieties of organic produce, ranging from nutritious carrots and kale, to eggplants, cabbages, and assorted fresh micro-greens and herbs.



The farm team's hard work throughout the pandemic has produced an abundant harvest. "So far, this year, 9,900 lbs of organic produce has been harvested and approximately 1,000 lbs has gone to area food pantries where it is needed now more than ever," VanGorden explains.

Each week, NHC volunteers

deliver crates of fresh produce to St. Peter's R.C. Church Food Pantry in Liberty, NY. People from all walks of life rely on the pantry to fill their cupboards and feed their families. Church Pastor, Rev. Ed Bader has been impressed with the program and the key role it plays in feeding his parish and the community. "The Farm volunteers are just delightful and we are blessed to have the fresh food they bring us. The families really appreciate it. Last week we had corn on the cob that was delicious!"

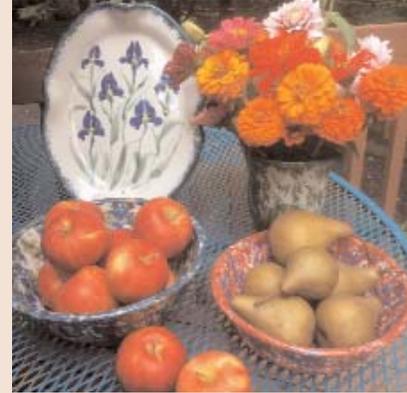
At the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, in Monticello, NY, which provides free lunches and pantry items, the demand for meals has already surpassed last year's, due to lost jobs. By September, more than 44,000 meals had been served.

"We are seeing people we have never seen before - people who had worked in the service industry or in day care who no longer have a paycheck coming in," explained Kathy Kreiter, Program Administrator of the Federation. "We appreciate the support of New Hope Community, and the farm fresh produce, which can be costly for people to buy. People on a tight budget are making difficult choices - do you feed your kids mac n cheese or choose the healthy, more costly option?" explains Kreiter. "The collard



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greens are always a hit, as are the tomatoes, but everything we get definitely goes."

Hope Farm is ready to adapt to the emerging challenges of the pandemic, although the harvest will scale back seasonally as it moves into greenhouses for the cooler weather. "We know these are uncertain and difficult times for many of our neighbors who are struggling to feed themselves and their families," says McGinness of NHC. "It has been a privilege for us to be working with these amazing local agencies all spring and summer long to provide nutritional support to the community, and we will continue to be there for our neighbors."

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS, combined, provide services to over 1,000 people and employ more than 1,200 staff.

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FCSD and Sullivan County Community Provide Winter Clothing

With the current pandemic and resulting impact of job loss and financial hardship, the onset of winter is taking a toll on some families in the Fallsburg Central School District. As she has done over the past several winters, NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther has answered the need by donating winter coats, hats, gloves and boots for fifty children and adults.



In the photo left to right are FCSD Family & Community Liaison Dr. Aleta Lymon, Assemblywoman Gunther Aide Debra Levine, FJSHS Assistant Principal Shana Bruestle, NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, FCSD Director of Athletics Suzanne Lenzian and Assistant to Assemblywoman Gunther Rachael Steingart.

Just prior to the donation on November 10, 2020, Fallsburg Jr./Sr High School Guidance Office Secretary Kristen Meyer and Family & Community Liaison Dr. Aleta Lymon had compiled a list of families that were in need. These large families were selected for the coats based on requests from parents for food, clothing and other items that had been donated by Fallsburg school staff.

Assisting Assemblywoman Gunther and two of her staff people in bringing the clothing to the Fallsburg High School and sorting it out were Dr. Lymon, FCSD Director of Physical Education and Athletics Suzanne Lenzian, and Jr./Sr High School Assistant Principal Shana Bruestle.

In the latest Comet Newsletter that can be found on the FCSD web site, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sally Sharkey and Interim Jr./Sr High School Principal Frank Godlewski acknowledged everybody that participated in making this needed donation for school children and families. Dr. Sharkey thanked the Local Elks organizations and the Hurleyville Performing Arts Center for their generosity in provided needed clothing as well.

The families that received warm coats were very grateful, said Dr. Lymon. The need for additional clothing is still great. If you would like to help bring warmth at this time of Thanksgiving, please contact the High School Office at 845-434-6800.

Attorney General James Supports Relief Package for Taxi Medallion Owners

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement in support of a relief package introduced by the New York Taxi Workers Alliance that will provide New York City's taxi medallion owners with debt forgiveness on outstanding loans on taxi medallions:

“Hardworking taxi medallion individual and owner-drivers entered this industry believing the city would run a fair system. Instead, many of these workers and small business owners were sent down a rabbit hole of financial ruin. After reviewing the proposal by the New York Taxi Workers Alliance, and understanding that the city's chief financial officer, Comptroller Scott Stringer, has come out in support of this plan, I believe it is essential that we move forward on this relief package immediately to mitigate the harm already done. This proposal would provide a fiscally fair and responsible way to support the recovery of the taxi medallion industry by guaranteeing loans written down to no more than \$125,000. This relief package not only lays out the best way to support the needs of a community that has been economically devastated but will help to ensure justice is finally delivered.”

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Let me begin by wishing all of you a safe and sensible Thanksgiving. The large gatherings of family or friends that have become family should be avoided. It's only one year, for heaven's sake! We are all tired of this social distancing. We are all tired of not being able to hug loved ones. What we shouldn't be tired of is wondering if WE might already have this thing, even though we are not sick, and the possible spreading it to those we care about. If you insist on flouting the restrictions, which some feel is their right, it comes down to "would" you feel bad if that adorable four year old becomes seriously ill? Or grandma? Or Dad? Or your best friend?

What's happening across the country is coming back to Sullivan County. I don't want to preach, I just want you to THINK.

I'm going to do what I've done for the past several Thanksgivings. I'm cooking that turkey and sides. And I'll be sharing it with my neighbor....which this year means making a plate, setting it on his chair and texting him to come to the door. This will be a bittersweet holiday. I used to cook for two neighbors but last year in mid November, Saul had a massive stroke. He passed away in mid December. That's me. A quarter of a million Americans have died since then. Perhaps skipping the gathering is a blessing as that empty chair (or two), knowing the kind of death they experienced, may be too much to bear.

I am back to where I was in late February, beginning of March. I'm wiping down everything with either disinfecting wipes or a mild bleach solution in the open air before bringing it inside. Even then, I leave nonperishables on the porch for several hours before bringing them in. I have 'outside clothes' and 'inside clothes' and never the twain shall meet. The 'outside clothes', too, go in the open air for several hours. I wipe down the bottoms of my shoes and leave them in the open air switching to a pair of my pandemic socks inside the house. I'm a target for this thing so I'm going to make it as hard as possible for it to catch me.

Last Saturday night GABE RIKARD performed at CABERNET FRANK'S. I like Gabe, not just as a singer/songwriter but as a person. We have had several really deep conversations around many different topics, before and after I found out he was a professor. I have his book. His songwriting is multi layered and unique, which if he heard me say this, he would downplay. CABERNET FRANK'S works hard to be a 'safe zone' by complying with the regulations. Perhaps next summer, all of this will ease up so you will feel more comfortable to go out and see what I mean about Gabe.

There's going to be a mini Holiday Craft Show at the CLARYVILLE EVENT CENTER, 1452 Denning Road, this coming Friday, November 27th from 12-5pm. I've been to the Event Center and I know how large it is so social distancing will not be a problem. Masks are required and temperatures will be taken prior to entry. Seven artists (hence the 'mini') including KATE'S HERBALS and KATHY JEFFERS POTTERY, will be displaying their works. And it seems like a more civilized way to pick up an exquisite handmade gift or two or three. It's good for the community and the soul of the artist.

Another artist friend, CHRIS PARROW, a watercolorist and potter, is opening her studio on the weekends for those looking for interesting handmade gifts. This coming weekend the studio will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11-5 for your browsing pleasure. Masks and social distancing required. The studio is located at 218 Twin Havens Road, Napanoch. If you need directions, please call (845) 985-7564.

So that's the scoop on the first of gift finding forays. Please be careful and have the best Thanksgiving you can. Until next time.....

Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth

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A Weekend in Watkins Glen, NY

New York State is truly a unique and naturally beautiful place. It's a pity that it's continually overshadowed by New York City and not more people are aware of its endless natural gifts.

For instance, how about those Finger Lakes? In fact, there are 11 in New York State, each one captivating in its own way.

I went to college at Oswego, which was fortunately (and, in the winter, very unfortunately) directly on the massive Lake Ontario. However, I'd never visited nor even considered visiting any of the finger lakes-until this fall. The main reasons? COVID had me feeling isolated, bored, and in need of adventure. That, and fall foliage!

A friend and I stayed in Watkins Glen, which is on Seneca Lake and about a 50-minute drive from the popular and quaint Ithaca. Watkins Glen is a sleepy town nestled at the southernmost tip of Seneca Lake. Oh, and it has a lot of wineries with stunning views! Unfortunately, we only visited a couple of the wineries there due to COVID restrictions.

1. Lakewood Vineyards



This was one of the best wineries I've been. It offered shimmering views of Seneca lake amongst their colorful and lush vineyard. While waiting for our wine tasting, we were able to get wine by the glass outside and freely wander the grounds.

The wine tasting was superb because the wine was simply divine (emphasis on the "vine"). The staff was personable and accommodating. (Contd. Pg. 12)

A Weekend in Watkins Glen, NY

(From Pg. 11) They even supplied us with “Wine-Be-Gone” because one of us spilled wine on themselves!



1. Glenora Wine Cellars

Much like Lakewood, Glenora has breathtaking views of Seneca Lake with their vineyard in the foreground. However, for both of us, their wine wasn't particularly outstanding. It simply wasn't as pleasurable, flavorful, or easy to drink. Having said that, the subpar wine was worth the views.

There were a few other wineries I'd loved to have seen: Castel Grisch, Barnstormer Winery, Hector Wine Company, Silver Springs... The list goes on and on. I hope to one day return to the Finger Lakes region (post-COVID) in order to experience the other ten lakes, their towns, and obviously – their wineries!



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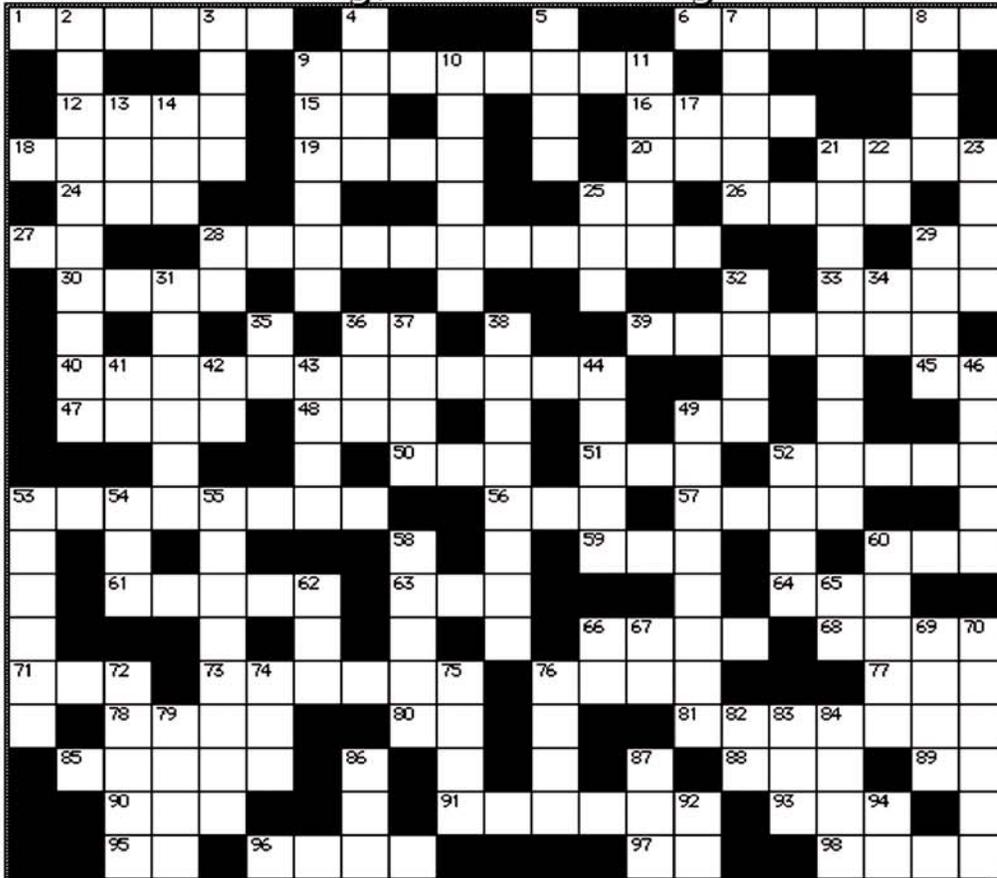
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 27 Either
 28 Popular Thanksgiving berries
 29 4th note of the major scale

30 Range of lower female voice
 33 To give food
 36 Like
 39 Relating to worldly things
 40 November 26th
 45 North Dakota
 47 Of sound mind
 48 Electrically charged atom
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 50 Prevent or limit speech
 51 To be in poor health
 52 Filled with longing or desire
 53 Good wishes
 56 Increase engine speed
 57 Belonging to you
 59 Sweet potato
 60 Cushion

61 More faithful
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 66 Contest or match
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 86 Male turkey
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Perfect Pie Crust for A Holiday Pie

- 4 c. unsifted flour
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- 1/2 c water
- 1 3/4 c shortening
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. white vinegar

Mix flour, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Add shortening and continue mixing until creamy. In a small bowl, beat the water, egg and vinegar with a fork or whisk. Add to flour mixture and cut in with a knife. Dough will be moist. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour. This recipe will make 5 single crusts. Can refrigerate up to 3 days or freeze portions until ready to use. Bake according to your recipe's directions.

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Kids' Thanksgiving Fun Page

- L. Comando

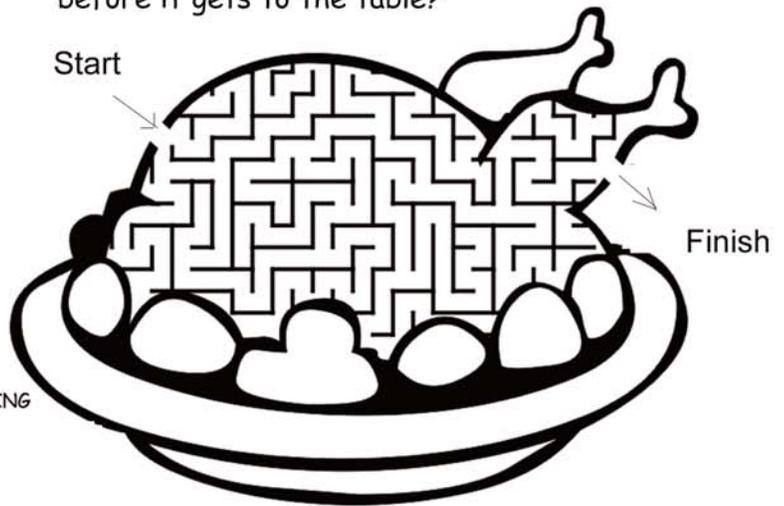
The kids are getting ready for Thanksgiving Dinner. What are the differences between the two pictures?



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From the Governor's Office

New York State continues to remain on guard as Thanksgiving approaches. While the State's COVID numbers are better relative to most of the nation, we have still seen an uptick in the number of total COVID hospitalizations, and test positivity rates in many parts of the state that are higher than we'd like to see. Western New York, with a 4.84 percent test positivity rate on a 7-day average, is of particular concern. Remember: As New Yorkers, we decide our own destiny. What happens next is not written in stone. Help combat "living room spread" by avoiding gatherings with people outside of your household. Get tested if you have symptoms or have reason to believe you were exposed to the virus. Wear a mask, particularly indoors. And stay New York Tough.

<https://forward.ny.gov/cluster-action-initiative>
 Maps <https://forward.ny.gov/>

Here's what else you need to know :

- New cluster zone restrictions went into effect for businesses today. The changes include two new Yellow Zones in the Bronx, a new Orange Zone in Erie County, a new Yellow Zone in North Tonawanda, NY, and an expanded Yellow Zone in Queens. See which restrictions apply in which color of zone here. See all the maps here.
- The positivity rate in the micro-cluster focus areas was 4.55 percent. Excluding these areas, it was 2.15 percent. Of the 205,466 tests reported yesterday, 5,468, or 2.66 percent, were positive. Total hospitalizations rose to 2,348. Sadly, we lost 32 New Yorkers to the virus.
- Last week New York reported a record-high number of tests. New York reported 205,466 tests, a new record. Testing is one of the best tools against this virus. You can easily search for a testing site near you here. You can also call 1-888-364-3065 to make an appointment at a New York State-run testing location.
- Small business owners can check if they are eligible for New York State support programs or incentives. There are a number of business incentives that small business owners may be able to take advantage of. To get started, simply answer questions about your business and New York's Business Express Incentive Wizard will provide a list of New York State programs and services that could help your business get off the ground.

What I've seen from this virus after battling it for 260-plus straight days is that in some ways its course is predictable. So it is clear that as people travel for the Thanksgiving holiday-so will the virus. Travel is a real concern because New York State has one of the lowest infection rates in the country. If people travel here from states with higher infection rates, that poses a great risk.

The CDC is strongly urging Americans, as are we, to avoid Thanksgiving travel. Celebrate this American tradition with just your immediate household to help ensure the safety of your loved ones and your community. Love is sometimes doing what's hard and this year, if you love someone, it is smarter and better to stay away. It's tough to hear but it's better to be safe than sorry-and we can still spread thanks without spreading COVID

- Round two of the successful Nourish NY program is underway. So far, 1.7 million pounds of raw milk has been turned into

dairy products and distributed by food banks, in addition to 210,000 pounds of produce. Over 940,000 households have received products sourced from New York farms through this initiative, which is helping keep businesses and families afloat.

- A smaller Thanksgiving celebration doesn't mean you have to skip out on the great food. To help New Yorkers plan for smaller holiday gatherings, I Love NY created a list of scaled-down recipes that are great for smaller Thanksgiving celebrations.

A "Deep Breath Moment": While the iconic Rockefeller Center Christmas tree was being installed, workers discovered that an unexpected traveler had hitched a ride during the tree's two-day trip from Oneonta, NY, to New York City. Staff who worked for the transportation company found a small baby Saw-whet owl, the smallest owl in the northeast, in the tree. The baby owl, dubbed Rockefeller, was moved to the Ravensbeard Wildlife Center, where he will be cared for until he's ready to be released into the wild.



Follow Up on Rockefeller the Christmas Owl

The tiny owl that hitched a ride to the Big Apple earlier this week is actually an adult male Northern saw-whet owl, one of the smallest species of owls in North America.



The little owl left Oneonta, NY while hidden in the branches of the 75-foot Norway spruce that will serve as this year's annual Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center.

It was determined little Rockefeller hadn't eaten or had water during its three day transition from Oneonta to Rockefeller Center. He was taken to Ravensbeard Wild Life Center in Saugerties, NY where he was provided with fluids and tasty mice!

The center reported on Saturday that he was doing 'very well' and most likely released back into the wild near Oneonta.

"He has been moved to an outdoor location so that he can acclimate to the weather," Ravensbeard posted on Facebook.

Ellen Kalish says Rockefeller, Rocky to his friends, will be released in a cluster of conifers in Oneonta, most likely on Monday, where he will make a new home for himself

Even though Rockefeller will soon be returning to wildlife, his iconic namesake Rockefeller Center said on Thursday that he will "always have VIP access to this tree." The tree will be lit on December 2.

Since Ravensbeard first posted about Rockefeller, they have raised more than \$12,000 to help them care for him and the other birds in their care. The non-profit group rehabilitates all kinds of bird wildlife, including ducks, turkeys and other birds of prey. The center said on GoFundMe that it has taken in more than 150 birds in the past year.



LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Neversink Fire District will hold a Commissioner Election for one 5 year term (1-1-21 to 12-31-25) on December 8, 2020 from 6pm - 9pm at the Neversink Fire Hall, 7486 State Rte 55 Neversink NY 12765. There will be no absentee ballots. Voters must be registered with the County Board of Elections by November 16, 2020 in order to participate in the election. Anyone interested in running must submit a letter of intent to run asap.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Robert and Beth Ann Mickelson, LLC for the purpose of a Site Plan Review to convert an existing business to a storage facility located at 7890 State Rte. 55. Neversink, (SBL# 25.-1-33.6).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

11/26

Please be advised:
There will NOT be any recycling pick-ups during the week of Thanksgiving in the Village of Monticello. Please store your recyclable items until the following week of the 30th when we resume our normal schedule.

Thank You in advance for your cooperation.

The Village of Monticello Sanitation Department

PUBLIC NOTICE**FREE NOTARY, PHOTOCOPIES AND FAXING IN GRAHAMSVILLE**

William A. Brenner, attorney in Grahamsville, New York, has a sign on his office lawn stating: "Due to Crisis, FREE Notary, Photocopies and Faxing."

This free community service is to assist older town-folk and families without computers who have been affected by new federal and state assistance forms and pension and court forms requiring notarized signatures and immediate filing.

William A. Brenner
Intersection of Route 55 and 42
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Public Health Advisory Two COVID-19 Exposures at Government Center Ballot Counting May Resume

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is alerting anyone who visited the Sullivan County Government Center lobby in Monticello and who may have been in close proximity to the ballot-counting activity at the Board of Elections on the following dates and times that they may have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19:

- o Monday, Nov. 16 between 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.
- o Tuesday, Nov. 17 between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

"Through the case investigation process by our staff with the positive individual and the Board of Elections staff, it has been determined that only two individuals were identified as direct exposures, and they will be contacted to quarantine. It was also determined that all other visitors and staff did wear masks and were at least six feet or more apart, and the risk of exposures was limited. However, after consultation with the NYS Department of Health, it was advised that a Public Advisory be issued out of an abundance of caution," stated Nancy McGraw, Public Health Director. "The area will be sanitized, and I anticipate the counting of ballots will resume tomorrow."

If someone thinks they have been exposed, they should self-quarantine for 14 days and call their health care provider if symptoms develop, or call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.

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McGraw reminded, "Cases are increasing, and the public should assume that widespread community transmission is occurring again, causing the number of positive cases and those with symptoms of illness to increase. We urge everyone to practice social distancing, hand-washing, use of hand sanitizer, and wearing masks at all times when indoors and/or outdoors and near others, to reduce further transmission of the coronavirus. And please, stay home if you are awaiting coronavirus test results."

Any New Yorker can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health support and counseling.

For more information on coronavirus, go to <https://sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus> or <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

Department of Environmental Protection Announces 1,581 Additional Watershed Acres Open for Recreation

With New York's regular hunting season starting this weekend, new or expanded access in four counties provides additional opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that it has opened access this year to 1,581 additional acres of water supply land where outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy recreation, including hunting. The expanded access includes 111 acres on three new parcels of recreation land, and 1,470 acres that were added to existing recreation areas throughout the Catskills. With the state's regular hunting season starting this weekend, watershed residents and visitors are encouraged to utilize the nearly 100,000 acres of water supply land managed by DEP that are open for hunting. That includes more than 72,000 acres known as "public access areas" that are open for hiking, hunting, fishing, and trapping without the need for a DEP Access Permit. Parcels open for hunting are spread across more than 400 recreation areas in Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties.

"DEP has long understood that many types of recreation are compatible with our core mission to protect the water supply for millions of New Yorkers," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "Our neighbors who participate in hunting season are important to the ecological health of our watershed, and we welcome them to make safe and productive use of the water supply lands that we've opened for hunting in the Catskills and Hudson Valley."

The new recreation units that allow hunting include three parcels of land located in Delaware and Greene counties:

Recreation Unit	Recreational uses allowed	Acres	County
Hubbell Hill Hollow	PAA	38	Delaware
Huntersfield Headwaters	PAA	28	Greene
Huntley Hollow	PAA	45	Delaware

Note: PAA denotes properties that are open for use without the need for a DEP Access Permit. All others require a free permit.

DEP has also added new lands open for hunting in 14 existing recreational units located in Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster counties. They include the following:

Recreation Unit	Recreational uses allowed	Acres	County
Alpaca Ridge	PAA	200	Delaware
Bagley Brook			
Headwaters	PAA	234	Delaware
Birch Creek	PAA	52	Ulster
Cape Horn	PAA	200	Delaware
Chestnut Creek	PAA	43	Sullivan
Gladstone Hollow	PAA	331	Delaware
Ladleton	PAA	97	Ulster
Little Delaware	PAA	75	Delaware
Marvin Hollow	PAA	118	Delaware



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Attorney-At-Law

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Grahamsville, NY 12740**

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- 2) Couples living together
- 3) Second marriages

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North Walton	PAA	23	Delaware
Roaring Kill	PAA	5	Greene
State Road Hollow	PAA	48	Delaware
Sutherland Road	PAA	19	Delaware
West Settlement	PAA	25	Delaware

Note: PAA denotes properties that are open for use without the need for a DEP Access Permit. All others require a free permit.

More information about each of these recreation units - including directions, printable maps and more - can be found by using DEP's RecMapper utility. The RecMapper is an interactive tool that allows users to zoom in and click on highlighted parcels to learn about their location, size, and the recreational uses that are allowed on them. The RecMapper can be used on any computer or mobile device by visiting www.nyc.gov/dep/recmap. Addition information about recreation on water supply lands can be found at www.nyc.gov/dep/recreation. Hunters who are unclear about what activities are allowed in each unit may also call (800) 575-LAND during regular business hours.

All state hunting regulations - including antler restrictions throughout most of the watershed region in the Catskills - apply on water supply lands. Also, those using water supply lands for recreation and hunting should pay careful attention to posted signs that outline what uses are allowed. Some parcels that allow hunting are only open for bow hunting. Access to some areas may be restricted due to ongoing forestry projects, and entering areas marked as closed will be considered trespassing. Hunters should also pay careful attention to recreation unit boundaries to avoid venturing onto private properties. In addition, some parcels open for recreation, including those not listed as PAA above, require a free DEP access permit that can be obtained through an online permitting system found by going to: <https://a826-web01.nyc.gov/recpermitapp/>

Deer management is an important aspect of protecting and maintaining water quality in New York City's reservoir system. Dense populations of deer can stunt the natural regeneration of forest lands that serve as an important natural filter for water as it passes over the land and enters the streams, creeks and rivers that feed the City's reservoirs. Hunting on these water supply lands, especially where forestry projects have recently been completed, provides a check on the deer population and gives young trees a better chance to grow. In turn, this improves the vigor and stability of our local forests by diversifying their age and range of species.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Libert, NY please go to: stpeters/bulletin

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church
68 Clinton St., Napanoch

**YARD AND CLOTHING SALE
CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper

5:30 pm

To be Announced

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Saturday Thrift Sale

9:00 am to 12 noon
To be Announced

Thrift Sale
9am-12 noon
Luncheon
11 am - 12:30 pm
To be Announced



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Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643



Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor Seung Jin Hong
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

Regular Office Hours
Wednesday 9 am - Noon
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.
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Grahamsville Reformed Church

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Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:00 am

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Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
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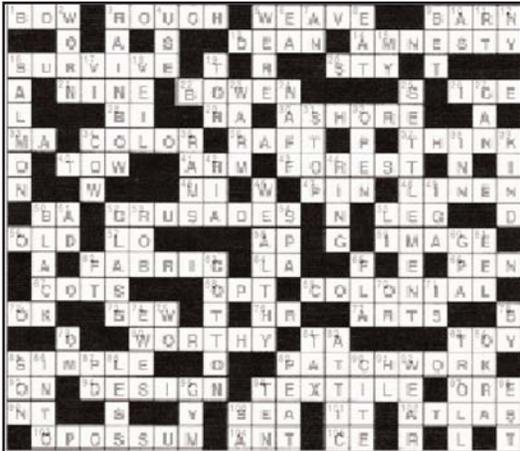
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 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last week's Crossword



All Aboard!
 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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 answer

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Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

December 3, 2020, December 17, 2020.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings are going to be on YouTube Live. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w>

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, January 9th 2021 at 9:00 am. The cost of the class is \$40.00 per a person, payable to the Claryville Vol. Fire Department. (The fee covers your registration and workbook materials) Registration is required. To sign up call Chief VanDenberg at 985-2943 NO LATER than December 31st. Claryville Volunteer Fire Department (Warren Cole Fire Hall)

PAINT SULLIVAN COUNTY: NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 Paint Sullivan County's Historic Landmarks and Scenic locations

ONLINE COMPETITION CALL FOR ARTISTS: Submit up to three works, painted on location in Sullivan County and/or completed in the studio from personal references. Sullivan County residency is not required. Guest Jurors. Cash Prizes from sponsor DICK BLICK ART MATERIALS. Optional Sales Gallery through 12/31/20
 Registration required: Fee \$25.00
 Online Submissions Deadline: November 30, 2020
 For more info, visit our website: ZaneGreyPleinAir.com
 Or email: info@ZaneGreyPleinAir.com

Join us for Sullivan 180's Walkthrough Wednesdays at Peace Love & Lights

Sullivan 180's Walkthrough Wednesdays at Peace Love & Lights at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will be every Wednesday starting November 25th through December 30th. The walkthrough will start at 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Walkthrough Wednesdays allows guests to explore the beautiful holiday lights display up close and personal, out of the car, and in the midst of the magic before cars arrive. Admission is \$5, or bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless and get in for free (first come first serve basis). Sullivan 180 is also challenging our community to get 500 residents to walk the one-mile route over the course of the six Wednesdays. If we reach this goal, a cash donation of \$500 will be made to the Federation and matched by Liberty NY Rotary Club! For more information on Sullivan180's Walkthrough Wednesdays please see the flyer below, and for other Peace Love & Lights offers or to purchase tickets, please visit: Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

UC Executive Pat Ryan Appoints Dr. Wazir Suni Jefferson as County's First Chief Diversity Officer

(From Pg. 1) In addition, he worked at the Student Success Advocate with the Office of Undergraduate Studies in the Student Success and Empowerment Initiative (SSEI) and as a Special Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Equity and Diversity at the University of Utah. Dr. Jefferson also served as Co-Director of Programming and Outreach Initiatives at Skidmore College where he has facilitated, taught, and consulted with a number of institutions of higher education, non-profits, celebrities, and businesses towards diversity awareness and inclusion training.

"Dr. Jefferson's extensive experience, expertise, and drive will play a critical role in fulfilling Team Ulster County's commitment to ensuring equity and justice for all residents," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Our Ulster County workforce should be representative of our population. I look forward to working with Dr. Jefferson in his role as the county's first-ever Chief Diversity Officer to ensure that our workforce is reflective of our communities in order to better serve the needs of all Ulster County residents."

"I approach this new opportunity with hope and the listening of new possibilities for all who want to approach in the process of unlearning and relearning ways of engaging diversity, equity, and inclusion," Dr. Wazir Suni Jefferson said. "We all have a part to contribute towards making the world a better place. Why not continue these efforts in Ulster County where everybody has something to contribute, teach, and learn."

He is a graduate of the University of Utah where he completed his Doctorate of Education in Administration with Higher Education focus from the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy. His dissertation, "Our Path Unwinding: Conversations and Reflections on Diversity Through Dialogue," reveals his training in Intergroup Dialogue (IGR). He has several

years of experience in access and achievement work that includes teaching IGR courses at the University of Utah, serving as the Coordinator for Diversity Education at the University of Utah - Housing Residential Education (HRE) and as the Community Facilitator at the Community Living and Learning Center (CLLC) at George Washington University. He also holds a Masters of Arts in Education in Human Resource Development (M.A.Ed) /Organizational Studies (HRD) from the George Washington University and a Bachelors in Business Administration (B.B.A.) from Temple University. Dr. Jefferson is a native New Yorker from Poughkeepsie, New York.

UC Legislature Weekly Update

Monday, November 23 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee

Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 928 5447 3640. By

Phone (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, November 24

o 4:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee: Budget Amendments Vote Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 990 7237 9754

o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Powered by Zoom Meetings. Meeting ID: 867 2745 8371. By Phone (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, November 25

o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District at 5 Park Ln, Highland. Contact the office for attendance details (845) 883-7162 ext. 3.

Thursday, November 26

o Thanksgiving Day - All County Offices Closed

Friday, November 27

o Office Closed

Regards,

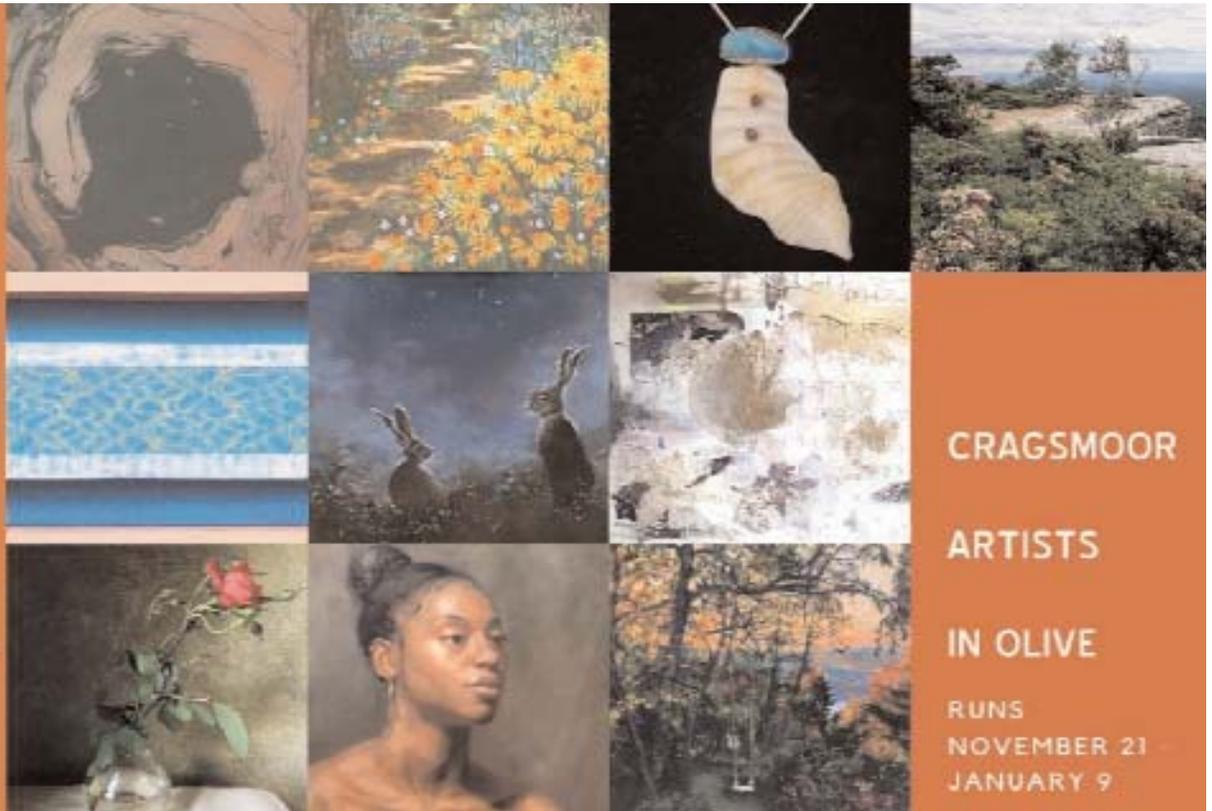
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DEC Announces Annual Arbor Day Original Artwork Poster Contest State Accepting Submissions through Dec. 31

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the start of DEC's annual Arbor Day Original Artwork poster contest. Each year, DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program commemorates Arbor Day with a poster contest that invites the public to submit original photos and artwork that celebrate the immeasurable value of trees-ecologically, environmentally, aesthetically, and socially.

"Trees are a renewable resource that provide food, shelter, scenic beauty, and countless other benefits that enhance our quality of life," Commissioner Seggos said. "I encourage all New Yorkers to join DEC's Arbor Day celebration by submitting art or photos that depict the beauty and importance of New York's trees."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "New York has more forestland than any other state in the Northeast, and Arbor Day is a great time to recognize the significant benefits that our forests provide for New Yorkers and visitors alike. This poster contest is a fantastic way to celebrate our trees and the immeasurable contributions they make to our economy, our ecosystem, our recreation, our scenery, and our quality of life."

The annual Original Artwork Arbor Day Poster Contest is sponsored by the New York State Arbor Day Committee, which includes DEC, the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Empire State Forest Foundation, New York State Arborist Association, and International Paper Company. The winning artist's artwork will be replicated as the 2021 New York State Original Artwork Arbor Day Poster.

DEC will accept photograph and artwork submissions on behalf of the committee through Dec. 31, 2020. Photos and artwork must feature trees within New York State and should be sent to arborday@dec.ny.gov. Participants will be limited to five submissions and each submission should include a completed artist information form available on DEC's website.

Model consent forms are required for people in submitted photos and photos must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi at 8x10 inches. For information about the contest including artist information and model consent forms, visit DEC's website.

To obtain past New York State Arbor Day posters, contact any local DEC forestry office or call 518-402-9428.

Public Health Advisory COVID-19 Case with Possible Exposures At Livingston Manor Restaurant

Livingston Manor, NY - An individual who received a positive COVID-19 test result today dined at the Arnold House, 839 Shandeleer Road, Livingston Manor during their infectious period and may have unintentionally exposed others.

Sullivan County Public Health Services is advising anyone who was at the restaurant at the following date and time that they may have been exposed to coronavirus:

- o November 15, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Public Health has determined that the restaurant has been following all COVID-19 guidance from NY Forward and the NYS Department of Health and is in compliance. However, due to the fact that the novel coronavirus can be spread while talking, eating, and laughing, others may have been exposed and should monitor their symptoms.

"Although we believe that the employees wore masks routinely, many customers may not have been doing the same while seated at tables, and may have been exposed," said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "If someone thinks they have been exposed and develops symptoms, they should self-quarantine for 14 days and call their healthcare provider if symptoms develop, or call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910."

Contact investigations are ongoing; anyone who tests positive will go into mandatory isolation, and as close contacts are identified, they are encouraged to seek a test and ordered into mandatory quarantine. For an updated list of testing locations, visit www.sullivanny.us.

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- ANA'S ACCESSORY HOLDERS
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

11/22 Claryville FD All You Can Eat Breakfast 7 am - noon **CANCELLED**
 11/28 Claryville FD Spaghetti and Meatball Supper 4-8 pm **CANCELLED**
 12/8 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

2020 Virtual Catskills Youth Climate Summit Thursdays, **Oct. 1, 15, 29; Nov. 12, 2020** via Zoom 3:30-5:00 pm Free for students grades 7-12 + advisor. If you have further questions or want to sign up, please contact Jeanne Darling (jmd30@cornell.edu) or call 607-865-6531

Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Claryville FD

Volunteers Needed for Associate and Active Members
 Please contact Chief VanDenberg at claryvillefd@gmail.com for any questions

Tri-Valley Elementary School

WANTED:

Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org.

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

Sullivan 180 to Kick off Walkthrough Wednesdays at Peace, Love & Light at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

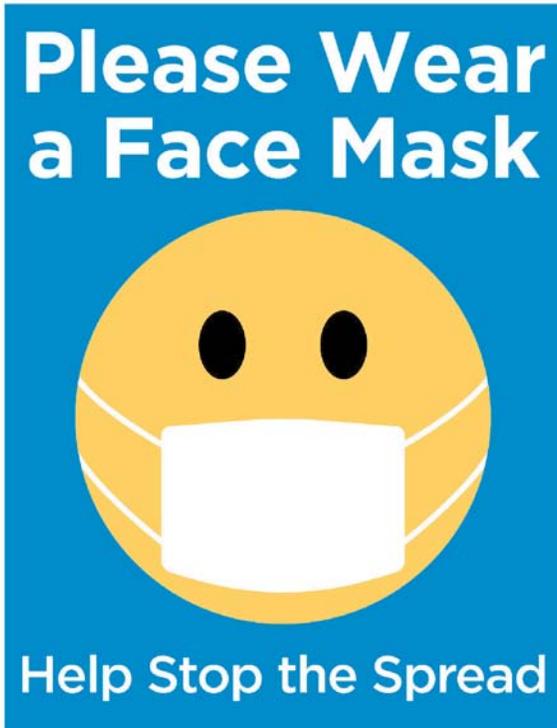
(From Pg. 4) Cost of admission is \$5 per person, or bring a new, unwrapped toy to get in for free! All toys will be donated to the SCFH to help support their children's holiday gift program.

Important information regarding Walkthrough Wednesdays:

- o Please note that guests are directed to park in Lot C, across from The Museum. A bus shuttle will be available to transport you to the entrance of the light show.
- o Despite being an outdoor event, masks will be required.
- o Tickets include admission to the walkthrough only. If you are opting for the drive-thru experience on a Wednesday, this will begin at 6:00 PM with a separate ticket required.
- o There is no pre-registration or separate ticket for guests who are donating an unwrapped toy in lieu of purchasing a Walkthrough Wednesday ticket. Guests who are donating an unwrapped toy must do so at the gate, and entry is subject to potential wait times and capacity limits. Admission to the Walkthrough will be treated on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given to ticketed guests. If you have purchased a Walkthrough Wednesday ticket and also would like to donate an unwrapped toy, you are more than welcome to! Please note that we cannot issue a refund to a guest who arrives with a toy donation and a pre-purchased ticket.

For more information about Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods or to purchase tickets for Sullivan 180's Walkthrough Wednesdays at Peace, Love & Lights, please visit: www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events/peace-love-lights. For more information about the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, please visit: www.scfederation.org.

Sullivan 180's mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and an active lifestyle. For more information about Sullivan 180, please visit: www.Sullivan180.org.



Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

2020 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade announced the performers for its virtual celebration.

The celebration will be broadcast nationwide this year on Thanksgiving morning but due to the pandemic, there will be no audience.

The parade will also forgo the annual procession to avoid large crowds but will feature performances from Dolly Parton, the Muppets, the cast of Hamilton and more.

New Guidelines for Out-of-State Travelers to NY

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced new guidelines allowing out-of-state travelers to New York to "test out" of the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Travelers from states that are contiguous with New York will continue to be exempt from the travel advisory; however covered travelers must continue to fill out the Traveler Health Form at: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>

Essential workers will continue to be exempt as well. The new protocol is effective Wednesday, November 4.

For any traveler to New York State from out of state, exempting the contiguous states, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are below:

- o For travelers who were in another state for more than 24 hours:
- o Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure from that state.
- o The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.
- o On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests comes back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.

- o For travelers who were in another state for less than 24 hours:

o The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in New York State.

- o However, the traveler must fill out our traveler form upon entry into New York State, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in New York at: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>

Local health departments will validate tests, if necessary, and if a test comes back positive, will issue isolation orders and initiate contact tracing. The local health department must make contact with the state the traveler came from, to ensure contact tracing proceeds there as well. All travelers must continue to fill out our traveler form upon arrival into New York State to contribute to New York State's robust contact tracing program.

The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out of state, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety.

For general inquires contact the call the Hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

For a list of countries designated under a CDC level 2 or 3 COVID-19 travel health notice, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

For guidance on how to quarantine safely, visit: <https://ny.gov/traveladvisory>

To file a report of an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine pursuant to the travel guidelines call 1-833-789-0470 or www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/.

Individuals may also contact their local department of health.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Announces COVID-19 PSA Campaign

Campaign encouraging residents to stop the spread of COVID-19 will be heard on radio spots and social media platforms

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced a new public awareness campaign in response to the beginnings of a second wave of COVID-19 in Ulster County. The campaign started this week and will run through the New Year. The ads will be played on over a dozen area radio stations and be featured on the County's social media pages.

"We know that this is a make or break moment for us as a county and a community," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "As we see our numbers increase to levels that we have not seen in months, we must remain proactive to blunt a much more significant second wave. We will be doing everything that we can to remind residents to continue to social distance, wear masks, and take all precautions necessary."

"All of the data shows that we are in the early stages of a second wave," said Ulster County Commissioner of Health Carol Smith. "This new campaign will serve as another reminder that we are all in this together. As we enter the holiday season, let's spread cheer instead of COVID."

On Monday, County Executive Pat Ryan announced the county's new mobile rapid response team including a rapid mobile testing vehicle. The new rapid testing capability will bolster Ulster County's rapid response plan. The bus, equipped with four rapid testing machines and staffed by public health nurses, will be dispatched to high-risk locations identified as potential clusters in order to screen out positives as quickly as possible.

Additionally, over the weekend, County Executive Ryan convened a call with county and municipal leaders where he updated them on the evolving COVID-19 situation in Ulster County and urged them to make preparations and to continue to enforce COVID-19 precautions. Last week, County Executive Ryan stated that Ulster County is seeing the beginnings of a second wave in Ulster County and called upon all residents to take the sudden rise in positive cases seriously. As hospitalization rates and active cases rise to levels not seen since early summer, County Executive Ryan urged residents to adhere to health precautions like social distancing and wearing a mask.

Since early October, Ulster County has seen a consistent uptick in cases and hospitalizations. Ulster County's hospitalization rate is at the highest it has been since early May, and active case rates are at the highest point since early-June.

Residents can find information about their nearest testing location and both walk-in testing sites and mobile testing sites by visiting <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/covid19-testing/>.

For additional information about COVID-19 visit: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>
Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888
NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

Ulster County Receives Highest Bond Anticipation Note Rating Available by S&P

Despite the pandemic, S&P has now affirmed the highest grade available for Bond Anticipation Notes as well as reaffirming the County's strong management and budgetary performance. S&P report highlights that a proactive approach to the pandemic saved taxpayers over \$8 million.

Earlier this month, S&P gave Ulster County a strong credit rating on its bonds at AA in part due to the county's strong fiscal responsibility and ability to respond to the economic impacts of COVID-19 crisis.

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County has received the highest Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) available by S&P, SP-1+. S&P Global cited the County's, "Strong management, with good financial policies and practices." The news comes after S&P gave Ulster County a strong credit rating at AA in part due to the county's strong fiscal responsibility and ability to respond to the economic impacts of COVID-19 crisis earlier this month.

Despite strong economic headwinds due to the pandemic, both the BAN and a strong credit rating, reaffirms the county's ability to respond to the pandemic and economic pressures while continuing to provide superior services for residents.

"The S&P BANs and bond rating both reaffirm the strong financial footing Ulster County has in protecting and delivering results for our residents while also validating our proactive and aggressive approach during the beginning stages of the COVID-19 pandemic," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Despite a year with numerous financial uncertainties, Ulster County will continue to deliver high-quality services for our residents while also ensuring the highest level of fiscal responsibility."

Ulster County's continued strength in the eyes of bond rating agencies is a direct benefit to taxpayers as Ulster County maintains a very strong capacity to pay principal and interest when the notes come due. The report states that S&P Global Ratings believes that Ulster County's proactive approach to the pandemic saved taxpayers \$8.3 million.

Last month, County Executive Ryan unveiled his 2021 Executive Budget. At approximately \$333.8 million, the 2021 Executive Budget includes a 0% increase in the tax levy and no layoffs to county employees.

Once Again, the Sullivan Catskills Leads the State in Tourism Spending Growth- at 12.2%

Liberty, NY-November 23,2020: Empire State Development just released its 2019 *Oxford Economics Study detailing each of the State's 62 counties and their respective travel regions tourism growth. For the second consecutive year, the **Sullivan Catskills rose to the top as the fastest growing county for tourism spending in New York State at 12.2%--2018 was 14.5% (Chart A). The Catskills region topped at 7.9%. The average growth was 2.5%.

"We are excited to see that our decades of perseverance and strategic investment in marketing has paid off," stated Roberta Byron-Lockwood, CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA). "Together with our economic development partners, local businesses, residents and second homeowners, we have made our legendary Sullivan Catskills come alive again!"

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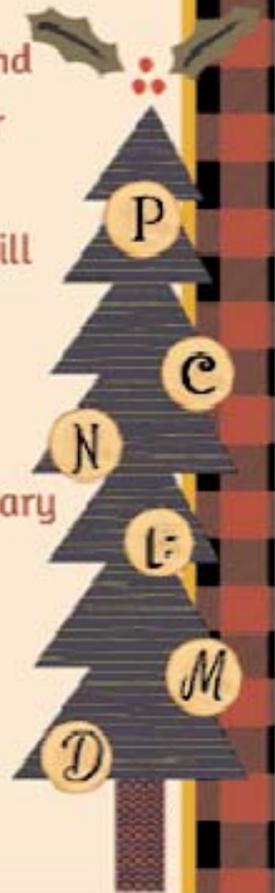


DPL Family Tree Ornament Event

**Celebrate the most wonderful time of year...
decorate your own family ornaments for
our DPL Tree at the Town Square!**

- We will supply the wood slice ornament with ribbon and permanent marker, YOU supply your creativity with your name! 1 ornament per child.
- When decorating, please remember these ornaments will be outside.
- Ornament pick up will be at the library on Tuesday, December 1st from 11-4 p.m.
- ALL completed ornaments MUST be returned to the library no later than Wednesday, December 9th.
- Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Happy Holidays!



To register your child go to:
<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/dpl-family-tree-ornament-event/>

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(From Pg. 26) The Sullivan Catskills has truly come alive again. Many of its small towns are exploding with development and second home buying is on the rise. What makes this county special is that it is only 90 minutes from NYC, and growth is smart and sustainable, while keeping the integrity of its rural authenticity intact. People travel here to have a true American Catskills experience with the outdoor adventure, majestic views, authentic main streets, progressive arts & culture scene, Michelin quality restaurants, award winning accommodations, and one-of-a-kind boutiques.

“This is great news! These numbers prove what I have known all along...that the Sullivan Catskills is one of the best places to live, invest and visit; and everyone is finally taking notice,” stated Byron-Lockwood. “Especially now, after months of COVID-19 and the impact it has had on our economy, we need to know that there is a positive future once the pandemic subsides. Our current situation has shown that we are not only a place for travel, but a destination for respite and solitude. People are now coming to the Sullivan Catskills to escape because the landscape is ideal for social distancing and where people can still maintain a bit of normalcy,” Byron-Lockwood continued.

Tourism is truly one of the most vital forms of economic development. Sullivan County is dependent on tourism with 20.2% of all labor income generated by visitors (chart B). It also contributes significantly to the County's sales tax base--adding \$36 million to support local government initiatives, a 5.6% increase over 2018, saving the local homeowner \$2407 in taxes annually.

“Even during the pandemic, we experienced new restaurant openings, business purchases and new lodging development projects are underway such as the Eldred Preserve, Chatwal Lodge at the Chapin Estate, and Callicoon Hills all poised to open in 2021. People are tenacious, they see the opportunity here and want to capture it, despite COVID-19 challenges. The American Dream is still strong in the Sullivan Catskills, stated Byron-Lockwood.”

“Tourism contributes to the wealth of our communities and adds to the quality of life for residents, which in turn is attractive to outside investors. It is all about understanding trends, preparing for the future; being strategic and quickly to responding to challenges. The SCVA is well equipped to address all of these as its Board and team work hard to ensure that our marketing efforts are directed to gain a valued return on our investments. For every \$1 spent the SCVA spends on promoting the Sullivan Catskills, the county receives \$36--equaling \$36 million in sales tax annually from tourism. These numbers demonstrate that the SCVA efforts are working. We anticipate that these numbers will continue to rise, expecting that small businesses and communities will recover from the pandemic,” commented Sims Foster, Board Chairman and Co-Founder of Foster Supply Hospitality.

For more information on the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association visit www.sullivancatskills.com

*Oxford Economics is one of the world's foremost independent global advisory firms, providing reports, forecasts and analytical tools on 200 countries, 100 industrial sectors and over 3,000 cities.

**Sullivan County Catskills Tourism is managed by the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, a 501c(6) not-for-profit Convention & Visitors Bureau whose mission is to make Sullivan County a premiere multi-seasonal travel destination in New York State with the following purposes and objectives: 1) to promote Sullivan County as an attraction for tourists and visitors; to solicit groups, conventions, meetings, trade shows, exhibits, expositions, and special events to convene and take place in Sullivan County through advertising, sales contracts, publications, and distribution of descriptive material and such other means as may be necessary or expedient to develop increased civic interest in Sullivan County as a visitor attraction; and 2) to generally do all those things necessary or appropriate to carry out the mission.

Optimum and Spectrum Offer Service Options to Assist With Remote Learning

(Kingston, NY) - Internet Service Providers Optimum and Spectrum are offering free sixty-day connection to households with remote learning students that do not have existing access. Additionally, college students living independently without broadband may also apply.

“This year has shown that a stable internet connection is a necessity for both education and work. It is my hope that all eligible community members utilize this resource as we seek to expand broadband availability,” said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess). Assemblymember Cahill voted in favor of A.6679C(Ryan)/S.5696(Metzger) which will allow the Public Service Commission to study gaps in internet service, particularly in rural communities. Upon completion of the study the PSC will make recommendations to providers and regulators on increasing coverage. The bill has been passed by both houses and is awaiting signature by the Governor.

Optimum is an available service provider to those living in Dutchess County as well as New Paltz and Lloyd while Spectrum serves residents throughout the Hudson Valley. Those in the Optimum availability area should call 866-200-9522 for more information and households in the Spectrum service zone can call 844-488-8395. Following the free sixty days, customers will be charged a standard rate for service, unless they choose to cancel.

The Office of Assemblymember Cahill has compiled lists of frequently asked questions to alleviate confusion during these difficult times. Community resources made available during the pandemic, including food pantry services and mobile COVID testing, can be found by going to <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill/story/94276>

Claryville Fire Dept.
1590 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Cancelled
Buffet Style
Spaghetti and Meatball Supper
Scheduled for
Saturday, November 28



The Claryville Volunteer Fire Department is sad to inform the community that we must cancel our Pancake Breakfast (11/22) and Spaghetti and Meatball Supper (11/28) due to COVID-19 cases rising in our surrounding areas. We wish everyone Happy Holidays and to stay safe and healthy! We hope to be open for our breakfast in January 2021!

We will keep everyone posted for next year!

DEC Announces New "Why I Hunt" and "Why I Trap" Photo Essay Contest

Deadline for Submissions Jan. 31, 2021

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced a new statewide photo and essay contest for hunters and trappers to share stories about why they hunt or trap in New York State. Photos and essays submitted will be used to support DEC's ongoing efforts to introduce more New Yorkers to hunting and trapping.

"Whether it's a family tradition, a connection to nature, or to feed your family, DEC would like to hear from New York hunters and trappers about what motivates them to venture afield," Commissioner Seggos said. "Hunting and trapping benefit New Yorkers and our environment by helping manage wildlife species and providing nutritious meat to our families. Please share your stories and photographs and help encourage more New Yorkers to get outside and enjoy hunting and trapping themselves."

Participating hunters and trappers may submit photos and essays in one of the following categories:

- Youth (under 17, non-first year);
- First-year hunters (youth);
- First-year hunters (adult); and
- Adults (non first-year).

Each contestant may submit up to two photos with their essay entry. DEC staff will select the best photo/essay in each category. Winners' essays and photos will appear in

the 2021-2022 New York Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, which is read by more than half a million people each year.

Contest specifications:

- Essays should be non-fiction, original material (not previously published), and told from a first-person perspective;
- Essays should be no less than 50 words and no more than 500 words;
- Limit of one entry per person;
- Maximum of two photos per entry; and
- Photos must be taken in New York State.

Submissions should be made using this link. The deadline for contest entries is Jan. 31, 2021.

Visit DEC's website for helpful guidelines about how to take photographs that best capture the reasons why you hunt or trap.

DEC is deeply committed to the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusiveness and encourages entries from people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and genders. All photo submissions become the property of DEC and may be used in future DEC publications, electronic, and print outreach materials. In addition, DEC reserves the right to edit essays for content, clarity, length, and style. DEC retains first rights to written submissions and written submissions may also appear in a future issue of Conservationist magazine or other DEC publications, media, and social media.

For more information about the "Why I Hunt" and "Why I Trap" contest, call (518) 402-8963, e-mail hunter@dec.ny.gov, or write to: Hunter Education Program, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4754.

After Fighting Proposed NYSEG Rate Plan, Sen. Metzger Welcomes PSC Changes

Albany, NY...The NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) yesterday released an Order in the rate case of New York State Electric & Gas Company (NYSEG), which significantly reduces the proposed rate increase from nearly 25 percent over three years to less than six percent (two percent in the first year, 1.95 percent in the second year, and 1.99 percent in the third year). The decision to modify the Joint Proposal agreed to by the rate case parties this summer came after significant criticism by Senator Metzger in comments to the Commission and in the press about raising rates amidst a pandemic and severe economic downturn that have left many of her constituents struggling to pay their bills. The PSC Order further requires that NYSEG provide emergency relief in the form of \$100 in bill credits to vulnerable residential and small business customers.

In addition to fighting the enormous rate hike alongside the Public Utility Law Project and AARP, Senator Metzger has also been advocating for increased investment to improve grid reliability, especially in Sullivan County, where power outages are frequent. Over the summer, Senator Metzger organized a meeting with NYSEG's CEO and staff that included local and county government officials from Sullivan County to impress on NYSEG the need to accelerate investments to replace antiquated circuits and beef up vegetation management along the power lines. Senator Metzger also pressed the PSC for changes to the Joint Proposal to better take into account these needs. Yesterday's PSC Order nearly doubles spending by NYSEG on vegetation management (increasing this budget item from \$30 million to \$57 million), which will reduce the incidence of power outages from downed trees and limbs. Moreover, the rate plan includes \$1.6 billion for grid upgrades, including replacing the notorious Yulan circuit in Sullivan County that is responsible for hundreds of power disruptions a year, according to local officials.

"I've been fighting this proposed rate increase since last year, and while I do not feel any rate increase is justified during this challenging time, the PSC has reduced the increase to a fraction of what the parties to this rate case agreed to, and this is a much-welcomed improvement," said Senator Metzger (SD-42). "Moreover, the additional emergency bill credit for hard-hit residential and business customers will provide further relief. I am also pleased to see investments in new circuits and a near doubling of the required investment in vegetation management, which is absolutely essential to improving electricity reliability in the heavily wooded areas I represent, where downed trees and limbs cause the lion's share of outages. Another welcome development in the rate plan is the addition of 150 linemen and women and 55 apprentice linemen and women. The company has been severely understaffed when it comes to boots on the ground, which among other things has slowed recovery from power outages."

On the environmental front, Senator Metzger expressed strong support for a provision of the new plan to achieve net-zero growth in gas sales and end promotion of gas services, focusing instead on incentivizing expanded use of heat pumps for heating and cooling, which are much more climate-friendly. Metzger was disappointed, however, that the PSC approved an increase in customer fixed charges from \$15.11 to \$17.00 per month, which disproportionately burdens customers who use less energy.

Senator Jen Metzger serves on the Senate Energy & Telecommunications Committee. Prior to entering the State Senate in 2019 she served as Director of Citizens for Local Power, a nonprofit organization that fights unfair utility rates and practices and helps communities shift to a clean energy economy.

Ulster County Executive Announces Plan to Significantly Limit Access to County Buildings and Increase Remote Staffing

- *Access to Ulster County Government Buildings has been significantly limited with the Department of Motor Vehicles moving to by-appointment service only*
- *Ulster County in-person workforce to be limited to essential staff plus 25% additional support staff until January 1st*
- *Remote working procedures have been established to ensure services and work will continue remotely*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that due to a continued increase in positive cases of COVID-19, starting on Monday, access to Ulster County Government Buildings will be significantly limited, with the Department of Motor Vehicles moving to by-appointment service only. Additionally, Ulster County's in-person workforce will be limited to essential staff plus 25% additional support staff until January 1st. Employees will continue to work remotely to ensure that work and vital services will still be delivered.

"The health and safety of the 1,400 individuals who work for Ulster County, along with the tens of thousands of residents that we serve is of utmost importance to me," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "As our positive cases increase, we are leading by example. I ask all of those in the community who are able to work remotely to start to do so. Taking these steps now will play a major role in how hard the second wave will hit Ulster County."

Today, County Executive Pat Ryan joined neighboring County Executives in Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties to urge residents to make preparations and to continue to enforce COVID-19 precautions. In addition, on Monday, County Executive Pat Ryan announced the county's new mobile rapid response team including a rapid mobile testing vehicle.

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As Early Vaccine Trials Produce Promising Preliminary Results

Senators Urge Administration To Work With State And Local Government To Coordinate Storage And Distribution In Underserved Communities

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined Senate Democrats in calling on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to strengthen the nation's ultra-cold storage infrastructure needed to ship, handle, and distribute a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine. In light of recent news that Pfizer/BioNTech is applying for Emergency Use Authorization for their COVID-19 vaccine candidate, providers are beginning to prepare for ultra-cold temperatures storage capabilities. In a letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar and CDC Director Robert Redfield, Gillibrand and her colleagues urged the agencies to coordinate with state, tribal, territorial, and local stakeholders to identify gaps in ultra-cold storage capability, particularly in rural and underserved communities, and use existing authority to prevent supply shortages. As states plan to transport and distribute a vaccine, it's critical that the federal government provide detailed guidance for maintaining the cold chain, funding projections, and critical risks that should be addressed.

"As we receive encouraging news about a forthcoming COVID-19 vaccine, we must strengthen the infrastructure needed for its storage and distribution," said Senator Gillibrand. "This administration has dragged its feet from the beginning of the pandemic and a delayed approach to vaccine preparedness will cost the American people. The federal government has a duty to proactively work with state and local governments, particularly in underserved communities, to guarantee the vaccine will reach those who need it the most. Failure to adequately prepare our communities will have tragic results."

Gillibrand: Robust Funding And Passage Of Bipartisan Family Support Services For Addiction Act Is Critical To Support Nonprofits And Community Organizations Providing Services To Families With Loved Ones Seeking Addiction Treatment

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand urged Senate leadership to include robust funding for substance use disorder and mental health care services in the next coronavirus relief package. Gillibrand called for robust emergency funds for providers of mental health and addiction treatment services to maintain operations, and ensure stability for the duration of the economic and public health crisis.

"For many families the emotional strains and stress of the holidays are compounded when a loved one suffers from mental health and substance use disorders. And, as the pandemic has exacerbated our country's addiction crisis, individuals and their families are in even greater need of resources to keep themselves and their loved ones safe," said Senator Gillibrand. "Many mental health care and substance use disorder support services are faced with the heavy burden of helping Americans in need with limited resources. Shoring up these programs with robust funding, and the passage of my bipartisan Family Support Services for Addiction Act, would ensure that nonprofits and organizations supporting those recovering from substance use and their families can keep their doors open."

Social isolation, increased financial stress, loss of work, lack of structured time, and daily stress and uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic have exacerbated mental health issues and substance use disorders and caused overdoses across the country to nearly double. Now, the emotional strains and stress of the holidays threaten to compound this crisis. In Albany and Rensselaer Counties, overdose deaths have increased by more than 40% compared to last year. In Erie County, the number of overdose deaths increased by 77% compared to 2019 and in Onondaga County there were twice as many opioid deaths in the first half of 2020 as there were in the first

half of 2019.

Additionally, the COVID-19 crisis has interrupted traditional care services and many mental health and addiction support providers, which were overburdened before the pandemic, are facing financial strain and at risk of shutting their doors. In New York, community behavioral health organizations may have to close within the next few months without financial assistance and providers have had to make tough decisions with limited resources, including payroll cuts and rationing life-saving supplies. Supplemental emergency funding in the next legislative package is critical for these providers to maintain operations, ensure stability, and continue serving their communities for the duration of the crisis. Advocates, including the National Council for Behavioral Health, estimate nearly \$40 billion in emergency funds is needed for providers of mental health and addiction treatment services.

Throughout the pandemic, Senator Gillibrand has fought to support the needs of New Yorkers struggling with mental health and substance use disorders, and their families. She previously called on Senate leadership to include robust funding for substance use disorder and mental health care services as Congress negotiated a relief package over the summer. Earlier this year she introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Family Support Services Act to create a \$25 million grant program over five years to help nonprofits and community organizations provide support services to families with loved ones seeking addiction treatment. The legislation was recently passed in the House of Representatives.

Energy Square Wins "Project of the Year Upstate Region"

RUPCO's Energy Square project in Midtown Kingston, NY, was named the 2020 Project of the Year - Upstate region by the New York State Association for Affordable Housing (NYSAAFH).

"We are very proud of the accomplishment that Energy Square represents, said Kevin O'Connor, RUPCO CEO. "The project truly represents the leadership of RUPCO's board of directors and staff capacity to bring together funding partners, our design and construction teams to create a magnificent and transformative mixed use, mixed income building in the heart of Midtown Kingston. It is another great example of RUPCO fulfilling its mission to create homes, support people and improve communities."

NYSAAFH Executive Director & CEO, Jolie Milstein, said in a statement after a private site tour, "It is a testament to the transformative impact of affordable housing production for both the families living in the new homes and the communities in which they are built." This is the second Project of the Year award RUPCO has received. In 2015, NYSAAFH awarded RUPCO the honor for the rehabilitation of the Lace Mill; a 55-apartment development preferred for artists.

RUPCO partnered with New York State Homes & Community Renewal, City of Kingston, and multiple private investors to bring to life a \$22M mixed-use development. The new construction project set in a 1.3-acre site began construction in the fall of 2018 and opened its doors this past June to become the home to 79 people! Inspired by late 19th-century architecture, the brick masonry five-story building houses 57 mixed-income apartments on the upper floors of the five-story building. The bottom floor is quickly becoming a hub for the arts with commercial residents like the Center for Creative Education (CCE), whose mission is to enrich youth's social and cultural awareness through arts, wellness, and education; and The DRAW, an intergenerational art education project by Kingston Midtown Arts District (MAD). Energy Square is the first Net-Zero for Living affordable housing project in upstate New York. Its innovative design combines a geothermal ground source heat pump system with a solar PV system to produce enough energy to meet electricity usage for the entire building, providing additional cost savings to low-income and nonprofit tenants.

Energy Square boasts a five-year Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) award to provide rental assistance and supportive services to serve seven units targeted to formerly homeless young adults ages 18-25. RUPCO partnered with CCE & Family of Woodstock to provide a trifold case management approach to provide a wide array of services that include job training and guidance with daily living needs.

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"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE & TRIVIA"
Beyond the Mask

(2015, rated PG, American historical action-adventure) History repeats itself. Like chaos in the streets today, the film depicts the months before the 1776 and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. **Directed by Chad Burns and Starring Andrew Cheney**

William Reynolds, John Rhys-Davies as Charles Kemp, Kara Kilasmer as Charlotte Holloway Adetokumboh M'Cormack as Joshua Brand, Steve Blackwood as Richard Harrison



The film follows an ex-mercenary (Andrew Cheney) for the East India Company during the American Revolution who attempts to redeem himself from a life of murder by becoming a masked vigilante to overthrow the British in the colonies. The film was produced under Burns Family Studios and was released by Gathr in select theaters before a mainstream distribution by Freestyle Releasing. *Beyond the Mask* received

negative reviews from critics, but had a warmer reception from Christian film critics. The film was later released on DVD.

Knarf prediction; "Beyond The Mask," will become a much watched cult film, like the greats: "Last Picture Show"; "Reefer Madness"; and "Woodstock". Why? Starts out as an interesting character study, before we know we are drenched in adventure and a fairytale love story, that ends in comic book fashion.

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Stay safe, and have a Happy Thanksgiving,



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