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Bringing NF Out of the Shadows

Brianna Worden has held local NF Walks in the past. This year it was a little different for Brianna. Shine the Light on NF Walk was held as a worldwide virtual event on Saturday, September 26th. Brianna continued in her role as Ambassador for the Children's Tumor Foundation as she opened the event singing our National Anthem from her home in Grahamsville as the entire world tuned in to the 2020 Shine A Light on NF Walk, an avid fundraiser that is usually held in Westchester, NY. As a Patient Advocate, Brianna is using her voice and her story to contribute to all phases of the research process; already, Brianna has addressed the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) twice.



Funding for NF research, education, advocacy, and patient care comes from individual donors and organizations who support their mission. Those involved passionately pursue and take pride in a universal vision to end NF.

Brianna was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis type 1 when she was two months old. She has a plexiform fibroma that encompasses her entire left side (excluding her leg). Brianna also has renal artery stenosis and hypertension, bone disfigurements, chronic pain and fatigue, learning disabilities, scoliosis, and has endured over 10 surgeries, including three spinal fusions, a wrist stabilization, and three tumor debulkings to her left arm where, each time, three pounds of tumor was removed. She was diagnosed the first time with a Malignant neurosarcoma (MPNST) when she was a freshman in high school. The cancer returned two more times after that. When she had one of the cancerous tumors removed from her throat, her vocal cord was paralyzed for six months. Determined, Brianna eventually was able to sing again. (Contd. Pg. 4)

A Special Diploma for a Special Woman



Dr. Sally Sharkey, newly appointed Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, drove up to Albany to the home of Ms. Rhodesia Jones on the evening of September 16, 2020. She was bringing her a high school graduation diploma from Fallsburg Central School District. A former student in the District, Rhodesia was unable to complete her secondary education because she chose to serve in the United States Armed Forces during the Gulf War from 1996-2003. She was one of the first female truck drivers in her assignment. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.
I Corinthians 15:34

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****September 27, 1950**

Mr. Warren Many of Grahamsville, the oldest resident of the Town of Neversink, celebrated his 93rd birthday September 20th. Mr. Many, who was born on Red Hill on the old Many homestead, is the only survivor of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Many. He is keen and alert, enjoys walking and is interested in reading and in current news.

Miss Regina Kile of Woodbourne, was tendered a bridal shower by Mrs. James Kile on Thursday evening, September 14th. She will be married to Vernon Osterhout of Grahamsville on October 1st.

Prices for haircuts and shaves are expected to go up from 25 to 50 per cent "within the next few months" in the City's unionized barber shops. The price of a haircut will be \$1.25, shaves \$0.75. The increases follow announced raises in prices upstate. Albany haircuts will be \$1.15, Schenectady \$1.10 and Troy \$1.10.

Snow fell on the hill tops around this section Sunday morning, ushering in the autumn with unnecessary emphasis. Temperatures generally reached the freezing point, dropping still lower early Monday morning.

September 28, 1960 -

Mrs. Ida Wolfe of Sundown and Mr. August Klindworth of Ridgewood, Queens, were married on Saturday, September 24th. The wedding took place at the Maybrook Methodist Church with the Rev. Howard West officiating. Mrs. Leona Erland of Sundown and Mrs. Mattie Weber of Grahamsville were witnesses. The couple is residing at the former Oland Erath residence in Grahamsville.

Brick veneer was placed on the Neversink Town Hall last week. Joseph Raffa, Township Supervisor, said recently that it was hoped that the building would be completed by the end of October. Elite Construction Co. of Ellenville, N.Y. has the contract for the general construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Atkins of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born Sept. 16th at the Maimonides

Hospital in Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Johnson of Neversink are the parents of a son, Robert Clay, born Sept. 20th at the Maimonides Hospital in Liberty.

Miss Margaret Finch, Class of '56, passed her Registered Nurse State Board Examinations with "Flying Colors", and has begun her professional career in a Boston Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bertholf entertained at a party on Saturday evening in honor of her parent's, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Donaldson's 30th wedding anniversary which was Sept. 23rd.

October 7, 1970

David Bertholf, Allan Bitter, Jim Donelli, Walter Garigliano and Dwayne Turner will travel to Kansas City, Mo. on Oct. 10th. They will be accompanied by Mr. Strangeway, FFA Advisor. The local FFA will take part in the annual FFA Convention as it has for the past twenty years.

Stephen L. Currey and Glen Eltz, both seniors at Tri-Valley School, have been awarded Letters of Commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. They are among the 35,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper 2 per cent in this competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison are the grandparents of a granddaughter, Laurie Alida, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Decker on Oct. 1st. Laurie weighed in at 6 lbs. 3 oz.

Mrs. Pauline Rose feels she is justly proud of her apple tree. The tree, approximately one hundred years old this year, has lived up to its name. Several golden yellow apples from the aged Pound Sweet tree weighed exactly one pound apiece. Many others weighed seven-eighths of a pound and the limbs hung low with an abundance of fruit.

October 2, 1980

Betty Condon, a freshman at the University of Akron, Department of Music, Akron, Ohio, has been admitted to the University Symphony Orchestra. She is also first chair oboe in the University Wind Ensemble. Membership to the orchestra and wind ensemble is through audition.

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DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

October 2, 1980

From Pg. 1) Airman Christian McCarthy, son of Carol and Ken Curry of Grahamsville, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

On Sunday, Anne Barker, Frank, Linda and Janna Comando and Mildred Greenrose attended a reception for Vice-President Mondale's wife, Joan in Poughkeepsie. Five-year old Janna made sure that Mrs. Mondale was aware that she had started Kindergarten at Tri-Valley School and mentioned that she had the greatest teacher in the whole world, Mrs. DeWire.

A hot, raging early morning fire gutted the assembly plant building at the Grey's Woodworking Plant on Rt. 55 at Curry's Corners, Gramsville. The fire that was responded to at 5:22 a.m. was of undetermined origin-. The original building, a former garage and shed near the road was completely destroyed.

Town of Neversink FALL CLEANUP 2020

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday October 17, 2020, Wednesday October 21, 2020 and Saturday October 24, 2020. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Blue 2020 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

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.

Milkweed, Monarchs and Bees - A Sweet Gift

How many of us remember this time of the year when our children would come home with a fun outdoor science project - finding a Monarch Butterfly chrysalis on a milkweed plant?

Milkweed is easy to identify. This time of the three to five inch pods have matured. They contain seeds attached to a silk that helps the seeds "fly" to their next destination. The plants have flourished since spring in open fields and meadows, along roadsides and at the forest edges, growing in dense colonies that sometimes fill a field with green stalks. The common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*, is one of the best known wild plants in the Catskills. Not only are they beneficial to the butterflies, but the dried pods are used by artists and crafters, and may even become part of a fall centerpiece.



The leaves are beginning to yellow and fall off now. They grow opposite pairs along the stalk with short stems. They are elongated ovals, veined and thick. The stalk and undersides of the leaves are covered with fine hairs. The flower bud clusters began to appear, looking a bit like bunches of broccoli turned into the sweet-smelling flowers that opened in early summer. They can range from white to pink or purple. All parts of the plant will exude



a white, milky latex substance if broken. The "milk" is not the sap of the plant but a special secretion. Extremely bitter, it serves as a protection against most nibbling and grazing animals. For the caterpillar of the monarch butterfly, milkweed leaves are their only food.

During WWII that hundreds of tons of milkweed pods were gathered by school children and the silky fluff was processed and became a substitute for kapok, used to pad life jackets and flying suits. Milkweed floss has the same density as goose down and is an even better insulator. Currently, there is renewed interest in Europe for creating textiles containing milkweed floss. The common milkweed has been identified in Native American artifacts believed to be nearly 3,000 years old.

One of the other charms of milkweeds is their associations with bees. The sweet blossoms of the Milkweed are also a big attraction for nectaring bees.

Milkweed was widely eaten by Native Americans and early European immigrants. Native Americans also used the fibrous stems to make nets, cordage, and basketry. The common milkweed has been identified in artifacts believed to be nearly 3,000 years old.

More recently, the great physicist Albert Einstein once stated that humanity would be extinct within a few years if the bee population was totally wiped out. Now that's something to consider when thinking of the Common Milkweed and also the Monarch.

Maybe he was on the right track!

The butterfly has always been the symbol of power, transformation and rebirth. Just think you too could instantly make change in the world too. Encourage Milkweed, Monarchs and bees in your backyard and they do add a nice touch to your garden.



Household Hints:

Wipe Your Hands with Vinegar

Wipe your hands with vinegar after chopping. It will remove strong scents like onion and garlic, as well as stains from fruit juices.

A Special Diploma for a Special Woman

(From Pg. 1) In accordance with Section 29C of the New York State Education Law, the Commissioner of Education is required to develop a program whereby any veteran of the armed forces who has served on active duty, and who was unable, for any reason, to complete a secondary education, may be awarded a high school diploma based on knowledge and experience gained while in service. Proudly, Dr. Sharkey telephoned into the virtual Board of Education meeting to introduce Ms. Jones and turned the program over to Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz.

Dr. Katz said, "Dear members of the Board of Education, as Superintendent of Schools, it is my honor and great pleasure to present to you the newest graduate of the Fallsburg Central School District, Rhodesia Jones. Thank you for your service to our country and to this school district. Fallsburg is proud of you and your accomplishments. You are an inspiration to all Fallsburg Graduates."

At this moment, Dr. Sharkey presented Ms. Jones the diploma. You can see how happy she is to earn this honor in the attached photo, smiling and in her cap and gown. Be assured the Board members and the Superintendent shared in the graduate's happiness on this memorable evening. Can you imagine how much joy Dr. Sharkey must have felt during the ride up and back from Albany? It was an evening that everyone participating will never forget.

Bringing NF Out of the Shadows

(From Pg. 1) Now 23 years old, Brianna's role as an ambassador for neurofibromatosis awareness began many years ago. At the age of eight, she first began advocating for neurofibromatosis with the Children's Tumor Foundation. She traveled with her mother to Washington DC, New York City, and Las Vegas to symposiums and forums to help others with neurofibromatosis and share her story.

In 2013, Brianna competed for and won the title of Miss Teen New York International with NF awareness and body positivity as her platform. She has always felt that those with NF are often put in a category of outcasts and she wanted to break that stereotype.



Brianna opens the 2020 Shine A Light on NF Walk virtually from her home in Grahamsville as she sings our National Anthem to the whole world as she shares her 'light'.

Before transferring to and graduating from Boston University, Brianna held NF Walks at SUNY Sullivan. Brianna is an avid fundraiser.

Several weeks after the 2019 Shine A Light on NF Walk, Brianna was honored as the 2020 NF Ambassador at the Children's Tumor Foundation National Gala that was held in New York City. This award is bestowed upon an individual with NF to recognize their courage living with the disorder and their personal efforts to further the Foundation goals of research, public awareness, and patient support.

In an interview with Brianna, she was asked, "What's the best piece of advice you've ever gotten?"

Her answer: "The best piece of advice that I've ever gotten is a quote my mom has always said to me before every surgery, *It's not brave if you're not scared.* I forever stand by this. Going through surgery, after surgery and living with NF is scary. But when you

conquer something you're scared of, it doesn't make you a scaredy-cat, it makes you brave. Just because you're afraid of something doesn't mean you shouldn't fight. Always continue to strive for your dreams or your goals. Never give up."

Being a patient advocate continues to be important to Brianna. "It's what I've done my whole life. My dream is to be a spokesperson where I can advocate for many people. I will do everything in my power to advocate for those in need. No one should feel alone. Everyone needs someone to talk to that helps them feel uplifted."

Brianna loves performing. "When I'm on stage I forget about all my troubles. What's fun about acting is I get to be someone else. For a moment all my pain and all of the struggles I've gone through fades. Being on stage and the feeling you get while performing is so incredibly hard to explain. But it's the best feeling in the whole world. Art has been such a big part of my life and I want to use it in my field of study or future careers."

When Brianna learned that she was selected as the 2020 NF Ambassador she remembers, "So many thoughts ran through my head when I found out I was the 2020 Ambassador. I am still completely honored and forever thankful. I instantly thought of all the people I met along the way who have helped me get to where I am today. My goal is to be the best I can be, and inspire and help as many people as I can. With NF we each have our own journey and stories that can be scary. I know that firsthand. But, I don't want people to see me just for having NF. I want them to see me as a **bright** person trying to make a difference and share positivity not only in the NF community, but the world."

To hear Brianna's message to the world this past weekend, go to:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1328947190622609/?post_id=1530892640428062&view=permalink

The Shine a Light NF Walk is a fundraising event to benefit the Children's Tumor Foundation and help end NF. Neurofibromatosis, or NF, affects millions of people worldwide, but few have heard of it and there currently is no cure.

The Shine a Light NF Walk brings NF out of the shadows, raising awareness and funding research to help better the lives of those living with NF. Start or join a team today, and come together with your community to Shine a Light on NF!

Shine a Light NF Walk is the signature fundraising event of the Children's Tumor Foundation.

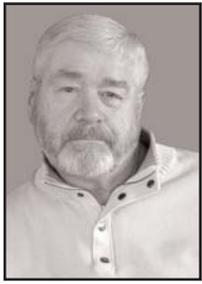
The Children's Tumor Foundation's NF Walk Program was established in 2009 as an important national fundraising program to support NF research, raise awareness, and provide support for individuals with NF and their families. A key feature of the Walk program is that it is a community-based event, organized by local volunteers, with teams comprised of five to ten members. The NF Walk offers the opportunity for those affected by NF, their families, friends and neighbors, in fact, whole communities, to join together in what is a truly enjoyable event, while raising funds for NF research.

<https://www.facebook.com/shinealightnfwalk>

<https://www.ctf.org/get-involved/nf-wlk>

Join CTF to Shine a Light on NF - start a team or find a Shine a Light NF Walk near you! Questions? Contact us at shinealightwalk@ctf.org.

When you participate in or make a donation to a Shine a Light NF Walk, you are funding research to help better the lives of the millions living with neurofibromatosis, our NF Heroes. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of donors and supporters like you, we have seen incredible advances in NF research, and tremendous growth in our Foundation's programs for NF patients.



The Dirty South

Mysterious Book Report No. 420

by John Dwaine McKenna

In the NOW, a man who's pledged to destroy evil, an extraordinary detective, ace P.I., and ex-NYPD Homicide Investigator named Charlie Parker, senses "wrongness approaching and trouble circling" at the start of John Connolly's newest: *The Dirty South*, (Emily Bestler Books/Atria, \$28.00, 438 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-2754-1). He walks home and waits . . . for whatever misfortune is about to come his way. So, he's ready when the phone rings and a voice he hasn't spoken to in decades says, "They pulled a body from the Karagol." That's followed two sentences later by: "*In the end, the past claims us all.*"

And so begins THEN, which tells the story of who, what, how and when the body came to be in the lake . . . and most importantly . . . why.

It's sometime in the 1990s. Bill Clinton, the former Governor of Arkansas, has been elected President of the United States and the residents of Cargill, a small town located smack-dab in the middle of the poorest county in Clinton's former state, are breathlessly, eagerly and impatiently awaiting the arrival of prosperity. *It's been promised*, is the often heard, often repeated mantra of the long-suffering residents. *We have to be patient. It's gonna come. It's been promised . . .*

Cargill is still waiting, late into Clinton's second term. The Cade family, under the leadership of aging patriarch Delane "Pappy" Cade, has been amassing a real estate empire in anticipation of a boom – and better times – coming to their small corner of the world. It finally might happen too, that long-dreamed of prosperity, if Cargill and Burdon County Arkansas is picked to be the place where a huge multinational corporation by the name of KOVAS, builds it's new facility. Cargill, and somewhere in Texas are the finalists. It's come down to one or the other, with Cargill the apparent favorite because of subtle help from President Clinton.

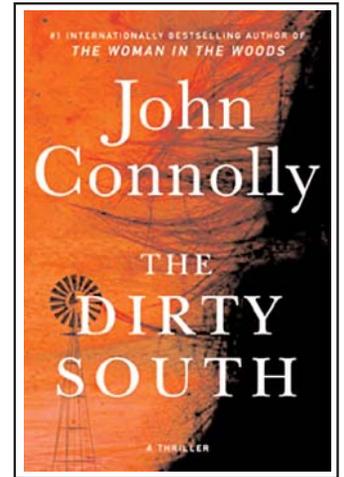
There's only one problem. The ritualized and savage murders of three teenage girls . . . two in the last three months, and another back in 1993. The nature of the killings are what's drawn Charlie Parker to town . . . he's tracking the serial killer who tortured and murdered his wife and daughter . . . and after a rocky start in which Parker spends his first night in the Cargill jail, he agrees to put his expertise to work, helping to solve the monstrous slayings, before word gets out and blows the KOVAS deal. The fate of the entire county hangs in the balance.

The electrifying action and relentless pacing, combined with Mr. Connolly's engaging writing style, will keep new and old fans alike, face-down in the pages, reading until late, late at night. As his work is becoming more widely read and recognized for its originality and sheer genius, John Connolly is at last receiving the world-wide fame that he so richly deserves. Read him for yourself and discover why!

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Survey Seeks to Help Employers Facing Child Care Challenges

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Community Resources, the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development and the Sullivan County Child Care Council have jointly created a survey to assess the needs of local employers as students go back to school and parents go back to work amidst the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

"This is a follow-up to a survey we conducted with parents and families at the beginning of the summer," explains Child Care Council Executive Director Donna Willi. "Now we want to understand the challenges employers are facing in adapting to the child care needs of their employees."

"The survey can be filled out anonymously, and the questions won't take long to answer," Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley affirms. "We just want to know what local businesses are doing or not doing - and how we can help."

The survey can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQ2VLSQ> and will be available through October 15. If you do not have Internet access or would prefer to answer the questions over the phone, please call the Child Care Council at 845-292-7166.

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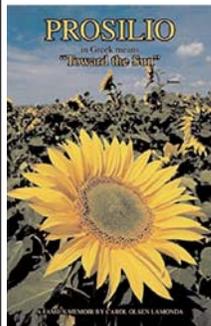



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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



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The Olive Jar

September

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

September, when the days are warm,
 But the nights remind you that
 The "brr" nights are ahead;

September, October, November,
 And December when "brr"
 Morphs from chilly to chilled.

The golden days of summer rusts
 In the colder night air
 Turning trees to crimson, mustard,
 Ochre and many shades of orange,
 Mother Nature's palette of vivid
 Colors splattered haphazardly
 Before they blend into tan
 And boring beige,
 Then gray.



Pumpkins and mums are the last hurrah
 Shouting the autumnal arrival
 Of a winter that lengthens in months
 Each year as I do in years.

I watch the chipmunks and squirrels
 As they prepare for winter.
 I, like the animals, prepare to hunker
 Down, not with nuts and acorns,
 But with paper towels and tissues
 And a stocked pantry.

But for today, I soak in the sun
 And the fall colors
 And know I will remember
 The warmth of this
 September day
 When the months ahead
 Say "brr" in their name:
 September, October
 November,
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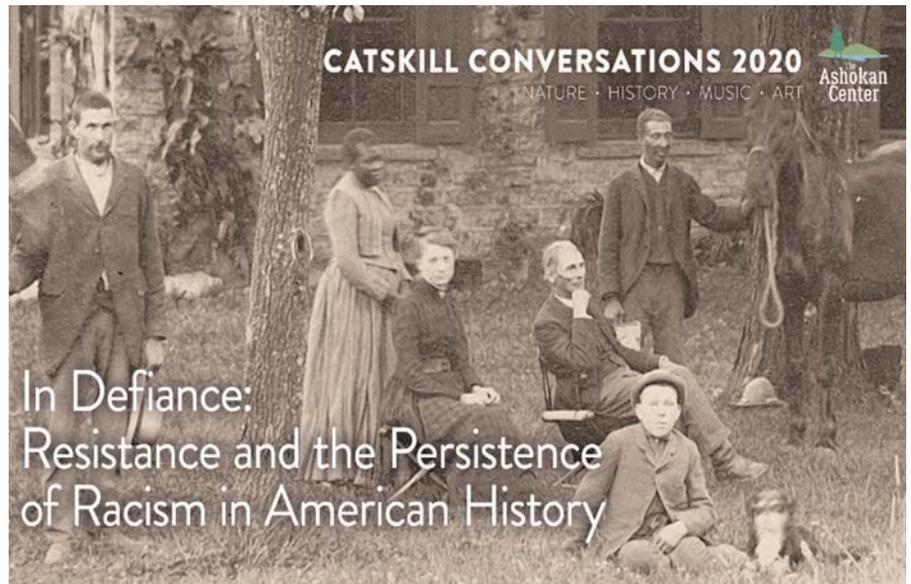
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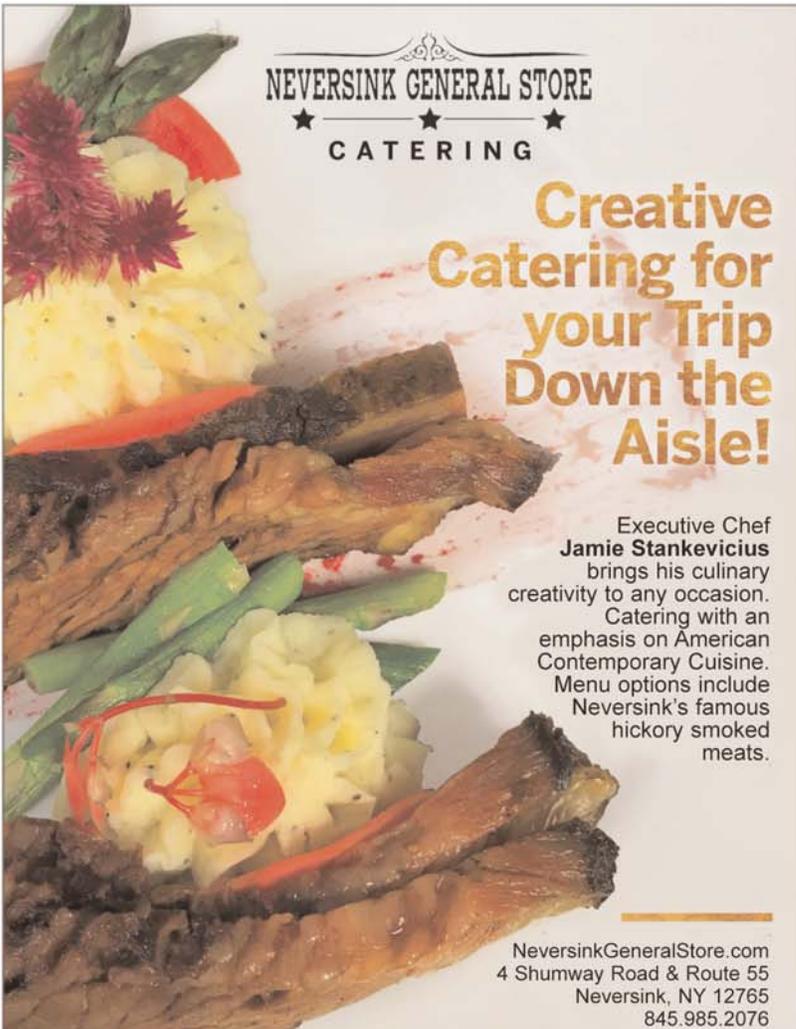
Susan Stessin-Cohn is the current historian of New Paltz. Albert Cook has taught in the New Paltz High School Social Studies Department for 23 years.

Stessin-Cohn will speak on her newest research and publication, "In Defiance: Runaways From Slavery in New York's Hudson River Valley 1735-1831," a collection of historic advertisements for fugitive slaves. These primary documents humanize an otherwise largely silent population and provide an exceptionally valuable window into black life in Early America-from the nature of the slave system and the master-slave relationship to culture and folk life.

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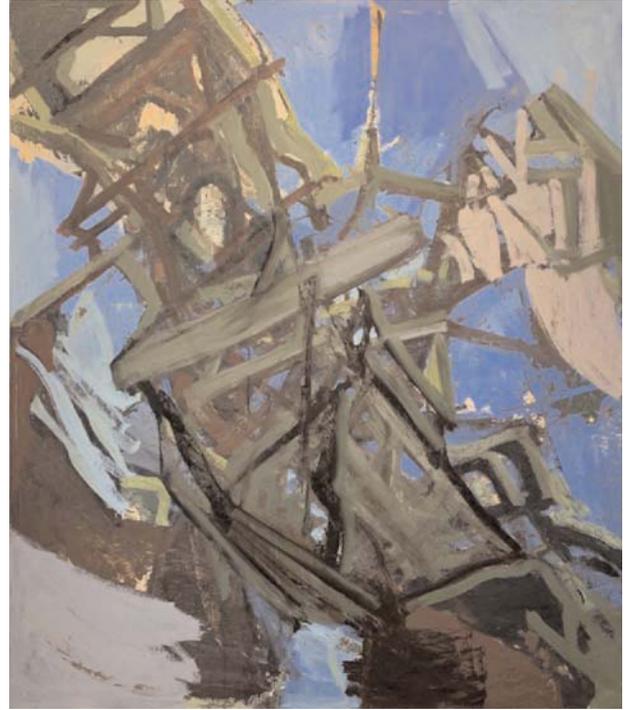
Two Exhibits Opened at DVAA



*Janelle Lynch, Post-Election 2016, 2016, Archival pig-
ment print, 22" x 26.5"*

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is excited to announce its fall exhibitions. "Another Way of Looking at Love," an exhibition of photography by Janelle Lynch, and "The Gowanus Cochecton Expressway," featuring paintings by Peter Maslow will open at DVAA, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, September 26. The shows will be on view through October 31. The exhibits are free and open to the public during limited hours.

**JANELLE LYNCH
IN THE ALLIANCE GALLERY**



*Peter Maslow, Swimming Beneath Cochecton Bridge,
2020, Oil on canvas, 77"x 66"*

elting exhibition, "Another Way of Looking at Love," is a suite of 13 delicate landscape photographs that explore the human impulse for connection. Lynch created the images on her property in Cochecton Center, NY, during the years 2015-2018. The exhibition, curated by Laura Vookles, originated at the Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY.

"For some images, I use vantage point to create points of connection with elements from the same species-Japanese barberry or burdock, for example-while for others, I combine multiple species, such as golden rod and pokeweed or burning bush and pine trees," explains Lynch. "The spaces created represent areas where new realities can be envisioned. The depiction of unity, together with color and light, show the beauty and magic of the natural world."

The work in this exhibition is part of a series of 25 photographs published by Radius Books in Lynch's third monograph, *Another Way of Looking at Love*. The series is currently shortlisted for the Prix Pictet Hope, the leading global award for photography and sustainability. The Prix Pictet exhibition is on a global tour until 2022 and includes some of the works on view at the DVAA.

Lynch's photographs are in several international public and private collections including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, the Museum of the City of New York, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Her work has been featured in NPR's *The Picture Show*, *Photograph Magazine*, and *The Boston Globe*, among many other publications.

She has had one-person museum exhibitions at the Museo Archivo de la Fotografía (Mexico City), the Southeast Museum of Photography (Daytona Beach, FL), the Burchfield Penney Art Center (Buffalo, NY), and the Hudson River Museum (Yonkers, NY). She has had solo gallery exhibitions at Flowers Gallery (London), Robert Morat Galerie (Berlin), and 3 Punts Galería (Barcelona), among other international venues.

In 1999, Lynch received an MFA in Photography and Related Media from the School of Visual Arts, New York. In 2003, she completed the Master Class with Stephen Shore at Bard College (Annandale-on-Hudson, NY). In 2013, she received a certificate from The Writers' Institute, City University of New York, Graduate Center (New York, NY). Lynch teaches at the International Center of Photography and is represented by Flowers Gallery.

Copies of Lynch's recent monograph, "Another Way of Looking at Love" (Radius Books, 2018) are available for purchase at One Grand Books in Narrowsburg, NY.

PETER MASLOW IN LOFT GALLERY

A native Brooklynite, Peter Maslow creates large format paintings that have traditionally explored urban architectural environments. "What interests me is how we see things, how we generate whole images in our minds, how we put and keep things together."

In 2017, Maslow moved out of the city to Cochecton, NY along the Upper Delaware River. "My first summer in Cochecton, I went swimming under Cochecton Bridge and the elevated green painted steel took me back to my youth, where most adventures began under an overpass, or an El, or beneath the bridges," Maslow recalls.

All but one of the paintings in "The Gowanus Cochecton Expressway" exhibition, were created in Maslow's Cochecton studio.

Maslow will be in attendance on Saturday September 26, from 1-4pm.

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Limited public hours are Thursday through Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part through funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

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Monticello, NY - The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), in partnership with BellAge, Inc., and the Association on Aging in New York (AgingNY), has launched CV19 CheckUp in New York State, a free, anonymous, personalized online tool that evaluates an individual's risks associated with COVID-19 based on their life situation and behavior, and provides recommendations and resources to reduce those risks.

"It's a quick and easy survey to complete," says Sullivan County Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "You can fill it out for yourself and for your family members, and it will generate a useful report on your general risk level for catching coronavirus and being hospitalized by it."

CV19 CheckUp employs artificial intelligence to analyze data each person provides by completing an online questionnaire. It is designed for those who are considered high risk, including older adults, low-income individuals, ethnic and racial minorities, and LGBTQ communities, but it can be used by anyone at any age. The tool's algorithms are driven by science and medicine, using data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

CV19 CheckUp is free to users. It is anonymous and does not require a name, email address, or identifier of any type. The collected data is used by governments and health organizations to facilitate developing methods to help target populations that are at high risk for COVID-19. Findings can be used to gain insights on:

- What people know and believe about the pandemic
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Upon completion of the anonymous questionnaire, CV19 CheckUp immediately delivers a personalized report. The report answers questions such as:

- How likely am I to get COVID-19 or spread it to others?
- If I get COVID-19, how severe would it likely be?
- What steps can I take to reduce my risks of getting COVID-19?
- Where can I find help to ensure my needs are met during the pandemic?

To learn more, please visit www.newyork.cv19checkup.org or call the Sullivan County Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241. Sullivan County has also developed a short video tutorial, showing how easy it is to fill out the survey. The video can be found at www.sullivan.us/Departments/Aging and the Office's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/scnyaging.

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Well, glad that's over. Pretty sure I suffered last week with a mild case of food poisoning. Where did I get it? There is no "where". There was only dummy me who left the 'take home' portion of not one, but several meals prepared in beyond reproach kitchens out of refrigeration because dummy me wasn't ready to leave the premises yet. And then I ate them. I blame CoVid.

I was positive that the weekend before last would be the absolute last time the weather would be mild enough for live music outdoors, so I went to the only two venues that I feel safe, CABERNET FRANK'S and THE DISTILLERY next to The Dancing Cat Saloon.



Saturday afternoon, the 19th, SIDE F/X returned to CABERNET FRANK'S. I'm growing fond of this band. The dynamic lead singer, DAN GREENBERG together with KENNY BARONE and GREGG WEISS, and usually BILLY (TAZ) GUILLERMO serve up the kind of rockin' classic rock that make you remember why you liked it in the first place. Today though, TAZ could not make it so their sound man MIKEY sat in on drums and he's a pretty fair drummer. Hits the skins a bit too hard, even for an outside venue, but hey, it's his style. Still, no one seemed to notice. KENNY BARONE's guitarwork is dazzling and GREGG WEISS' bass is the glue setting the pace. If you love rock, this is the band to see.



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Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth

<http://www.herquirkyjourney.com>

5 Things I Don't Miss About Traveling

Traveling is a luxury. It's a privilege. Most of the Earth's population is incapable of traveling in the way that I am. I am thankful every day for the experiences I've had, good or bad. I'm grateful for the life I've been given and that I have the opportunity to even consider traveling out of my hometown, let alone exploring the globe!



Being hunkered down in my hometown in New York (since March!) due to COVID, I've had a lot-and I mean a lot-of time to reflect and appreciate what I've done. I certainly miss the freedom, the constant new experiences, new languages, new people, and new views. But, I don't miss every aspect of full-time travel. Here are just five things I truly do not miss about my nomadic lifestyle.

1. Visas

Since I stay in each place I visit for a longer amount of time than others typically do (weeks to months), I always have to be wary of the visa situation. How long can I stay with or without a visa? If I need a visa, do I need to get it before I arrive or on arrival? How long does the visa last? How do I extend the visa? And on and on and on. That, and visas are not free nor cheap (typically)!

2. On-the-go all the time

Because of visa reasons and also just wanting to go to somewhere new all the time, I'm constantly on the move. It gets exhausting to unpack and repack on the regular. Since being home, I've loved being able to unpack all of my things and leave them there- for months on end!

3. Money conversion

I am seriously loving being able to just "talk dollars" and we're all on the same page. I never have to do extra math (which is not my strong suit, let me tell you) or guess to which denomination people are referring in casual conversations.

4. Language barrier

This one is a bit self-explanatory and obvious. I love being able to talk to nearly anyone and everyone fluently in my own language and they understand! And can assist me when I need assistance! Granted, I enjoy learning new languages and even just phrases in other languages. However, it can get exhausting when I need help, but can't get it because the people who are helping me don't speak English and I don't speak their language (which is my fault, as I'm in there country, but still!).

5. Fleeting Connections

One huge advantage of traveling is the meeting of new people from places near and far. Due to my traveling, I have friends all over the world and that is a special treat that I'm truly thankful for. However, one issue with that is that most people I meet when traveling will be gone the next day, so it can be extremely difficult to make a genuine and withstanding connection with someone. That alone can get exhausting- and lonely.



I genuinely can't wait to return "to the world," so to speak, but for now, I'm truly enjoying not missing these top 5 least-favorite aspects of the traveling life!

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The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) Sunday the 20th presented me with a unique problem. Stay home because I was feeling crappy or go out for probably the last time before winter sets in for real. Yep, I went out...to THE DISTILLERY in Bethel. THE JOHNNY JULES BAND was scheduled rather last minute because I'm sure everyone was thinking like I was.



It was bright and sunny but not nearly as warm as it had been. All but one table was filled when I arrived and that didn't surprise me at all. This band's appeal just keeps growing. And it may seem to all of you, dear readers, that I follow them more than any other band. This summer, in this area, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND

was BOOKED more into venues that I felt safe attending.

They were the first live music to appear back in June. So, I thought, ending this season by seeing them again would be fitting...like bookends. Their brand of country/bluesy/blue grassy tunes spanning the decades is unique as one New Yorker, up here hiding from the virus put it. "You just don't find this anymore." BOBBY D is a master on the Dobro, which is an instrument most have never heard of, let alone seen played. DAVE D'ARCY has an easy style with the bass and a singing voice that tucks in that country style so well that it's a bit of a shock to hear that sophisticated British accent in his speaking voice. PAUL STARK with his mandolin and fiddle, adds another whole new dimension of sweetness on top of this tight group. And JOHNNY, well Johnny is the consummate professional which makes venue owners and audiences comfortable.



And then there's THIS LAST weekend..... but you'll have to wait until next week for that.

Perhaps it's a good thing that live music and their venues are winding down...not for either the musicians or the rooms for sure but as I'm watching the number of new cases tick up slowly, I won't be going out much now, if at all, even if the weather turns gorgeous again. I'm grateful for this summer and grateful for the venues and people that adhered to the rules. And grateful for the ability to share my experiences with you.

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The auction closes on October 12, and payment is due by Wednesday, October 14 at 1 p.m. All lots are subject to seller approval. Invoices will be sent following approval of sale. Pickup will be by appointment only on October 15 and 16 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. All pickups must be completed by Friday, October 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Letter To the Editor:

What do you think will happen when the Care Center and/or CHHA is leased to another agency?

In Sullivan County news, the Chairman of the Legislature, Mr. Robert A. Doherty, has taken to publishing his very own monthly newsletter, which is on Facebook via Sullivan County, NY Government. This publication is a crude display of smug self-aggrandizement. In this month's edition, he congratulates himself on the transfer of the Care Center (county's nursing home) and the County's Certified Home Health Care Agency (CHHA) from the ownership of the county to an five member Board, which he plans to use to lease these entities.

Why does Mr. Doherty think this is such a swell idea, to out-source two of the county's best health institutions? Basically, his agenda is to systematically dismantle any social or health services that aren't mandated, because they "burden the taxpayer." In reality, his project will have very little impact on our taxes, as the county will still bear the burden for the poor health of vulnerable residents. He also claims that putting the nursing home and CHHA under new management will not affect the quality of services or put county employees out of work. Meanwhile, Doherty's unabashedly partisan attacks on the Department of Public Health and the County's nursing home deplete our resources to deal with the pandemic while the other 8 legislators dazedly follow his lead, voting 8 to 1 to allow this transfer with a half-baked resolution that they had only barely had time to read and which hadn't been passed through any committees or ever seen by the Director of Public Health. Apparently, Mr. Doherty feels confident to gag and intimidate even seasoned employees whose education and expertise far exceed his own. These are scary times, when it's a given that an incompetent oaf can lead the government with impunity, but maybe the Sullivan County Legislators need to wake the hell up and do their jobs to keep the few health resources and experts which the county has built up, painfully, over many years, to protect their vulnerable residents.

For a county which has long scored only above the Bronx in the County Health Rankings, the CHHA is a vital tool for the public's health. Public Health Nurses and staff from the CHHA provide home based nursing care, physical and occupational therapy. As a nurse, I visited babies and moms with HIV, patients who has been discharged from the hospital in a cab and were too weak to get up their stairs or to their toilets, patients living in cars and homes with dirt floors, patients with drains, IVs and open wounds, held the hands of dying children, cleaned and bandaged countless sores, and gave immunizations to long lines of people. Each Public Health employee represents years of training and education to enable them to perform a very difficult job. During COVID, and for the last 50 or so years, they've been our heroes and protectors. The CHHA is the only health care agency that serves all residents in all areas of the county regardless of ability to pay. I can't imagine why anybody would think that 2020 is a good time to drop kick one of the County's most venerable institutions.

What do you think will happen when the Care Center and/or CHHA is leased to another agency? Well, let's use what happened to the County's CASA program as an example, of which management was transferred to DRC of Orange/Ulster/Sullivan. There are now basically no CASA

(Court Appointed Special Advocates) for foster children in our county. Imagine if this was your own child, living with strangers, deprived of such an important service. In home care, private agencies "cherry pick" their clients, providing services for those with the highest reimbursement. For one example, that will certainly not include staff traveling to places like Long Eddy or Narrowsburg to provide care.

For Robert A. Doherty, it's just one social service less to tick off his trash list. For Sullivan County's vulnerable residents (and remember, folks, we all get older and we all get sick) it could mean the difference between healing in the safety of your home or multiple hospital admissions, loss of independence and an earlier death.

Lise Kennedy, RN, BSN, MS
Neversink, NY

UC Executive Op-Ed: "HealthAlliance Must Return Vital Mental-Health Services to Ulster County"

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Today, Hudson Valley One published an op-ed by County Executive Pat Ryan calling for HealthAlliance to return vital mental-health services to Ulster County. In May, County Executive Pat Ryan sent a letter to Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth) / HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley in response to concerns regarding the removal of sixty behavioral health beds in Ulster County.

Full text of the op-ed is available below:

As the nation continues to grapple with the far-reaching effects of coronavirus, I am continually inspired by the strength and resilience of our Ulster County community in responding to this crisis. Our heroic healthcare professionals - nurses, doctors, first responders - continue to provide life-saving care to those fighting the virus, standing up medical treatment sites, and much more. Their selfless efforts have put themselves at great personal risk as they deliver compassionate and professional care to our residents since the very first case of Covid-19 appeared in our region.

However, as the pandemic has continued and pressure has grown on everyone across our community, we've also seen an alarming spike in mental-health and substance-abuse issues. We cannot allow the Covid pandemic to detract from our efforts to address the equally critical opioid and mental-health crises impacting our county. Now more than ever, we must bolster our behavioral health services and resources. That is why I am calling on HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley to fully and immediately reactivate the inpatient behavioral health beds that they closed earlier this year.

In late 2019, we ceremoniously broke ground on a \$92.9-million retrofit of HealthAlliance's Mary's Avenue campus, primarily funded by New York State, and celebrated a future vision of a new world-class health center that will serve Ulster County and the wider region. A key part of that vision was HealthAlliance's explicit commitment to offering behavioral health services in the new facility.

Since then, the Covid-19 pandemic has upended lives and best-laid plans. In early April, HealthAlliance shut down 40 inpatient mental health beds and 20 beds dedicated to chemical dependency and detoxification to make room for a potential regional Covid-19 specialized care center. (Contd. Pg. 17)

UC Executive Op-Ed: “HealthAlliance Must Return Vital Mental-Health Services to Ulster County”

(From Pg. 14) We were assured at the time that this would be a temporary move and that there was a well-conceived plan to ensure our community continued to receive vital behavioral-health services.

Six months later, it's clear that both of those promises have been broken. My office has received dozens of calls from families who are confused, angry, and not able to get the care they need for their loved ones. Longtime nurses and staff have been laid off or forced to work in far-flung locations. And, most disturbingly, HealthAlliance has now made clear that they have no intention of returning any of these inpatient beds.

I warned several months ago in a letter to Michael Israel, CEO of the Westchester Medical Center system, that the loss of these critical behavioral health services in Ulster County would prove “utterly devastating to our community.” Tragically, these fears have proven true. In the last six months, we've seen fatalities due to any substance use (including opioids) is up 91 percent in the period January to August 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 (22 in 2019, 42 in 2020). Additionally, since March to July there has been a doubling in suicide deaths (eight in 2019 compared to 16 in 2020).

Permanently closing these inpatient beds, especially in the middle of a surging opioid and mental-health crisis precipitated by a once-in-a-century pandemic, is completely unacceptable and will only compound the tragic surge we're already experiencing. This destructive move comes after HealthAlliance received over \$90 million in taxpayer-funded support.

I fervently reject the removal of these services and am calling on HealthAlliance to act quickly to honor its commitment to ensuring our community's health and safety and bring back these services immediately. As we continue to see a dramatic rise in mental-health issues and substance abuse as a result of the pandemic, now more than ever we must guarantee that all residents have ample access to vital local services and come together to ensure our community is receiving the support it desperately needs and deserves.

Sen. Metzger Announces \$200K in State and Municipal Aid Grant for Monticello Community Hub

Village of Monticello, NY...State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) today announced \$200,000 in State and Municipal Facilities Capital grant funding for technology and building improvements at the Monticello Central School District's "Community Hub," located in the building of the former St. John Street School. Senator Metzger made the announcement outside the hub on the front steps this morning, together with Monticello Central School District Superintendent Dr. Matthew Evans, Monticello Board of Education President Lori Orestano-James, newly elected Village of Monticello Mayor George Nikolados, Program Manager of St. John Street Education Center Marty Colavito, and Nicole Slevin from Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, among others.

The Community Hub opened its doors in the Fall on 2019 at the site of the former school, thanks to support from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Assemblymember Aileen Gunther, the school district, and other partner organizations. The idea is to provide a multigenerational community center, offering programs, services, and recreational and learning opportunities to students, families, and seniors. Daily activities at the Hub have been temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, and the school district and its partners are utilizing this time for planning and building improvements.

Senator Jen Metzger said, "Our kids face many challenges, and if we want to truly give them the opportunities they need to succeed, we have to think about education differently and the kinds of resources we need to make available to students and their families. This is precisely what the Monticello Central School District and community partners are doing through the Monticello Community Hub, and I am thrilled to be able to secure funding for this inspiring project. The idea is to provide a safe space for socializing, recreation, learning new skills, and being creative, and if I had a resource like it as a kid, I would have been there every day."

Monticello Superintendent Dr. Matthew T. Evans said, "This funding will allow us to improve the Hub's technological capabilities through infrastructure upgrades and increasing the number of available devices. It will also fund the beginning of the structural updates that will enable us to move closer to our ultimate goal of creating a true multi-generational community center that provides resources, activities, medical care and opportunities for all of Monticello's residents. We are fortunate to be surrounded by local leaders, organizations and agencies who share our belief that by strengthening our community, we strengthen our students' potential for success in the future. I am grateful for Senator Metzger's advocacy to secure these funds for our community and excited to work in partnership with these wonderful organizations as we weave a tapestry of resources, services and opportunities to build a brighter future for our community."

CCE Sullivan Executive Director Colleen Monaghan said, "Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County was proud to stand with our partners at the Monticello Central School District (MCSD), Village of Monticello Mayor George Nikolados, and NYS Senator Jen Metzger, who presented \$200,000 in SAM grant funding for the St. John Street School Community Hub. The grant will enhance this space for the positive youth and family development programs that CCE worked in partnership to start. We're eagerly awaiting the post-pandemic reopening when conditions are safe again."

Monticello Board of Education President Lori Orestano-James said, "We're blessed to have this available space that we can use to serve all of the residents of the Monticello Central School District - whether they are infants or senior citizens; whether they live in Bethel, Wurtsboro or anywhere in between. Senator Metzger has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Hub from its inception, and I'm so very grateful for her work in securing the funding that will take us to the next step in this journey to revitalizing this building and providing much-needed services to our community."

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

District Openings
Tri-Valley Central School

School Monitor

Leave Replacement
Guidance Counselor

Timeframe: 10/1/20 – 1/4/21
NYS Certification Required

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by Oct 9th
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbooces.org
Attr: Guidance or Monitor Search EOE

9/24; 10/1; 10/8

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

The Neversink Town Hall, Daniel Pierce Library, and Tri-Valley School are closed, where these services are normally provided. The Catskill Hudson Bank is open but doing business behind locked doors due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

This free community service is to assist older townfolk 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

Galligan Announces Arrest in Forestburgh Homicide Investigation

Sullivan County's Acting District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced that an arrest has been made in connection with the investigation into a September 16, 2020, homicide in the Town of Forestburgh.

Thomas Montanya, 84, of Forestburgh, was arrested late Tuesday, September 22, 2020, and charged with Murder in the Second Degree, a class A felony. The charge alleges that, on September 16, 2020, at a location on Cold Spring Road in the Town of Forestburgh, Montanya deliberately and intentionally fired shots from a double barrel shotgun at the vic-



tim, who lived with him in the residence, striking her twice in the torso, causing her death.

Galligan said that the investigation commenced following a vehicle crash in Orange County. Village and Town of Montgomery police responded, and asked the Sheriff's Office to notify occupants of the Cold Spring Road residence that Montanya was transported to an area hospital. A Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputy responded to the residence and observed a broken front window and the victim, Helen Dutcher, 74, of Forestburgh, lying on the floor inside.

Emergency responders immediately attempted to render aid to the victim, who succumbed to her injuries. The Sheriff's Office, New York State Police and District Attorney's Office immediately commenced an investigation.

Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff said, "I just want to thank everyone for their hard work on this investigation, including the Village and Town of Montgomery Police Departments, New York State Police and members of my Office. I'd like to thank Acting DA Galligan and her staff for being on site, preparing warrants and participating in every stage of this investigation."

Galligan appeared before the Sullivan County Court last night at approximately 10 PM for Montanya's arraignment, whereupon he was remanded to the Sullivan County Jail without bail pending further court appearances. Galligan said, "Helen should still be here with her family. She, like each of us, had the right to be and feel safe at home. The facts developed during the course of this investigation were the result of the commitment of all of the police agencies involved to justice for Helen and peace for her family."

The filing of a charge is merely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Funding Will Help Ensure Farmers and Ranchers Have Access To Affordable Mental Health and Stress Assistance Close to Home

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, today announced \$7,164,124 million in federal funding to provide New York's agricultural producers with local and affordable mental health and stress assistance. The Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) was created to connect farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers in order to build a network of support and improve behavioral health awareness, stress-related mental health, and healthier outcomes for workers and their families.

"In good times, New York farmers are some of the best in the world and work long hours on tight margins, but in the midst of a global pandemic, they are more isolated than ever, losing revenue streams, suffering huge financial losses and sometimes being forced to discard their products," said Senator Charles Schumer. "Farmers face a number of unique circumstances that can negatively influence mental health, including, for some, a constant fear of losing their farm. These stressors, which can be exacerbated by stigma, have manifested in declining mental health in our rural communities. We need better mental health care and stress assistance for our hard-working farmers, and I'm proud to deliver funding that addresses this need."

"Before the COVID-19 outbreak, New York's farmers and ranchers were already struggling to sustain themselves in the face of financial distress and declining rural mental health. The pandemic has only increased stress on our agricultural producers who now deal with increased isolation, volatile weather and unstable milk prices, and unprecedented economic pressure," said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand "This funding will help end the stigma around mental health and provide New York's rural farming community access to affordable mental health and stress assistance. Now more than ever we must help one another to get by, and I will continue fighting for these vital resources our farmers need to thrive."

This funding was awarded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) program

Grant Recipient: National Young Farmers Coalition Hudson \$7,164,124

Two Largest State and Local Government Worker Unions, CSEA and PEF, Endorse Senator Jen Metzger's Re-election Campaign

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...This week, Senator Jen Metzger announced endorsements of her re-election by the two largest unions representing state and local government workers, the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) and Public Employees Federation (PEF). During her first term in office, Senator Metzger has worked closely with both unions on important local issues, including working to prevent state budget cuts in 2019 to Orange County's Valley View Center and other nursing homes in the state, and successfully defeating an effort of the Governor in the 2020 budget to merge the N.Y. Bridge Authority merger with the N.Y. Thruway Authority. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Metzger has been in communication with PEF and CSEA employees across the district, and has been advocating on their behalf for measures to protect the health and safety of these frontline workers.

"I am honored to receive the endorsements of CSEA and PEF, which represent thousands of workers across my district," said Senator Metzger. "I have been proud to stand with them in important fights during my first term in office, and I'm deeply appreciative of the vital work of their members in delivering essential programs and services to our communities. I look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of our public sector workers and our communities."

In the 2018 election, CSEA endorsed Senator Metzger's opponent, Republican Annie Rabbit.

"Senator Metzger has had a very productive and impressive first term in office, and her background as a town council member allows her to be knowledgeable on both state and local government issues," said Anthony Adamo, CSEA Southern Region President. "I'm proud of the relationship we have forged with Jen over the past two years, and look forward to a continued relationship to benefit the hard working men and women of CSEA and middle class families across New York."

"The 52,000 members of the NYS Public Employees Federation are proud to stand by Senator Jen Metzger for re-election to the NY Senate's 42nd district because she supports the needs of working families and the public programs and services that support them in their everyday lives," said NYS PEF President Wayne Spence.

Mike Martucci Backed by Sullivan County Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputies Latest to Cite Senator Metzger's Reckless Bail Elimination Law as Reason to Send Mike Martucci to Albany

Goshen, NY (September 24, 2020) - New York State Senate candidate for the 42nd District Mike Martucci today announced that the union representing the Sullivan County Patrol

Deputies has endorsed his candidacy to unseat radical leftist Senator Metzger whose failed and dangerous bail elimination law has allowed cities to burn and left a wake of victims and destruction in its path.

The endorsement letter stated, "New York state's ill-conceived and disastrous bail reform legislation has put the well-being and safety of all New Yorkers at risk. Your stance on bail reform makes us confident in your abilities to advocate for and properly represent all the law-abiding citizens of our great county."

Martucci remarked, "While radical leftists like Senator Metzger and Mayor de Blasio do their best to downplay the violence sparked by bail elimination, the women and men who are on the front lines see it for what it is - a gift to criminals, and they are refusing to remain silent. I am honored that law enforcement associations throughout the district, and across the state, are supporting my efforts to restore sanity to Albany, and safety to our communities. It's time to put families, not criminals, first."

The Sullivan County Patrolmen's Benevolent Association joins a growing chorus of support for the Martucci candidacy. The campaign has picked up endorsements from public officials, unions, law enforcement and business organizations. All endorsements can be found at Martucci4Senate.com.

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As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again open, 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
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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
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Thrift Sale
9am-12 noon
Luncheon
11 am - 12:30 pm
To be Announced



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



Sundown United Methodist Church
Peakamoose 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

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Rte. 55, Grahamsville
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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.
845-985-2283 • e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Worship Service 9:30 am
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

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Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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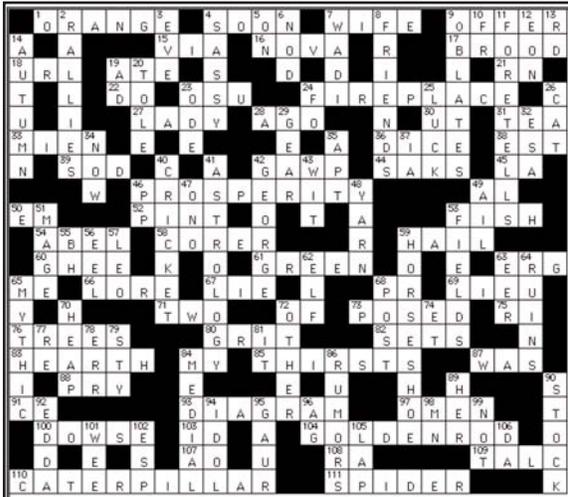
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 Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immacu-late Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for fam-
 ily 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! Cancelled until further notice

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

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
 answer

6	3	4	7	8	9	5	2	1
1	7	8	2	6	5	3	4	9
9	2	5	3	4	1	6	8	7
4	9	6	1	2	8	7	5	3
8	1	7	6	5	3	4	9	2
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3	8	2	5	1	6	9	7	4
5	4	9	8	3	7	2	1	6
7	6	1	4	9	2	8	3	5

Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor, Inc. to Holst Leberkaese Lunch Take-out

When: Pre- orders by Monday, September 28 requested

Pick up: Sunday, October 4, noon to 2 pm (masks required)

Where: Kingston Maennerchor Hall, 37 Greenkill Avenue, Kingston

Menu: *Leberkaese, potato salad, rolls and dessert @ \$12.00

To order: Call Alina @ 845- 339-5969 or Hildegard @ 845- 757- 5135

Walk-ins welcome until food runs out.

(*Leberkaese - almost sounds like lay- bah-ka- zuh)

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Second NYSARA Zoom Town Hall

Wednesday October 7, 2020 Noon to 1:00 pm

Sign up Deadline Approaching

The second NYSARA Zoom town hall will be held on Wednesday October 7, 2020 from Noon to 1:00 pm. This town hall will be highlighted by Director of the NYS Office for the Aging Greg Olsen (confirmed) who will talk about his office and what older adults can expect from the office and its satellite County offices. We will welcome John Conklin (confirmed) from the NYS Board of Elections who will review and answer questions about the voting procedures and policies in place in New York State to insure you're right to vote is sacrosanct and safe and accurate.

We will then wrap up the zoom meeting with a question and answer system on current senior issues moderated by NYSARA President Barry Kaufmann.

To join this zoom town hall please e mail your request to be included in the town hall to President Barry Kaufmann at president@newyorkstateara.org by October 5th. You will then receive the log in information and password to access the zoom meeting.

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Monday - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



RETURNING ITEMS

We ask that all items be returned through the book drop only for the safety of our staff. Upon return items will sit in "quarantine" for four (4) days. You will not accrue any fines during that time. After quarantine we will check the books back in and they will be removed from your account. We appreciate your patience with this new procedure.



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Occupancy in the building will be limited to maintain social distancing. Please follow signs and designated floor markings. During this time we are open for limited browsing, copying, printing, and limited computer usage. If you need WiFi our patio is available to you at all times. We ask that you bring a mask and maintain proper social distancing from other patrons.



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Computers have been spaced six (6) feet apart on the adult circulation floor and will be the only computers available at this time. Computers will be sanitized between each use. Please call to make an appointment as we have only a limited number of computers available.



CONTINUED VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

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Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing you again!



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Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

10/13/2020 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
10/21/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

Time and the Valleys Museum Grahamsville NY Opening Sundays Through October
<http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org>.

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 Volunteer Fire Department
Seeking Help to
Celebrate 65th Anniversary**

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.

Please contact Jean Keesler at jkeesler1@yahoo.com or call 845-985-7479.

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.

**Time and the Valleys Museum
Opening Sundays Through October!**

After being closed for COVID, the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, will open to the public on Sunday, September 20th. The Museum will be open Sundays only, noon to 4 p.m., through October.

Pleased to open for the first time in 2020, the Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks at all times, using hand sanitizer frequently and thoroughly cleaning all touched surfaces several times a day. Visitors to the Museum and 1930s Lost Catskill Farm must wear masks, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout their visit.

Exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.
- o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit <http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org>.



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- French Toast
- Sausage
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Sunday, October 18

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take out is available! (845-985-7270)

**** We will be following the CDC guidelines for Covid-19! Please remember that we will be doing everything possible to keep all of our members and customers safe and healthy!****

Pandemic Has Increased Demand For E-Rate Program, Which Is An Important Source Of Funding Connecting New York's Schools, Libraries, And Vulnerable Students To The Internet

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to immediately fund the E-Rate program to provide improved internet connectivity for students at home. Studies show the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated the "homework gap" experienced by an estimated 16 million students, who lack reliable internet access at home. These students are disproportionately from low-income households, rural areas and communities of color.

The FCC has authority and available funding under the E-Rate program to help these students access reliable internet at home - especially at a time when most students continue with online learning due to coronavirus. However, the FCC has so far failed to provide adequate and necessary relief, leaving millions of children at risk of falling behind in their studies. In a letter to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, Schumer, Gillibrand, and their colleagues called on the FCC to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus on New York's most vulnerable families and provide internet connectivity and devices for children in need.

"The coronavirus public health crisis had compelled countless students and families to do remote learning and has exposed a yawning digital gap in communities across New York," said Senator Schumer. "The bottom line is that too many of our students and families are suffering from poor Internet connectivity at just the time when they need it to be fast and reliable. The FCC has the funding available, via the E-Rate Program, to attack this problem and improve connectivity for students and parents and they must do so ASAP.

"The E-Rate program is needed now more than ever, as students are forced to continue their education from home. Yet millions across the country lack reliable internet access and the FCC has failed to provide adequate funding for the program, putting already underserved students even further behind," said Senator Gillibrand. "We must fight to close the pervasive digital gap in our country so that every student - no matter their socioeconomic status or zip code - can receive a quality education. This crisis has exacerbated the need for reliable internet access and I will continue to work with my colleagues to deliver funding to keep New Yorkers connected."

Schumer and Gillibrand previously cosponsored the Senate's Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020, which would provide \$4 billion in funding to ensure that all K-12 students have adequate home internet connectivity in order to continue their education during the coronavirus pandemic. The senators are calling for the legislation in the next coronavirus relief package.

UC Legislature Weekly Update

For The Week Of September 28 - October 2, 2020

Monday, September 28

o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public attendance by phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 944 7013 9650

Tuesday, September 29

o 4:00 PM - Ulster County Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Register in advance for this meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvd-6rqD4qGdwYh4wmtL9t4nvNUiCePRWZ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvd-6rqD4qGdwYh4wmtL9t4nvNUiCePRWZ)

o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 889 3665 2678, By phone (646) 558-8656

o 6:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public attendance by phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 968 2584 0127

Wednesday, September 30

o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Finance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB. Live Stream available via <https://www.ulstercountyida.com/>, Public Comment accepted in writing to info@ulstercountyida.com

o 10:00 AM (or immediately following UC IDA Finance Committee) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Finance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB. Live Stream available via <https://www.ulstercountyida.com/>, Public Comment accepted in writing to info@ulstercountyida.com

o 10:00 AM - Ulster County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Clarify Budget Modification After Adoption Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 915 5519 0959

o 10:15 AM - Ulster County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2020 A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 10 of 2015, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), Pertaining To Change Orders And/Or Amendments To Contracts Equal To Or Exceeding \$50,000.00 Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 915 5519 0959

o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Password: 278571, Dial In (929) 205-6099

Thursday, October 1

o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 301 339 6875, By Phone (929) 205-6099

o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Public Hearing: Kingstonian Development, LLC Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, October 2

o No Meetings

Regards,

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

DEC Announces Bowhunting Seasons for Deer and Bear • Youth Big Game Hunt Scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that bowhunting seasons for deer and bear begin in the Northern Zone on Sept. 27, and in the Southern Zone on Oct. 1. Hunters are also reminded to apply for Deer Management Permits by next week's Oct. 1, 2020, deadline.

"New York's skilled bowhunters can find great opportunities for big game in forests and fields throughout the state," Commissioner Seggos said. "With mild weather and longer days, the early bow season is the perfect time to be in the woods and an opportunity to introduce new hunters to deer and bear hunting. Be sure to continue following precautions to keep you and others safe when afield this hunting season."

Deer Management Permit Application Deadline is Oct. 1

The deadline to apply for deer management permits (DMPs/antlerless tags) is fast approaching. Hunters must apply for DMPs by Oct. 1, and should know the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) they intend to hunt and review their chances of selection before applying. The application fee for DMPs is \$10. The fee is waived for junior hunters and Lifetime License holders who purchased a Lifetime (Sportsman) License prior to Oct. 1, 2009. Hunters who have purchased a hunting license are eligible to apply for up to two DMPs that may be used to harvest antlerless deer from a specified WMU. Antlerless deer harvest is crucial in helping to balance the deer herd with available habitat.

Hunters who still need to purchase their license and permits for the 2020-21 seasons can do so at any one of DEC's 1,200 license issuing outlets, by phone at 1-86-NY-DECALS (866-933-2257), or online through our DECALS website.

Youth Big Game Hunt

New York's annual Youth Big Game Hunt is scheduled for Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10-12, 2020. During this special opportunity, licensed 14- and 15-year-olds may use a firearm to hunt big game while accompanied by an experienced, licensed adult hunter. All eligible junior hunters may take one deer (either sex) and one bear. During the youth hunt, antlerless deer taken with a firearm may be tagged with a regular season tag, DMP, or Deer Management Assistance Program tag. Antlered deer may only be tagged with the regular season tag. Though junior hunters may have multiple deer tags, they may only take one deer with a firearm during the Youth Big Game Hunt.

The Youth Big Game Hunt takes place throughout the state, except in Suffolk County and in bowhunting-only areas. Additional rules that apply to junior hunters and their adult mentors are noted on pages 36 and 37 of the Hunting & Trapping Guide or through the Junior Hunter Mentoring Program.

Take it, Tag it, Report it!

DEC reminds hunters of the importance of reporting their harvest. Harvest reporting is critical to wildlife management, and hunters are required by law to report their harvest of deer, bear, and turkey within seven days of taking the animal. You can report your harvest online through our DECALS website or by phone at 866-426-3778. You may also report via DEC's HuntFishNY mobile app. Through this mobile app, hunters, anglers, and trappers can access an electronic version of their licenses and privileges, and report the harvest of deer, bear, and turkey immediately while afield on their mobile device. New users of the HuntFishNY App need to download the newest version and use the new login created through the new DECALS licensing system. While hunters may still use the phone report system, the online and mobile systems are faster, more convenient, and easier for hunters to accurately enter information.

Venison Donation Program

Hunters are reminded that they can help feed the hungry by making a monetary contribution to the Venison Donation Program at any

license-issuing outlet. License buyers should inform the sales agent if they are interested in donating \$1 or more to support the program. Since 1999, these funds have been used by the Venison Donation Coalition to process more than 6,700 tons of highly nutritious venison, the equivalent of 5.3 million meals served. Learn more about the Venison Donation Coalition program.

Stop the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is always fatal to deer. If introduced to New York, CWD could spread rapidly and is difficult to eliminate once established, threatening the future of New York's deer population, hunting tradition, and many of the other benefits associated with deer. The most effective strategy is to prevent CWD from entering New York. Hunters can help protect New York's deer herd from CWD by following these tips:

- o When hunting any type of deer, elk, moose, or caribou outside of New York, debone the harvested animal before bringing it back to the state. See CWD Regulations for Hunters. DEC will confiscate and destroy illegally imported carcasses and parts;
- o Do not use deer urine-based lures or attractant scents;
- o Dispose of carcass waste in a landfill, not on the landscape;
- o Report any deer that appears sick or acting abnormally; and
- o Hunt only wild deer and support fair chase hunting principles.

Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart

DEC believes every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable. Commissioner Seggos encourages hunters to Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart and to remember what they were taught in their DEC Hunter Education Course:

1. Point your gun in a safe direction.
2. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

DEC also encourages all hunters to wear blaze orange or blaze pink to make themselves more visible to other hunters. Hunters who wear blaze orange are seven times less likely to be shot. When hunting in tree stands, use a full-body harness and lifeline. Most tree stand accidents occur when hunters are climbing in and out of the stand, so use a harness and lifeline to stay connected from the time you leave the ground to the time you get back down. For more information about getting outdoors safely and responsibly during the State's response to COVID-19, visit DEC's Website.

DEC Announces Five-Year Partnership with NY Invasive Species Institute and Cornell University to Address Impacts of Invasive Species

— Agreement Targets Invasive

Species Research, Control, and Mitigation

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced new partnerships with the New York Invasive Species Research Institute (NYISRI) and Cornell University to develop and support projects and research to help limit the spread of invasive species. The announcement was made during New York's recognition of Climate Week 2020. Climate change facilitates the spread and establishment of many species and creates new opportunities for them to become invasive. In addition, invasive species can reduce the resilience of natural habitats, agricultural systems and urban areas to climate change. "New York State recognizes the challenges we face preventing the spread of invasive species, particularly in light of our changing climate, changing habitats, and changing ecosystems," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "With sustained support and investments through the Environmental Protection Fund, DEC's invasive species program continues to be a national leader, and the work of Cornell and the New York Invasive Species Institute bolster and complement New York's efforts to effectively manage invasive species." (Contd Pg. 29)

DEC Announces Five-Year Partnership with NY Invasive Species Institute and Cornell University to Address Impacts of Invasive Species

(From Pg. 28) Cornell University is the current host for the Invasive Species Research Institute. Nearly 50 scientific investigations about invasive species have been/are being conducted. Today's announcement sustains the State's ongoing collaboration with NYISRI to coordinate invasive species research and develop outreach efforts to conserve New York's hemlock resources in the face of multiple threats, particularly the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect.

Supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund with \$3.5 million, the NYISRI five-year term agreement includes \$2.5 million for invasive species projects; the agreement with Cornell University includes a two-year term with \$1 million to support the New York **Hemlock Initiative**.

The five-year project memorandum of understanding (MOU) will support key positions and services at NYISRI for focused work on identifying invasive species, education, outreach, and targeted control efforts. NYISRI performs many critical and innovative tasks in the field of invasive species research, including biological control of water chestnut (*Trapa natans*), swallow-wort (*Cynanchum* spp.), and Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria* spp.), as well as measuring success and associated metric development and coordinating invasive species research needs in New York State.

New York is home to vast stands of eastern hemlock trees (*Tsuga canadensis*). These trees are threatened by the introduction of the invasive insect HWA and other environmental stressors. HWA is now a serious threat to the survival of hemlock in eastern forests. Funded through the MOU, Cornell's New York Hemlock Initiative provides a critical service by developing methods to conserve hemlock, including the growth and release of several biological control agents and other fundamental survey, research, and trend analyses.

The Hemlock Initiative includes collaboration with professional land managers, state and federal agencies, government officials, and concerned citizens to understand the issues and strategies for minimizing the impact of forest insect pests and non-native invasive insects, such as HWA. Research is now underway on the forest stand dynamics of invasive non-native forest pest impacts and implementation of biological control strategies for HWA. This initiative involves the completion of a statewide prioritization of hemlock stands, establishment and maintenance of hemlock nursery stock to host biocontrol agents, and the rearing, release, and monitoring of non-native predatory insects into the environment to reduce the severity and extent of HWA infestations in New York State and reduce or prevent hemlock mortality.

Cornell University also houses the Sarkaria Arthropod Research Laboratory, a quarantine facility that provides research capacity for arthropods and experimentation on their biology and control. The facility houses exotic pest species and non-indigenous arthropods with the potential to serve as biological control agents of pests.

The outcomes of these projects inform activities undertaken by DEC, NYISRI, New York's eight Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs) and other partners.

Additional areas of focus include:

Water Chestnut Biological Control: Water chestnut, an aquatic invasive species, has had significant negative ecological and economic consequences. Conventional mechanical control of water chestnut is labor intensive and must be maintained in perpetuity. However, development of a biological control program offers hope for a cost-effective and ecologically sound alternative. Cornell University evaluated a potential biocontrol agent between 2002 and 2005. This contract will allow for the continuation of work initiated at Cornell University to test and implement a biocontrol program for water chestnut.

Swallow-wort Biological Control: Swallow-wort is an aggressive invasive perennial plant that forms dense patches in a variety of habitats and which may have negative impacts on monarch butterfly populations. Current practices to control invasive swallow-worts include the application of herbicides and mechanical removal. These practices can have negative side effects. The pilot biological control project was initiated in New York State 2018. Maintaining the established Swallow-wort Biocontrol Research Collaborative supports rearing and releases of an approved biocontrol agent for swallow-worts.

Japanese Knotweed Biological Control: Japanese knotweed is a perennial herb with shrub-like form grows 3-9' and threatens riparian corridors, fens, springs, ravines, forests, and streambanks. This five-year agreement will renew efforts to locate and test additional biocontrol agents for Japanese knotweed using demographic and phylogenetic approaches.

Dr. Bernd Blossey, Professor, Department of Natural Resources for NYISRI/Cornell University, said, "With the significant long-term funding provided by the DEC, we are enabled to continue important fundamental and applied work to help protect and restore New York's biodiversity and ecosystems in collaboration with other scientists and land managers across the state."

Entomologist Mark Whitmore of Cornell University said, "State support for the New York State Hemlock Initiative has been crucial for our ability to develop a network of cooperators and management strategies, including biological controls, in response to the threat to our hemlocks posed by HWA. The rapid and coordinated response by DEC and private conservation organizations with the recent discovery of HWA in the Lake George area is a prime example of how education and planning can help save the magnificent hemlock forests of New York."

For more information on invasive species, visit DEC's website.

Attorney General James Helps Recover \$60 Million from Company That Endangered Women's Health, Consumers Misled About Safety, Effectiveness, and Potential Risks of Transvaginal Mesh Devices

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James, as part of a coalition of 49 attorneys general from around the country, today announced a multistate agreement that requires C.R. Bard, Inc. and its parent company, Becton, Dickinson and Company, to pay \$60 million for the deceptive marketing of transvaginal surgical mesh devices that endangered the health of women across New York and the rest of the nation. A multistate investigation found that the companies violated state consumer protection laws by misrepresenting the safety and effectiveness of the devices and failing to sufficiently disclose risks associated with their use.

"We will continue to fight on behalf of women when companies prioritize profits over the health and safety of women," Attorney General James said. "While C. R. Bard was putting income before the health of customers in need of care, women were put in danger. My office will never waver in its efforts to hold companies accountable for risking the health of its consumers."

Transvaginal surgical mesh is a synthetic material that is surgically implanted through the vagina to support the pelvic organs of women who suffer from stress urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse.

The multistate investigation found that C. R. Bard misrepresented or failed to adequately disclose serious and life-altering risks of surgical mesh devices, such as chronic pain, scarring and shrinking of bodily tissue, painful sexual relations, and recurring infections, among other complications. Evidence shows that C. R. Bard was aware of the possibility for serious medical complications but did not provide sufficient warnings to consumers or surgeons who implanted the devices. (Contd. Pg. 30)

Attorney General James Helps Recover \$60 Million from Company That Endangered Women's Health • Consumers Misled About Safety, Effectiveness, and Potential Risks of Transvaginal Mesh Devices

(From Pg. 29) Under today's agreement, C. R. Bard and its parent company have agreed to pay \$60 million to the 48 participating states and the District of Columbia. New York state will receive \$2,160,246. Although C.R. Bard stopped selling transvaginal mesh devices, the agreement lays out injunctive relief, requiring both C.R. Bard and Becton, Dickinson and Company to adhere to certain injunctive terms if they reenter the transvaginal mesh market.

Under the terms of the agreement, the companies must:

- o Provide patients with understandable descriptions of complications in marketing materials.
- o Include a list of certain complications in all marketing materials that address complications.
- o Disclose complications related to the use of mesh in any training provided that includes risk information.
- o Disclose sponsorship in clinical studies, clinical data, or pre-clinical data for publication.
- o Refrain from citing to any clinical study, clinical data, or pre-clinical data regarding mesh for which the company has not complied with the disclosure requirements.
- o Require consultants to agree to disclose - in any public presentation or submission for publication - Bard's sponsorship of the contracted for activity.
- o Register all Bard-sponsored clinical studies regarding mesh on ClinicalTrials.gov.
- o Train independent contractors, agents, and employees who sell, market, or promote mesh about their obligations to report all patient complaints and adverse events to the company.
- o Ensure that its practices regarding the reporting of patient complaints are consistent with Food and Drug Administration requirements.

Joining Attorney General James in filing today's multistate agreement are the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

Today's agreement follows an earlier, similar agreement from October 2019 with Johnson & Johnson, and its subsidiary, Ethicon, Inc., concerning their deceptive marketing of transvaginal surgical mesh devices.

US Dept of Labor Revises Regulations to Clarify Paid Leave Requirements Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) today posted revisions to regulations that implemented the paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The revisions made by the new rule clarify workers' rights and employers' responsibilities under the FFCRA's paid leave provisions, in light of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in an Aug. 3, 2020, decision that found portions of the regulations invalid. The revisions do the following:

- o Reaffirm and provide additional explanation for the requirement that employees may take FFCRA leave only if work would otherwise be available to them.
- o Reaffirm and provide additional explanation for the requirement that an employee have employer approval to take FFCRA leave intermittently.
- o Revise the definition of "healthcare provider" to include only employees who meet the definition of that term under the Family and Medical Leave Act regulations or who are employed to provide diagnostic services, preventative services, treatment services or other services that are integrated with and necessary to the provision of patient care which, if not provided, would adversely impact patient care.
- o Clarify that employees must provide required documentation supporting their need for FFCRA leave to their employers as soon as practicable.
- o Correct an inconsistency regarding when employees may be required to provide notice of a need to take expanded family and medical leave to their employers.

"As the economy continues to rebound, more businesses return to full capacity, and schools reopen, the need for clarity regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act paid leave provisions may be greater than ever," said Wage and Hour Administrator Cheryl Stanton. "Today's updates respond to this evolving situation and address some of the challenges the American workforce faces. Our continuing robust response to this pandemic balances support for workers and employers alike, and remains our priority."

The Department issued its initial temporary rule implementing provisions under the FFCRA on April 1, 2020. Read the revisions to that temporary rule, which will become effective Sept. 16, 2020 in the Federal Register.

The FFCRA helps the U.S. combat and defeat the workplace effects of the coronavirus by giving tax credits to American businesses with fewer than 500 employees to provide employees with paid leave for certain reasons related to the coronavirus. Please visit WHD's "Quick Benefits Tips" for information about how much leave workers may qualify to use, and the wages employers must pay. The law enables employers to provide paid leave reimbursed by tax credits, while at the same time ensuring that workers are not forced to choose between their paychecks and the public health measures needed to combat the virus.

WHD continues to provide updated information on its website and through extensive outreach efforts to ensure that workers and employers have the information they need about the benefits and protections of the FFCRA. The agency also provides additional information on common issues employers and employees face when responding to the coronavirus and its effects on wages and hours worked under the Fair Labor Standards Act and on job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>.

WHD's mission is to promote and achieve compliance with labor standards to protect and enhance the welfare of the nation's workforce. WHD enforces federal minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor requirements of the FLSA. WHD also enforces the paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave requirements of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, the Employee Polygraph Protection Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, wage garnishment provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act, and a number of employment standards and worker protections as provided in several immigration related statutes. Additionally, WHD administers and enforces the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis Bacon Act and the Service Contract Act and other statutes applicable to Federal contracts for construction and for the provision of goods and services.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

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**THIS WEEK WE HONOR
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NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS

(comedy,1958)



No Time for Sergeants is a "Comedy military movie" that was released in 1958 and has a run time of 1 hr 59 min. The film has received poor reviews from critics and viewers, who have given it an IMDb score of 7.6. *No Time for Sergeants* is available to watch and stream. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy. Starring Andy Griffith and featuring Myron McCormick, Don Knotts and most of the original Broadway cast. Warner Bros. contract player Nick Adams joined the cast as Stockdale's fellow military



draftee Benjamin B. Whitledge, as did Murray Hamilton as Irving S. Blanchard. The film is based on a play by Ira Levin inspired by the original novel.

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ANDY GRIFFITH IN
A FACE IN THE CROWD**
(Drama 1957)



Director Elia Kazan's satirical and powerful socio-political drama that illustrated how a jailed, down-home country boy in the late 1950s could be transformed overnight into a media celebrity on the radio, later to become a mean-spirited, opportunistic political demagogue and megalomaniac. By his own decisions, he is well on the road to the ugliness of his soul as a pop TV show icon. It is a story that concerns a fictional Arkansas native. Its opening scenes were set in northeast Arkansas and it was filmed on location in Piggott (Clay County) using local residents as extras.



The film marked the screen debut of Andy Griffith and Lee Remick, along with Patricia Neal and Walter Matthau. It was Tony Franciosa's first major role.

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Hey guys, I predict this will be a new cult classic.



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A June 27, 1997 film. Directed by John Woo. Starring John Travolta, Nicolas Cage, Joan Allen, and Alessandro Nivola. In order to foil a terrorist plot, an FBI agent undergoes facial transplant surgery and assumes the identity of a criminal mastermind who murdered his only son. The plan turns sour when the criminal wakes up prematurely and seeks revenge.

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