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## Terrell Epps Receives New Hope Community's Maxine Belson Award for His Positive Outlook and Motivation



Terrell Epps receives his award from Terence Duncan, Director of Residential Services, at New Hope Community during a recent presentation. Over the past seven years, Epps has taken on more responsibility and advanced his career while being a source of motivation for the people he supports. (Loch Sheldrake, NY - August 26, 2021): New Hope Community, a not-for-profit organization providing services and supports to people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, has named staff member and Liberty, NY resident Terrell Epps as the 2021 recipient of its prestigious Maxine Belson Award. This honor is in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the people he supports, through innovative and meaningful leisure and social activities.

"Terrell is an outstanding member of our team and we are very pleased to recognize his contributions to our organization. He has an extremely positive outlook and a gift for encouraging people to participate in activities that not only bring them joy but enable them to grow as individuals," said Debra J. McGinness, Chief Executive Officer of New Hope Community.

Epps is a Direct Support Professional 2 (DSP2) who, for the past seven years, splits his time working with residents in New Hope Community's homes, in the organization's Without Walls (WOW) community-based recreation programs, and as a Special Olympics coach. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Maxine Belson Award Winner Terrrell Epps, Direct Support Professional 2 and new coach of the New Hope Community golf team, talks golf with Monique, a member of the Special Olympics Golf Team.

## **Fallsburg JSHS Completes Sullivan Renaissance Garden Grant**



Maritza Rivas Joya, Sharon Blake, Dayanara Olan, Lisa Pacheco, Samantha Medina, Neema Darboe, Aisha Darboe, Mike Aguilar Torres, Kristen Meyer, Goranka Rogg, Haddy Gai, Marcos Fuentes Hernandez, and Isaias Argueta Hernandez.

During the winter of 2020, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School's Kristen Meyer applied for a Sullivan Renaissance Garden Grant for \$1500. When she was searching for volunteers to do the planting around the entrance to the school library, she heard that the school Ecology Club, under Advisor Goranka Rogg, was also looking to do some gardening at the school. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** For there is no remembrance of the wise more that of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? As the fool.

Ecclesiastes 3:16

#### **DAYS OF YORE... Today's History**

#### <u>September 5, 1951</u>

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew George celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Monday at their home on Sundown Road. They were married September 3, 1897 at Grahamsville by the Rev. J.N. Bryers. Mr. and Mrs. George received congratulations from family and friends and spent the day quietly at home.

Herbert C. Burch of Lows Corners. N.Y., died Thursday, August 30th at the Liberty Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Burch was born at Red Hill on March 7, 1981 the son of James and Louisa (Van Wagner) Burch. He was married 48 years ago to Hilda Kenote who survives him. Also surviving are his three sons, Floyd of Sundown, and Roy and George of Lows Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Kortright and baby Sharon called on his brother, Sherman and family at Woodbourne last Sunday. Sherman, a reserve in the Army, has been honorably discharged and returned home from Korea several days ago. They also called on their brother, Milton who is on a 15-day furlough from camp.

Four hundred and seven pupils from Kindergarten through Grade 12 passed through the portals of the new building of the Tri-Valley School on September 4th.During the course of the day there were conducted tours to acquaint each student with the many and sundry facilities available to the student body.

#### September 6, 1961

Mrs. Ora Carlyle, 83, of Ellenville died at Veterans Memorial Hospital on Wednesday. She was born in Montela, N.Y. April 27, 1878, the daughter of Marquis and Esther Hill Sheley. She was married at Eureka, N.Y. on February 26, 1902 to Charles Carlyle who died in 1938. She is survived by one son, Charles of Claryville.

Miss Faye Louise Yarnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yarnes of Rock Royal, became the bride of Clark William Brown of Liberty, on August 12th in the Walton First Methodist Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are graduates of Tri Valley Central School and attended Cortland State Teachers College. The couple is making their home in Liberty.

#### September 15, 1971

Services were held Sunday for Mrs. Floey A. Terbush, 97, of Sundown, who died Thursday at Community General Hospital, Liberty. She was born Jan. 11, 1874 in Montela to Horatio and Rachel Snyder Green and was married March 14. 1901 in Grahamsville to Herman Terbush. A life resident of the area, she was the oldest member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church.

Services were held Tuesday for Mr. Isaac B. Dymond, 90, of Sundown who died at his home on Saturday. He was born at Palentown Sept. 24, 1880 the son of William and Sarah Pomeroy Dymond. He was married to the former Bertha Wright who predeceased him. He was a member of the Sundown United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Terwilliger who were married at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville on Saturday. The couple will be at home in their apartment on Lackawack Hill.

#### September 10, 1981

Richard A. Roberts, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roberts of Cypert Road, Woodbourne, has recently completed basic training at the Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He finished in Color Company for outstanding performance in basic training. Rich has been chosen to attend "A" School at Virginia Beach, VA as an Operations Specialist in Radar. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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## DAYS OF YORE...

**Today's History** (From Pg. 2)

#### September 10, 1981

James Curry of Woodbourne, a retired laborer, died Friday, Sept. 4, 1981 after a long illness. He was 73. The son of Matthew and Matilda Curry, he was born Jan. 8, 1908 in Grahamsville. He was the widower of Dorothy Sumph Curry. Survivors include two sons, John of Woodbourne and William of Hasbrouck.

Miss Teri Shaver and Mr. Gary Lockhart, both of Grahamsville, were united in marriage on Saturday, August 29th in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Herbert Maynard of Florida officiated. Mrs. Jack Huntsberger was the organist and Miss Ellen Hamilton soloist, sand "Evergreen." Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart returned Saturday from a honeymoon spent at Cape Cod and are making their home on Wildman Hill, Grahamsville.

## Lighting of the Fire Towers 2021

At approximately 8:45 pm on Saturday, September 4, 2021, if the skies are clear, volunteers will place lights in the Red Hill Fire Tower as well as four other Catskill Fire Towers (Balsam Lake Mt., Mt. Tremper, Overlook Mt., and Hunter Mt.). There may be lights in towers on Mt. Utsyantha, outside of Stamford, and on Mt. Beacon, near Beacon, NY also. We have heard that towers in the Adirondacks take part in this event as well.

Many local people have participated in this event over the years, by signaling the towers with flashlights and spotlights from their homes and other viewing sites along local roads. Some of the places and roads you can see the Red Hill Fire Tower from are the pull off on top of the Merriman Dam of the Rondout Reservoir, Blue Hill Rd., Red Hill Knolls Rd., Denning Rd., Wild Meadow Rd. (Black Bear Rd.) and possibly a few places on Big Hollow Rd. There will be small signs in most of the locations identifying the viewing sites.

If you would like us to identify you when you signal us, call Doug Hamilton at 845-985-7427 or Tammy Porter at 845-985-5135, so we will know your location and possible flashlight code.

The rain date will be Sunday, September 5, 2021.

Many thanks to all who help make the Catskill Fire Tower Project a success!

#### **Red Hill Fire Tower Committee**

#### **Household Hint:**

#### Time to Get the Woolen Sweaters Ready for Fall

If you are getting ready for fall and taking those wool sweaters out, and they smell a little like moth balls, or musty, wash the sweater, then rinse in equal parts vinegar and water to remove odor.

#### 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, Barbara Slater and Shirley Davis.

#### **Golden Glow of Goldenrod**

It is that time of the year when the bright yellow blossoms of the beautiful Goldenrod carpet the landscape like a yellow rug. There are over 135 species of Goldenrod (family Solidago) all



native to the U.S. and most are found in the East. You can identify Goldenrod by two ways: The flower shape - plume, fountain, candle and flat topped. Flowers are clustered on long stalks. Most Goldenrods have long, narrow leaves. Some species' leaves have smooth edges and some are toothed.

Look at the basal leaves to tell what kind you've found. Goldenrods prefer open fields but have adapted to marshes, mountains, deserts and sandy beaches.

Goldenrod is a perennial plant that is well-known for its healing properties. This wild edible is a plant that reproduces through its roots, bulbs, stems and by its seed.

In many countries around the world, Goldenrod is used to treat disease. Native Americans applied a lotion made from goldenrod flowers to bee stings.

And like many other wild herbs, goldenrod has for centuries been the inspiration for legends and superstitions. According to one European tradition, goldenrod held in the hand will reveal hidden riches. Another claimed that the growing plant pointed to treasures of secret springs.

Sweet goldenrod, sometimes called blue mountain tea, has a rich history. Long before the arrival of Europeans, the Native Americans recognized the value of its taste and they flavored other medicines with it.

After the Boston Tea Party in 1773, patriotic colonists devised a substitute for China tea called Liberty Tea, made from equal parts of sweet goldenrod, betony, red clover, and New Jersey tea (Ceanothus americanus). Later, sweet goldenrod became a cash crop in the United States. It was even exported to China, where it sold at high prices as a tea substitute.

Goldenrod is also a good choice for the novice dyer. It yields a strong, durable yellow.

Goldenrod does not cause seasonal allergies as many tend to believe. Why? For starters it is pollinated by insects. Only wind-pollinated plants such as Ragweed cause allergic reactions. Goldenrod gets blamed for hay fever because it blooms at the same time as ragweed, the real villain.

Bees, wasps, butterflies, moths, flies, and others visit for nectar and pollen. Caterpillars, aphids, and other small insects eat the leaves and stems. Wasps, spiders, praying mantis, lacewings, ambush bugs, assassin bugs, beetles, and birds prey on the insects Goldenrod attracts. There is even a Goldenrod Spider, who specializes in hiding on Goldenrod plants! Some insect predators, such as the Praying Mantis, lay their eggs on Goldenrod so their babies can feast on the little insects when they hatch.

All Goldenrods are late bloomers, flowering in late summer and into the fall. Goldenrod is considered a very desirable wildflower, because of the large number of spectacular yellow flowers that bloom in late summer and fall. Here in the Catskills we don't have to look very far to see its golden glow that brightens even a rainy day.

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### Fallsburg JSHS Completes Sullivan Renaissance Garden Grant

(From Pg. 1) They joined forces cleaning out old mulch, replacing it and planting flowers and shrubs to spruce up the entire area. One of the requirements of the grant was receiving matching in-kind or cash donations from vendors in the area. Woodbourne Lawn & Garden made generous donations to the project with topsoil and mulch. Manza's Nursery in Montgomery, along with Liberty Agway provided discounts on trees and plants for the entrance beautification.

In late June on a Saturday morning, Ms. Meyer and Ms. Rogg brought their groups together to begin the preparation for the new plantings. Included amongst the students were Maritza Rivas Joya, Samantha Medina, Isaias Argueta Hernandez, Cian Meyer, Dayanara Olan, Mike Aguilar Torres, Marcos Fuentes Hernandez, Haddy Gai, Aisha Darboe, Neema Darboe, Cyriah Russell, Ruth Murillo. They were joined by the following adult staff members Sharon Blake and Lisa Pacheco. Of great support for the operation were custodians Kyle Donnelly and Craig Cookingham.

In addition to the donations and grant funds, the Ecology Club raised money through the selling of discount cards. Ms. Meyer intends on applying for an additional grant from Sullivan Renaissance to improve other entrances to the building with perennial flowers and shrubs.

## Terrell Epps Receives New Hope Community's Maxine Belson Award for His Positive Outlook and Motivation

(From Pg. 1) He embodies the qualities exhibited by the award's namesake, Maxine Belson, a passionate advocate whose tenacity for encouraging everyone to lead full, vibrant lives continues to benefit the men and women of New Hope Community today.

Epps' kind and enthusiastic demeanor equips him for the role he plays in encouraging people to reach their personal best. When New Hope's golf coach and founder of the golf program Taylor Van Keuren left the organization this year, Epps stepped up to learn more about the sport in his spare time and accepted the coaching role. In doing so, he ensured continuity for the group of New Hope's men and women golfers who enjoy the sport and practice regularly, with the hope that competitions will again take place soon.

"I learned a lot about the game, but as a DSP and coach I also learn so much from the people I support," Epps said.

The award was presented at New Hope Community in June, with colleagues cheering Terrell on virtually, as Brianne Goldstein, daughter of Maxine Belson, shared a few words about her mother and applauded Epps' achievements.

#### **About New Hope Community**

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS, combined, provide services to over 700 people and employ more than 1,000 staff.

## We Are Many Things, Including Bookish



We've found another way to provide education. Our Catskills Visitor Center's Kelli Huggins is recommending a Catskills-related book each Monday. Expect an eclectic mix of all genres and feel free to give your input on her selected book on our social media pages. The first book was Adam O'Fallon Price's "The Hotel Neversink,"

which Kelli describes as beautifully written and haunting. Mystery. Fictional Borscht Belt setting in Liberty.

## Lighting Fire Towers to Honor Workers

To commemorate the men and women who surveyed for forest fires in the Catskill Park, we're having our annual lighting of the Catskills Fire Towers (Balsam Lake, Hunter, Overlook, Red Hill, and Tremper) Sept. 4, from 9pm-9:30pm. In general, Red Hill Fire Tower Volunteer Coordinator Tammy Porter, who snapped the photo on the right, ensures volunteers are set to open the cab and answer visitor questions.



## **Catskill Park Trail Conditions**

Always know what to expect. Conditions are posted every Thursday for your weekend adventures.

Trail Conditions / Catskills Visitor Center at: https://catskillsvisitorcenter.org/hiking-and-camping/trail-conditions/?mc cid=16d9e28227&mc eid=741885eb1c

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### Razorblade Tears Mysterious Book Report No. 462 by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

There are legions of fiction writers in the world today, who toil diligently at their chosen craft and produce innumerable works that are exciting, memorable and entertaining. They satisfy our need to educate ourselves and explore unfamiliar societies while experiencing another person's world through their eyes—all from the comfort of our favorite reading nook. But only a few—a mere handful —of those writers however, have the ability to transcend genre and elevate their work into art . . . as they redefine the rules of the category. *Razorblade Tears*, (Flatiron Books, \$26.99, 319 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-25270-8), by S.A.

Cosby, is just such a novel. It melds hard-boiled crime fiction together with a gradual acceptance, understanding and compassion by two hard and tough ex-convicts who couldn't be more different from each other as the story begins.

Ike Randolph, who's the owner of a successful landscaping and lawn maintenance company, is a hardened ex-con who did an eight-year jolt in the Virginia State Penitentiary for manslaughter . . . and the father of Isaiah Randolph—a gay black man who's married to Derek Jenkins—a white



man, and together, they're the parents of Arianna, a three-year-old girl. But when Isaiah and Derek are both shot and killed on a downtown Richmond sidewalk, the police don't seem very enthusiastic or eager to solve the crime. Their lack of progress frustrates Ike, who takes a wait and see attitude and hopes for the best. That's when he's approached by Buddy Lee Jenkins, the father of Derek, as well as a self-described redneck and an ex-convict. Buddy Lee is out for vengeance and enlists Ike in his crusade to find justice for their murdered sons. Neither father is sympathetic to gays, the gay lifestyle, or particularly fond of mixed race marriages. But their mission gradually changes from revenge and vengeance, to a journey of understanding and acceptance. And that is what elevates this novel from a simple murder mystery with a twist to something akin to literature. As the pair of ex-convict fathers—who are both stone-cold killers—go about avenging Isaiah and Derek's murders, they also embark on a voyage of willingness to accept other lifestyles and other people. If you love murder mysteries, hard-boiled crime fiction and stories with a twist . . . take an open-minded look at this terrific story !

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## **SC Sheriff Warns of Scam Targeting Senior Citizens**

Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff is warning the public about a recent scam targeting Sullivan County senior citizens. In the latest scam, residents will receive a telephone call from a person claiming that the target's grandchild or other relative has been involved in a DWI accident where they struck and killed a pedestrian or caused the death of another motorist and that they are now in jail. The scammers say that the phony grandchild was also hurt in the crash and suffered facial injuries preventing them from speaking clearly. The scammers then put a person on the telephone who has impaired speech and knows the target's first name. The phony grandchild asks the victim to send money to either bail them out of jail or for a lawyer. If the target agrees, the scammers send a courier to the target's house to pick up the money. The courier, who is an independent person running different errands for people off of an internet app, picks up the money and sends it via Western Union or a Moneygram type service to the scammers. The scammers, who can be located anywhere in the world, are calling from an internet telephone number that is difficult to trace.

"The scammers have gotten money from several residents in Sullivan County", said Sheriff Mike Schiff. "If you get one of these calls, hang up and call your family member directly. Don't call the number that the scammers give you and don't give money to strangers that show up at your door".

The Sheriff said that there are different variations of the scam but the basic pattern is to make you believe that there is a loved one in distress so that you will send money.

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My Aunt Christine's favorite was "cheese and crackers." My mother would not let us use the phrase "Shut Up!" She would have added quite a few others to George Carlin's list of seven.

I taught in a Middle School where young adults tried expanding their vocabulary to those grown-up words. Then, when I did a stint in an Alternative High School, the air became "blue" with curses that seem to punctuate every statement. I can remember asking students to substitute fruits or vegetables for curse words. Creativity abounded in quips like "Your mother likes grapefruit or your mother wears eggplant", "Go to rutabagas!" or "Oh, squash!" or "You Zucchini!"

Nowadays, initials can even be a string of curses or emoji-coms can express a derogatory message. The media has downgraded our vocabularies. How to prevent it? IDK. I guess I will just LOL.





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## COVID-19 Exposures at Local Camp Public Health Urges Vigilance at All Public Sites

Glen Spey, NY - The Sullivan County Public Health Department is advising residents that if they worked at or their child attended Camp Veritas at Lake Champion, 247 Mohican Lake Road, Glen Spey from August 14-August 19, 2021, they may have been exposed to COVID-19. Multiple cases of COVID-19 have resulted from exposures there during this timeframe. Public Health Director Nancy McGraw recommends that if you or your child were there, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, which may include (but are not limited to) fever, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. Anyone experiencing symptoms indicative of COVID-19 should contact their medical provider to discuss a plan of care.

McGraw advises residents to consider any public site in Sullivan County a potential site of COVID-19 exposure, due to a persistent increase in newly diagnosed COVID-19 cases throughout the County.

According to McGraw, the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 continues to be adhering to proper safety measures such as wearing your mask, vaccination, avoiding unnecessary contact with others, as well as practicing basic personal hygiene. This includes washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, refraining from touching your face and avoiding unnecessary contact with others.

"Should you feel ill, contact your healthcare provider," she advises. "These simple steps will help prevent the spread of the virus and protect you and your loved ones."

For information about COVID-19, go to the Sullivan County website at www.sullivanny.us or call the COVID-19 Sullivan County Public Health Services Information Line at (845) 292-5910, or the state's coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065.



## Get There Green! 2021

Lace up those sneakers, grease those gears, get those smartphone ticketing apps out, unplug the electric vehicle, or dust off the car cushions for a (vaccinated) friend because Get There Green! is coming up and you can pledge your green trip(s) online.

Get There Green! is a week to promote and celebrate more sustainable modes of transportation. This year it is taking place September 20 through 26 during Climate Week NYC. During this week everyone is encouraged to join in a week of climate action by pledging to use a more sustainable mode of transportation for as many trips as they can. These include:

Walking Biking Taking Transit Carpooling (with vaccinated passengers) Driving an electric vehicle; or Any other mode of transportation that is not driving alone in a fossil fuel powered vehicle (kayaking anyone)?

#### How to Get There Green

Pledge - Pledge the trips you'll be using green transportation for during the week with us to have your emissions reductions count toward our overall total. It just takes a minute! If you're pledging multiple trips, enter them as separate entries.

Take Your Trip(s) - Simply walk, bike, take transit, carpool, drive an electric vehicle, or use another form of sustainable transportation for the trip(s) you pledged.

Post - While on your trip(s), and in a safe manner, take a selfie and post it to social media using #GTG21 to let everyone know about your awesome green trip(s)!

You can find a counter of emissions reductions pledged to date, along with resources on how to green your trips, on the Get There Green! webpage on the GreenNY Website.



Group of DEC staff who greened their commute

## **Governor Hochul** Launches "Get There Green!" **Campaign to** Encourage Cleaner, Greener **Transportation**

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched the "Get There Green!" campaign as part of New York State's participation in Climate Week 2021 which runs from September 20 to September 26. The effort will help reduce climate-altering greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging New Yorkers to utilize a sustainable form of transportation for at least one trip during Climate Week. Sustainable forms of transportation include walking, riding a bike, using mass transit, carpooling, driving an electric vehicle, or using any form of transportation other than driving alone in a fossil fuel-powered vehicle. Get There Green! supports New York's ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030, and 85 percent by 2050, from 1990 levels.

"New York is taking nationleading action to address the threat of climate change through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. To achieve our state's ambitious goals we must reduce emissions from the transportation sector," said Governor Hochul. "Launching the Get There Green! campaign during Climate Week 2021 is a great way to help New Yorkers across the state understand what they can do to support these goals and reduce their own carbon footprints. From carpooling in the Capital Region, taking your bike in Binghamton, everyone has options to get there green to help fight climate change."

leading the Get There Green! campaign and outreach efforts GreenNY Energy Research General Services, and the New



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the subway in the city, to riding http://www.surveymonkey.com/GTG21 to pledge the trip(s) they are going to take with sustainable transportation during the event, and follow through with their commitment during Climate Week. Participants are also encouraged to let friends and neighbors know about their green trips by posting about their experience on social media using the hashtag #GTG21. New Yorkers can find State agencies and authorities more resources on how to utilize more sustainable forms of transportation by visiting the Get There Green! webpage.

New York State launched the GreenNY Council to serve as a key resource to support reducing include the co-chairs of the agency and authority greenhouse gas emissions. The co-chairs work together to leverage resources, Council-State create guidance, and make it easier for agencies to meet the State's ambitious climate and sustain-Department of Environmental ability goals. To support the effort and encourage New Yorkers to take the Get There Green! pledge, Conservation, New York State State agencies and authorities are conducting public outreach, including a poster and social media and in the run-up to Climate Week 2021. Partners interested in promoting the event to their stakehold-Development Authority, Office of ers are encouraged to contact the GreenNY Council to receive a promotional toolkit.

DEC Commissioner and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Basil Seggos said, "Thanks to the York Power Authority. To par- State's continued investments in cleaner, greener modes of transportation, New Yorkers have more ticipate, New Yorkers can go to: ways than ever to more sustainably get from A to Z. (Contd. Pg. 13)



## Our first weekend audience said it's "OUTRAGEOUS FUN!" and that's not just because we now have drinks you can take into the theatre! THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (abridged) [revised]

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## The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

With the last big holiday of the summer rapidly approaching, the music scene is becoming one wild ride.

Weekend before this last, I caught MUST BE DREAMING at the ROCK HILL FARMER'S MARKET. Singer/songwriters



DAVID SAMUEL BLOCH and CELESTE ALDRIDGE have created a formidable duo. Celeste has what can only be described as an ethereal voice who writes the kind of song that when you hear it, you absolutely stop and listen. I've known David for several years now and each consider the other a good friend, in fact we are neighbors. When I first met him, his solo style was very folksy, the kind of songs that wrap you up and let you float, espousing love in all forms, the earth, your chosen one and your fellow man. Perfect for living so close to the sight of the Woodstock Festival. Since his partnering with Celeste a few years ago, I've watched his style evolve. What I heard that Saturday was a stronger more defined vocals that never lost that

romantic quality. I can say the same about his guitar work, as it too has evolved into a more potent mix while still with the whiffs of folk here and there. Then they invited LORI HABER in on a few songs. I didn't know Lori could even sing! As a trio, it was magnetic. Hmmm. Will the duo become a trio? Time will tell.

## Chestnut Creek Baked Goods Blueberry Scones

I love farmer's markets. As I wandered, I came across CHEST-NUT CREEK BAKED GOODS and zeroed in on the scones like they had a homing device tuned to my frequency. I love scones, but with my current schedule, I'm lucky if I have time to scramble and egg! And I had some homemade blueberry jam in the fridge that was begging for an accompaniment. Imagine my surprise when I turned one of the containers (yes, I grabbed 2 blueberry) to find these light, luscious pillows of goodness that I probably shouldn't be eating were made right in Grahamsville! Thank you!!!

RICH AND THE JUMPSTARTS were at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville on Thursday night and so was I. The former YASGUR'S evolved when their guitar player left the area, a story that I told in an earlier column. This week, core members, RICH JOHANSON (vocals and guitar), MIKE MOSS (drums) and DAN BERGER (harmonica) and MICHAEL JOHNSON (guitar) were joined by TOM JOYCE on mandolin and bass great JEFF ANDERSON. Michael is a young man I first saw on the stage of the HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE with his talented family shortly after it initially opened. There's something magical about watching him play a complexity of notes with great



style and ease as if that guitar were simply and extension of himself. Another interesting sight/sound experience was watching the synchronicity of Mike on drums and Jeff on bass, creating the pulse of the band in each song. Now, most people don't notice these things, and there is no reason to. One goes out consistently to see their favorite band because they like the music and they can dance to it. And this is one of those groups that has maintained their base despite an almost two year hiatus. The core base has maintained the integrity and chosen wisely when even choosing musicians to sit in. There's a lot to be admired here.



Kia

Bentley

In the audience were two of note that I immediately sought to make friends with. Kia was a bit apprehensive at first but seemed to relax when I told her I hadn't brought any of the cats. And Bentley, he was just happy, period.

One of the many high points of this last weekend was running into the publishers of this very publication, FRANK and LINDA COMANDO in Livingston Manor (More about that gig next week). Safe to say, now that YE OLDE TOWNSMAN is online thanks to CoVid, we haven't laid eyes on each other in a long time. Long before I started writing this column, these were two of my favorite people, so this was an unexpected joy. Even though you talk to people all the time via the computer (as we've all done since last year), it's quite another to sit across the table from them. And no, I was having too much fun to take pictures. Bad Jane!

This coming holiday weekend will also be jam-packed and as usual, I will get to as many gigs as I can.

And if you venture out....please, please, please mask up. As of August 28, new cases are rising by an average of 30 a day here! AGAIN!

Stay safe, stay well and stay masked to keep your family and friends safe.

Until next time.....

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## Sullivan Catskills Gearing up for 2022 Travel Guide Requests Members to Send Information for Inclusion in Listing

August 25, 2021 - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) annual Travel Guide is a portfolio of the best-of-the-best experiences highlighting the Sullivan Catskills as a world-class destination.

Featured inside the publication are where to go, what to do, and places to stay. SCVA member businesses should submit their information now to be included in the 2022 Travel Guide.

The publication, which comes out the first week of January, is distributed throughout the region, state, and nation; including along the New York State Thruway Gateways, numerous paid distribution outlets and at many trade shows. It's also available digitally online and is the official response magazine used to respond to advertising and travel inquiries.

"The Travel Guide is the official tourism magazine for the Sullivan Catskills," remarked SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. "It's wildly popular and is utilized by both visitors and residents alike."

If you want to be included in this year's Travel Guide, submit your listing information to sbg@scva.net no later than September 30.

Information should include your business name, address, website, phone number, email, and a short blurb about your company. Non-members may submit to be digitally included on our website. Furthermore, you can send updated photos to be considered for inclusion.

For any questions or further assistance, please contact SCVA Director of Business Development, Saraid Gonzalez, at (845)747-4449 Ext. 301.

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#### Governor Hochul Launches "Get There Green!" Campaign to Encourage Cleaner, Greener Transportation

#### Supports New York's Ambitious Climate Goals to Achieve 40 Percent Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030, and 85 Percent Reduction by 2050

(From Pg. 9) While we gear up for Climate Week 2021, there's no better time to discover new, enjoyable ways to get around and reduce our carbon footprint. 'Get There Green!' bolsters the State's ongoing efforts to promote more sustainable transportation options, as well as DEC's continued efforts to encourage New Yorkers to get outside."

Transportation currently accounts for 36 percent of greenhouse gases in New York State, more than electricity generation, waste, refrigerants, and agriculture combined. To encourage New Yorkers to utilize sustainable transportation modes all year round, the State has invested in sustainable transportation, including biking/walking infrastructure and the Empire State Trail from Albany to Buffalo and New York City to the Canadian border.

In addition, through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, New York State supports transforming downtown areas to make it easier for people to walk or bike. The State has also invested in pedestrian safety through the New York State Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, a five-year, \$110 million multi-agency initiative launched in 2016 to make streets safer for pedestrians. Other initiatives and programs designed to achieve Charge NY goal of 10,000 electric vehicle charging stations by the end of 2021 and 850,000 zeroemission vehicles by 2025 are also already underway. NYPA is developing a statewide EVolve NY charging network along key travel corridors and in urban areas to make fast charging more accessible and convenient and encourage travelers to drive EVs. Under NYSERDA's Drive Clean Rebate program, more than \$35 million in rebates have been issued associated with more than 25,000 electric vehicle purchases as of June of this year.

In addition to Green NY Council co-chairs DEC, NYSERDA, NYPA, and OGS, participating agencies and authorities include the State Office for the Aging, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Adirondack Park Agency, Council on the Arts, Buffalo Financial Stability Authority, Board of Elections, Battery Park City Authority, Capital District Transportation Authority, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, Department of Civil Service, Central Pines Barrens Joint Planning & Policy Commission, City University of New York, Development Authority of the North Country, Dormitory Authority of New York, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Financial Services, Division of Human Rights, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of Motor Vehicles, Division of Budget, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Department of Health, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Service, Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority, Erie County Medical Center, Environmental Facilities Corporation, Empire State Development, Financial Control Board, Gaming Commission, Governor's Office of Employee Relations, Homes and Community Renewal, Higher Education Services Corporation, Hudson River-Black River Regulating District, Hudson River Valley Greenway, Office of Inspector General, Information Technology Services, Justice Center, Joint Commission on Public Ethics, Department of Labor, Long Island Power Authority, Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, Jacob K. Javits Center -New York Convention Center Operating Corporation, NYS Bridge Authority, NYS Insurance Fund, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Office of Child and Family Services, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, Office of Mental Health, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, Olympic Regional Development Authority, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Public Employment Relations Board, Port of Oswego Authority, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation of the State of New York, Regional Transport Service, Regional Transportation System for the Greater Rochester Area, State Liquor Authority, State University of New York, Department of Tax and Finance, Thruway Authority, NYS Police, United Nations Development Corporation, Division of Veterans Affairs, Workers Compensation Board, and Westchester County Health Corporation.

New York State's nation-leading climate plan is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enshrined into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality. It builds on New York's unprecedented investments to ramp-up clean energy including over \$21 billion in 91 large-scale renewable projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$1.2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. Combined, these investments are supporting more than 150,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2019, a 2,100 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011 and a commitment to develop 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035. New York will build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, while ensuring that at least 35 percent with a goal of 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities, and advance progress towards the state's 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 trillion BTUs of end-use energy savings.

New Yorkers can learn more about the impacts of climate change, and other ways they can help lower their emissions on DEC's website.

## COME JOIN US FOR THE 2021 TRACTOR SHOW AND COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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#### **Impossible Banana Cream Pie**

1 cup milk 1/3 cup butter, melted 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 3 eggs 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar

1/2 cup Bisquick 2 medium bananas, sliced 1 cup chilled whipping cream 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate.

Beat milk, butter, vanilla extract, eggs, granulated sugar and Bisquick until smooth, 1 minute, with hand mixer. Pour into plate. Bake about 30 minutes. Cool completely. Arrange banana slices on pie.

Beat whipping cream and confectioners' sugar in a chilled bowl until stiff. Spread over top.

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For information &/or tickets Contact: John Barnum 985-7065 or Pastor Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283



#### LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2021, Titled: Tax Levy Limit Override on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 6 pm prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town Baord meeting.

At SAID meeting any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

A copy of the proposed law is available in the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD Joy Monforte, RMC Town Clerk 8/26: 9/2 August 17th, 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed renewal of the Sundown Fire Protection District contract, for a period of five (5) years. Scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 6 pm prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town Baord meeting.

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#### September 2021 School Tax Information: Tri-Valley CSD

Tax bills will be mailed on or about September 1, 2021. If you do not receive it, please contact Tri-Valley Tax Collector, 845-985-2296 x 5203."

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

The Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education will hold a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, to adopt the School Tax Warrant for the 2021 - 2022 school year, at approximately 5:30 p.m., in the Secondary School Library Lower Level. This will also be on Tri-Valley's YouTube Live Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live

## TOWN OF NEVERSINK FALL CLEANUP 2021

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday October 9, 2021, Wednesday October 13, 2021 and Saturday October 16, 2021. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Green 2021 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 per year, 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.

#### SC Association of Supervisors Shared Services Panel Meeting

The Sullivan County Association of Supervisors will host the second Shared Services Panel meeting of 2021 this Wednesday, September 1 at 12 noon in the Thompson Town Hall on Route 42 in Monticello. Representatives of local towns, villages and school districts are serving on the Panel, and the meeting will continue efforts to create a Shared Services Plan to satisfy State requirements and save taxpayers money.

The meeting is open to the public. All attendees must wear facial masks and should enter the town hall on the side which faces Home Depot.

More information on Sullivan County's Shared Services, including past Plans, is available at https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Countymanager/Shar edservicespanel

## Fallsburg CSD Board of Education September Meetings

September 8, 2021 and September 22, 2021

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## Insane Hilarity in South Fallsburg with Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's Adaptation of "Young Frankenstein"

Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein" kicked off the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop theatrical season with an outrageous, risque and non-stop laughter-filled production - and did we need it!

Friday, August 13th was a busy opening night for the beautifully refurbished Rivoli Theatre which lit up South Fallsburg. The parking lot completely packed with families, friends and wacked-out fans of Mel Brooks' insane comedy. Every expectation of a wild, rowdy evening came true.

First, the cast: Professional yet joyously crazy as bedbugs, Kristopher Rosengrant portrayed the brilliant Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, on the scientific precipice, who brought to life a monster of his own. His associates in this quest is reminiscent of Kermit the Frog's gong. H.J. Strauss plays Igor the helpful assistant who switches the monster's genius humanitarian brain for that of a maniacal killer.

The workshop's most distinguished actress, Lori Schneider, finally found a challenging role as the haunting housekeeper Frau Blucher, of whom the mere mention of her name, anytime, gets horses to neigh and whinny. She sets the monster free at last.

Things got heated up on stage when Lourdesa Hunt portrayed Dr. Frankenstein's fiance, Elizabeth Benning, who takes a turn for the monster. Taylor Lamerand portrayed Inga who immortalized the "roll in the hay".

Special mention must be made to Jean Eifert as the blind hermit who befriends the lost and lonely monster deep in the forest. In turns, the lovable hermit scalds the monster with hot soup down his pants, sets his hand on fire, and sends the monster screaming for dear life crashing out through the wall.

The dumbfounded star of the show is Keith Prince, who played the 7 foot green stitched faced monster. Wearing a top hat and signing "Puttin' on the Ritz", rampaging through the audience, or as a sensitive loving creature, he stole the show.

The behind the scenes stars of this incredible show were Amy Phillips (director and musical director) and Lauren Berard conducted 6 keystone musicians to wit: Pianists Jeff Young and Leon Hilfstein, violinist Nancy Wegrzyn, Trumpet/Brass was Dr. Jay Solomon, Flutist Kerry Mahone, and drummer/percussionist Alan Charney.

Utilizing split second timing was lighting director/designer Grace Summa, and Technical Director/Sound Director Abott L. Finkel. They were responsible for lightning, thunder, horse neighs and the flashing, bumbling, re-animation machine.

This was a long awaited Sullivan County Workshop effort. The Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg was refurbished with comfortable red seats. The wrap around sound system was updated and clarified to compete with any regional theatre.

For those who saw the original "Young Frankenstein" movie, it was a comical master with director Mel Brooks' humor restricted by movie censors. In this play, Mel Brooks was let loose, uncensored. His risque humor is reminiscent of his Catskill hotel days.

Young Frankenstein opened on Friday, August 13th. Opening on the same day was the Grahamsville "Little World's Fair". Ellenville's Shadowland Theatre and the Forestburgh Playhouse continued their theatrical extravaganzas.

*Young Frankenstein* is the show in which you want to laugh and leave the past closures and problems behind.

It is the perfect summer stock show masterfully, if not monsterly, performed, by the combined efforts of cost, musicians, technicians and directors.

> William A. Brenner Theatrical Reviewer P.O. Box 369, 157 Main St Grahamsville, NY 12740 845.985.7411 williamabrenner@hotmail.com

\* William Brenner was in Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" at St. Lawrence University and was theatrical and musical events Reviewer for many Sullivan and Ulster County events including the annual Agatha Christie plays at the Woodstock Playhouse He practices the banjo.



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## **Sniffing Out Spotted Lanternfly**



Last week was #NationalDogDay! We're celebrating the two canines who make our Conservation Dogs program possible: Fagen and Dia. We are grateful for all of their hard work (and play!) that helps to protect the land we all love to explore. Read about their latest efforts to target spotted lanternfly, which are part of a collaborative, region-wide approach to stopping the spread.

You can also play a vital role in our efforts to stop spotted lanternfly, just by donating to our Ecological Stewardship Fund. The fund ensures our team is supported and ready for action when invasives pose an urgent threat to our region. #WaggingTailsSavingTrails

https://www.instagram.com/diasavestheforest/

## Spotted Lanternfly: Trail Conference's Ecological Stewardship Team Response and How You Can Help Fight This Invasive Threat

When there is an urgent threat of invasive species in our region, the Trail Conference's Ecological Stewardship team springs into action. Our latest target: spotted lanternfly (SLF).

In collaboration with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Trail Conference has been leading efforts to develop and implement an SLF early detection and rapid response program throughout the region.

This incredibly destructive pest can feast on over 70 different species of plants, including some of our most iconic native trees and economically important crops such as hops, grapes, and apple trees. Due to the particularly devastating nature of SLF to forest ecosystems and agriculture, this has been an "all hands on deck" effort involving Ag and Markets, Trail Conference staff, volunteers, Conservation Corps members, Conservation Dogs team, Lower Hudson PRISM partners, New York



State Department of Environmental Conservation, and more.

We need your help to protect your parks and ecosystems

#### Wilderness Rescue in the Town of Lake George

On Aug. 22 at 2:53 p.m., Warren County 911 transferred a call to DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch reporting a lost hiker on Prospect Mountain. Forest Ranger Donegan responded to the coordinates provided by 911. At 5:20 p.m., Ranger Donegan located the 62-year-old hiker from Queensbury and escorted her out of the woods. At 6:20 p.m., the Ranger and hiker were back at the trailhead and clear of the scene.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS (833-697-7264). If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

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If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: *stpeters/bulletin*  As New York begins to open allowing churches to once againhave services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.



Ans to last week's Crossword





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## **Community Driver Safety Programs Defensive Driving Classes**

Community Driver Safety Programs will be offering two Defensive Driving Classes this summer. The first class will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 and the second class will be offered on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Both classes will be take place from 10:00AM to 4:00PM at the Callicoon Town Hall located at 19 Legion Street in Jeffersonville, New York. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc. at (845)807-6005 to register for a class or to obtain further details.

Courses are instructed by a RSVP volunteer and consist of lecture, discussion and video presentation. Participants will receive a certificate at the completion of the course which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. This program can help reduce your auto insurance by up to 10% and may reduce up to four points on your license. The fee for the course is \$25 for individuals over 50 years of age and \$30 for individuals under 50 years of age.

These courses are sponsored by Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., Sullivan County RSVP and Office for the Aging.

## SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Fish Stocking Program

The District is now taking orders for the annual Fish Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with rainbow or brook trout or fathead minnows this fall, the District will be accepting orders until Monday, September 27, 2021. The pick-up date is Friday, October 1st. Trout should be stocked in cold-water ponds. Anyone stocking a pond with fish must apply for a fish stocking permit through the NYS-Dept. of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, NY. For more information, you can go to the District's website at sullivanswcd.org or contact the District office at (845) 292-6552 for a brochure, order form and a permit application

#### Poets Invited to Enter Poetry Festival The Liberty Museum & Arts Center invites poets to participate in its 12th Annual

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center invites poets to participate in its 12th Annual Poetry Festival to be held at 2 PM, Saturday, September 25th . Poets, published and unpublished, working in all styles, are welcome. We are planning this to be a hybrid event, to be held at the newly-renovated Liberty Public Library and via ZOOM. The festival is one of the Museum's most popular events.

The festival highlights the talents of the region's finest poets and the readings range from light humorous pieces to free verse to intense Gothic and expressionistic work. Organized and moderated by poet Marilyn Laufer, the festival continues to attract more and more poets each year. Ms. Laufer was recently named the second Poet Laureate of the Village of Liberty.

Please submit poems for consideration to Marilyn Laufer, PO Box 87, White Sulphur Springs, NY 12787 or email them to mbfrumess@gmail.com Include your full name, address, telephone and email contact information. The last date to submit poems is August 26th (no exceptions). For more information, contact Marilyn Laufer at (845) 292-6628.

## **VENDORS WANTED**

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Mountain Dale Rail Trail Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 on the rail trail in Mountain Dale, New York. Rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021.

Each 10'x10' space is \$20.00 for merchandise, \$25.00 for food. Electric is not available. You are responsible for bringing your own tables, chairs, canopies, etc.

Vendor applications available by contacting Jill at 845-798-6058 or jweiner@gmail.com or Diane at 845-434-7023 or dsenn10151@aol.com.

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 family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

#### THE TOWNSMAN

#### LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/1/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7pm. Submission date 8/18/2021
- 9/4/21 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale 9 am till sold out
- 9/6/21 Town of Neversink Holiday LABOR DAY
- 9/7/21 Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
- 9/8//21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting Regular
- 9/11/21 Sundown UMC Annual Chicken BBQ 4 7 pm. See pg. 17 for details
- 9/14/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
- 9/16//21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 9/21/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 9/7/2021

#### Save the Date!

## Neversink Parks & Rec Yard Sale/The Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Tractor Show & Swap Meet September 25th and Sunday, September 26th

#### Oct 2 - 45th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

**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.

During these uncertain times -PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION for updates & changes

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

#### Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of August 30 - September 3, 2021

#### Monday, August 30

o 5:00 PM - Public Health & Social Services Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Health & Social Services Committee) - Energy & Environment Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

#### Tuesday, August 31

4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, at 3 Development Ct, Kingston. The public may also attend at 604 Bradford Ct, Boynton Beach, FL, 33436, and 1709 Main St, Brewster, MA 02631
5:15 PM - Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 6:00 PM (or immediately following the Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee) - Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

#### Wednesday, September 1

o 12:30 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 1:30 PM (or immediately following the UC IDA Governance Committee) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and People with Developmental Disabilities Subcommittees, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston
o 5:15 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee) - Public Works & Capital Projects Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston <u>Thursday, September 2</u>
o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment

o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Friday, September 3

o No Meetings

## Do you like to read?

Why not join our book club!

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.

Book selection for September: **"Their Eyes Watching God"**, by Zora Neale Hurston.

Refreshments are provided by its members.

## "Monti Elks Drive Through BBQ Sept. 1st"

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is serving the last of four seasonal "Drive Through Chicken BBQs" to stay or to go on Wednesday, September 1st, from 4 to 7 pm at the Lodge at 46 North Street in Monticello. The menu includes: one half chicken, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, dinner roll plus dessert, \$15. Preorder by calling event chair is John Greenhill at 845-800-5909. Monticello Elks Lodge, a non-profit 501c3, supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation. The Lodge also provides coats and gloves for elementary school children.

### Catskill Backcountry Information Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskill Mountains. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains.

For a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience on public lands in the Catskills and New York City's Catskill/Delaware Watershed, please consult DEC's regular updates, seasonal notices and general information below.

**Recreation Highlight** 

Planning an outdoor adventure this weekend? Follow @NYSDECAlerts on Twitter for Real-time updates to help plan and prepare. @NYSDECAlerts provides updates for DEC managed lands throughout New York State, including the Catskill Mountain Region.

Discover what parking areas are full before you arrive so you have move straight to your back-up location and get on the trail sooner. Check for special advisories or links to alternate hikes. Love our NY Lands by hiking responsibly and planning ahead with help from the most up to date information.

#### Catskill Updates Sundown Wild Forest:

Peekamoose Blue Hole & Riparian Corridor: DEC has issued special regulations for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce the impacts to the environmental resource. The special regulations are:

Require visitors to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America, consistent with the fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve;

Each permit will be linked to a vehicle, and the permit must be displayed on/in the vehicle;

Limit parking to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone; and

Users are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste.

The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at nearby designated camping areas only):

Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half house after sunset; Camping; All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves); Use of portable generators; Alcohol; Glass containers; Coolers larger than 12" in any dimension; and Radios and other audio devices.

#### **Catskills Visitors Center:**

The accessible trails at the Esopus Creek Fishing Access across the street from the Catskills Visitor Center has experienced damage during the recent flooding events. The trails were scoured by the overflowing Esopus Creek which also deposited several inches of thick, sandy mud over several hundred feet of the trail. Due to the damage, the trails at this location no longer meet ADA standards of accessibility.

#### Bluestone Wild Forest & Shandaken Wild Forest:

Access improvements are expected at Onteora Lake in Bluestone Wild Forest and at the Allaben access in the Shandaken Wild Forest during the early weeks of August. During this time, road upgrades will be made at both locations. Vehicular traffic will be limited to the upper parking area at Onteora Lake while roadwork is occurring.

The Molly Smith Parking Area on Route 23a in the Town of Hunter has been closed to improve visitor safety. Kaaterskill Falls can still be accessed from Laurel House Road, Schutt Road, or North South Lake

Kaaterskill Falls: The Molly Smith parking area on Route 23a in the Town of Hunter has been closed to improve visitor safety. Kaaterskill Falls can still be accessed from Laurel House Road, Schutt Road, or North South Lake Campground.

Hunter-West Kill Wilderness: A bridge replacement project will begin in late July. DEC Operations staff will be replacing a foot bridge at the southern extend of the Diamond Notch Trail which was damaged during the winter storm events in December 2020.

Additional weekly trail conditions are available from the Catskill Visitors Center (leaves DEC website).

#### **Be Tick Free: Protect Yourself**

In tick infested areas, your best protection is to avoid contact with soil, leaf litter and vegetation. However, if you hike, camp, hunt, work or otherwise spend time in the outdoors, you can still protect yourself,

Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to spot ticks easily; Wear enclosed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots, and shirt into pants; Check clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks while outdoors; Consider using insect repellent on your clothing; Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails. Walk in the center of trails. Avoid dense woods and bushy areas; Keep long hair tied back; Bathe or shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that may be on you; Do a final, full-body tick check at the end of the day (also check children & pets), and remove ticks promptly.

Follow your vet's suggestions for regular flea and tick prevention treatment.

#### Leave No Trace

Follow the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace (leaves DEC website) to maintain minimal impact on the environment and the natural resources of the Adirondacks. Use proper trail etiquette to ensure an enjoyable experience for yourself and others.

#### Plan Ahead & Prepare:

Summer months can be warmer than expected in the Catskill Mountains. Be sure to pack the necessary items to keep you safe and comfortable while on the trail, including but not limited to a first aid kit, sunscreen, bug spray, a rain coat, map and compass, head lamp, food and plenty of water to prevent dehydration. Enjoy the Summer season, and Leave No Trace.

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## Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale

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Saturday, September 4, 2021 9 am till sold out

Homemade pies, cakes cookies, brownies and assorted goodies!

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall 845-985-7480

God Bless you and thank you for your continued support!



The Neversink Association, Inc. To conserve the flora and fauna of the Neversink River

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#### ANNUAL BYO PICNIC & MEETING

Sunday, September 5, 2021: noon Location: Claryville Fire Department, 1500 Claryville Rd

#### DUES REMINDER -\$20/household, \$10 individual. Mail to: Neversink Association, PO Box 134, Claryville, NY 12725

- <u>Tracey Testo</u>, NYSDEC, will speak on deer browse and forest regeneration (known as AVID)
- Update on Neversink River West Branch Stream restoration.
- 3. Update on Neversink River fishing.

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## **Catskill Backcountry Information**

#### Welcome to the Catskills (From Pg. 25)

#### Emergency Contacts

Report back county emergencies, such as lost or injured hikers, and wildland fires to the DEC Forest Rangers at 833-NYS-RANGERS (833-697-7264) or call 911.

#### Camping -yellow and black camp here marker

Backcountry camping is allowed year-round on state forest preserve lands at designated sites (look for yellow and black "Camp Here" markers) and anywhere below 3500 feet as long as you are at least 150 feet from a waterbody (lake. pond. stream), road or trail.

Backcountry camping for more than three nights, or in a group of ten or more requires a permit from a Forest Ranger. See the Forest Ranger roster for Ulster and Sullivan Counties or the Forest Ranger roster for Delaware and Greene Counties.

Campfires are allowed below 3500 feet in elevation. Use only dead or downed wood.

Campgrounds: All eight of DEC's campgrounds are closed for camping for the season. The campgrounds remain open for day uses such as hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing. The campground parking lots at Mongaup Pond, Woodland Valley, and Kenneth L Wilson are open.

#### **DEC Backcountry Regulations**

There are regulations and quarantines which apply to the transportation of firewood that have been put in place to prevent the spread of invasive insects and tree disease.

Special use regulations are in effect for the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor, including the Blue Hole, in the Town of Denning, Ulster County

See all State land camping and hiking rules

#### Stay Safe, Respect Others and Protect the Environment

Backcountry hiking trails can be rugged and rough. Keep in mind that wilderness conditions can change suddenly.

Properly prepare to ensure that you have a safe hiking experience.

Hiking safety for all seasons.

Always practice Leave No Trace principles (leaves DEC website) to minimize your impacts on the natural resources and others.

Dealing with bears: Be away that you may encounter black bears while hiking in the Catskills. The use of bear-resistant food canisters is recommended, but not required. Hanging your food between trees at least 15 feet above the ground is also effective. See more on how to avoid or reduce human-bear conflicts.

#### Fire safety when camping.

Access to NYC DEP Lands in the Catskill Forest Preserve Hiking, fishing, hunting, trapping and boating are allowed on some of NYC Department of Environmental Protection's DEP) watershed lands that are marked with DEP signs stating "Entry by Permit" or "Public Access Area."

A free DEP Access Permit is required for areas marked "Entry by Permit". You can get your Access Permit online and print it out for immediate use. Access permits are good for five years.

To help outdoor enthusiasts find access to the City's lands and waters, DEP has developed an interactive mapping tool that provides information on the size, location, topography, and allowable uses at each recreation site in the Hudson Valley and Catskills. A link to the interactive RecMapper tool can be found on DEP's recreation webpage (see Links Leaving the DEC website at right)

Hiking: Allowed at Public Access areas and at other upland watershed lands with a valid access permit

Fishing: Allowed on the Schoharie, Ashokan, Neversink, Rondout, Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs with DEP access permit and DEC fishing license. All boats must be steam cleaned and registered with the NYC DEP.

Non-motorized boating: Canoes, kayaks, row boats and sail boats are allowed on the Schoharie, Cannonsville, Pepacton and Neversink reservoirs from Memorial Day through Columbus Day with a DEP access permit. All boats must be steam-cleaned before use in the reservoirs.

Hunting and Trapping: Allowed on most Public Access areas and "Entry by Permit" areas in season, with NYC DEP access permit and appropriate license from DEC.

## Arm of the Sea Theater THE REJUVENARY RIVER CIRCUS: A story about the life of a river

Come see this show at Olive Day! Saturday, September 11 at 1pm Davis Park, West Shokan

This performance by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater of the Rejuvenary River Circus is made possible with funds from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with New York City Department of Environmental Protection,

## Attorney General James' Statement on Appointment of Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement on the appointment of State Senator Brian Benjamin as Lieutenant Governor of New York:

"State Senator Brian Benjamin has long been a champion for communities in New York City, and as our next Lieutenant Governor, I know he will continue this fight for all New Yorkers. His track record and commitment to public service will help advance our state, and I look forward to working with him in his new capacity. Congratulations to our new Lieutenant Governor, Brian Benjamin. I know you will serve New Yorkers well."

## Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Introduces Flights for Freedom Act to Ensure Americans Stranded in Afghanistan Aren't Charged for Lifesaving Flights

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has introduced the Flights for Freedom Act, which ensures that the United States government will not charge U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents for evacuation or repatriation flights out of Afghanistan now or any time in the future. Last week, it was reported that the Department of State was requiring Americans to sign promissory loan agreements of up to \$2,000 for their evacuation flights out of Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. After Congresswoman Tenney led public opposition to this plan, the Biden Administration relented and stated that it would not charge Americans for repatriation flights. This legislation would ensure that the administration holds true to its word.

"The thousands of Americans left behind in Afghanistan by the Biden Administration already fear for their lives. They should not be forced by the U.S. government to finance their own lifesaving flights out of the country. My bill, the Flights for Freedom Act, ensures the federal government will not go back on its promise and solicit or collect payments from Americans who were forced to evacuate Afghanistan. Biden's unilateral and reckless retreat has been disastrous from day one, and American citizens on the ground are already facing serious challenges. We must not add insult to injury."

The legislation is also being cosponsored by Representatives Brian Mast (FL-18) and Tom Tiffany (WI-07).

#### Section by Section:

The bill requires the Secretary of State to waive any



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expenses related to the evacuation and repatriation of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents for the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Annuls any promissory note or obligation made to repay the costs of evacuation and repatriation of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents for the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Prohibits any federal official or employee from soliciting or accepting funds for evacuation and repatriation of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents for the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Congresswoman Tenney Issues Statement Following Tragic Deaths of Service Members in Afghanistan

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, issued the following statement after reports confirmed multiple U.S. service members were killed in Kabul last week.

"As the number of U.S. service members killed in Afghanistan continues to rise today, I am watching with profound sadness. As the mother of an active-duty Marine officer, my heart breaks for these families. Their sons and daughters were heroes, who bravely answered the call to serve. These compassionate souls sacrificed their own lives so that American citizens and our allies could escape the devastation that has escalated in Afghanistan. I continue to offer my prayers and deepest condolences to their families and ask that we all keep those who remain in Afghanistan in our prayers.

"This unprecedented crisis is the direct result of the Biden Administration's failure to lead. President Biden has ignored the advice and counsel of his senior military and national security experts and has lied to the American people. Biden has refused to address the grim reality on the ground in Kabul and provide immediate resources for Americans and allies stranded in Afghanistan.

"Biden's failure to act decisively while Americans and others are in harm's way is a dereliction of duty, which is why I renew my call for Biden and everyone responsible for this disastrous and deadly strategy to resign or face impeachment. His shameful handling of this catastrophe has cost American lives. He has demonstrated from the start of this crisis that he is not capable of serving competently as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces."

## **Gillibrand Applauds Signing of** Harlem Hellfighters **Congressional Gold Medal Act** into Law by President Biden

Washington, D.C. - Today, President Joseph Biden signed Kirsten Gillibrand's Harlem Hellfighters Senator Congressional Gold Medal Act to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the 369th Infantry Regiment, commonly known as the Harlem Hellfighters, a Black infantry regiment of the New York National Guard that fought in WWI. The bill passed the Senate in August and the House companion bill, led by Congressmen Tom Suozzi and Adriano Espaillat, passed in June. During World War I, the Harlem Hellfighters spent more time in continuous combat than any other American unit of its size - 191 days in the front-line trenches - and suffered more casualties than any other U.S. regiment during the war. The bipartisan bill had 72cosponsors in the Senate.

"The Harlem Hellfighters served our nation with distinction, spending 191 days in the front-line trenches, all while displaying the American values of courage, dedication and sacrifice," said Senator Gillibrand. "The long overdue Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act pays homage to these brave Black men who risked their lives overseas to defend our freedoms, only to come home to segregation and racism. I want to applaud President Biden for signing this bill into law, and thank my House colleagues Representatives Suozzi and Espaillat for their outstanding partnership on this legislation."

"It is never too late to do the right thing. When I first met with the Willett family and listened to their stories, I knew we had to get this done and today, with the President's signature, the Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act is now law. Awarding the Harlem Hellfighters the Congressional Gold Medal ensures that generations of Americans will now fully comprehend the selfless service, sacrifices, and heroism displayed by these men in spite of the pervasive racism and segregation of the times. I am grateful to the many people who helped see this long-overdue recog-

nition come to fruition, including Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Congressman Espaillat," said Congressman Suozzi.

"Today, more than 100 years after their heroic and selfless service to our nation, the Harlem Hellfighters will receive their long overdue and well-deserved Congressional Gold Medal and rightful place in American history," Congressman said Adriano Espaillat (NY-13)."These patriots gave their all to America's

enduring struggle to secure global freedom while simultaneously facing racism from the very nation they swore an oath to protect. It is never too late to do the right thing, and I am proud to work alongside Congressman Suozzi, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand to make today possible and honor these brave patriots with one of our nation's highest military honors."

The Harlem Hellfighters were a Black infantry regiment in WWI who spent 191 days in combat, more than any other similarly sized American regiment. In 1918, the U.S. Army assigned the Hellfighters to the French army because many white American soldiers refused to go into combat alongside Black Americans. The Hellfighters earned the nicknames "Hommes de Bronze" (Men of Bronze) from the French and "Hollenkampfer" (Hellfighters) from the Germans due to their doggedness and strength. The Hellfighters earned 11 French citations and a unit Croix de Guerre, and 170 soldiers were individually awarded the French Croix de Guerre. However, despite their courage and devotion, the Hellfighters faced prejudice and racism upon their return to the United States.

Among the most celebrated of the Harlem Hellfighters was Private Henry Johnson, a former Albany, NY rail station porter who earned the nickname "Black Death" for his actions in combat in France. In May 1918, Private Johnson and another soldier, Private Needham Roberts, bravely fought off a German patrol consisting of as many as 36 men on their own. They fought until a German grenade incapacitated Roberts, at which pointed Johnson continued to fight with the butt of his weapon and a bolo knife. Johnson killed at least four German soldiers, wounded as many as 30, and sustained at least 21 injuries himself.

The United States Congress gives the Congressional Gold Medal to those who have "performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field, long after the achievement." The Congressional Gold Medal is Congress's highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. The Congressional Gold Medal will be designed and struck by the United States Mint and displayed at the Smithsonian Institution and at events associated with the Harlem Hellfighters. There have been only two other Congressional Gold Medals awarded to distinguished African American military groups: the Tuskegee Airmen in 2007 and the Montford Point Marines in 2011, both from World War II.

## **Beware of Malicious COVID-19** Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting (800) 659-2955, TTY (800) 877-8339, or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert



**U.S. Small Business** Administration

## Governor Hochul Deploys NYS Firefighting Crew to Help Battle Wildland Fires in Minnesota

#### DEC Welcomes Home Forest Ranger from Dixie Fire in California, Third Ranger Dispatched to Fight Wildland Fires in 2021

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that a crew of 20 wildland firefighters from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is traveling to Minnesota where they will be assigned to assist firefighting efforts underway in Greenwood. Governor Hochul also welcomed home DEC Forest Ranger Robbi Mecus at the end of a two-week assignment fighting the Dixie Fire in California. Earlier this month, DEC Forest Ranger Michael Burkholder returned from battling the Alder Creek and Trail Creek fires in Montana. In July, DEC Forest Ranger Timothy Carpenter returned home after helping battle the Bootleg Fire in Oregon.

"Thousands of people are losing their homes and businesses to devastating and record-breaking wildfires, and I am thankful that we can offer help to those in need, just like the countless times our sister states have helped us when disaster strikes," Governor Hochul said. "Today, I welcome back Ranger Mecus and thank her for her service fighting fires in California. I'm proud of her and all of the brave firefighters who volunteered to travel to the front lines of these wildland fires to protect communities from harm and I join all New Yorkers in praying for their safe return."

All personnel and travel expenses for the New York crews are either paid directly by the U.S. Forest Service or reimbursed to New York State based on a mutual aid agreement between states and federal land agencies.

Ranger Mecus, from Essex County, began her assignment on Aug. 12, when she joined thousands of federal, state, and local fire crews battling the Dixie Fire in California. Ranger Mecus is certified as a National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Plans Section Chief 2, trainee. In the U.S., only a handful of wildland firefighters have achieved this expert level of certification.

The Dixie Fire started on July 13, and is burning the Plumas

National Forest, Lassen National Forest, and Lassen Volcanic National Park. To date, this fire has burned an estimated 735,000 acres in four counties and is currently about 45 percent contained. The Dixie Fire is the second-largest wildfire in California history, second only to the August Complex Fire, which burned more than a million acres last year.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Whether DEC firefighters are supervising a team behind the scenes, setting up a command organization, or working on the fire line, these New Yorkers are among the very best wildland firefighters in the country. Their dedication and willingness to help those in need never ceases to impress me. DEC's expert wildland firefighters are ready no matter where they're needed and I thank them for their service."

The latest crew of New York State firefighters headed to Greenwood will be deployed for two weeks on the fire line. The crew is made up of DEC Divisions of Forest Protection, Lands and Forests, Fish and Wildlife, Operations, and Environmental Remediation staff. The Greenwood fire started on Aug. 15, near Greenwood Lake, and is believed to have been caused by lightning. Evacuations are in effect for approximately 75 homes in the area and to date, the fire has burned nearly 22,000 acres.

Wildland fires in western states are not only devastating to the western U.S., they are also impacting New York's air quality. On July 20, the entire state of New York was under an Air Quality Health Advisory due to fine particulate matter caused by fires in Canada and the western U.S. Air Quality Health Advisories are issued when DEC meteorologists predict levels of pollution, either ozone or fine particulate matter, are expected to exceed an Air Quality Index (AQI) value of 100. Exposure to fine particulate matter can cause short-term health effects such as irritation to the eyes, nose, and throat, coughing, sneezing, runny nose, and shortness of breath. Exposure to elevated levels of fine particulate matter can also worsen medical conditions such as asthma and heart disease. New York State will continue to issue advisories whenever conditions warrant to help protect public health.

In 1979, New York sent its first firefighting crew to assist western states with large wildfires. On average, one or two crews have been sent as needed to assist with wildfires every year since. In addition to helping contain wildfires and minimize damage, these crews gain valuable experience that can be utilized fighting wildfires and managing all-risk incidents in New York.

## Olive Free Library 4th Annual Juried Group Exhibition

Our fourth annual juried summer group exhibition-*Eye to Eye-run*s until September 11 and features 58 works by over 50 different local and regional artists, covering all styles and media. Juried by renowned local artist Tom Sarrantonio. Come and check it out!



"A Shift in Reality" by Diane Christi



"Yellow Circle" by Ted Dixon



"Four Sisters" by Joseph Cozad

July 24 – September 11, 2021

## SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



# NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE 0 OR A(2)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

## More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 year old should be going through.

Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department. Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

## **Governor Hochul Welcomes Refugees Fleeing Violence** and Instability in Afghanistan New York Continues Proud Tradition of Welcoming Individuals and Families

Fleeing Persecution or War State's Refugee Services and Office for New Americans Prepared to Resettle and Assist Afghan Arrivals

New Yorkers Seeking to Support Afghans Arriving in New York Can Contact the ONA Hotline at 1-800-566-7636; Hotline is Also Available for Immigrants in Need of Confidential Assistance, Support and Services

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that New York State is prepared to welcome the arrival of Afghan nationals fleeing violence and instability spreading throughout the troubled nation. The state's Refugee Services and Office for New Americans are both ready to assist those seeking to resettle in New York and continue the state's proud tradition of welcoming those who are fleeing persecution or war. New Yorkers seeking to support Afghans arriving in New York State can contact the Office for New Americans Hotline at 1-800-566-7636 for information on local providers and how they can assist. The Hotline is also available for any immigrant in need of confidential assistance and connection to support and services.

"As the world watches the instability in Afghanistan unfold, New York is stepping up to once again serve as a bea-con of hope and refuge," Governor Hochul said. "The richness of culture and community that refugees and immigrants bring to our state is beyond measure, and the message to the world in no uncertain terms is that our state is committed to helping those who seek shelter on our shores."

While the previous presidential administration drastically reduced the number of refugees and immigrants accepted into the United States, President Joseph Biden issued an emergency determination that raised the national ceiling to 62,500 admissions. The federal government also authorized 8,000 additional special immigrant visas specifically for Afghan translators and interpreters working with the U.S. military and meeting certain requirements.

New York's Refugee Services is prepared to resettle these new arrivals and assist them as they transition to life in New York. Between October 2020 and July 2021, there have been 458 refugees resettled throughout the state, including 140 Afghans and an additional 83 individuals on a special immigrant visa -most of whom are from Afghanistan.

Overseen by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Refugee Services is aimed at helping refugees and their families to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency. Among other functions, this program helps repatriated citizens arrive safely, provides assistance to victims of human trafficking, and assures unaccompanied refugee and entrant minors have proper foster care.

New York has committed to resettling 1,320 refugees and special immigrant visa holders during Federal Fiscal Year 2021, so the state is prepared for additional arrivals. New York's statewide network of community-based providers has helped resettle upward of 5,000 individuals over the course of a year.

OTDA Commissioner Mike Hein, "New York has always been a beacon for refugees worldwide, and that storied legacy is evidenced by our state's rich cultural tapestry. The heart-wrenching images that continue to emerge from Afghanistan are strengthening our resolve to help all refugees that come to our state seeking a safe-haven from perils abroad. We proudly welcome them to our communities and embrace them as our neighbors."

Secretary of State Rossana Rosado said "My heart goes out to the Afghan refugees fleeing their country for safety. New York has a long history of welcoming immigrants and refugees from around the world, and we will continue this tradition by welcoming Afghan refugees and helping provide them with the resources they need to succeed. Afghan refugees have stood in support of our nation, and during their time of great need, we will welcome them with open arms in support and solidarity as they seek liberty, safety and opportunity in New York State."

The New York State New Americans Hotline operates from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. All calls are confidential. Assistance is available in over 200 languages.

## **Peekamoose Blue Hole Permit Updates**



DEC issued special regulations for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce impacts to environmental resources. Before planning a trip to these areas, please make sure to review the regulations. Some highlights you need to know before you go are below: Visitors are required to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America seven days a week May 15 through September 15, consistent with fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve; Each permit will be linked to a vehicle, and the permit must be displayed on/in the vehicle; Parking is limited to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone; Visitors are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste;

The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at the nearby designated camping area only): Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Camping; All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves); Use of portable generators; Alcohol; Glass containers; Coolers larger than 12" in any dimension; Radios and other audio devices.



TOWN OF NEVERSINK PARKS & REC ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>

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## NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION SHOW

#### On First Day in Office, Governor Hochul Announces Comprehensive Plan to Help Ensure a Safe, Productive Return to Schools This Fall Directs Department of Health to Institute Universal

Mask Requirement in All Schools Governor Pursuing Options to Mandate Vaccines for

School Employees Launches COVID-19 Testing in Schools Program Using \$585 Million in Federal Funds in Partnership with Counties and BOCES

Establishes Additional Back-to-School Testing Program in Partnership with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rite Aid and BioReference, and Acquires Millions of Masks for Students and Educators

On her first day in office, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a new, comprehensive plan to help ensure a safe, productive return to schools this fall in the midst of rising COVID-19 numbers fueled by the Delta variant. As part of this plan, Governor Hochul has directed the New York State Department of Health to institute a

universal mask requirement in all schools, public and private, as determined necessary at the discretion of the Commissioner. The Department of Health will issue the requirement through regulatory action established by the Public Health and Health Planning Council.

Governor Hochul will also pursue options to mandate vaccines for school employees or require weekly testing in the absence of vaccines, and will continue to work with the Department of Health, education stakeholders and the Legislature on establishing the mandate.

"As Governor, my priorities are now the priorities of the people of New York - and right now that means fighting the Delta variant," Governor Kathy Hochul said. "My number one priority is getting children back to school and protecting the environment so they can learn safely. I am immediately directing the Department of Health to institute universal masking for anyone entering our schools, and we are launching a Back to School COVID-19 testing program to make testing for students and staff widely available and convenient. We are also working to require vaccinations for all school personnel with an option to test out weekly, and we are going to accomplish all of this by working in partnership with all levels of government."

To help ensure testing is available to students as they return to school, Governor Hochul is using \$335 million in federal funds to launch a new COVID-19 Testing in Schools Program in partnership with local health departments and BOCES in New York State outside of New York City. In addition, New York City has received \$225 million directly to initiate a COVID-19 Testing in Schools Program there, for a total of \$585 million in federal funding in New York State to support these programs.

Governor Hochul also launched an additional back-to-school COVID-19 testing program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rite Aid and BioReference to make testing more widely available for New York State public school students before the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Testing appointments will be available to New York students in grades K-12 at the 115 Rite Aid drive-through locations. Students are required to pre-register online and schedule a time slot for testing. Students aged 17 and under must have parental or legal guardian consent and be accompanied by a guardian at time of testing in the drive- through. Digital results will be delivered to parents for students to bring to school. COVID-19 testing is voluntary and will be provided at no cost to the student's family nor to the school district.

In addition to these new testing programs, New York State has available more than 4.3 million child-sized clothed face masks, about 10 million adult-sized clothed face masks and almost 55 million non-surgical face masks to provide to students and teachers in schools across the state.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said, "Our highest priority is helping to ensure the health and safety of our students and educators as we work together to combat COVID-19. Since early July, COVID-19 cases in New York have risen 10-fold and 95 percent of sequenced positive cases were confirmed to be Delta variant. Based on incidence and prevalence, our findings demonstrate the necessity of layered prevention strategies, including this mask requirement. (Contd. Pg. 39)



## On First Day in Office, Governor Hochul Announces Comprehensive Plan to Help Ensure a Safe, Productive Return to Schools This Fall

#### (From Pg. 37)

While a simple measure of prevention, requiring masks now is crucial for protecting the health of our children and ensuring we can get our students back in their schools this fall."

Commissioner of Education Dr. Betty A. Rosa said, "Since the onset of the pandemic, the health and safety of our students, teachers, and school personnel has been our top priority. With the increase in COVID variant cases around the state, Governor Hochul's action, taken after consultation with educators, demonstrates her commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students and the importance of keeping our schools open. The State Education Department supports a consistent application of masking requirements in schools, easing the return to school with a common line of defense against the spread of the COVID variant. I look forward to continuing our collaboration with Governor Hochul in support of our shared focus on expanded educational opportunity for all New Yorkers."

Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. said, "The Board and I applaud Governor Hochul for supporting and protecting students and teachers alike with a statewide mask mandate for schools. We must do everything in our power to limit the transmission of COVID in our schools so students continue to receive in-person instruction throughout the school year. Requiring students, teachers and staff to wear masks is the right thing to do for all New Yorkers."

## Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Opposes Bill Paving Way for Socialist \$3.5 Trillion Budget Reconciliation in House

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today voted against the Democrats' \$3.5 trillion backdoor budget resolution that paves the way for them to pass Senator Bernie Sanders' radical "human infrastructure" package through the House of Representatives.

"It is astonishing that at a time when Americans are facing skyrocketing inflation, Speaker Pelosi and Democrats in Congress think the appropriate solution is to raise taxes and force Americans to pay for one of the most expensive and wasteful spending bills in our nation's history. Today, despite their 'concerns' House Democrats fell right in line with Speaker Pelosi's radical agenda. The real winners here are Bernie Sanders and AOC. Their far-left socialist agenda, which includes the Green New Deal and mass amnesty, are one step closer to becoming law.

"I opposed this legislation because it is horrible for our country. It takes the worst of the progressive Blue State policies we have in New York, and makes them the national standard. It will hurt our economic recovery efforts, increase taxes on small businesses, kill American jobs, undermine our competitiveness. The Democrats' plan threatens to expand the welfare state so that Americans are forced to rely on the government from cradle to grave. I also opposed this legislation because of the way it was jammed through the House without even being debated and considered. Speaker Pelosi knew she couldn't win playing by the rules, so she changed them at the last minute. This is not how the U.S. House of Representatives should work. We are the world's greatest deliberative body, and we should live up to this distinguished honor."

### Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Supreme Court Ruling on Eviction Moratorium

"I am very disappointed in the Supreme Court's appalling and insensitive ruling that eliminates a key line of defense for tenants facing housing insecurity during the ongoing pandemic, and we are exploring all options to further protect New Yorkers from eviction, including with the legislative leaders.

"It is critical that New Yorkers know that anyone who applies to the rent relief program will automatically be protected from eviction while their application is pending. More than \$800 million has already been already disbursed or is now ready for landlords to accept on behalf of their tenants. More than \$1 billion remains available for relief and resources are available through community organizations to help New Yorkers apply, receive eviction protection, and pay their rent. New Yorkers should complete and submit their applications immediately. This is urgent."

## Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Special Session

"I am in talks with the Senate Majority Leader and Assembly Speaker to call a special session to address the impending eviction crisis, given the Supreme Court's decision. Our teams will be working through the weekend to address how best to deliver relief to renters and homeowners in need as quickly as possible."

# Olive Day 2021

*10 a.m.* Frog Jump (bring your own frog) *11 a.m.* Memorial to Honor 9/11 Heroes *11 a.m.* Town of Olive Police Dept. - Bike Safety *12 pm* Frog Hop Race *2 pm* Egg Toss *3 pm* Treasure Hunt *1 p.m.* Arm-of-the-Sea Theater Performance "The Rejuvenary River Circus"

This performance is sponsored by the Olive Free Library and paid for by funds from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with New York City Department of Environmental Protection

# **September 11, 2021**

Olive Day Jason Jones-Kent Reeves Memorial Run

Registration 8:30 a.m. 5K run begins 9 a.m.



The Spillway Band 11-2:30 p.m.

> 90 **Proof Band** 3-6 p.m.

- Classic Car Show (10- 2)
- BB gun shooting range
- Penny Social
- Blood Pressure testing
- Touch-A-Truck
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## Governor Hochul Announces Changes to Accelerate State Rent Relief Program and Attract More Applicants

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a series of changes to both attract more applications and accelerate payments within New York State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Under the Governor's direction, the state will invest an additional \$1 million in marketing and outreach efforts to raise awareness about the rent relief program, the available funding, and the strong tenant eviction protections in place for those who apply. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which administers the program, will analyze application data to target areas of the state with relatively low numbers of applications.

Governor Hochul is also ordering a rapid review of the rent relief program's workflow, as well as the reassignment of 100 contracted staff to work solely with landlords to complete pending applications, which will accelerate payments. They will conduct direct outreach, work with landlords one-on-one, clarify and obtain missing information, and resolve outstanding issues so that more rent relief funding can be disbursed. Additionally, new data breaking down rent relief payments by county will be posted on OTDA's website later this week to increase transparency. The website currently shows where applications are originating and basic demographics.

"The pandemic thrust countless New Yorkers into financial turmoil and uncertainty, leaving many struggling to pay their rent," Governor Hochul said. "By expanding and better targeting our marketing and outreach efforts, we can raise awareness in the communities that need our help the most, encourage more people to apply, and protect them from being evicted. We are also reviewing and recalibrating the workflow and will dedicate more staff specifically to helping landlords through their application, so we can get outstanding applications fully approved and money out the door much more efficiently."

To date, more than 46,000 tenants have had their applications provisionally approved and rent relief funding set aside for them, but in some cases, small discrepancies in information between the tenant and landlord applications or the need to reconcile landlord accounts are delaying payments from being sent out. These reassigned vendor staff will work proactively to rectify these issues so direct payments already set aside can be disbursed.

Up to \$2.7 billion in emergency rental assistance is available for lowand moderate-income New Yorkers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program helps with up to 12 months of past-due rent, three months of prospective rental assistance and 12 months of utility arrears payments to eligible New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status.

Since the program began accepting applications on June 1, OTDA has either distributed or obligated more than \$680 million in federal funding, including more than \$200 million in direct payments to land-lords. New York now ranks second nationally for the most funding approved or paid to households, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition reporting, which tracks the state-by-state implementation of the program.

New York's rent relief program provides some of the strongest tenant protections in the nation, which will be vital to tens of thousands of New Yorkers as the end of the state eviction moratorium approaches on Aug. 31. Applicants to the program automatically receive protections from eviction while their application is pending.

To receive assistance, a landlord must agree to waive any late fees due on past-due rent; and not increase the tenant's monthly rent or evict them for one year, except in limited circumstances.

Under federal law, both tenants and landlords must complete the application before payments can be made. New York State, however, allows for the tenant side of the application to be approved so that the



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

I respect nurses and doctors.

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

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

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

renter is fully covered by the eviction protections offered by the program. In these cases, the state holds the obligated funds for six months as efforts are made to identify and pay the landlord. Tenants in this circumstance will receive a clear notification that they can use as an affirmative defense to avoid eviction for up to one year.

"We are of focused on helping New Yorkers in need and are grateful for Governor Hochul's leadership and support on this vital issue," OTDA Commissioner Mike Hein said. "While we continue to take steps to ease and expedite the application process, we are also encouraging all eligible New Yorkers to apply for this critical assistance so that they are shielded by the strong eviction protections afforded to all applicants."

Earlier this month, OTDA added the 'save and resume' function for applications in the portal, which allows applicants to pause when necessary and come back to the process. The agency also added an enhanced status feature, which gives applicants a clearer picture of where their application is within the process. In addition, the agency has streamlined by application process by reducing the amount of documentation needed to apply.



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## DEC Deploys Vessel 'Big Time' to Enhance Fire Island Artificial Reef

#### Builds on Sustained Artificial Reef Expansion and Continues to Bolster Long Island's Economy through Increased Tourism and Recreation

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the deployment of the vessel "Big Time" on the Fire Island Reef as part of the State's ongoing efforts to expand New York's network of artificial reefs. This sustained effort is developing a stronger, more diverse marine ecosystem and providing shelter for fish and other marine life off New York's shores.

"Deploying the Big Time on the Fire Island Reef is further proof of ongoing efforts to expand the State's network of artificial reefs, which benefit anglers, divers, and marine life while providing a beneficial use

for a wide range of materials like this vessel," said Commissioner Seggos. "Now part of the Fire Island Reef, the 55-foot steel Big Time augments local marine habitat and provides a new, big time spot for anglers and divers to visit, increasing opportunities for tourism off the coast of Long Island."



Large black and white boat floating in water before submerging "Big Time" vessel added to Fire Island Artificial Reef

To date, New York State's Artificial Reef Program has deployed a total of 4,700 tons of jetty stone, 1,810 cubic yards of Tappan Zee Bridge materials, three New York Canal Corporation steel barges, Erie Canal lift bridges and miter gates and pontoons, New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) steel bridge girders, trusses and pipe, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers research vessel "M/V Hudson" on Fire Island Reef. All materials were deployed under the guidance of the DEC Reef Program to ensure they are safely cleaned of contaminants prior to joining the reef.

In November 2020, the Artificial Reef Program deployed 16, 75-foot steel rail cars donated by Wells Fargo on Fire Island Reef; 59 additional rail cars were deployed on five other reef sites.

### DEC Announces Sept. 1st Opening of Canada Goose Hunting Season New York State Department of Environmental

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that Canada goose hunting season opens Wednesday, Sept. 1, throughout most of the state.

"Resident Canada goose populations are high in many parts of New York, offering goose hunters significant opportunities to help DEC manage their populations," Commissioner Seggos said.\_"The September Canada goose season is an opportunity to focus harvest on overabundant resident Canada geese when less abundant migratory Canada geese have not yet arrived in New York."

The September goose hunting season is designed to help reduce or stabilize resident Canada goose populations. Resident Canada geese are those that breed in the United States and southern Canada, unlike migratory populations that breed in northern Canada. Typically, resident geese are the birds commonly associated with nuisance situations in urban and rural areas. Over the past 25 years, New York's resident Canada goose population has grown from an estimated 80,000 birds in 1995, to more than 340,000 today.(Contd. Pg. 44)

## DEC Announces Sept. 1st Opening of Canada Goose Hunting Season

(From Pg. 43) As the population has grown, season lengths and bag limits have been liberalized and hunters have successfully stabilized the population. The September season is an important opportunity for hunters, as regular Canada goose seasons have been restricted to 30 days and bag limits reduced to one bird in most areas to protect the more vulnerable migratory geese. Resident geese look the same as migratory geese, making it difficult for the public to distinguish between the two populations. For more information on the differences between migratory and resident geese and how these birds are managed, read the article "Canada Geese in New York-Residents or Visitors?" in the Aug. 2019 issue of DEC's\_Conservationist magazine or download the PDF version on DEC's website.

The September Canada goose season occurs in all goose hunting zones except the Western Long Island zone. All upstate areas are open from Sept. 1 through Sept. 25. Canada goose seasons in the Central and Eastern Long Island zones begin on the Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday (Sept. 7 this year) and run through Sept. 30. In the Western Long Island zone, the season opens Oct. 9. The September season includes liberal bag limits (eight to 15 birds/day depending on zone), extended shooting hours, and other special regulations to maximize hunter success. Additional details on\_waterfowl hunting regulations, season dates, hunting area boundaries, and bag limits\_can be found on DEC's website.

License Requirements

To participate in the September Canada goose hunting season, hunters must:

Possess a 2021-2022 hunting license now on sale at all license issuing agents and many town halls and sporting goods stores;

Be registered for the 2021-2022 New York Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP); and

Hunters 16 years of age and older must have a 2021-22 federal duck stamp signed across the stamp's face in ink.

For more information about where to purchase a hunting license, visit DEC's website. To\_register with HIP,\_visit DEC's webpage. To purchase a\_Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, visit the local post office or the USPS webpage. For more information, visit the\_U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Migratory Bird Program\_website.

Harvest Information Program Registration Process Improvements

For the 2021 hunting season, DEC developed a new and more streamlined registration process for hunters to obtain their HIP number. All migratory game bird hunters must register annually for HIP through DECALS, DEC's licensing system. HIP registrations are used to estimate the total number of hunters. Follow-up surveys of registrants help the USFWS and state wildlife agencies monitor migratory game bird harvest and establish hunting regulations. HIP registration is valid from Aug. 1 - April 15 annually. There are two options to register:

#### **Option 1 - Online HIP Registration**

Go to the DEC Hunting License website

Click on the header at the top of the main page that says "REG-ISTER FOR HIP"

A DECALS login is NOT required, but you will be prompted to provide your DEC ID and Date of Birth

Click "Search"

The system will then list all previous HIP registrations you have associated with your DEC ID indicating whether they have been submitted or are still pending.

If no results return after pressing the "Search" button, it means you currently do not have a current/valid hunting license and are ineligible for HIP registration.

Once you find the current HIP year registration survey, you will select the dropdown arrow on the right-hand side, and select "Register for HIP"

You will be prompted to answer a series of questions pertaining to your hunting activities last year.

After answering all required questions, press "Submit." The system will then save your data and provide your HIP number. This number completes the registration process and proves your participation in HIP. You are required to carry this number with you in some form while migratory bird hunting.

#### **Option 2 - HIP Registration via the automated phone system**

Call 1-866-933-2257

Select the option for "HIP registration"

Follow automated instructions.

At the end of the call, you will be given your HIP registration number. Migratory game bird hunters are required to carry this number in some form while hunting.

Hunting Safety and Etiquette

DEC reminds hunters to follow simple safety guidelines and use good judgment when choosing a time and place to hunt. Being considerate of other people who enjoy the outdoors or live near hunting areas can help avoid potential conflicts and ensure a safe and enjoyable season. As coastal areas become more populated, new landowners unfamiliar with the safety, ethics, and traditions of waterfowl hunting sometimes seek to limit hunter access to popular waterfowl hunting areas. Hunters should be considerate and minimize any disturbance of local residents whenever possible.

To avoid or minimize conflicts with property owners and other outdoor enthusiasts. DEC encourages hunters to:

Consider contacting owners of property adjacent to where they will be hunting, well in advance;

Tell property owners when and where they will be hunting. Property owners may be less concerned if aware of planned hunts;

> Reminder: Sundown UMC Annual Chicken BBQ Sept 11 • 4 - 7 pm See Pg. 17 for details

Explain the hunter's intent to abide by the laws and regulations pertaining to waterfowl hunting, familiarity with the locations of houses, and safety protocols;

Plan out shooting directions and verify that the selected hunting spot is safe and in compliance with the law. Keep in mind that shot pellets, especially when discharged at a high angle, can travel farther than 500 feet;

Identify concerns the landowner may have and discuss them prior to hunting; and

Leave hunting locations as clean as you found them and be sure to pick up your empty shell casings and other litter.

## Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Issued the Following Statement on Passage of H.R. 4

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), cochair of the House Election Integrity Caucus, today issued the following statement on passage of H.R. 4, a radical bill that paves the way for a federal takeover of elections in the United States.

"H.R. 4 is yet another unconstitutional bill from the left that undermines the integrity of our elections. It completely eviscerates commonsense reforms enacted at the state level like voter ID and grants unprecedented power to unelected Washington bureaucrats. Because this bill is so bad for American democracy, Speaker Pelosi rushed it through the House of Representatives without a single committee hearing and never provided Members of Congress the opportunity to meaningfully change the bill through the amendment process. At a time when Americans are demanding free, fair, and transparent elections,

H.R. 4 is an extreme effort by the Democrats to rig the system, manipulate the process, and take power away from states."

## Following the Inauguration of New York's First Woman Governor, Thirteen State Landmarks Were Lit to Celebrate Women's Equality Across the State

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that thirteen landmarks across New York were lit purple and gold beginning August 24 through August 26 in honor of Women's Equality Day.

"New York is home to the Women's Rights Movement where pioneers went above and beyond to forge a path toward freedom for women across the world," Governor Hochul said. "I am honored to be the first woman governor of the State of New York and I hope to send a message to women and girls everywhere that they can be anything they want to be. This Women's Equality Day, I encourage everyone to look toward the glass ceiling and shatter it - though women have come so far, we still have a way to go."

Landmarks that were lit included:

- o One World Trade Center
- o Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge
- o Kosciuszko Bridge
- o The H. Carl McCall SUNY Building
- o State Education Building
- o Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
- o State Fairgrounds Main Gate and Expo Center
- o Niagara Falls (August 24 and 26 only)
- o The "Franklin D. Roosevelt" Mid-Hudson Bridge

- o Grand Central Terminal Pershing Square Viaduct
- o Albany International Airport Gateway
- o The Lake Placid Olympic Jumping Complex
- o MTA LIRR East End Gateway at Penn Station

## Ten Mile River Scout Museum will be open on Saturdays during Sept. and Oct.

Narrowsburg, N.Y. (Aug. 30) - The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is pleased to announce due to an overwhelmingly local and scout visitor response during the summer it will be open to the public on Saturdays in September and October from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are also open by appointment at other times by calling or texting 845-701-1317. The museum is located at 1481 County Road 26, Narrowsburg, NY 12764.

"We are very pleased with our Summer 2021 visitor results after COVID-19 forced us to shutter our doors last summer. With the summer winding down many Sullivan County locals and scout troops still want to visit us. We answered their call," stated Michael Drillinger, museum chairman.

#### About the Ten Mile River Scout Museum

The Ten Mile River Scout Museum exists to preserve and promote the spirit and heritage of New York City Scouting at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and selected venues through the creation of historical archives, displays, exhibits of photos, memorabilia, documents and tangible items in both indoor and outdoor settings. We also recognize the local history in the vicinity of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

## Art Train Plen Air in Hawley Saturday, September 4 Landscape Painting and PopUp Gallery, 9-5PM At the Historic Hawley PA Station

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Artists Registration Required. Limited spaces.

9AM-12:45 PM or 1:45 PM to 5PM Contact: Karen Meneghin For more information, email: info@ZaneGreyPleinAir.com Register on our website: ZaneGreyPleinAir.com PAGE 46

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#### KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES EDDIE MULLER'S FILM NOIR ON TCM 12:00 AM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 "CLOUDBURST" (1951 / )

The script is based on a play written by Leo Marks, a wartime cryptographer for the Special Operations Executive, and later the author of a memoir about his wartime work,

Between Silk and Cyanide (1998).



*Cloudburst* is a 1951 British crime drama film directed by **Francis Searle**, starring **Robert Preston**, and featuring **Elizabeth Sellars, Harold Lang, Colin Tapley and Sheila Burrell**.

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II EDDIE MULLER'S FILM NOIR ON TCM 12:00 AM EST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 "DRIVE A CROOKED ROAD" (83 min. / Crime Thriller )



Eddie Shannon is a mechanic and race car driver. He was the choice of two bank robbers to help them with their getaway from a big heist. The heist requires someone to drive at high speeds. Couple that with his ability to "soup up" engines, helps to avoid capture after they robbed the public.

It's the old story sex gets the guy trying to be a respected man. The gangster's girlfriend, Barbara Mathews, used her charms to help persuade Eddie to assist with the crime. And Eddie's dream — the robbery would make it come true!

For him, his dream is racing competitively in Europe where the money alone wouldn't be sufficient inducement.

Barbara falls in love with Eddie, and secretly feels ashamed of leading him on. This makes Eddie realize the way he is being used, summing it all up in a life and death struggle for almost all involved.

Directed by **Richard Quine and starring Mickey Rooney as Eddie Shannon.** Also starring Dianne Foster as Barbara Mathews; Kevin McCarthy as Steve Norris; Jack Kelly as Harold Baker;Harry Landers as Ralph; Jerry Paris as Phil,; Paul Picerni as Carl; and Dick Crockett as Don

#### KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III EDDIE MULLER'S FILM NOIR ON TCM 12:00 AM EST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 "HUMAN DESIRE"

A 1954 American film noir drama film directed by Fritz Lang and starring Glenn Ford, Gloria Grahame and Broderick Crawford. It is loosely based on Émile Zola's 1890 novel *La Bête humaine*.





The story had been filmed twice before: *La Bête humaine* (1938), directed by Jean Renoir, and Die Bestie im Menschen, starring, Ilka Grüning(1920). Plot – (Cast Production Reception Preservation External links) returning Korean War veteran Jeff Warren returns to his town and duties as a train engineer, driving streamliners hauling passenger trains for the fictional Central National Railroad. Warren worked alongside Alec Simmons and was a boarder in his home before going off to war. Alec's daughter Ellen is smitten with Jeff.

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