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Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Welcomes New Members to the District

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) is proud to welcome eight new professionals to our district this year! On Thursday, August 20, 2020, members of the TVTA put on their annual luncheon for the new teachers of the Tri-Valley District.

The event began with a delicious lunch provided by our TVTA. The administration and some Board of Education members also joined us for lunch. Following the meal, the new staff members were informed about the many aspects of the Association—who we are, what we do, and how they can become a part of it. Each new member also received a gift bag of goodies to welcome them to the Tri-Valley Family.

Special thanks to the Daniel Pierce Library for providing their beautiful facility, Sammy Brown's for making the tasty wraps, and TVTA member Tanya Huggler for making the binders, gift bags, and table settings.

Without further ado, meet our eight new members!



The first new member of the T-VTA is certainly not new to Tri-Valley! **Donna Brooks** worked as an aide in our Life Skills class and has also coached our cross-country athletes. She will now be a Teaching Assistant in the T-V Elementary School. Before coming to Tri-Valley, Donna was a BOCES Adult Ed. Cooking Instructor and a Stained Glass Instructor. She may not be a T-V grad, but the rest of her family is! Her husband Mike graduated in '77, her daughter Teresa Burger in '05, and her daughter Rachel Brooks in '20. When not at school, Donna loves working in stained glass (for 30 years), gardening, canning, and collecting vintage Santa Claus items. Fun fact: She collects 4-leaf clovers. So far this year, she's already collected 1,434! That's a lot of good luck! Why did she become involved in the field of education? "To give children a new perspective on learning." Best wishes in your new position, Mrs. Brooks! We know you will continue to make us #TVproud!

for Sullivan County from 2013-2017 and NY Psychiatric Center from 2017-2020. She is married to Thomas and they have a son, Garrett. Outside of work, Jennifer likes spending time with family, fishing, and caring for her pets: Bella, Mims, Tubby, and Momma Kitty. She also loves to ride 4-wheelers with her son. Why did she become a social worker? "I have a passion for seeing others succeed

and helping them to feel successful in their life". We are so glad you have brought that passion to Tri-Valley, Ms. Diehl! We wish you all the best! Welcome to the Tri-Valley family!



We're not saying "Welcome!" to this next Tri-Valley teacher, but "Welcome back!" **Tyler Eckhoff** taught Social Studies at T-V from 2010-2015. He was also a great track and cross-country coach! We are thrilled that he is back as a 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher and the girls' indoor & outdoor track coach! In the five years he was gone, Tyler taught 6th and 7th grade Social Studies for Alexandria (VA) City Public Schools at the International Academy of Francis C. Hammond Middle School. He was also the cross-country and track coach at T.C. Williams H.S. Tyler holds a B.A. in History from St. Joseph's College and a Master's in Liberal Studies from Stonybrook. His interest include running, coffee, coaching, the NY Mets and the NY Jets (even though they make him sad). Interesting fact: He collects vinyl records and has an extensive collection. Why did he become a teacher? "I want to make a difference!" Well, Mr. Eckhoff, you certainly did that at Tri-Valley

before, and we know you will again! Welcome home to you (and Skylar)! #TVfamily (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He that believeth in me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters.
John 7:38

OBITUARY

Sue V. Houghtaling-Smith, of Delhi and formerly of Liberty, NY passed away on September 29, 2020 at Bassett Medical Center. She was 75.

Sue was born in Newburgh, NY on June 27, 1945 to Harold and Eleanor (VanBuren) Houghtaling. She worked in the field of Education as a teacher for many years. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Robert "Bob" Smith; her sister, Carol Brinkerhoff and her husband, Jim; her stepdaughter, Sara Smith; four step-grandchildren, Michael and Matthew Pelton, Steven VanDunk Jr., and Shilah Smith; her nieces, Zoe Wells and Laura Young; her nephew, Derek Brinkerhoff; four great-nieces and nephews; and her cousins, Marty, Florence Sue, Kathleen, Lois, and Dr. Richard Craft. She is predeceased by her parents, Harold and Eleanor.

A funeral service with Rev. Carl Caskey was held on Monday, October 5 at Colonial Ramsay Funeral Home in Liberty, NY.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Ramsay Funeral Home, 275 South Main Street, Liberty. For additional information, please contact the funeral home at 845-292-7160 or visit Facebook the website at <http://www.colonialfamilyfuneral-home.com>.

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****October 4, 1950**

Miss Regina Kile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kile of Woodbourne, was married to Mr. Vernon Osterhout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Osterhout of Divine Corners, at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Woodbourne.

Clarence Tillson of Woodbourne, formerly of Grahamsville, has been called into the Service and expects to go soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Wagner have rented the Ralph Countryman home on the Sundown Road.

The new draft quota for Sullivan County for the month of October is 47 men on the 11th of the month, according to an announcement made by J. Blake Winter, Chairman of the Sullivan County Draft Board. Local boys who have been called in for pre-

induction physical examinations include Clarence Tillson and Donald Wilder.

The tax rate for Union Free School District #1 has been set at \$7.96 per thousand dollars of true valuation.

Mrs. Blanche Curry, School Tax Collector, will accept taxes at her home at Neversink during Oct. and Nov. and will also "set" various places in the Tri Valley District.

October 5, 1960

Mabel D. Currey died September 25, 1960 at Raleigh, North Carolina after a long illness. She was 75 years of age. She was born in Grahamsville on March 13, 1885, the daughter of Frances DuBois and Edward Currey. She was married to the late William A. Feurherm in 1902 and resumed her maiden name after his death.

Mrs. Cora Elizabeth Gockel died September 28, 1960 at her home in Maybrook. The daughter of Hiram and Josephine Robertson Eighmey, she was born in Turnwood on December 28, 1885. Survivors include her husband, three brothers including LeRoy and Carson Eighmey of Grahamsville; four daughters, 22 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Joan Curry returned to New York City on Sunday, September 25th to start her junior year of affiliation in the Nursing Department of Skidmore College. Joan received an increase in her state scholarship in Professional Nursing this year and she also received a scholarship from Skidmore College. Tri Valley awoke to a frost covered world on Sunday morning. At 6 a.m. temperature at Greenville was 26 and at Denning it was 22.

October 14, 1970

At a meeting of the Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation at the Youngsville Firehouse on October 6th, Ackerley Farm was awarded a trophy for the highest producing cow in Sullivan County for both milk and butterfat. Ross Bonnell was awarded a trophy for the most improved herd.

Mrs. Inez George Gridley again had a very cute poem used in the last American Agriculturist entitled, "The Empty Nest." I would say from the sounds of her writing that they, like all other parents whose children are now away from home, are a little lonely.

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DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History** (From Pg. 1) **October 14, 1970**

Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Susan M. Deagle and Robert McLean on August 21 st. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon LeRoy of Neversink, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McLean of Pine Grove, Pa. are the parents of the groom. The Rev. John W. Carter performed the ceremony at the home of the bridegroom.

A bridal shower was given Saturday evening at the Neversink Community Hall for Miss Gail Harner of Grahamsville. Miss Harner will become the bride of Mr. Gordon Eck.

October 9, 1980

Peter N. Pond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Pond of Grahamsville, N.Y., graduated from the U.S. Naval Submarine School in New London, Conn, on October 2, 1980. He previously graduated from Naval Basic Training School at Great Lakes, Illinois in August.

Else Gilles, 93, of Grahamsville, died October 1, 1980 at Harris Community General Hospital. She was born June 13, 1887 in Hamburg, Germany. She was the widow of Max Gilles.

Proverb from a Sundown reader:
The flower of all societies like a tree
Starts at its roots.

Let not the flower of bureaucracy
Weigh down the tree of democracy.

2020 "Lighting of the Fire Towers"

On the evening of September 5, 2020 the Red Hill Fire Tower was one of 24 fire towers to take part in the 7th annual "Lighting of the Fire Towers". Volunteers placed lights in the towers and used spot lights to send signals back to members of the community and other towers. The response was exceptional this year by the higher numbers of people, at the various viewing sites, flashing lights at the Red Hill Tower. At about 9 pm we spotted the light in the Balsam Lake Mt. Fire Tower about 10 miles away. The skies were perfectly clear making for excellent visibility. The pink moonrise to the east was a spectacular sight.

We would like to thank the following people for taking part in this event: Tom and Deb Vernooy; Jona Hamilton; Tammy Porter; Scott Woolsey; Jamie Overton; Cliff Faintych and Deb Graziano; Larry Cole; Dave and Danielle Cornish; Mike and Lisa Garigliano; Jim and Sue Sheeley; Mike and Lorraine Dean; Ron, Alexa and Amelia Mickelson; Joe Comando; Dan and Jodi VanSader and the Furman Family. Thanks to the many other people who were at the viewing sites whose names were not passed on to us.

Thanks also to the Town of Denning Staff, NYSDEC Foresters, NYSDEC Forest Rangers (Active & Retired) and Catskill Center staff for their assistance.

This year's "Lighting" was special in that it helped celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Red Hill Fire Tower.

As always, you can hike up to the tower and get spectacular views from the upper landings of the tower even if volunteers are not present to open the cab of the tower. Red Hill Fire Tower Committee

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.

That Mighty Oak was Once a Little Nut

The floor of the forest near our house is once again covered with acorns. Acorns are actually nuts carried in a cup-like structure known as a cupule that take from 6 to 18 months to mature.



There are approximately 500 species of oaks worldwide and 75 are native to America. All belong to the family Quercus, a name from two ancient Celtic words, quer/line and cuex/tree that truly fits this long lived tree as most oaks mature at age 100 and live an average of 200 years and older!

Oaks have spirally arranged leaves, with lobate margins in many species; some have serrated leaves or entire leaves with smooth margins. Many deciduous species are marcescent, meaning they do not drop dead leaves until spring. It is around that same time oak trees will begin producing both male flowers (in the form of catkins) and small female flowers that will produce the seed that will mature within the acorn.

The oak tree has a long enduring history. But here is more recent news about the mighty oak tree. In the spring 2007 and 2008, Stephanie Y. Searle, a Washington, D.C. environmental researcher and her colleagues planted seedlings in northeastern Central Park near 105th Street; in two forest plots in the suburban Hudson Valley; and near the city's Ashokan Reservoir in the Catskills. They cared for all the trees with fertilizer and weekly watering. Maximum daily temperatures around the city seedlings averaged more than 4 degrees F higher; minimum averages were more than 8 degrees higher. By August, the city seedlings had developed eight times more biomass than the country ones, mainly by putting out more leaves.

It seems even though city streets can be adverse to the environment, the oak tree grew far better in Central Park than its country cousins! According to Searle this was mainly due to chronically elevated city heat levels. A study published in the journal *Tree Physiology*, shows that common native red oak seedlings grow as much as eight times faster in New York's Central Park than in more rural, cooler settings in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains.

Perhaps the urban forest will help improve the air quality and remove pollutants, however another report shows that if this is true, and the air quality does improve, air temperatures will also be reduced.

The oak tree has long been cherished for its beauty, abundant shade, and top-quality lumber. The oak is a common symbol of courage, strength and endurance. According to legend the Mighty Oak stands strong through all things. In Norse mythology, the oak was sacred to the thunder god, Thor.

Often referred to as the world tree the motif of the oak leaf or acorn is present in several religions and mythologies, particularly Indo-European religions, Siberian religions, and Native American religions. The world tree is represented as a colossal tree which supports the heavens, thereby connecting the heavens, the world, and through its roots, the underworld. It may also be strongly connected to the motif of the tree of life.

In 2004 the Oak Tree became the National Tree of the United States. Passage of the bill was led by Congressman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia and Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska who stated, "It is a fine choice to represent our nation's strength, as it grows from just an acorn into a powerful entity whose many branches continue to strengthen and reach skyward with every passing year."

Household Hints:**Remove decals or bumper stickers**

Soak a cloth in vinegar and cover the decal or bumper sticker for several minutes until the vinegar soaks in. The decals and bumper stickers should peel off easily.

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Welcomes New Members to the District

(From Pg. 1) Please welcome our new Secondary Mathematics Teacher, **Tyler Horne**! Tyler comes to us from Oneonta, NY. He has a degree in Math from SUNY Binghamton and a degree in Math & Adolescent Education from SUNY Oneonta. Before coming to Tri-Valley, Tyler taught at Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School near Utica. In his free time, he enjoys music and sports/fitness. He also plays the saxophone! Why did he become a teacher? "To have the opportunity to help people every day." Well, Mr. Horne, you're in the perfect job to do just that! Welcome to Bear Country! Have a



great year!

This next teacher actually joined us during the 2nd marking period last year, but we would like to formally introduce **Keith Jones** to the Tri-Valley community! Keith teaches English at T-V Secondary, filling in for a teacher who is on maternity leave. He came to us with 19 years of teaching experience in Newburgh and Orlando, FL. He is from Kerhonkson and is married with three children. When he's not teaching, Keith likes to study theology and shop at thrift



stores. He also likes to spend time with Squatch - his Chihuahua. Why did he become a teacher? "To impart a love for reading, writing, and personal expression." Welcome back, Mr. Jones! Have a great year!

Please welcome **Katelyn McKeon** to T-VCS! Katelyn is from New Hampton. She holds a B.A. in Adolescent Ed./ ELA and a Master's in Special Ed. (7-12), both from SUNY New Paltz. Katelyn will be teaching Special Ed and ELA this year. Before coming to T-V, she taught 7th grade ELA at Poughkeepsie Middle School. In her free time, Katelyn likes to swim, read, and write stories. She also teaches swimming lessons to children with special needs, and has been a lifeguard since she was in high



school. Why did she become a teacher? "I love to read! I wanted to show kids who don't like to read - or who struggle with it - how much fun reading can be!" We look forward to you passing along that passion to your students, Ms. McKeon! Welcome to Tri-Valley!



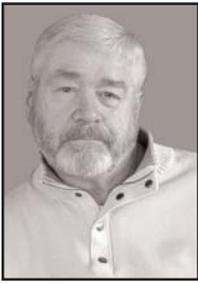
Please welcome **Samantha Smith** to Tri-Valley! Samantha is from Pine Bush. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood and Childhood Ed. from SUNY New Paltz. She will be teaching 6th grade Math & Science this year. Before coming to T-V, Samantha did her student teaching in NYC and also did some substitute teaching. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys yoga, hiking, and kayaking. Interesting fact: She used to be afraid of snakes, but now has three as pets! Why did she become a teacher? "I

have always loved working with others to share knowledge." Welcome to the Tri-Valley family, Ms. Smith! Have a fantastic year!

Our final new T-VTA member - although not new to the school - is **Melissa Spence**. Welcome! Melissa is from Napanoch. She has degrees in Special Ed./ General Ed. (Birth-6th) from Mount Saint Mary College, a degree in Literacy Education from Long Island University, and has taken courses for the visually impaired at Dominican College. Melissa will be teaching first grade/ ICT at T-V. Before taking on this position, she was a teaching assistant here at T-V for the past three years. Before that, she was a Special Ed. teacher at Project Excel for six years. Besides teaching, Melissa enjoys reading, shopping, baking, and hiking with her husband Ryan and their two dogs. Interesting fact: She's able to read and write in Braille! Why did she become a teacher? "I've always had a love of learning and want to instill that love in my students." We have no doubt that you will do that very thing, Mrs. Spence! Have a wonderful year!



From the TVTA, we'd like to welcome all eight professionals to the Tri-Valley family!



The Cold Millions
Mysterious Book Report No. 421
by John Dwaine McKenna

Spokane, Washington, just after the turn of the 20th century is the setting for Edgar Award-winning author Jess Walter's stunningly well-timed new novel entitled *The Cold Millions* (Harper, \$28.99, 352 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-286808-4), which tells the story of the International Workers of the World, or IWW – also known as the Wobblies – beginning their fight for free speech . . . as defined by the right to meet, solicit, form and ultimately organize a union . . . among the laborers of the timber and mining companies who were so prolific in the area at that time.

It's a classic tale of the struggle between the haves and the have-nots to see who's going to get a little bit bigger slice of the economic pie, during a time, like today, of extreme income disparity.

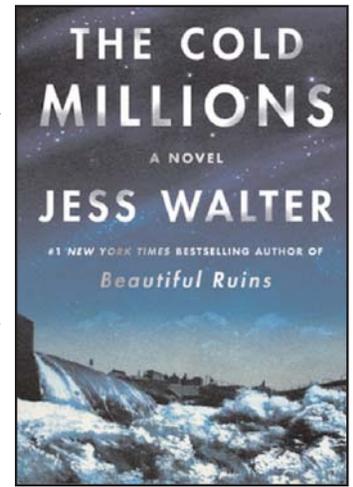
The novel, which is told from several different first and third-person points-of-view, begins in the year 1909 with a so-called peaceful demonstration, which soon turns into a full-on riot when police arrive to disperse the crowd of IWW unionists and organizers. The cops, tools of the timber and mining magnates who control the city government, wade in with billyclubs, fists and blackjacks . . . busting heads and hauling the battered and bleeding working stiffs off to jail. There, they're packed into a jail cell so tightly that they can't sit.

Their crime? Sedition. Speaking against the government. It's a travesty, narrated at first by sixteen year-old Rye Dolan, a train-hopping drifter and hobo, who's followed his older brother Gig into the labor wars of the early 20th century. Gig is a proud union man, an IWW organizer and the second narrator. Then there's Ursula the Great, who sings in a steel cage to a mountain lion in her nightly vaudeville act, who's a love interest of Gigs and a narrator to boot. And other narrators abound: there's Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a nineteen year-old progressive rabble-rouser; Sheriff Bill Sullivan; and oligarch Lem Brand, who owns much of the city. They're all trying to use the young man nick-named Rye for their own ambitious purposes, but in the end it's he who lives to tell this epic tale of ordinary people during such an extraordinary moment in time and history . . . a period that's eerily like today. This novel is momentous, timely and beautifully rendered in lyrical prose that sings on each and every page. Read it for yourself and see why the Mysterious Book Report predicts *Cold Millions* will be a monster and a smash hit . . . Yeah. It's that good!

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

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

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Interview With The Author- Jess Walter

by

John Dwaine McKenna

We're elated that we were able to snag some time today with all-world best-selling author Jess Walter, whose latest novel, *Cold Millions*, is reviewed in Mysterious Book Report No. 421 Mr. Walter, thanks for sharing your thoughts, your writing tips and especially your insights into this wordsmithing craft that's captured all of our hearts and minds. We're all ears and eager to hear what you have to say, so, here's our first question:



When do you write?

I write every day, 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., or so, with a break for second breakfast and another break for exercise, usually a bike ride or a basketball game. I work seven days a week, and take only a few days off a year. But this all sounds more strenuous than it is. For me, a workday includes a nap, a walk, reading, even a movie every once in a while.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

My characters aren't outwardly autobiographical, although experience and certain traits trickle in (I find many of my characters, like me, have eye injuries.) I try to imbue characters with qualities I can relate to: a Mafia witness with intellectual insecurity, a meth addict with a keen sense of nostalgia, a host of fathers and sons trying to connect with one another.

How do you deal with a negative review?

Negative reviews can sting, no doubt. But like any sting, the pain is fleeting. I think, in general, authors are overly sensitive to criticism. I try to shrug them off. Some great books were greeted with bad reviews. As an author all you can do is realize that not everything is going to please everyone. And that's as it should be. I've become a better writer because of criticism. (Contd. Pg. 10)

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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

Catskill Art Society presents a Solo Exhibition

Catskill Art Society will present a solo exhibition from the Beacon-based sculptor Matt Harle on October 31 - December 5, 2020 at CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. Across the galleries, Harle will present a selection of work made over the last 30 years, illustrating the artist's long-term commitment to intuition, handmade processes and material exploration.



The artist interacts with a variety of mediums exploring the materiality of wood, frosted mylar, fabric, cast rubber and cement - allowing accident and impulse to make visible the physical and ephemeral qualities inherent in the material. Harle's exploration of tension and gravity underscores how the ephemeral (effects of light on translucent and reflective surfaces) and the provisional (the hang of stretched and draped materials). The works in the exhibition range in size from a clay brick to a swath of glossy fabric the size of a small car. Scale is an integral part of Harle's thought process and is among the generative impulses in making a piece. The works, whether large or small are stabilized mainly by tension and gravity and highlight Harle's skill at construction as well as his ability to capture, in his own words, "a state of suspension, simultaneously solid and ephemeral, where the wave is always breaking but never quite reaching the shore."

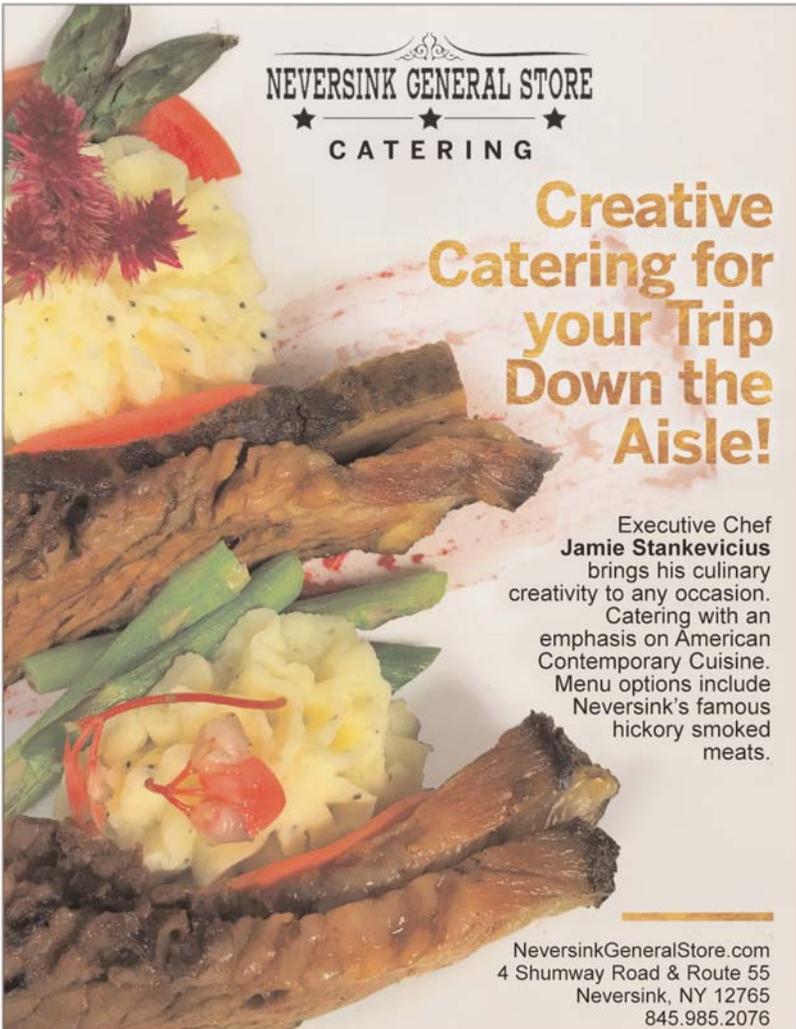
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impulses in making a piece. The works, whether large or small are stabilized mainly by tension and gravity and highlight Harle's skill at construction as well as his ability to capture, in his own words, "a state of suspension, simultaneously solid and ephemeral, where the wave is always breaking but never quite reaching the shore... And it's visible in the way that seemingly mismatched materials are able to find a charged balance, nudging their awkwardness closer to grace."

Matt Harle lives and works in the Hudson Valley in Beacon, NY, and has been making work consistently for the past three decades. Over that time, his work has taken many forms, but the core issues have remained remarkably consistent. In his words, he's looking for the awkward grace that he finds in the struggle between a work's material conditions and what might be called its aspirations; a sort of sculptor's take on the image/object dialectic central to painting, with a nod to slapstick's embodied pathos. He has received a Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant, and fellowships at the MacDowell Colony, and Yaddo. Harle received his MFA in sculpture from Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.

New procedures and protocol will be in place to ensure the safety of our visitors, artists and staff. To that end masks are required for entry, social distancing of 6 feet is encouraged, and capacity is limited. CAS's celebrated Artist Talk will move online at a later date.



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CAS Kids will present the BRAVE Family Photo Day

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Catskill Art Society's children arts-education program, CAS Kids will present the BRAVE Family Photo Day, inviting children of the local community to have a family portrait professionally taken and printed. The special event will take place on the International Day of the Girl, Saturday, October 10 from 11am - 2pm at the Laundry King, 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. A concurrent event will take place in Cape Town, South Africa with youth from BRAVE, a non-profit that inspires and empowers girls to be leaders. A subsequent family photo exhibition and storytelling gathering will take place on Saturday, November 21 at 2pm, at the Laundry King, allowing children to share interpretations behind their family's portrait.



Our participating youth are encouraged to share stories, poems and remarks on this pivotal moment in their lives. In today's world, most of us rarely take the time to print a photo of our family together, choosing instead to store them on our phones, where they often get deleted or lost over time. By encouraging kids to take and examine family photos from the past and the present, they become connected to their own stories.

In recent months, children have been confined at home for long periods with family members, or they have been separated from them, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact on young people's mental health and self-esteem, and on the family unit as a whole, is considerable. Yet the pandemic has also brought families together, breaking down intergenerational divides, and creating life changing opportunities to build stronger relationships between parents, children, siblings, and other family members.

Using storytelling, young people will have the opportunity to explore the tensions and opportunities that the last six months have had on their lives and on their families' lives and help provide an insider perspective on how their families and communities are perceived. At the public exhibition, families will have the opportunity to come together to be celebrated and photographed, to share these portraits with other community members and outsiders, and to take these portraits home to be displayed, building family unity and self-esteem. Young people from two diverse communities, separated by thousands of miles, will have the opportunity to learn more about one another, and to explore their similarities and their differences, creating a better picture of the impact of the pandemic on their families and lives, and breaking down cultural misperceptions.

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About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

About BRAVE

BRAVE inspires and empowers girl leaders, supporting girl-led initiatives and building a network of women and girl leaders across the African continent and beyond. BRAVE uses the challenge of travel and adventure in wild places to create opportunities for girls, and work with those who can provide the resources, knowledge, experiences, and safety that girls need to lead. www.brave-girl.org.

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Interview With The Author- Jess Walter

by John Dwaine McKenna

(From Pg. 4)

What's the most important element for writing success?

Maybe it's cheating to quote another writer here, but James Baldwin said it better than I ever could (and it's James Baldwin!)- "Talent is insignificant. I know a lot of talented ruins. Beyond talent lie all the usual words: discipline, love, luck, but most of all, endurance."

What makes a character compelling?

Complexity and humanity. I bristle at the idea that characters should be likeable. I think we are most compelled by people who yearn and struggle and dream of doing better.

Do you use humor in your work?

This would be a great place for a killer joke. Instead, I'll say yes, but that I like humor to collide with some other effect or feeling. The intersections of humor and wistfulness, of humor and suspense, of humor and tragedy-these are the places I like to work. The best days are when I write something that makes me laugh.

Are you more comfortable writing in the first, or third person POV?

Both, sometimes in the same work. (My new novel, *The Cold Millions*, alternates first- and third-person POV.) I've written in the second person (you) and first person collective (we) and I am wildly intrigued by what the novelist Olga Tokarazuk calls (playfully, I think) the fourth person. There are two advantages that fiction writers have over other artists. The first is time. We can span centuries, eons, or we can write an entire book within a single moment. The second advantage is point of view. We can convey multitudes and we can provide the sharpest interiority, the closest simulation of a single consciousness. It's the reason I think novels have endured.

That's a profound truth and a great way to end our discussion. Many thanks from all of us here at the Mysterious Book Report, and please let us know about your next project.

Where can you be reached on the World Wide Web?

I can be reached at my website <http://www.jesswalter.com/> and Goodreads

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Another busy week for Jane. She will be back next week.

Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth

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7 Reasons to Love Medellín-- and You Should, Too!

Cities suck. For this traveler, cities more often than not blur and mesh together in my mind like some sort of cramped, overpopulated, over-polluted, unoriginal megalopolis. To me, there is rarely much of a difference from one city to another.

However, once in awhile, a city can truly captivate me. I was surprisingly entranced by the fairytale magic of Prague, the close-knit community of Hong Kong, the wild yet relaxed and organized lifestyle of Hanoi, and the palpably romantic atmosphere of Budapest.

And, when I'm struck by the unique qualities of a city, I really will not shut-up about it. So, here I am, ready and willing to brag about yet another unique city on this impossibly vast planet:

MEDELLÍN

Granted, Colombia itself is a remarkable and special place that truly doesn't get enough credit. However, Medellín exceeded my expectations- and I truly expected the best because I'd heard a lot of hype from fellow travelers. And I mean a lot. Not a single fellow traveler who had visited Medellín had bad things to say.

And, after visiting it for myself for a solid month, I can see why. Without further ado, here are my top 7 reasons Medellín is one of the greatest cities on Earth.

1.) The Nightlife, Music, & Salsa Dancing



My beautiful friend, Brooke, and I, moments from going out salsa dancing!

You can't begin to understand Colombia culture without first diving into the music and salsa dancing scene. In all honesty, Colombia was the first country I've ever visited in South America, so this was my first up-close experience with the Latin music scene. And the dancing. The constant salsa dancing.

Keep in mind, I hate dancing. I can barely walk without falling over, let alone dance in a very particular style!

But, when I went to Colombia, I joined my Spanish immersion school for a salsa dancing class for beginners- and I somehow sucked more than I thought I would! However, even though I was remarkably terrible at it, I instantly fell in love with it- and kept salsa dancing. And I mean constantly. Nearly every night.

One of the most magical parts of salsa dancing in Medellín particularly is that it isn't always sexual. Anyone can dance with anyone. There are no expectations. As a woman, this immediately attracted me because my partners never had ulterior motives. They just wanted to dance! I danced with teenage boys, old Colombian men, foreigners of varying ages, and even other women (not recommended, though, as men and women have different steps to follow)!

Salsa dancing in Medellín changed my outlook on my life, myself, and my body. Every song and every dance was a lesson- and not just the steps of my feet! That, and the music is simply entrancing.

However, the nightlife isn't just closed off to salsa music and dancing. There are a plethora of clubs and bars to visit to fit any

taste and lifestyle! I mean, I even went to a bar with a ball pit. You want it, Medellín's got it!

2.) The Paisas

The people who are from northwestern Colombia, which includes the city of Medellín, are referred to as "paisas." Paisas, in my experience, are some of the most friendly, welcoming, proud, and generous people I've ever met in my travels. No matter how much or how little they have, they are beyond happy to share it all with you- even a bumbling foreigner such as myself.



My beautiful friend, Brooke, and I in Comuna 13, a part of the city riddled with life-shattering and thought-provoking street art made by locals

On top of that, they cling to an inherent national pride. They refuse to be defined by Pablo Escobar and his notorious antics. In Medellín specifically, which was Escobar's hometown, the people are even more resistant to this definition because they, more than anyone else, were damaged by him in countless ways. Despite that persistent pain, they are moving on. They are pushing forward, embracing and reaching for the shimmering future on the horizon- and they are ecstatic to share their culture, city, and way of life with the world.

And, finally, the world is starting to see and hear them.

3.) The Beautiful Language

I have always been infatuated with the Spanish language. While in grade school, I learned it from 7th to 10th grade, but



Just some of my amazing fellow classmates and I from my Spanish immersion school!

stopped until I lived in Prague (back in 2016-17!) and got an incredible Spanish tutor for a year (bizarre place to do it, yes, but it helped immensely!). But, I never became fluent (and still am not). To me, learning Spanish has always been a huge goal of mine. So, I had originally gone to Colombia in order to attend a Spanish immersion

school to finally get my butt in gear and learn the language already!

But, why Colombia? Because they speak Spanish with one of the most clear and "neutral" accents in the Spanish-speaking world. And why Medellín? Because the weather is unbeatable (more on that later), the low cost of living, and the extremely friendly and patient locals who are more than happy to practice Spanish with you.

As a person who loves warm weather, loves everything budget-friendly, and is overly critical of her second-language speaking abilities, it wouldn't have made sense for me to go anywhere else but Medellín!

4.) All the Greenery

While waltzing around the streets of Medellín, it was impossible for me not to be mesmerized by the natural beauty. It's everywhere. The city itself is nestled in the Aburrá Valley, surrounded by the Andes mountains. The center of the city is located within the valley, yet much of the city branches out in elegance, stretching itself like tendrils of ivy amongst the emerald mountains. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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(From Pg. 11) Even on the ground level, nature is ever-present. There are trickling creeks next to busy streets, pocket parks of varying sizes and beauty, and comforting hints of the mountains so near-by yet so far. Within this city, Mother Nature is always within reach and view.



It's truly one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen.

5.) The Unbeatable Weather and Climate



I hate winter and I am not afraid to shout that fact from the rooftops (I've done it before). However, brutal and humid summers aren't the love of my life, either.

Cue Medellín, the City of Eternal Spring.

And, yes, that's a common phrase to describe the city and its climate. Due to its geographical location, it is in a nearly constant state of

spring. Winter doesn't exist. Summer doesn't exist. The temperature hovers around 60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit (15 to 27 degrees Celsius) year round. Sure, it rains occasionally and what have you, but hey- no winters? No brutal summers? Say no more- I'm in!

6.) Affordability

That cost of living... My word. It's exceptional. You could easily live in the city of Medellín on \$1,000-\$2,000 per month (depending on your lifestyle), including rent, utilities, food, festivities- everything. Rent for a one-bedroom can range from \$600 USD per month in an expensive area to \$300 in a normal area. Hungry? Get a meal for \$5. Thirsty? Get a beer for about \$1.

I mean, come on. Need I continue?

7.) Transportation and its Undying Local Pride

Ever traveled to work or to hang out with your friends by cablecar? No? Well, the people in Medellín have- and they do it every day. At nearly any point, you can see cablecars, quietly and gracefully gliding through the hills, guiding locals to their destinations. This cablecar system is tied in with the Metro system. So, you can hop from bus to tramcar to metro to cablecar with ease.

The public transportation is fascinating in Medellín. But, what is quite possibly even more fascinating has to be the local pride in it. The locals boast about the efficiency, cleanliness, affordability, and unique essence of them. I mean, if anyone-and I mean anyone, whether it be a local or foreigner, celebrity or non- tries to deface the transportation system in any way, they will pay for it. But, interestingly, not by the police, but by the local witnesses. Bottom line: don't mess with the public transportation in Medellín, but simply marvel in its pristine existence and enjoy the ride.

The world has shed a dark shadow over Medellín- and Colombia as a whole- for far too long. It is a truly remarkable place that deserves to be recognized for its unique and jaw-dropping qualities. Thank you, Colombia, for illuminating your magic to me. I genuinely can't wait to return-and possibly never leave!

It's truly one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen.



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New Guidelines for “Arts for Sullivan” Grants 2021

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY- Each year, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), the Arts Council for Sullivan County, administers grants to Sullivan County cultural groups and individual artists. For 2021, as in years past, funds are regranted from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) for Community Arts projects. DVAA is also honored to announce that in 2021 four fellowships for Individual Artists in the disciplines of Visual and Literary arts will be offered.

NEW FOR 2021:

In response to the current challenging public health situation, DVAA revisited the official guidelines for “Arts for Sullivan” grants making the process more accessible for artists and cultural organizations in 2021. The match requirement has been eliminated for this year. Also, a portion of each application may now be used toward equipment that enables online programming or, for example, toward virtual programming software.

COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS:

The Arts for Sullivan Community Arts grants assist non-profit arts, cultural, and heritage groups who wish to create or present year-round programming in Sullivan County. Projects can be offered online or live (following state pandemic guidelines for gatherings.) Projects can include theatre, music, dance, literary arts, folklore, installation, and visual arts, among other art-forms. Independent artists who wish to produce community art projects can work with a non-profit organization in Sullivan County acting as a fiscal sponsor. Applicants may apply for up to three grants that range from \$500 to a maximum total ask of \$3,500.

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS:

Fellowships will be given to four artists who live and work in Sullivan County, to support the creation of new work. Each artist will receive \$1,000. Applications will be accepted in the disciplines of Visual Arts and Literary Arts.

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Covid has changed the landscape for artists and presenters significantly. Therefore, a series of free information workshops will be hosted online by DVAA to assist with effective grant writing, creating a budget, generating ideas, finding the silver lining of online presentation, and networking with other artists and organizations. Workshop registration is required and all applicants-even if you have been a successful grantee previously- must attend one workshop. Online workshop times and locations are listed below. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted on <http://www.Submittable.com>, our online submission platform. The grant application window is October 1 - November 13, 2020.

DVAA encourages you to get a jump start and read through the new guidelines before the application window opens. Downloadable 2021 Arts for Sullivan guidelines, grant information, and workshop registration are available at www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org (see “Grants”). Artists and groups may also schedule a phone or online meeting to discuss their grant. For more information, contact the Grants Coordinator, Laura Moran, at 845-252-7576 x 1004 Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am-5pm. And, check out our grant program Instagram account @ArtsforSullivan. Online Workshops for 2021 Arts for Sullivan applications via Zoom:



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Saturday, October 24, 2020 4-5pm

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DVAA's Arts for Sullivan grant opportunities are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency with support from Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is dedicated to preserving and expanding the rich and diverse cultural resources that are and will become their heritage of New York's citizens. The Decentralization program, which funds Arts for Sullivan, was developed to ensure that New York State's cultural funding reaches every part of the state.

Are You Prepared for a Wildfire?

Emergency plans are vital to ensuring your health and safety in wildfire areas. Only 29% of people living in wildfire areas have emergency plans that include how to evacuate. While we are enduring the COVID-19 pandemic, the most important protective action for a wildfire is evacuation. When planning, review multiple evacuation routes from locations you and your family frequent as this can be an important factor in surviving a wildfire. Due to COVID-19, public evacuation shelters may not be the safest choice for you and your family. Have you made plans to shelter with friends or family? Emergency plans should include locations for you and your family to shelter and stay safe.

The pandemic has caused serious supply shortages across the country, including N-95 masks. This means that people living in wildfire risk areas should make plans to protect themselves and limit smoke exposure by evacuating early. If you do need to evacuate, having supplies already packed and ready to go can help you evacuate more quickly. Only 52% of those living in wildfire areas have supplies already packed and ready to go. Are you prepared to evacuate?

Learn more about wildfire preparedness at and how the public is preparing for disasters by checking out the following resources:

- o <http://www.Ready.gov/wildfires>
- o When the Fire Starts (YouTube video)

Practice Earthquake Drills with the Great ShakeOut

Earthquakes can occur anytime and anywhere without warning. Now is a perfect time to practice earthquake safety. To help you prepare, one easy and safe step is to participate in the Great ShakeOut_earthquake drill at:

<https://www.shakeout.org/index.html> on October 15, 2020.

Each year, on the third Thursday of October, millions of people participate to learn how to stay safe during earthquakes. Register here to join the event!

While learning to stay safe and prepare for earthquakes amid COVID-19, please follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Below are steps to help you prepare for earthquakes while staying safe during COVID-19:

- o Practice the drop, cover, and hold on steps with your family and coworkers.
 - o Ensure items such as televisions and objects that hang on the walls are secured and store heavy and breakable objects on low shelves.
 - o Create an emergency plan with the whole family and practice it regularly. This should include what is needed to protect you and your family from an earthquake and other disasters, including COVID-19.
 - o Build an emergency kit that includes essential items such as water, non-perishable food, and prescription medicines for at least three days for the whole family, including pets; and a flashlight, a fire extinguisher, and a whistle.
 - o Consider obtaining an earthquake insurance policy. A standard homeowner's insurance policy does not cover earthquake damage.
 - o Consider fixing structural issues that could cause your building to collapse during an earthquake.
- Please visit <http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes> to learn more about what to do before, during, and after an earthquake.

The Ulster County Food Fight!

(Ulster County, NY – September 15, 2020) The Ulster County “Food Fight is a food collection contest held in cooperation with eleven libraries throughout Ulster County from October 1 to October 17. The “Food Fight” is part of the Great Give Back that is happening on October 17 throughout New York State.

The common goal is to “spread food all over Ulster County” by filling up the shelves of local food pantries and to putting an end to hunger in our communities. The library that collects the highest average of food during this period wins the “Food Fight” and receives a winners’ certificate!

Help your library win the Food Fight with your donations of non-perishable (and non-expired) food items for local food pantries. It sounds like a messy fight, but this is a clean competition with other libraries in Ulster County.

The following libraries will be participating:

Olive Free Library: 845-657-2482

Phoenicia Library: 845-688-7811

Plattekill Library: 845-883-7286

Stone Ridge Library: 845-687-7023

Elting Memorial Library (New Paltz): 845-255-5030

Morton Memorial Library (Pine Hill): 845-254-4222

Kingston Library: 845-331-0507

Rosendale Library: 845-658-9013

Woodstock Public Library District: 845-679-2213

Gardiner Library: 845-255-1255

Wallkill Library: 845-895-3707

Please contact your local library to find out what local food pantry they are supporting and all the details of how you can donate food items.

Thanks for your help in this worthy fight!

The mission of the Olive Free Library Association is to provide our community and its surrounding neighbors with materials and services that meet educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs. It also provides a site for community activities that meet the same needs. www.olivefreelibrary.org

Sullivan 180 Recruiting New Community Health Champion Volunteers

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[FERNDALE] - Sullivan 180, a non-profit organization born out of a grassroots effort to build a healthier Sullivan County, is now recruiting for their Fall class of volunteers to become trained as Community Health Champions (CHCs). CHCs receive online training and certification through Talence, a nationally recognized e-learning platform, in four core areas, including health education and health coaching techniques.

Community Health Champions work on areas such as; tutoring and mentoring youth, smoking cessation, improved diet and exercise regimes or stress reduction in their own neighborhoods, schools, churches, worksites, and civic organizations. They can also offer peer health education, tips and motivation for those who want to take proactive steps in improving their health and lives, and assist in various volunteer projects.

A few benefits of becoming a Community Health Champion:

- o Learn New Skills
- o Access Certified Training For Free
- o Help Improve Community Health
- o Access Resources to Shared Health & Wellness Information
- o Foster a Sense of Purpose
- o Meet and Networking with Other Volunteers
- o Receive Recognition from Local Dignitaries

Community Health Champions volunteerism opportunities:

- o SUNY Sullivan Community Learning Classes
- o Peer Coaching
- o Wellness Groups & Virtual Wellness Circles
- o Develop Your Own Opportunities to Create a Healthier Sullivan County

If you are interested in volunteering, or know someone who is, please reach out and join the movement today! For more information, or to sign up, you can contact Sullivan 180's Director of Health and Wellness, Meaghan Mullally-Gorr via email at mmullally-gorr@sullivan180.org or call (845) 295-2680, and visit their website at Sullivan180.org.

Message from Governor Andrew Cuomo on COVID Alert NY

We have worked hard over these past months to establish a nation-leading testing and tracing program. Together with all the measures New Yorkers have taken to stop the spread, state-of-the-art testing and tracing have helped us make remarkable progress. Today, we build on this effort by adding an innovative new tool: COVID Alert NY at:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-alert-ny> - the official Exposure Notification App created by the New York State Department of Health in partnership with Google and Apple. Now you can use your phone to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and you can receive exposure alert notifications without compromising your privacy or personal information.

What is COVID Alert NY?

COVID Alert NY is New York State's official Exposure Notification App. This is a free smartphone app available to anyone 18+ who lives and/or works in New York. The app uses Bluetooth technology - not location data - to quickly alert users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Once alerted, users can quickly protect themselves and others by self-quarantining, contacting their physician and getting tested.

How does COVID Alert NY protect my privacy?

The app does not compromise privacy or collect your personal information. Use of the app is completely voluntary and anonymous. The app will never track your location.

Privacy is protected because your data is kept anonymous and is not identifiable to any individual. The State Department of Health cannot identify who downloads the app, and does not collect your name, phone number or other personal information. Any data you voluntarily choose to share is anonymous and can be deleted at any time. Learn more about the app's expert-vetted security and privacy here.

How does COVID Alert NY work?

As you go about your day, the app uses Bluetooth to sense when another person with the same app comes within 6 feet of you. Your phone exchanges a secure random code with the other phone to record your proximity.

If the app notes that you've been within 6 feet of someone for more than 10 minutes, the app adds their phone's random code to a list of close contacts. When a fellow app user tests positive for COVID-19, a Case Investigator from the county health department will ask if the person is willing to share the app's list of "close contact" codes to help protect other people. Sharing your list is secure and private. The app never reveals who you are to anyone.

Each day, the list of codes for "confirmed cases" is sent to every phone that has the app. The app compares its own list of close contact codes to the list of confirmed cases. If there's a match, the app displays a COVID Alert. Using these lists of anonymous codes, the alert is kept private. No one ever knows who generated the COVID Alert.

Neighboring states including New Jersey and Pennsylvania have launched Exposure Notification Apps that work in concert with New York's, meaning New Yorkers will also get alerted if they have been exposed to someone from one of these states who tests positive.

How you can help:

The more New Yorkers using the COVID Alert NY app, the more effective it will be as a tool to stop the spread of COVID-19. Download the app today and encourage your friends and

loved ones to download it, too. Alerts can only come from other people who use the app, so we need as many New Yorkers as possible to download the app.

Help New York Stop the Spread:

Download the app and get exposure alerts.

The COVID Alert NY app puts the power in the hands of all New Yorkers to protect ourselves, our neighbors, friends, family and community. Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19.

Contact tracing has been instrumental in stopping the COVID spread, and we have worked hard over these past months to establish a nation-leading testing and tracing program. Today, we are building on that effort with an additional innovative technology-based tool - COVID Alert NY - our official Exposure Notification App created by the New York State Department of Health in partnership with Google and Apple. With COVID Alert NY, you can use your phone to receive alert notifications if you have been exposed without compromising your privacy or personal information.

The app will never track your location and is completely anonymous. Using Bluetooth technology, it can detect proximity to another phone with COVID Alert NY downloaded. The State Department of Health cannot identify who downloads the app, and does not collect your name, phone number or other personal information.

As we continue to battle the virus, this app offers another way to protect yourself and your community. The more New Yorkers who download the app, the more effective it is. Get the app today and help stop the spread while maintaining your privacy. It can be downloaded directly to your iPhone or directly to your Android device.

For more information visit COVID Alert NY at:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-alert-ny>

Ulster County Clerk's Office Celebrates American Archives Month and New York State History Month

Kingston, NY - In celebration of American Archives Month and New York State History Month, Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce a new video initiative to help promote the history stored in the Ulster County Archives. This new initiative aims to reveal interesting stories and share interpretive videos using archival material. Each week in October, informative videos will be posted to the County Clerk's Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/UCCLerkFB>.

American Archives Month is an annual, month-long observance of the importance of archival and historical records to our lives. In conjunction with this, the New York State Archives celebrates New York State History Month. In October, historians across the state will work together to strengthen the state's history community and raise New Yorkers' appreciation of the value and impact of New York State's history.

"This is an excellent opportunity to teach the public about the different types of records stored in the Archives," stated County Clerk Postupack. "These videos will focus on current exhibits, past exhibits, databases on the website, "How To" instructional videos, document highlight videos, and more!"

For further information about this or other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or visit the archives online at ulstercountyny.gov/archives.

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
Attn: Guidance or Monitor Search EOE

9/24; 10/1; 10/8

**Denning Residents, Please Take Notice:
2021 Budget Workshop;**

Pursuant to New York State Law § 108 a **WORKSHOP** for the Town of Denning 2020 Preliminary Budget will be held after the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Town Board and Town Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board
Joy Monforte, Town Clerk
Sept. 29th, 2020

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Independent Audit Report Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Tri-Valley Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020, have been examined by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and that the Audit Report prepared in conjunction with the Independent Audit has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing Board of the Tri-Valley Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of examination prepared by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested parties not later than January 14, 2021.

Norma Peña
District Clerk, Administration Building, Tri-Valley
Central School District, 34 Moore Hill Road,
Grahamsville, New York 12740.
(845) 985-2296 x 5102

10/8

The Neversink Fire District Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday; October 20th, 2020 @ 7:00pm followed by the Regular Commissioner's meeting at 7:30pm, both open to the public. Please follow Covid-19 safety guidelines if you plan on attending.
Neversink Board of Commissioners

10/8

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Claryville Fire District of the Town(s) of Denning and Neversink, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Cole Fire Hall, 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725 in the Town of Denning, State of New York on the 20th day of October, 2020.

Pursuant to Town Law 181.3(a), the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning the same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk(s) of the Town(s) of Denning 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725; and Neversink, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 Fire District Secretary at 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725. The proposed Budget may also be available on the Town's websites. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Board of Fire Commissioners will also accept written comments which should be addressed to the Fire District Secretary at 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725. Comments received before October 20, 2020 will be read during the Public Hearing, where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

Dated: September 22, 2020
Board of Fire Commissioners
Claryville Fire District
1500 Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12740

10/8

**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.

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

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

This free community service is to assist older 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

Find Your Adventure:

#AdventureAtHome Fall Foliage Fun!

#AdventureAtHome this autumn by experiencing the color changes throughout September and October. Autumn leaves change color due to the days growing shorter and colder. Plants slow down, and eventually stop producing the food necessary to maintain the green color, chlorophyll, which is the dominant color in leaves. As the levels of chlorophyll are depleted, the leaf cannot use all the sun's energy that hits it. Watch for the differences in colors in maples, oaks, or dogwoods near you.

Every Wednesday in the fall, check out the latest report for color change in NY. Areas like the Adirondacks and Catskills will experience peak colors during the last weeks of September through the beginning of October, while other regions may not see the best colors until late October. There are plenty of ways to enjoy the cooler temps and nature's fireworks show, while still following DEC and State Park's guidelines for safe outdoor recreation. Take a drive on one of NY's Scenic Byways, or get outdoors for an autumn hike. Check out the *Catskills Lark in the Park* for self-guided hikes and video tours of the region.

For more ways to enjoy fall, check out our YouTube playlist.

PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL

Fall is here, and it's time to get outside safely and responsibly. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, take the #PlaySmartPlaySafePlayLocal pledge.

PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE - Practice social distancing, wash your hands, wear a mask to protect yourself and others. If it's crowded, find somewhere else to go.

PLAY LOCAL - Stay close to home and #RecreateLocal in your region - amenities like restrooms and restaurants may not be open.

PLAY SMART - plan ahead. Make a list of alternate destinations and places to visit.

PLAY SAFE - stay home if you're sick or if you're part of a vulnerable population.

Check DEC's website to see the current status of DEC campgrounds.

DEC Announces Enforcement of NY's Plastic Bag Ban to Start Oct. 19

DEC will begin enforcement of the State's ban on single-use plastic carryout bags on Oct. 19, 2020. The plastic bag ban, which went into effect on March 1, was not enforced per an agreement between the parties in a lawsuit brought by Poly-Pak Industries, Inc., et al, in New York State Supreme Court. Pursuant to an Order of the New York State Supreme Court, Albany County, DEC agreed to provide the parties and the Court at least 30 days' notice prior to commencing enforcement. DEC is currently conducting extensive outreach to stakeholders, including grocery stores, retailers, and others, to provide notice of the start of enforcement and answer questions.

DEC continues to encourage New Yorkers to use reusable bags wherever and whenever they shop with the #BYOBAGNY campaign, launched earlier this year. Additional information about exemptions to the plastic bag ban, frequently asked questions,

and posters, flyers, and tip strips to download, as well as tips for keeping reusable bags clean are available on DEC's website.

New Yorkers use an estimated 23 billion plastic bags annually—each for about 12 minutes—and approximately 85 percent of this staggering total ends up in landfills, recycling machines, waterways, and streets. In March 2017, Governor Cuomo created the New York State Plastic Bag Task Force, chaired by DEC Commissioner Seggos. The task force met several times to develop a uniform, comprehensive, and equitable solution to the challenge of plastic bag waste. The final report analyzed the impacts of single-use plastic bags and provided options for legislation that could help develop a statewide solution. In addition, following passage of the New York State Plastic Bag Waste Reduction Act, DEC held a series of meetings with industry stakeholders across the state to invite input from the public and guide the agency's development of rules and regulations to implement the law.

For more information about the plastic bag ban, reusable bags, or to file a complaint about entities using single-use plastic carryout bags, visit DEC's website, email plasticbags@dec.ny.gov, or call (518) 402-8706.

Galligan Announces Murder Indictment in 2017 Monticello Shooting

Sullivan County's Acting District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced that a grand jury has formally charged Naheem Liles, 23, of Mount Vernon, with Murder in the Second Degree in connection with a homicide investigation led by Village of Monticello Police Department with assistance from her Office and the New York State Police since 2017.

The indictment alleges that Liles and another man killed Shaun Chadwick in the area of Holmes Street and Wood Avenue in the Village of Monticello on September 30, 2017. On September 30, 2017, police responded to a 911 call on Forestburgh Road and discovered Chadwick laying in the parking lot of a laundromat with several gunshot wounds; he later died as a result of his injuries. Investigation into the homicide was led by the Village of Monticello Police Department's detective division with immediate and ongoing assistance from Galligan's Office and the New York State Police. The investigation took a significant step forward with the arrest of Liles on June 4 of this year, and a subsequent grand jury presentation resulted in the indictment of Liles for Murder in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree last week. The indictment alleges that Liles was acting in concert with another person, who was not named in the indictment. Liles has been arraigned on the indictment and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail without bail.

Galligan said, "My Office and our partners in Sullivan County's law enforcement community do not give up on investigations like these even as time goes on. We remain committed to putting together solid cases supported by all available evidence that we believe will result in convictions proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

Galligan thanked the members of the Village of Monticello Police Department, and the troopers, investigators and forensics teams of the New York State Police for their immediate response and lasting commitment to this case.

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

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

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once 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
CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper

5:30 pm

To be Announced

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Saturday Thrift Sale

9:00 am to 12 noon
To be Announced

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



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The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 12:00 noon

Music by Fred VanWagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42 • South Fallsburg
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www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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

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

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



Sundown United Methodist Church
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

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

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

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

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.
845-985-2283 • e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

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

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Loucks Funeral Home

Geoff and Heather Hazzard

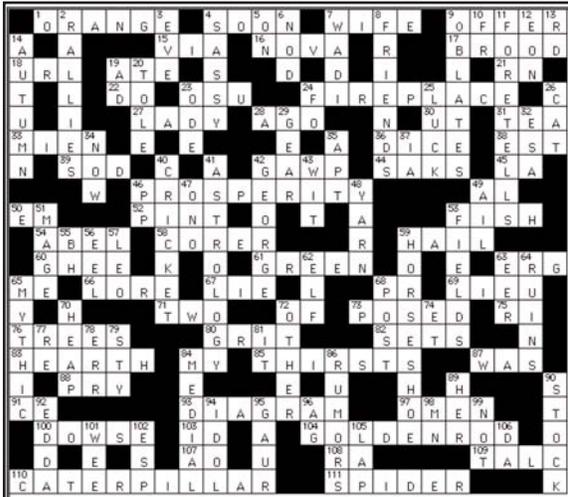
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AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street,
 Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for 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

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

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 Need a website?
 Call us at 845-985-0501
 email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
 or visit our Virtual Mall gnomehome.net

Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake NY is having a **Pulled Venison Benefit Dinner** for Lucy Bishop



Little Lucy is a 3 yr old girl who is battling stage 4 high risk neuroblastoma

October 17, 2020 • 12 noon to 6 pm
Take out only
 at the Loch Sheldrake NY Fire House Parking Lot on Route 52

Good will offering and donations to help offset medical/travel costs

Checks can be made out to Calvary Baptist Church of Sullivan County – earmark for Lucy Bishop

Social Distancing Required

Pulled Venison on a Roll, Coleslaw and French Fries

For more info or reserve meals please Call Pastor Caskey 845-985-7410

The Academy at SHADOWLAND STAGES is pleased to announce Beginning Acting

The Academy at SHADOWLAND STAGES is pleased to announce Beginning Acting classes for adults (18+). Enjoy eight weekly small group / socially distanced sessions with Artistic Director Brendan Burke on Tuesday evenings (6:30pm to 8pm) from October 27 to December 15.

Designed as an introductory-level acting course, this class is a great opportunity for newcomers or those with minimal onstage experience. Whether you've got ambitions to "tread the boards", or just want to learn a little more, this is the class for you. The cost is \$125 per person for the full eight week course. Class size is limited, so reserve your spot soon by calling 845-210-4848.

Looking for more advanced level work? Private coaching sessions might be right for you. You can work in a relaxed setting with a professional Artistic Director / Teacher on monologues or audition pieces for shows or colleges (or even learn more about how to choose the right piece for you)! Call 854-210-4848 for more information.

Come find a bargain on a little something NEW to wear or the perfect Halloween costume AND help SHADOWLAND clear out the costume shop! We're starting a new tradition, so join us for some safe shopping at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES (14 Market Street, corner of Center) on Sunday, October 18th from 10am to 4pm. There will be dollar deals and bargain bags! Cash only, please.

**GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED
CHURCH**

ROAST PORK DINNER

**OCTOBER 17, 2020 • SATURDAY
4:00 P.M TILL SOLD OUT..**

**Roast Pork, Stuffing Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Homemade
Applesauce, Salad, Bread and Cake**

Cost: \$14.00

Pick Up Only

**GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED
CHURCH HALL**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

WE'RE OPEN

*For Limited Hours & Services
Here's what you need to know:*



LIMITED HOURS

We are excited to welcome you back! Our hours are currently limited to the following:

Curbside Pick-up hours:	Building Hours:
Monday - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Monday - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday - Friday - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday - 10:00 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.



LIMITED CAPACITY

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.



LIMITED COMPUTER USE

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

While our in person programs are on hold, we are continuing to offer virtual programming. Please check our website and facebook page for the upcoming program schedule.

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



Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233

<http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

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.

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>.

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.



Mid-Week Marketplace at ERH come join us on the lawn



Every WEDNESDAY
September 16th through October 28th
9 AM to 3 PM

Multiple Vendors Scheduled throughout the seven weeks

ERH Gift Shop

What A Girl Wants * Lu La Roe
Uniquely Yours by Sophia * Your Nutz
LK Quilts * Pretzel Princess * The Bath Bar
The Shawangunk Garden Club

Masks required

Hand Sanitizers provided at each tent

Social distancing rules apply

A portion of the proceeds goes to the ERH Auxiliary

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725



Buffet Style Pancake Breakfast

The following BUFFET options will be served to you by CVFD staff:

- Scrambled Eggs
- Pancakes
- French Toast
- Sausage
- Hash brown

****REMINDER you must WEAR a mask to enter the building, once we seat you at your table you can take your mask off. If you need to use the restroom or leave the building at anytime, you must wear your mask**** (MASK must be worn on buffet line)

All customers who are dining in will be required to sign the Covid-19 waiver form and have their temperature taken

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!****

DEC Encourages Hikers and Visitors to Check Out New York's Hidden Gems While Continuing to Play Smart * Play Safe * Play Local

DEC Encourages New Yorkers to Avoid Crowded Destinations and Recreate Responsibly during State's Ongoing Response to COVID-19

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today is encouraging outdoor enthusiasts to explore less-traveled destinations instead of crowded hotspots while following the principles of Leave No Trace. In anticipation of visitors looking to get outside over the upcoming holiday weekend, Commissioner Seggos called on visitors to do their part to protect all State Lands for future generations by packing out what they bring in and not leaving litter behind. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, DEC is also reminding hikers and visitors to use common sense guidelines for smart and safe recreation, including incorporating social distancing and wearing a face mask, planning trips ahead, choosing a destination close to home, and visiting at off-hours.

"New Yorkers are desperate for a chance to get outside, go for a hike, see new sights, and get a breath of fresh air. It's fantastic that so many people are discovering the outdoors, but these lands belong to all of us and everyone can help to protect State Lands for generations to come," Commissioner Seggos said. "We're asking New Yorkers to try a trail less traveled and enjoy the many other incredible destinations across the state so that we can all recreate safely and responsibly during the pandemic."

Over the last decade, DEC has witnessed a steady increase in the number of visitors recreating on the lands and waters of the Forest Preserve and conservation easements in the Adirondacks, particularly in the High Peaks area. DEC has also seen increased use in the Catskills and on lands statewide. With this increase in use, DEC is also seeing an uptick in impacts to natural resources and recreational infrastructure, and complaints about degradation of the visitor experience.

DEC held four focus group meetings in 2018 to help identify strategies and potential solutions to responsible recreation. A stakeholder meeting in 2019 identified priorities to address including illegal parking, public safety, and trail degradation. The outcome of the stakeholder meeting was the formation of the High Peaks Strategic Planning Advisory Group, which is developing its final report to submit to DEC.

Rather than visiting the High Peaks, DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to check out the State's hidden gems.

In the Southern Tier, Cameron State Forest in Steuben County is a great place to start for those looking for an opportunity in the more remote wilderness. While there are no designated parking lots, parking is available along the edges of Pump Station Road. Wildlife spotted in the area include black bear, black-throated warblers, and brook trout. Outdoor adventurers looking for easier trails can visit Pharsalia Woods State Forest, which features the Round Pond Observation Platform in Chenango County. An accessible boardwalk leads from the accessible parking lot to the platform, which overlooks the 90-acre Round Pond wetland complex. In Steuben County, Urbana State Forest has a short loop trail with access to Huckleberry Bog.

On Long Island, the Ridge Conservation Area offers 184 acres of mixed wooded and open habitats. Trail markers and an interpretive trail help visitors explore the property that includes 81 acres of reverting farm fields, 85 acres of forest, and four acres of fishable ponds. Randall Pond is a prime site for a picnic or casting a line. In addition, Long Island visitors can check out the Clarence Hylan Beavers Memorial Trail in Smithtown. Part of Kings Park Unique

Area, this 69-acre green space is open for hiking and wildlife viewing and features an accessible parking lot and trail. The longest hiking trail is the 1.1-mile Blue Loop Trail. The Clarence Hylan Beavers Memorial Trail is a 0.3-mile accessible trail made of crushed stone and sand. The trail drops one foot in elevation for every 20 feet in length.

In the Finger Lakes, check out Conesus Inlet Wildlife Management Area in Livingston County, which has two trails that can be accessed from Sliker Hill Rd. The first trail connects three boardwalks that extend out into the edge of the marsh. A portion of the trail along the stream is fully accessible. The second trail is a loop trail that parallels the road for about half its length and travels through field habitat.

In Central New York, Muller Hill Historic Site in Madison County features a 0.25-mile accessible trail, which provides access to the former mansion site of Louise Muller and a wildlife viewing site on Muller Pond.

The Mohawk Valley features the Black River Wild Forest in Herkimer and Oneida counties. The 127,135 acres are located in the southwestern foothills of the Adirondack Forest Preserve and offer a broad spectrum of recreational opportunities. Elevations in the unit range from 1,350 to 2,600 feet, with the highest relief found between Nicks Lake and Woodhull Lake and around North and South Lakes. The Ledge Mountain Trail (Vista Trail) in the town of Ohio, Herkimer County, is 2.25 miles east of the intersection of NYS Routes 8 and 365, on Rt. 8. Look for the large snowplow turnaround on the north side of the road. Park in the turnaround on Route 8 and hike in on the right-hand driveway until the sign-in register/trailhead sign. The Vista Trail is an easy 1.1-mile hike to a scenic view on Ledge Mountain overlooking the West Canada Creek Valley. The Bear Lake Trail in the town of Ohio, Herkimer County, is 1.25 miles down the Herkimer Landing Road from the hamlet of McKeever.

Grass River Wild Forest in St. Lawrence County is home to several rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds, providing plenty of opportunities for paddling, boating, and fishing. One of the scenic features is Harper Falls on the North Branch of the Grass River. The trailhead just off the Donnerville Road is a fairly easy 1.4 miles round trip with a vertical drop of approximately 60 feet.

The WAG Trail can be found in Allegany County, in Western New York. It's a nine-mile, multi-use recreational trail and historic transportation corridor that extends between the village of Wellsville and the Pennsylvania state line. The trail follows the route of the former Wellsville, Addison, and Galetton (WAG) Railroad along the upper Genesee River.

In New York City, Old Place Creek in Richmond County is home to 70 acres of land featuring a critical tidal and subtidal wetland habitat. The headwaters for the creek begin in the forested wetlands of Graniteville Swamp Woods and then slowly meander toward the northern end of the Arthur Kill next to Goethals Bridge, providing a wonderful stretch of tidal salt marsh. Also in Richmond County is Mt. Loretto State Forest, 74 acres of unique and diverse green space. This property includes both mixed hardwood forest and wetland habitats, features that make it a beautiful area to hike, and one of the best places in the area to spot amphibians.

The Mid-Hudson region is home to the Sundown Wild Forest in Ulster County. A series of picturesque waterfalls with pools, dropping about 30 feet in four stages can be found at the Vernooy Kill Falls. A footbridge crosses the base of the falls for a gorgeous view. Nearby is a tall stone wall, a remnant of the Vernooy Mill which served as a major crossroads where farmers near and far brought grain for milling 200 years ago. The upper falls of the Vernooy Kill can be accessed via a multiple-use trail starting at the newly constructed parking area on Upper Cherrytown Road in the town of Rochester.

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DEC Encourages Hikers and Visitors to Check Out New York's Hidden Gems While Continuing to Play Smart * Play Safe * Play Local

(From Pg. 27) For the Capital Region, check out Taconic Ridge State Forest in Rensselaer County. The Taconic Crest Trail runs 35 miles along the New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts border, with a maximum elevation of almost 3,000 feet at Berlin Mountain. A popular section of the trail begins in Petersburg, New York, and leads to the popular "snow hole," a cave-like crevice where snow is sometimes found even in summer.

Leave No Trace

Litter is both an eyesore and poses a danger to local wildlife and delicate ecosystems. DEC is encouraging visitors to the State's natural areas and facilities to keep New York's environment clean by properly disposing of waste. Follow these tips to Leave No Trace:

1. Carry out what you carry in. Don't leave trash, food, gear, or any other personal belongings behind.
2. Trash your trash. Use designated receptacles when available or carry your trash in a small bag so you can throw it out at home. Never put trash in outhouses or porta-potties.
3. Use designated bathroom facilities when available. If traveling, use the rest areas closest to your destination before you arrive. Learn how to dig a cat hole (leaves DEC website) and properly dispose of your human waste for the times when nature calls and a bathroom is not available.
4. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, take extra precautions when picking up trash you find on the trail. Wear gloves and make sure to hand sanitize when you are done.

This past summer, DEC and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) launched the PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL Campaign to encourage all New Yorkers to recreate safely, responsibly, and locally this summer and to always treat fellow outdoor adventurers with respect. The campaign invites people to take the PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL pledge, and promise to use common sense to protect themselves and others when enjoying the outdoors. During the State's ongoing response to COVID-19, New Yorkers across the state want and need to get outside for a nature break, which is good for physical and mental health. The campaign and pledge include common-sense guidelines for smart and safe recreation, including incorporating social distancing and wearing a face mask, planning trips ahead, choosing a destination close to home because public restrooms and restaurants may not be open, and visiting at off-hours. The agencies are also encouraging New Yorkers to take the pledge and use the hashtag #PlaySmartPlaySafePlayLocal when sharing their outdoor adventures on social media.

New Yorkers are strongly advised to plan their outdoor adventures ahead of time and choose alternate destinations if their first choice is closed or crowded. Check parks.ny.gov and 511 for park capacity closure alerts and visit the DECinfo locator to find the nearest DEC-managed lands. DEC and State Parks websites also feature guidelines to help New Yorkers safely engage in outdoor activities including swimming, hunting, fishing, boating, golf, and hiking. Indoor spaces and restrooms at State Parks and DEC public facilities may remain closed out of an abundance of caution to prevent community spread of COVID-19, so New Yorkers are encouraged to stay local, within their region, and use the #RecreateLocal hashtag on social media.

State Senate Candidate Mike Martucci Calls for End to Property Taxes for Seniors

Helping Seniors Stay in Their Homes is the Key to Stronger Families and Communities

Goshen, NY (September 30, 2020) - In an effort to stop the mass exodus of seniors fleeing The Empire State to avoid the highest combined tax burden in the nation, candidate for the 42nd State Senate District seat Mike Martucci today called for an end to property taxes for New Yorkers 60 years and older who make less than \$100,000 per year.

"New York state is hemorrhaging residents at the rate of nearly 250 people per day, the highest in the nation, and they are largely relocating to states with lower taxes and cost of living," Martucci observed. "One of the greatest tax burdens faced by New Yorkers, and especially seniors, are local property taxes; and these oppressive taxes often serve to drive seniors out of their homes. For this reason I am calling on the state legislature to exempt seniors 60 years or older who make less than \$100,000 a year from paying local property taxes."

The elimination of property taxes for qualifying seniors would be paid for through the state's General Fund. By eliminating wasteful spending from the state's budget, such as \$420 million in Hollywood corporate welfare and \$100 million in political slush funds for incumbents like Senator Metzger, the state legislature could provide immediate and life-changing relief to New York's seniors.

The AARP reported that 56% of New Yorkers worry about affording their property taxes in retirement, while 55% of "Boomers" said they intended to leave New York state. The fact that a majority of an entire generation intends to leave the state is a stinging indictment of radical liberal policies championed by Senator Metzger and spendthrift big government democrats in New York City.

Martucci concluded, "If we want to keep families together, and staunch the bleeding of residents, we must make it affordable for seniors to stay in their homes during their golden years. When we lose a generation of New Yorkers to other states, we lose a lifetime of knowledge and wisdom that strengthens and guides families and communities."

About Mike Martucci:

Mike is a small businessman who employed hundreds of people locally at his former company, Quality Bus Service, which was responsible for safely transporting thousands of school children each day in and near the 42nd senate district. Mike and his wife Erin own a small family-farm in the Town of Westtown, so he understands the importance of supporting local farmers, and protecting our environment. Mike and Erin established a family foundation to support local women and children in need, educational opportunities, job creation, and agriculture initiatives. Mike and Erin have three children and live in the Town of Wawayanda. Mike earned his MBA and BS at Marist College and graduated with honors from SUNY Orange, he is also a Board member of the SUNY Orange Foundation which provides college scholarships for students. The 42nd state senate district comprises Sullivan county, and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware counties. For full bio: <http://www.Martucci4Senate.com>

Senator Jen Metzger Announces \$400K for Flood Mitigation in Orange County's Black Dirt Region

Orange County, NY...State Senator Metzger (SD-42) yesterday held a press conference in Westtown to announce a \$400,000 in State and Municipal Facilities Capital (SAM) grant for the third phase of the Wallkill Floodplain Bench Project to prevent flooding of farmland in the Black Dirt Region of Orange County. Farms suffered severe damage and economic losses from flooding caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and the Floodplain Bench Project is designed to improve resilience, creating a floodplain to accommodate floodwaters and provide a vegetative buffer between farms and the Wallkill River. At the press conference announcing the grant, the Senator was joined by the project's leadership at the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), including Chairman John Wright, Director and Orange County Legislator Paul Ruskiewicz, and Manager Kevin Sumner, along with Orange County Deputy County Executive Harry Porr, Warwick Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton, and Orange County Farm Bureau President John Lupinski.



Left to right, John Ruskiewicz, Senator Jen Metzger, and Paul Ruskiewicz. Senator Metzger is holding a map of the entire Wallkill River Flood Mitigation Project

Senator Metzger, who chairs the Senate's Committee on Agriculture, met with farmers and SWCD staff and board members soon after taking office in 2019 to hear about local plans and needs for improving agriculture's resilience to severe storms. The Black Dirt Region is particularly vulnerable to flooding, which can damage crops and yields and wash away this unique and irreplaceable topsoil. The SWCD completed two phases of the Floodplain Bench Project, but did not have the funds to undertake the third and final phase. Senator Metzger worked to secure \$400,000 in funding to move the final phase of the project forward, which will help protect farmland in Warwick, Minisink, and Wawayanda from flooding.

"Climate change is causing more frequent and more severe storms," said Senator Jen Metzger. "Our farms are truly on the front lines of its impacts, and need our support to become more resilient. The Black Dirt region is particularly vulnerable to flooding, and it is important to keep this floodplain mitigation project moving forward to protect this irreplaceable farmland and the soil and water resources that sustain it."

Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District Director

and County Legislator Paul Ruskiewicz said, "I want to thank Senator Metzger for securing this grant for us because, particularly, these days with COVID, funding for a lot of things has been a challenge. As Kevin mentioned, we've been struggling to piece money together to keep work going, and this grant certainly helps with that. Senator, thank you again for working on our behalf to secure this funding."



Senator Metzger delivering remarks at the press conference in Westtown on Thursday morning.

Deputy County Executive Harry Porr said, "Agriculture continues to be the county's single greatest industry. Investment in infrastructure that protects agricultural production is good investment. We genuinely appreciate the work Senator Metzger's doing to make this important project happen."

Orange County Farm Bureau President John Lupinski said, "Today is an important day for the farmers and everyone along the Wallkill River. I would like to thank Senator Metzger for her help in attaining this money for such an important endeavor."

Warwick Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton said, "The funds



from this grant to continue the bench project by OCSWCD is vital to the success of the efforts to prevent flooding of our critical black dirt farming area and the hard working farm families who are the heart of the Town's economy. I applaud Senator Metzger for securing these funds that are so critical."

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women's Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

Reid Joins NYSARH Board

Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) is pleased to announce that Victoria Reid, LMSW, has been elected to serve on the New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH) Board of Directors.

Victoria Reid joined the ERH team in 2018 as the Executive Director of the Rural Health Network. Ms. Reid earned a master's degree in Social Work, with a Concentration in Community Organization and Policy Development from the University of Southern California, and a bachelors in Sociology from Moravian University. With extensive experience in health promotion and education, population health, assessing health disparities, innovative planning activities and clinical quality improvement and reporting, Ms. Reid is responsible for leading the Population Health Department, overseeing collaborative community health programing.

Ms. Reid is a licensed Social Worker, and is a certified Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Trainer, Certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer, and a Naloxone Train the Trainer.

About NYSARH:

The mission of the New York State Association of Rural Health (NYSARH) is to improve the health and well-being of rural New Yorkers and their communities. NYSARH functions as the "voice for rural health." It is a statewide organization advocating for the health of rural New Yorkers. NYSARH advocates at the national and state levels on behalf of its membership.

About ERH:

Innovating, collaborating, providing award-winning care. At Ellenville Regional Hospital, we deliver health care with compassion and respect based on our commitment to improving our community health through excellence, innovation and state-of-the-art technologies. Using innovative techniques, assembling a brilliant staff and collaborating with exceptional partners, we have transformed a small hospital into a big success story.

UC Executive Ryan and Sheriff Figueroa Announce Over One Million Dollars in Savings by Adjusting Jail Staff

New funding will allow Ulster County to increase funding to Mobile Mental Health Team

Ulster County will allocate \$900,000 to Mobile Mental Health and will dedicate full time social worker to Ulster County 911 Kingston, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan and Sheriff Juan Figueroa have announced an agreement that will save taxpayers over \$1 million in the 2021 Executive Budget by rightsizing staff at the Ulster County Jail to reflect declining inmate populations. The new arrangement will allow for the jail to be properly and safely staffed while realizing significant savings. County Executive Ryan also announced that he will use these savings to increase the Mobile Mental Health Team and include a full time social worker available to respond to 911 calls.

Through the 2021 Executive Budget, \$900,000 in funding will be allocated to expand the Mobile Mental Health Team. The increase will allow for the hiring of a full time social worker to be located at the 911 Emergency Center. Residents who are experiencing a mental health crisis who call 911 will now be met with a trained trauma informed emergency response.

"Through working with Sheriff Figueroa, we are able to right-size our jail in a way that will allow us to maintain the needed levels to keep officers and inmates safe while also saving the county over \$1 million dollars in our upcoming budget," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "This change has allowed us to expand

our Mobile Mental Health Team at a time when so many residents are struggling due to the impacts of COVID-19. At a time with so much uncertainty, it is imperative that we work together to deliver for our residents."

"Protecting officers and inmates at the Ulster County Jail is our most important goal," Sheriff Juan Figueroa said. "Working together we have found a solution that will accomplish that goal, save money for our taxpayers, and provide much needed mental health assistance. Teamwork on behalf of Ulster County residents is critical, especially in times of crisis."

DEC Seeks Public Input on Proposed Endangered Species Protections

Revised Regulatory Proposal Would Strengthen Protections for Threatened and Endangered Wildlife

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the agency is accepting public comment on a revised regulatory proposal to strengthen protections for threatened and endangered wildlife in New York. The proposal promotes sharing information between landowners and DEC staff during permit reviews for projects on lands where endangered or threatened species may be located, helping improve the pace of permit decisions and to better avoid negative impacts to vulnerable wildlife populations.

Identifying and addressing potential impacts to endangered and threatened species and their habitats early in the project planning process is the most successful way to avoid harmful effects on these critical species during construction and site development. The proposed changes in the revised regulations will help prevent project delays and expedite DEC's application process by better clarifying criteria needed to determine whether endangered and threatened species are present on a property, and also enhances DEC's ability to undertake protected species restoration efforts with cooperating landowners, among other changes.

The proposed regulations clarify what permit applicants must provide to DEC when seeking a decision on whether a project located where endangered or threatened species are living could result in impacts to these species. Since first proposed in 2019, DEC revised the proposal to better clarify ongoing federal authority in protecting listed endangered and threatened species.

Also, the proposed regulation revisions allow DEC to establish an experimental population outside the current range for any endangered or threatened species to help enable its recovery. Experimental populations are created by the intentional release of a listed species in an effort to increase their numbers. The regulation revision would enable restoration efforts in protected lands such as Wildlife Management Areas or State Forests without placing a regulatory burden on adjacent property owners. DEC will post proposed experimental population designations for public review and will not remove any species protections already in place.

The revised regulatory proposal is titled "Part 182, Clarifying determination of jurisdiction under the Endangered and Threatened Fish and Wildlife regulations" and is available at DEC's website. Written comments will be accepted through close of business on Nov. 16, 2020 to: Dan Rosenblatt, NYS-DEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754 or e-mail comments to: wildliferegs@dec.ny.gov; subject line "Endangered Species Regulation."

DEC also continues to evaluate public comments received from a preproposal to revise the current list of endangered and threatened species and will develop a regulatory proposal based on the feedback received.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Outlines 2021 Budget Plan

- *2021 Executive Budget includes a 0% tax increase and zero layoffs despite financial impact from the pandemic*
- *County Executive Ryan calls for new “People-Centered Economy” envisioning a better and stronger Ulster County focusing on key economic sectors*
- *County Executive Ryan announces expansion of Mobile Mental Health placing a full-time social worker into County 911 Emergency Management Department*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Ryan unveiled his 2021 Executive Budget today in a speech delivered at the SUNY Ulster campus. At approximately \$333.8 million, the 2021 budget includes a 0% increase in the tax levy and no layoffs to county employees. Ryan highlighted a series of initiatives focused on ensuring Ulster County emerges from the challenges of the COVID pandemic stronger and more equitable, including a comprehensive set of economic investments, major infrastructure improvements, and critical social services.

“After one of the most difficult years in decades, I am proud to deliver a county budget that will once again hold the line on taxes, while also proposing no layoffs and maintaining - and in many cases improving - delivery of vital services across the board,” County Executive Ryan said. “This budget puts people at the center of our economy and at the heart of our essential spending, outlining a plan to ensure we emerge from the pandemic with a more resilient and equitable economy and with a continued focus on taking care of each other during this moment of great need.”

Despite the financial challenges brought on by the pandemic, the county was able to hold the line on taxes due to strong fiscal management in response to the crisis. Once again, Ulster County received a strong credit rating of AA in the most recent ratings by S&P Global, issued in August. Ulster County has also again been designated as “fiscally sound” by the NYS Comptroller, and Ryan's Executive Budget maintains a fund balance above recommended levels to ensure the county maintains financial flexibility going forward.

2021 Budget Initiatives Building A People-Centered Economy Ulster 2040

This week, County Executive Pat Ryan released Ulster 2040, an action plan for creating a sustainable and “People-Centered Economy.” The report outlines a bold, long-term vision for what our economy (and by extension our community) should and could look like in twenty years and it outlines specific recommendations and short, medium and long-term investments in four focused sectors to achieve that vision.

Reimagining the Hudson Valley Mall

In 2021, work will begin to transform the Hudson Valley Mall into a thriving hub of our future agricultural economy. Partnering with the Hull Group, Farm Bridge, Novo Foundation, NY State Empire Development and others, work will start to transform this property into an agribusiness hub that will form the centerpiece of the county's future agribusiness economy.

Grow and Diversify our Economy for All

The 2021 Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to spend approximately \$5.3 million in the operating budget and capital program to support economic development in the county.

The Ulster County Office of Economic Development's budget includes \$768,768.00 in proposed funding in the 2021 Ulster County Executive Budget. Additionally, the Ulster County Tourism Department includes \$1,007,099.00 in proposed funding.

Ulster County Enterprise West (Formerly Tech City)

Approximately \$225,000 is included in the operating budget to ensure the upkeep of Ulster County Enterprise West, formerly known as Tech City. Additionally, to rebirth the former IBM site, taking long-vacant buildings and putting them back to work as a hub for artists, designers, manufacturers, and creatives. The capital budget includes \$2.9 million over several years to fund this transformation.

Green Careers Academy

As a part of the 2021 Executive Budget, up to will be used \$75,000 to expand the Green Careers Academy for green career training and new internship programs. The Office of Employment and Training (OET) will be partnering with Ulster BOCES and SUNY Ulster to create green training opportunities for Ulster BOCES students. Through OET's Green Careers internship program, graduating students will also be eligible for further Green Careers Academy courses and paid on-the-job training experience.

100% Renewable Energy by 2030

Through investments made in the 2021 Budget, Ulster County will be halfway towards its goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030. As part of a five-year \$2.5 million dollar capital plan, Ulster County will invest over \$800,000 in 2021 to update decades old HVAC systems at the Ulster County Courthouse, the Ulster County Government Building, Ulster County Hall of Records and the Trudy Resnick Building in Ellenville. Over the next five-years, the county will look to upgrade systems in 14 buildings. The project will reduce heating and cooling energy use by up to 20%, resulting in significant operational cost savings, and replace older refrigerants, which are powerful greenhouse gases, in HVAC equipment.

In addition, Ulster County recently executed an agreement with the NY Power Authority for UCAT electric bus charging infrastructure. This project which utilizes VW settlement funding, upgrades the electrical service of the UCAT facility at 1 Danny Circle, Kingston will commence along with the installation of three 150KW DC fast chargers in the bus garage. It is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of 2021.

Through an agreement on the future site of Ulster County's second solar array located in the town of Saugerties, Ulster County will develop a community distributed generation project which will provide power for both Ulster County Government operations and local community solar subscribers. Ulster County will also subscribe to receive community solar credits from multiple sites within Central Hudson's service territory, including the ELP Myer solar project located on Warren Myer road in Saugerties. Both projects will lead to an anticipated annual cost savings of \$60,000.

Investments in Community Care Mobile Mental Health Expansion

For the first time, Ulster County will invest \$150,000 to place a full-time social worker into the Emergency Management Department. Residents who call 911 and are experiencing a mental health crisis, will be able to be met with the response of a social worker opposed to law enforcement. This will ensure a trauma informed care response instead of incarceration.

In the 2021 Executive Budget, \$13.7 million will be allocated for Mental Health a total of \$871,664 will go to Mobile Mental Health.

Brighter Futures

Launched last year, Brighter Futures focuses and personalizes support for adolescents, and their families, to help break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. In the 2021 Executive Budget, the program will be doubled from 20 participants to 40. Brighter Futures will undoubtedly change the life trajectory for many young people in our community. (Contd. Pg. 32)

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Golden Hill Housing

In the 2021 Executive Budget, Ulster County will continue to press forward in bringing workforce housing to Ulster County. In partnership with the Ulster County Legislature and the newly formed joint Housing Advisory Committee, plans will be finalized to convert the old jail at Golden Hill into a major workforce housing project. County Executive Ryan stressed that this type of housing will be accessible to frontline workers who've risked their lives during the pandemic and deserve a place for them and their family to live in dignity. In addition, work will continue to identify more sites across the county for future workforce housing projects.

Tackling the Opioid Epidemic

As part of the 2021 Executive Budget, \$670,000 will be dedicated to opioid use prevention. Through the budget, residents will have the opportunity to obtain housing vouchers at local hotels for those in need of safe housing while seeking treatment. Additionally, vouchers for child-care to assist those in obtaining treatment and attending critical appointments will be made available. Further, funds will be made available to offset transportation costs for residents getting help and providing access to technology for telemedicine needs.

Funding will also be used to expand Ulster County's High Risk Mitigation Team to the City of Kingston and strengthen its reach into other parts of Ulster County. Through this new effort, Ellenville Regional Hospital will fund two Care Managers to serve communities outside the City of Kingston and the Ulster County Health Department will fund one Care Manager to focus on Kingston along with assisting the program in reviewing all county over-doses and connecting the many treatment facilities.

The High Risk Mitigation Team will take a population health approach and work closely with those struggling with addiction to ensure they receive comprehensive, personalized support and services. The team will carefully follow their treatment so they don't slip through the cracks in existing systems. Services will include: linking to peer services, treatment, harm reduction measures, medication assisted treatment, OUD prevention education, and recovery services.

Infrastructure Investments

In the 2021 Executive Capital Budget, \$48.5 million will be dedicated to enhancing roads and bridges. This includes, among many other key projects, \$4.4 million to rebuild the Shawangunk Kill Bridge in Shawangunk, nearly \$3 million to upgrade the Maltby Hollow Bridge in the town of Olive, over \$2 million on the Sundown Bridge in the town of Denning, and \$10 million on overall road paving across the county throughout 2021.

Education and Community Care

In the 2021 Executive Budget, \$16.2 million dollars will be invested in education, including \$12.3 million in continued support to SUNY Ulster's academic programs and facility upgrades. Further, \$36.7 million has been allocated for Medicaid, \$36.6 million on childcare and early intervention programs and \$13.7 million for Mental Health.

For more information, please visit: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/budget>.

Sullivan 180 Announces New Director and Launches Refreshed Website *Amanda Langseder brings a wealth of knowledge to lead growing non-profit in building a vibrant Sullivan County*

Visit the refreshed <http://www.Sullivan180.org>

[FERNDALE] - Today, Sullivan 180 announced Amanda Langseder has been named Director of the non-profit devoted to turning around the health and well-being of Sullivan County with an inclusive approach uniting the entire community.

Amanda brings extensive experience in public health and a wealth of knowledge from almost two decades of work across Sullivan County, including leadership roles at Garnet Health and Sullivan County Public Health.

At Garnet, Langseder led its community health outreach efforts, aligning the health system's priorities with those of Sullivan County, starting worksite wellness movements that have been replicated across the Hudson Valley, and launching "Warrior Kids" - a four-week childhood obesity prevention initiative that graduated over 1,500 children and youth to date.

At Sullivan County Public Health, Langseder directed the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Under her leadership, Sullivan County's WIC program rose to the top ten percent statewide for breastfeeding initiation and duration and significantly increased participants' access to local farmers markets.

"Amanda's tremendous experience and deep knowledge of Sullivan County make her well-suited to succeed in leading our efforts in improving the health and well-being of Sullivan County one degree at a time. We are truly delighted to welcome her to Sullivan 180," said Sandra Gerry, Sullivan 180's Founding Chair.

"Amanda is a dynamic leader whose organizational talents and intimate knowledge of Sullivan County will take Sullivan 180 to the next level. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I look forward to working with Amanda to foster a culture of health and improve the quality of life for all of our residents," said Jay Quaintance, the Chairperson of Sullivan 180's Board of Directors.

"I am honored to join the gifted staff of Sullivan 180, whose many successes over just a few years are a strong testament to the promise and potential of their mission," said Langseder. "Sullivan 180 is uniquely positioned to improve the physical, mental, spiritual, and environmental well-being of Sullivan County, and I am excited to lead these efforts in the spirit of inclusion and collaboration," she added.

Langseder earned her undergraduate degree in Mass Communications from Rowan University and received a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Mercy College. Amanda and her family are residents of Wurtsboro.

To coincide with Langseder's arrival, Sullivan 180 has launched a newly-redesigned website at www.Sullivan180.org, streamlining the visitor experience and reorganizing the layout of information about Sullivan 180's programs and initiatives.

About Sullivan 180

Through its mission of building a healthy and vibrant Sullivan County, Sullivan 180 brings to the table a broad cross-section of successful businesses and organizations throughout all sectors of the county: education, hospitality, agriculture, government, health care agencies, and other non-profit social service entities. In addition, Sullivan 180 strives to consolidate efforts to leverage existing funding and deploy its expertise to access new resources. For more information on Sullivan 180, please visit: www.sullivan180.org

What's Happening in Ulster County in October 2020

Sept. 12 - Oct. 12 - O+ Festival Presents PO+p Up 2020: Art will be installed in Kingston storefront and gallery windows as part of an exhibition celebrating artists who have participated in O+ Kingston festivals and fundraising events between 2010 and 2019. <http://info@opositivefestival.org>; opositivefestival.org

Sept. 26-Nov. 7 - Nathalie Andrews. Participating Artists: Natali Bravo-Barbee, Jacinta Bunnell, Carole Kunstadt, Yvette Lewis and Katharine Umsted. Olive Free Library, 4033 NY-28A, West Shokan. 845-657-2482; olivefreelibrary.org

1-31 Hudson River Sightseeing Cruises: From the decks of the venerable Rip Van Winkle II cruise boat, you will relax and enjoy a clear view of historic Hudson River lighthouses, waterfront mansions and other notable locations. Enjoy the fall color on this two-hour sightseeing cruise. Tuesday-Sunday. Hudson River Cruises, 1 E. Strand St., Kingston. 845-340-4700; hudsonrivercruises.com

8-11; 15-18; 22-25; 29-31 - Haunted Huguenot Street: CANCELED. Historic house tours temporarily postponed. Self-guided outdoor walking tours available. Shop open Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Historic Huguenot Street, DuBois Fort, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255-1889; <http://huguenotstreet.org>

9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 - Lantern Cruise: Come aboard lantern-lit Solaris for this special after-dark program. Explore the river by searchlight and listen to legends and lore of the Hudson River from the pages of Washington Irving or straight from newspaper headlines of centuries past. All tickets include boat ride and general admission to the museum. Not recommended for children under age six. Purchase tickets online. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; <http://hrmm.org>

9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 Volunteer Firemen's Museum: Housed in the 1857 Wiltwyck Fire House. Fire engines and firemanic artifacts. Open July-October, Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; <http://kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com>

9-11, 16-18, 24-25, 30-31 Headless Horseman Hayrides & Haunted Houses: The 2020 Season offers a NEW EXPERIENCE. HORROR LIVES HERE! Enjoy a Drive-Thru Haunted Experience. Visit the Corn Maze Attractions and Haunted Houses. For a complete list, visit our website. Tickets are limited; purchase today: <https://headlesshorseman.com/tickets> Headless Horseman Hayrides and Haunted Houses, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; headlesshorseman.com

7-11, 14-18, 21-25, 29-31 Hurds Family Farm in October: Apple and pumpkin picking, drive-thru store, café (new), hayrides and fall activities. Open Wednesday-Sunday. Reserve online. Hurds Family Farm; 2185 State Route 32, Modena. 845-883-7825; hurdsfamilyfarm.com

10-11 Shout Out Saugerties: A festival of art and ideas. Family and adult plays, films, poetry inspired by Saugerties shops and sites, workshops, Art + Readings, Tour of Penning's studio/grounds, music and comedy. All events take place outdoors. See website or Facebook for details; facebook.com/shoutoutsaugerties; shoutoutsaugerties.org

10, 17, 24, Old Dutch Church Cemetery Tours: Living history cemetery tour. Meet Kingston characters from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Saturdays at 7 p.m.; \$10 per person. Tickets must be purchased at livinghistoryny.com. Virtual tour tickets available on website. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. 845-475-7973; theatreontheroad@gmail.com; <http://livinghistoryny.com>

3-12, 17 Annual Catskills Lark in the Park: This year, celebrate with self-guided tours. For more information and event details: 845-586-2611; catskillslark.org; facebook.com/catskillslarkinthepark

3, 24 Stockade and Rondout National Historic District Walking Tours: CANCELED until further notice. 845-339-0720; fohk.org

8-18 DENIZEN Theatre is reopening its doors for Tony-nomi-

nated Broadway playwright, Neil LaBute. The world premiere "TRUE LOVE WILL FIND YOU IN THE END" is about marriage and divorce; passion and obsession; and how love can find you in even the most extraordinary circumstances. Thursday and Saturday, 6 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 4 p.m. Purchase tickets online. DENIZEN Theatre, Water Street Market, 10 Main St., Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-303-4136; denizentheatre.com

10 Kingston's Rondout - Second Saturday Walking Tour: Temporarily suspended. <http://mindfulwalker.com>

10 ONLINE EVENT - The Dorsky Museum, Virtual Gallery Talks: Virtually visit Dos Mundos: (Re)Constructing Narratives with Curators Juanita Lanzo and Stephanie Lindquist. 2 p.m. Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

10-11 Harvest Grape Stomping Festival at Benmarl: CANCELED. Winery open for seated tastings, wine by the glass, bottles to go and brick oven pizza. Online reservations required; seating is limited. Sunday-Thursday 11-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11-8 p.m. Benmarl Winery, 156 Highland Ave., Marlboro. 845-236-4265; benmarl.com

10-11 Saunderskill Farms Annual Craft Festival: CANCELED. Open for u-pick pumpkins, apples, corn maze, fresh baked goods and more. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Saunderskill Farms, 5100 Route 209, Accord. 845-626-2676; saunderskill.com

10-11 Uptown Every Weekend - FALL into Kingston: Special event featuring businesses in the Stockade District. Sponsored by Kingston

10, 24 Children's Day - Headless Horseman Hayrides & Haunted Houses: On Children's Day, the park tones down its scare level, offering a daytime drive thru experience in the comfort of your own car. Park and come inside and walk through our Magic Moon Maze, Haunted Gardens, Witch Hazel's Halloween House, and other surprises making this the perfect outing for families with young children. Saturday Oct. 10 and Saturday Oct. 24. 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain dates: Sunday Oct. 11 and Sunday Oct. 25. 778 Broadway, Route 9W, Ulster Park. info@headlesshorseman.com 845-339-2666; headlesshorseman.com

11 13TH Annual Ulster County Italian Festival: CANCELED. uciafinc@gmail.com; 845-339-5403; ucitalianamericanfoundation.org

11-25 "Capital to Capital Run:" A commemorative 5k virtual run between Kingston and the Town of Hurley, tracing the trail of colonial refugees fleeing the British soldiers who burned the city down during the American Revolutionary War in 1777. Starting at the Senate House (the first New York State capital) in Uptown Kingston and finishing at the Van Deusen House on Main Street in Hurley (where the capital was moved). info@burningofkingston.com; 845-481-4550; capitaltocapitalrun.com

17 18th Century Autumn Festival: CANCELED. Senate House State Historic Site, 296 Fair St., Kingston. 845-338-2786; nys-parks.com

17-18 ONLINE EVENT - Hudson Valley Pottery Tour: Virtual studio tour and sale of the highest-quality pottery and ceramic sculpture in the area. Purchase one-of-a-kind works. 77 Cornell St., #315, Kingston. 845-750-7577; hudsonvalleypotterytour.com

17-18 Johnny Appleseed Cider Fest: CANCELED. Orchard open weekends for picking apples, pears and pumpkins. Shop open. Prospect Hill Orchards, 73 Clarks Lane, Milton. 845-795-2383; prospecthillorchards.com

30 Hurley Heritage Society Ghost Walk: CANCELED. All events canceled. Closed for 2020. hurleyheritagesociety.org

30-31 The Bakery's 30th Annual Night of 100 Pumpkins: Enter the pumpkin carving contest, bring in pumpkin on Oct. 30 with name and age on back. See all the pumpkins lit up on Halloween night. Lots of prizes. 6-10 p.m. The Bakery, 13 N. Front St., New Paltz. 845-255-8840; ilovethebakery.com

Congregation Agudas Achim Shabbat and Simchat Torah Services

After very successful High Holy Day services on Zoom, Congregation Agudas Achim is inviting anyone who is interested to join us on Zoom on Friday, October 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. for our Shabbat and Simchat Torah services. The fall holds many Jewish Holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot (the celebration of the end of the harvest), and Simchat Torah. Simchat Torah is the celebration of the reading of the last section of the Torah for the year and in the same breath, we go on to read the first Torah portion of the new annual cycle. We will read the last reading of Deuteronomy and the first reading of Genesis. The Torah which is typically read during the day, is celebrated during this holiday by reading it at night. Please join us also for Shabbat services on Friday, November 13, 2020 and Shabbat/Chanukah services on Friday, December 11, 2020, both at 7:30 p.m. We will be on Zoom again. The links are available by emailing:

virtualshabbat@gmail.com or by calling our president, Judy Siegel, at 845-798-0783.

SC Shopping Buses Resume October 13

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Office for the Aging is pleased to announce that the County will be resuming a modified shopping bus schedule as of October 13.

“The shopping bus provides round-trip transportation from seniors' homes to Monticello shopping,” says Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. “Registration with our office is required. The suggested contribution is \$3 per round trip. Please dial 845-807-0244 to make a reservation at least 3 business days prior.”

- Shopping runs will start at 7:30 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.
- Riders will get an hour and a half to do their shopping.
- Buses will be limited from 5 to 6 people due to social distancing, and seats will be marked. All riders are required to wear masks.
- The amount of allowed shopping bags is being increased from 5 to 8.
- Shoppers will be limited to two runs per bus per day. A waitlist will be maintained for any last-minute cancellations and to provide priority for the next ride available. Please only make a reservation if you're absolutely sure you will be able to keep it.
- The routes will remain the same as prior to closing, but on a modified schedule

(Please note: Route 2 Highland Area and Route 5 Town of Delaware are open to the general public. Please check www.sullivanvny.us/Departments/Transportation for pick up locations. The same reservation procedures apply.)

- **Route 1** (October 13, October 29, November 19, December 10)
 - A. Town of Fallsburg - Woodridge, Mountindale & South Fallsburg.
 - B. Town of Rockland - Livingston Manor & Roscoe.
- **Route 2** (October 15, November 5, November 24, December 15)
 - A. Highland Area - Narrowsburg, Eldred, Barryville, Glen Spey, and some surrounding areas
 - B. Town of Thompson - Monticello, Mongaup Valley.
- **Route 3** (October 20, November 10, December 1, December 17)
 - A. Town of Bethel - Smallwood, Cohecton, Bethel Senior Housing and White Lake.
 - B. Town of Neversink - Neversink, Grahamsville, Foxcroft Village.

- **Route 4** (October 22, November 12, December 3, December 22)
 - A. Town of Liberty - Liberty, Golden Park, Barkley Gardens & White Sulphur Springs
 - B. Town of Mamakating - Summitville, Wurtsboro & Bloomingburg.
- **Route 5** (October 27, November 17, December 8, December 29)
 - A. Town of Delaware - Fremont, Callicoon, Hankins, Jeffersonville.
 - B. Liberty Village Apartments, Hurleyville, Loch Sheldrake and Kiamesha Lake.

Gillibrand Joins Call to Extend Small Business Debt Relief Program to Help Hard-hit Businesses Recover from Economic Crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand called on Congress to pass legislation to extend the Small Business Debt Relief Program that has delivered relief to 320,000 small businesses heavily concentrated in the service industries hardest hit by the pandemic. The Small Business Debt Relief Program was authorized under the CARES Act with \$8 billion for America's smallest, most at-risk employers. The program provides six months of principal, interest, and fee payments on all preexisting, deferred, and new 7(a) loans, 504 loans and microloans to those unable to make their payments. Senator Gillibrand has cosponsored the Small Business Debt Relief Extension Act to extend this vital debt relief through at least February 2021 for all borrowers, and the bill proposes additional extensions for businesses struggling the most.

“The economic devastation caused by the pandemic is unprecedented - from the city to our rural communities, thousands of small businesses are at risk of not surviving this crisis. 'Mom and pop' shops are the lifeblood of New York's economy and our recovery depends on their ability to continue providing jobs and services in our neighborhoods,” said Senator Gillibrand. “The Small Business Debt Relief Program has already supported thousands of New York's businesses. Just like the PPP program, it must be extended to help those who are still struggling to weather this ongoing crisis. I'm proud to support the Small Business Debt Relief Extension Act led by Senators Coons and Cardin.”

- Specifically, the Small Business Debt Relief Extension Act would:
- Extend debt relief payments for all small businesses with an SBA-backed loan for five months, through February 2021. That includes 7(a) loans, 504 loans, and microloans.
 - Provide an additional seven months of debt relief for highly vulnerable businesses, including all those with a Community Advantage or microloan and those with a regular 7(a) or 504 loan that operate in the sectors hardest hit by the pandemic: educational services; arts, entertainment, and recreation; accommodation and food services; and charter buses.
 - Extend the availability of debt relief on new SBA-loans for a full year, to include those approved through September 2021. This will provide an ongoing incentive for small business growth and job creation in all sectors.
 - Ensure debt relief benefit is associated with no tax liability for any participating business.
 - Improve program integrity and transparency, by increasing required SBA reporting to Congress and communication with borrowers.
 - Require no new spending by Congress, as it

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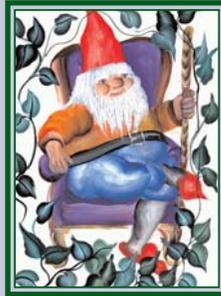
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ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS

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SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE

(1940) 1h 50m | Biography | TV-G

An exploration into the domestic and political life of former president, Abraham Lincoln. **Directed by John Cromwell. Starring Raymond Massey, Gene Lockhart and Ruth Gordon.** This 1940 biographical historical drama film depicts the life of Abraham Lincoln from his departure from Kentucky until his election as President of the United States. In the UK, the film is known by the alternate title **SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE**. The film was adapted by Grover Jones and Robert E. Sherwood from Sherwood's Pulitzer Prize-winning play of the



same name. It was directed by John Cromwell.

Raymond Hart Massey (August 30, 1896 – July 29, 1983) was a Canadian actor, known for his commanding, stage-trained voice and for his lead role in *Abe Lincoln in Illinois* (1940). Massey was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actor. To quote Mr. Lewis Armstrong, "Mr. Massey freed the slaves down on Broadway. Then Mr. Massey came uptown and freed The Cotton Club girls."

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Sunrise at Campobello

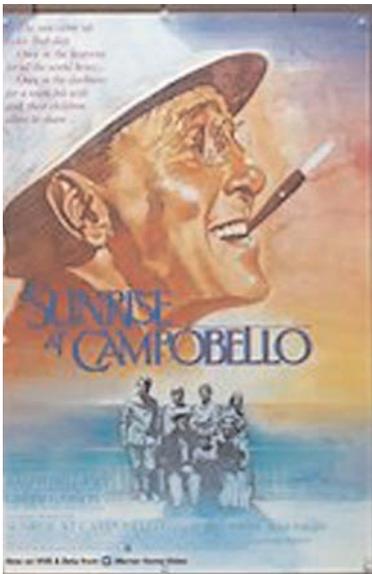
(1960) 2h 23m | Drama | TV-G

In the summer of 1921, **unsuccessful vice-presidential candidate Franklin Delano Roosevelt** Director **Vincent J. Donehue** starring, **Zina Bethune, Tim Considine, Alan Bunce**, Sunrise at Campobello is a 1960 Warner Bros. biographical film telling the story of the struggles of future President of the United States Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his family when

Roosevelt was stricken with paralysis at the age of 39 in August 1921. Based on Dore Schary's 1958 Tony Award-winning Broadway play of the same name, the film was directed by **Vincent J. Donehue** and stars **Ralph Bellamy, Greer Garson, Hume Cronyn and Jean Hagen**.

President Roosevelt supported strong Democratic planks, not gun control, and late

term abortion. he supported Capitalism, had many investments, he favored one world



Government designed after U. S. government freedoms. However, he wanted the U.S. constitution to be the U. N. Charter, and have true freedom for all of the people not just the rich.

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THIS WEEK WE HONOR AMERICA WITH J.F.K. PT-109

(1963) 2h 20m | Drama | TV-PG



Assigned to command a small, swift, PT boat in the South Pacific, a young Lieutenant John F. Kennedy goes above and beyond the call when caring for his men. Director Leslie H. Martinson Cast Cliff Robertson, Ty Hardin, James Gregory,



TCM @ 03:15 AM EARLY THURSDAY MORNING
OCTOBER 15, 2020

THIS WEEK WE HONOR AMERICA WITH 1776

(1972) 2h 21m | Comedy | TV-G



The founding fathers struggle to draft the Declaration of Independence. Director Peter H. Hunt Cast William Daniels as John Adams, Howard Da Silva as Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Ken Howard as Thomas Jefferson, Donald Madden as John Dickinson. A rousing treat from the colonies to Paris, the making of a great nation.

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