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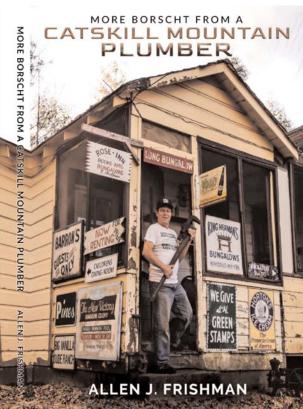
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More Borscht from a Catskill Mountain Plumber, A talk by author Allen Frishman

Sunday, August 27th at 2 p.m. Virtual and In Person at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - More Borscht from a Catskill Mountain Plumber, a talk by Allen Frishman will be held on Sunday, August 27th at 2 p.m. at the



Time and Valleys Museum on Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, NY. Join Allen Frishman discussing his new book, More Borscht from a Catskill Mountain Plumber, a continuation of humorous telling of the great times the baby boomer generation had growing up in Country". This was the period of Jewish exodus from city heat to country cool-Jewish Lightning, a rare Catskill phenome-Mendel's non. Mansion, and of course. the Woodstock Festival are included.

The cost of the program is free for

members and \$5 for non members which includes light refreshments and museum admission. Books will be available for signing and sale. To join the program virtually, please register by email at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org and put Borscht Talk in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700 at least 3 hours before the program. A link will be sent to you. Nonmembers will be asked to please first make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. For more information about this program, please contact Donna Steffens by at 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. (Cont. Pg. 4)

Neversink FD EMS Art Rubenzahl Recognized for Serving the Community



Art Rubenzahl has been serving Neversink FD EMS for 10 plus years. For the last 4 years he served as President.

Art was presented with a plaque and mug at the August meeting by Tom Brown, our current President.

Art continues to serve our community as an EMS provider and as the Vice President.

Thank you Art for your service.

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

On the Front Burner: I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried; mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

Samuel 69:3

OBITUARY

Wayne R. Hill, of Liberty, NY passed away on August 8, 2023 at Achieve Rehab and Nursing. He was 75.

He was the son of the late Richard and Lillian (Hewlett) Hill, born on October 19, 1947 in Monticello, NY.

Wayne proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps. during Vietnam and achieved Corporal ranking. He was a lifetime member and Past Chief of the Loch Sheldrake Fire Company. In his free time he enjoyed keeping his hands busy with woodworking.

A graveside service will be held at 12pm on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Furman Cemetery, Yeagerville Road, Napanoch, NY with full military honors.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

August 19, 1953

Bids for a 120 ft. steel truss bridge over the Rondout Creek in Sundown were opened last week and the lowest of the three bids was that of Fred W. Johnson of Cornwall for \$60.370.

Fred Whipple, 80, died Wednesday at his Ferndale home where he lived alone since the death of his wife, Leona Sheley Whipple, seven years ago. He is survived by two sisters, both of Liberty; one daughter, Mrs. Maude Countryman of Sundown; one granddaughter, Mrs. Marie Van Valkenburgh of Claryville and three grandsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morton of Oneonta, formerly of Grahamsville, are the proud parents of a daughter, Kathy Susan, born on August 10th. She weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wright are the

proud parents of a baby boy, Bert Robert. He was born August 7th at the Ellenville Hospital.

August 14, 1963

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill of Grahamsville on the birth of their son, Glenn, born last week at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty.

Mrs. Emogene Dean, 62, died on August 7 after a long illness, at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Penn. She was born February 19, 1901at Hasbrouck. She was the daughter of Thornton Merritt and Jennie Furman. Mrs. Dean was married on November 25, 1920 to Archie Dean Sr. who survives her. She was the postmaster at the Neversink Post Office from 1940 to 1960. Mrs. Dean was also past president of the Neversink Fire Department Auxiliary and was secretary until the time of her death. Surviving besides her husband are a son, Archie Dean Jr.; her father; a sister; two brothers and seven grandchildren.

Kenneth R. Becker of Grahamsville, who graduated with the class of June 1963 from Tri Valley Central School, has enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He left for Great Lakes, Illinois on Wednesday where he will receive his boot training.

<u>September 5, 1973</u>

Dorothy Jones and Thomas A. Smith were united in marriage at the Ulster Heights Methodist Church on August 25, 1973. The Rev. Herbert Maynard officiated. A wedding breakfast followed at the church hall. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Julia Sheley and the late Harry Sheley of Woodbourne. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Grahamsville. The groom is employed by the New York Telephone Co. and he also prints Townsman" each week. The couple resides on South Hill Grahamsville.

The wedding of Miss Linda Harris and Mr. Barry TerBush took place on Saturday, September 1st. A reception followed the ceremony at King's Restaurant, Livingston Manor. (Contd. Pg. 3)

More Borscht from a Catskill Mountain Plumber, A talk by author Allen Frishman

(From Pg. 1)

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

All Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities, including the new exhibition As the Wheel Turns: Water Powered Industries in the Catskills.

o New! Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds a collaborative augmented reality art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@time-andthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

Help us plan future programs for the Caregiver Resource Center!

LIBERTY, NY - Many people do not self-identify as caregivers. In the context of elder care, the term "Caregiver" typically refers to someone who provides things like meals, shopping, bathing, transportation to doctor's appointments or the pharmacy, or just companionship and help with activities of daily living. It can be for a friend, relative, or neighbor who is aging with physical or cognitive limitations, or is disabled and needs social, physical or emotional support.

To better serve the needs of adult caregivers in Sullivan County, the Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) has released a short survey for caregivers to give insight to the kind of educational programs, workshops, and resources they need.

To fill out the survey, interested participants can find the online version at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3GKR7DL, CCESC's social media pages, or individuals can request a printed copy from the CRC office. This short survey takes a few minutes to complete, and the staff of the Caregiver Resource Center appreciates any feedback given. Those with related questions can email sullivancrc@cornell.edu or call 845-292-6180 ext. 122.

The Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County, and is supported by a grant from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program.

Raising Awareness About Child Support Public Invited to Stop by Table in Government Center

Monticello, NY - In recognition of August as Child Support

Awareness Month, the Sullivan County Child Support Unit will host an outreach event this Thursday, August 17 from noon until 3 p.m. in the Government Center lobby, 100 North Street, Monticello.

Information will be provided about the Child Support Office, and staff will be present to answer questions. Brochures, free snacks, and prizes will be given throughout the afternoon!

"This is the first year that Sullivan County will be hosting an event in honor of Child Support Awareness Month," says Child Support Coordinator Laura McKay, "and I am looking forward to sharing information with families about the important work we do and the services we provide."



Diamond Art at The Old Stone House



Introduction to Diamond Art on Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 with Laurie Turner is now being offered on Saturday mornings as well, from 11:30-12:30. Reservations are required.

Diamond Art is the process of applying "diamonds" to a preprinted design much like paint by numbers.

For only \$10.00 a complete kit is provided that includes an art-

For only \$10.00 a complete kit is provided that includes an artwork of your choice that has a sticky surface, glue, container, "diamonds" and the stylus type tool used to adhere them.

The kits have been donated by Ms. Turner and the full \$10.00

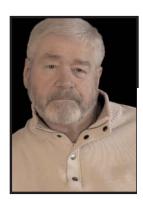
will go to the Old Stone House Maintenance Fund that pays for insurance electricity etc.

After the introductory class participants are invited to return as much as they like free of charge to continue working on their projects in the company of their fellow crafters and to enjoy the relaxing process of diamond art.



It's a fun pastime to enjoy together with your friends and family in the charming atmosphere of the Old Stone House. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

For Reservation please call Laurie Turner 845 798-1902



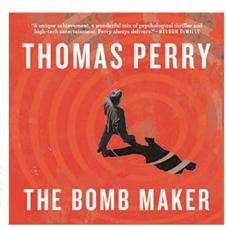
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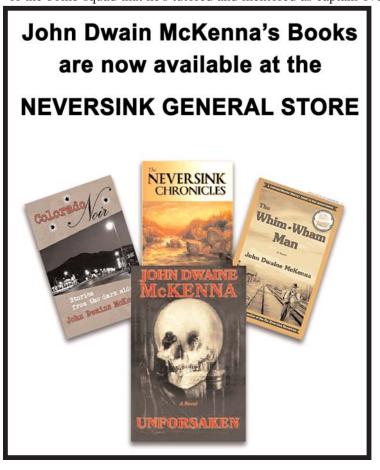
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Published November 25, 2019 by John Dwaine McKenna

One way to judge the character of a hero is by assessing the nature of his or her adversary. The wickeder the villain, the more courageous the protagonist will appear to be, because conflict creates drama, and it is the following sequence of events . . . emotional, turbulent or tragic . . . which keeps readers turning the pages. We've gotta see what comes next because all humans are curious and emotional. Now, one of Americas most psychologically astute thriller writers has come up with a novel that covers all of the above, and then some.



The Bomb Maker, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 372 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2748-8) by
Thomas Perry, has the reader looking over the shoulder of one of the most diabolic, evil, uncaring, solipsistic and murderous characters to come skulking down the pages of a novel since Hannibal Lecter scared the bejezus out of all of us. He's known simply as the Bomb Maker and his stated goal is to kill every member of the Los Angeles Police Department Bomb Squad. When a bomb call is made in the first chapter of the novel, the LAPD responds to the threat, which soon evolves at 27,000 feet per second into a world-class tragedy. That's when the deputy chief of police calls upon the retired former leader of the bomb squad to come back to work on an interim basis in order to help rebuild the department. The heroes name is Dick Stahl. He's been running his own security consulting firm and has just returned from a life-threatening mission in Mexico. His sense of obligation to the members of the bomb squad that he's tutored and mentored as captain overcomes his reluctance to get involved, and Stahl agrees to step in



as the temporary commander. The frequencies of the calls, and the sophistication of the trigger mechanisms convince him that this is no ordinary malcontent building amateurish, unreliable, simplistic devices. The bombs are massive, complex and deadly—the work of a brilliant, though demented mind—and they're coming with increasing persistence because the bomb maker is being pressured by his terrorist backers who want ever bigger bombs as they ramp up to an unknown doomsday scenario. At the same time, Dick Stahl runs afoul of departmental policies and gets caught in the crosshairs of public opinion, due to the twenty-four hour news cycle in this hair-raising, propulsive and electrifying novel from the pen of America's best thriller writer. It'll keep you reading and thinking about it long after the last page is turned. Thomas Perry is at the top of his game in *The Bomb Maker*!

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

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

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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda

The Power of Words

Regretfully, I feel I must inform you of the demise of the complete sentence. Social media and texts have reduced

sentences to blurbs, single words, or capital letters like "K",

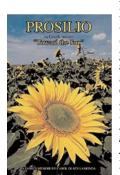
"YOLO", "IDK." Not only that, vocabulary has been lost in the curtailment.

I love language and there are certain words that I like to use simply because they please me with their sound or meaning. I have not seen them recently on my iPhone or iPad. Here are some of my favorites:

lallygag plethora bloviate hackneyed cacophony wonky antimacassar bailiwick doppelgänger ersatz finagle kerfuffle kvetch maelstrom nonplussed rigmarole skedaddle xenophobic dollop canoodle brouhaha

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who



have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift! Prosilio is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: http://amazon.com or http://barnesandnoble.com and type in Prosilio in the search to order your copy of Prosilio





Daniel Pierce Library Between the Bookends

DPL gears up for the 143rd Grahamsville Little Worlds' Fair

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-There is something down homemeatloaf and mashed potatoes feel good-about a country fair in the summer; the trip on the Ferris wheel, the scent of hay as you pass the cow barn, the sounds of hootin' and hollerin,' the kids underfoot. Attending the Grahamsville Little World's Fair certainly brings back the magic of yesteryear's activities. In the tumultuous times we have all experienced the last few years, it's the kind of activity that rekindles a child-like exuberance in the way only the simple things can do.

While I can't speak for the other organizations involved in the 143rd fair running August 18-20, it's

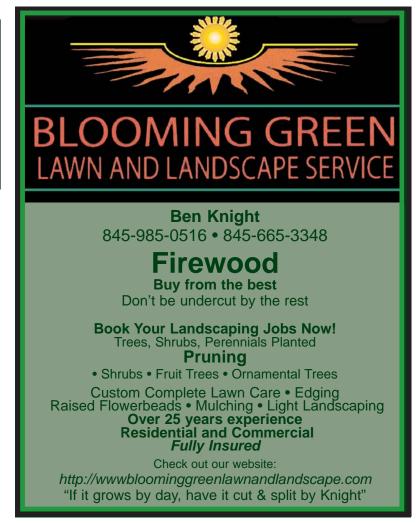
a hustle and bustle time for the Daniel Pierce Library. We are busy getting our booth ready, where strawberry short-cakes will be served for \$6.50 and strawberry yogurt parfaits \$3.50 for a small and \$4.50 for a large and our book tent organized. At the book tent, we will have DPL staff and volunteers ready to help with book selection and suggestions. All the books are priced to sell and ready for their new homes. At the same time, raffle tickets for our GPP-Giant Pumpkin Party-will be available for purchase.

It's also crunch time for our summer reading logs; both for children and adults, with the deadline August 31, less than three weeks away. So, if you have been filling them out we will need them returned, especially for the "Tween"/Teen and adult entry forms, since the drawing for three great prizes (in each category) will be held September 1.

And speaking of bygone activities-and we sincerely hope that this is not the case-but, we wanted to reconfirm the importance of reading to children, especially since there's a little more wiggle room with bedtimes during the summer. There are countless studies that back up the science behind reading to kids: their vocabulary increases, their reading comprehension goes up; scholastically-it's a no brainer; however, there are also all the emotional/social connections being made while an adult reads to a child that's just as rewarding and often overlooked. Mikki Greene, the Interim Director here, has read an amazing book called The Enchanted Hour by Meghan Cox Gurdon.

"The result and joy of oral reading, not only to children but continuing into the teen years and as couples reading to each other, is so important. The relaxation it derives, the bonds between people that it creates, the communication that ensures..." Greene said. In her book, Gurdon expresses the importance of renewing the time honored tradition of reading aloud, especially with today's increase of technology dependence.

Our Fall eight-week story hour programs will begin October 16. There is a flyer on our website that shares all the pertinent information as well as the link to register your child. It's such an amazing opportunity for our littlest patrons. Programs are offered for 12-23 month olds, 24-35 months old and 3-5 year olds. Depending on the age group, there is free play time, a story and felt show, and a craft to participate in. During that time, children and their caregivers are encouraged to check out as many books as they can carry!



Fall For the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

With cooler temps and soon the changing colors, this will be a great time to take the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge! To enter, visit all six Catskill Fire Towers within the 2023 calendar year and submit an online or paper (PDF) hike log along with a favorite photo from your adventure. All participants will receive a challenge patch, as well as a chance to win various outdoor prizes. Repeat finishers who have completed a past Catskill Fire Tower Challenge will also be awarded a commemorative mug.

For a bonus entry, submit a photo practicing *Leave No Trace*TM while out on your hikes. Make sure to plan ahead and prepare for your journey by learning more about the challenge and hikes and deciding when the best time is for you, your family, friends, or hiking companions to hit the trails!

Start at the nearby Red Hill Fire Tower in the town of Denning.

The Red Hill Fire Tower stands 60 feet tall, has nine flights of stairs, and was constructed in 1921. Hikers can climb nine flights of stairs to the top for unsurpassed views of the Catskill peaks and Rondout Reservoir. Red Hill Fire Tower is located within Sundown Wild Forest.

The 60-foot Red Hill fire tower sits atop 2,980-foot Red Hill. It affords a panoramic view of the Catskill peaks to the west and north, and the Rondout Reservoir from behind Denman Mountain. Follow the yellow-marked Red Hill Tower Trail from Coons Road (formerly Dinch Road) just outside of Claryville – a moderate, four-mile round-trip hike. The Red Hill Fire Tower is open most weekends when staffed by volunteers from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. On all other days, the tower is open to just below the cab.

The new Red Hill trailhead is located

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approximately four miles east of the intersection of West Brand and Claryville roads. The newly established blue-blazed trail traverses both city and State Forest Preserve lands through rocky outcroppings and hemlock-laden forests. The 1.4 miles of new trail intersects with the existing trail, leading up to the 60-foot tall Red Hill Fire Tower that was constructed in 1920. The parking lot was constructed by DEC Operations staff to accommodate up to 10 cars

Directions to Dinch Road Parking Area – From Ellenville, take State Route 209 to State Route 55 to a right on County Route 153 (bordering the west side of the Rondout Reservoir, just before Grahamsville). Continue on Route 153 for no more than 3 miles, make a left on Sugarloaf Road and proceed about 4 miles to Red Hill Road. Make a sharp left on Red Hill Road and an immediate right onto unpaved Dinch Road for 1 mile to the trailhead parking on the left side. (Route 55 can also be taken east from State Route 17 in Liberty) (41.930293°N, 74.507349°W) Google Maps (leaves DEC website) The section of Dinch Road that leads to the Red Hill Fire Tower Trailhead in the Sundown Wild Forest is only seasonally maintained and not plowed throughout the winter. Visitors should note that the Dinch Road Trailhead location is generally inaccessible throughout the winter. Visitors who wish to visit the Red Hill Firetower should consider using the newly constructed trail and parking area on Denning Road.

Food, gas, and other supplies as well as dining and lodging can be found in the nearby Claryville at the Russian Mule and Neversink General Stor.e on Route 55 in Neversink.

Peekamoose Valley and Blue Hole Information

For Sundown Wild Forest go to: https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/75346.html

Permits are required for Peekamoose Blue Hole seven days a week through Sept 15 and to access the entirety of the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor. This includes day-hike access to Peekamoose and Buttermilk Falls.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

That was quite some storm we had over the weekend! Hail? You betcha! But at least we didn't have any of those 'twisty

things' that were being watched for. What a summer! But then near the Neversink Reservoir, I saw a tree with one branch with beautiful orange/red turning leaves! I wanted to get out of the car and scream "Nooooooo" at that tree!

Still, my three furry weather forecasters are eating like crazy. I'd like to think it's because of the storms but I have this sinking feeling that



Hail in Hurleyville



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MUSIC in Rock Hill. I was so excit-

MUSIC

out there.

it's more a portend of cooler weather on the horizon. We shall see.

This last week I found myself in Rock Hill twice. Wednesday night was the RIVER RAM-BLERS, part of the weekly ROCK HILL



Steve Schwartz

It was so good to see STACY COHEN again, and I wish I had gotten there earlier or hadn't had to leave early to get to say "Hi". We got to know each other a bit when she had THE DANCING CAT. She often

would fill in a band's break with a song or two, but this was the first time I was able to see her in full musician mode.

She displays all the sparkle of someone who is doing exactly what she loves. The band she has put together, GLEN on guitar and back up vocals (I've seen him sitting in with JOHNNY JULES), DR DONNA out of Massachusetts on bass, flute, and a plethora of other instruments, and ELLI (which I believe to be

short for Elliot - I could be wrong) on guitar comprise a tight base of additional sparkle even **FOLSOM** making PRISON BLUES sound joyous.

I was also struck by the many exceptional musicians in the audience. Outside of an Open Mic, this is somewhat a rare thing. There is something so magnetic about this group,



Hail in Hurleyville



Bill Fleck musician and author

together. Both are poets and last year, they were toying with singing together. What a difference a year makes!

They are now songwriting together and their songs are musically contemporary with lyrics that come from their poetry and I can't see anyone who



The joke is I can kill rocks.

Last week, I mentioned that CoVid was on the rise here again. This week, I found out that the girlfriend of someone I am often around now has it. Yep, I'm masking up regularly again, carrying hand sanitizer and showering after being around people. Paranoid? You bet! Having had it twice since 2019, I'm taking no chances....and should you.

Stay safe, stay well and bask in these warm days while we have them

that one finds themselves looking them up on social media to find out where they are performing next.

Saturday I was back in Rock Hill for HEART SONG at the very popular ROCK HILL FAŘMĒŔ'S MARKET. I've followed friends and neighbors DAVID BLOCH and LORI HABER since they first got



Greg Fiske

can't identify with them. With those they graciously shared with me, I found my new theme song. It's a marvelous piece titled BUCKET LIST TWIST. I am one of the few that I know without a bucket list. And, well, you'll just have to catch them somewhere and ask them to perform it for you. It's just too cool to explain.

I promise next week to provide pictures from my LOMI. After a few "eh" compost attempts, I finally got what they promised. Will it do what it's supposed to? (i.e. make my plants flourish), we'll see.



ED NOTES:

Million Dollar Memories

The weather report for last Saturday night didn't look too good-severe thunderstorms. We had plans for the evening. We met 50 years ago on August 12 and we were going to **Shadowland Stages**. Just as we stepped out our front door, the heavens opened! Soaked, we made it to the car. We looked at each other –the rain was an auspicious sign! We were going through with our plans and celebrate at the **Shadowland Stages**.

Once again, we made the right choice! What a great night of entertainment. *Million Dollar Quartet* was wonderful commemorating rock and roll hits that included "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "That's All Right," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Who Do You Love?," "Matchbox," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Hound Dog" and more. Million Dollar Quartet captured a moment in time.

I was quickly convinced that Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins were on stage as the four rock and roll icons held a jam session together in what seemed unlikely, but actually happened on December 4, 1956 in Memphis, Tennessee.

The actors exhibited impressive renditions of well-known songs, and showed their musical talents as they played their characters' respective instruments.

The show is narrated by Sam Phillips (Sean Cullen), the founder of **Sun Records**, where all four of the musicians had their start.

Jackson Mattek lives up to Presley as he plays the King of Rock and Roll's music. With fantastic vocals, pelvic rolls and knee slides, he played his guitar in true fashion.

Claire Francis is charming in her role as Elvis' girlfriend Dyanne and delivers a sizzling-hot version of "Fever"

Jerry Lee Lewis (Jefferson McDonald) is supercharged from start to finish. His energy was contagious capturing his spirit with freewheeling excitement as he banged songs on the piano such as "Great Balls of Fire" and "Real Wild Child". He shimmied around as he played and sang. Even balancing on Jay Perkin's (Chris Blisset) bass guitar —he never missed a note.

As Carl Perkins, Travis Poelle, delivered his "rockabilly" numbers with intensity and passion.

Trevor Lindley Craft's, quiet but bold presence and deep bass voice was perfect for the role of Johnny Cash. His rendition of "I Walk the Line" was a highlight of the show.

An over-the-top grand finale with glitzy costumes, songs and the epic performances of the cast, the finale ends the show leaving everyone wanting more.

Shadowland Stage's production of Million Dollar Quartet is joyful entertainment that gives a strong interpretation of the magic that must have taken

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place, as four great musicians with troubled lives and complicated careers came together. Doing what they loved the most, they expressed the riotous joy, beauty and sadness of life in songs that went straight to the soul.

If you want to enjoy Elvis and friends while they are still in town, get your tickets now as they are selling fast.

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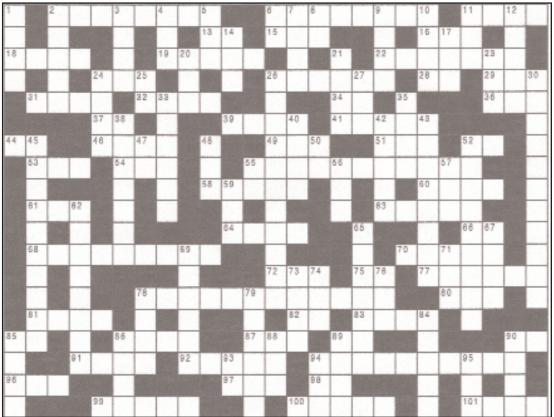
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Funnel Cake Recipe

2 cups all-purpose flour 2 Tablespoons granulated sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup whole milk (add additional milk as needed until your batter reaches a pourable consistency)

2 large eggs lightly beaten 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract optional Vegetable oil for frying

Powdered sugar for dusting funnel cakes In a medium-sized bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt until well-combined.

In a separate bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, and vanilla extract (if using) until well-combined.

While whisking, gradually add dry ingredients to wet, stirring until mixture is smooth and combined. Set aside.

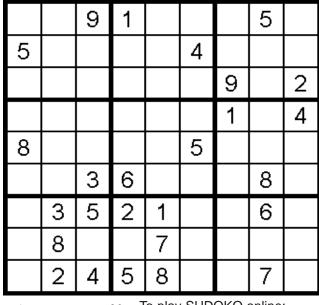
Fill a medium-sized saucepan 2-3" deep with vegetable oil. Set on stovetop over medium-low heat. Heat oil to 370-375F.

Once oil is heated, portion about 1/2 cup of batter into a liquid measuring cup. Slowly drizzle batter into oil in a thin stream, swirling and criss-crossing the batter over itself. Fry on each side until golden brown (about 90 seconds per side) then remove to a paper-towel lined plate.

Dust with powdered sugar and serve

Repeat with remaining batter but make sure that oil returns to temperature in between batches.

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Kids' Fun Page

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Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

- 1) BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING, Monday, **August 14, 2023,** 6:00 p.m., Administration Building Conference Room.
- 2) Regular Meeting #3, Thursday, August 17, 2023 Meeting Opening Call to Order - 5:15 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 5:15 p.m. Secondary School Library Upper Level Meeting #3 Resumes - 6:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level

The Board Meeting on August 17, 2023 will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR 6NVao24w/live

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For additional information please contact the following person:

Tri Valley CSD

Attention: Robert Whitaker, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & HR

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Road Closure in Grahamsville

Grahamsville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of <u>County Road 156</u> (<u>South Hill Road</u>) in the Town of Neversink to replace <u>County Bridge 216</u>. The bridge itself is located approximately <u>300 feet east of the intersection of State Route 42 and CR 156</u>. This section is scheduled to be <u>closed to all traffic for approximately six months</u>, starting at 8 a.m. on May 1, 2023.

ROAD CLOSURE

Jeffersonville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will close a portion of County Road 164, in the Town of Delaware near the intersection with Route 52 in Jeffersonville, to construct the Kohlertown Flood Risk Reduction Project. This section of road will be closed to traffic starting 7 a.m., Monday, August 7 and will remain closed for approximately five (5) weeks.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post signage for the detour using State Route 52 and Miller Road.

Notice from Monticello Board of Trustees

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Please be advised:

The Village Board of Trustees
meeting that was scheduled for this
Wednesday, August 16th, 2023 at
6:00pm, has been CANCELLED,
he next Village Board meeting will
be held on

Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 6:00pm.

All are welcomed to attend.

No A.I. here! All live trivia. This Thursday at the Tango Cafe

Reminder: there is fair in Hurleyville this Thursday, 5-8. So a) come early and enjoy beautiful downtown Hurleyville AND b) if you're planning to come to trivia (which I hope you are) reserve your table! There will be random street fair folk (you know the kind) wanting for your trivia table.

Third Thursdays Trivia at the Tango
7:00 at the Tango Cafe at Hurleyville
Performing Arts Center,
Hurleyville, NY

Second Wednesday Character Trivia at the Sullivan House Bar and Grill 7:00 at 544 Wurtsboro Mountain Rd.

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Children's classes are on-going at 10:30am on Saturdays \$10 per session or \$65 for 8 classes in advance

Adult Classes will start on September 13, 20, 27 and continue through October until November 1 (8 classes)

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For more information contact Alana Sherman via e-mail sherman_alana@yahoo.com

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The Town of Fallsburg and Hudson Valley Athletic Club Join Forces to Launch Innovative Soccer Training Program

Fallsburg, NY - August 14, 2023 - The Town of Fallsburg approved a partnership with the Hudson Valley Athletic Club (HVAC). The Town is thrilled to announce the launch of an exciting new soccer training program aimed at enriching the lives of young athletes in the Fallsburg community. HVAC, a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, is renowned for its commitment to holistic player development, focusing on both athletic and personal growth.

The program, designed for children aged 12 to 18, aims to provide a dynamic and enriching experience for participants, combining skill-building with a passion for soccer. This free one-day-per-week soccer training plug-in is specifically tailored to support current members of the Fallsburg Central School District Soccer program, as well as other high school-aged soccer enthusiasts. The program's primary goal is to strike a harmonious balance between enjoyable play and tactical training, ensuring that participants not only enhance their skills but also cultivate a lasting fondness for the sport.

Scheduled for Sunday evenings, starting on August 20th at 6pm. The program offers an accessible opportunity for young athletes to develop their soccer prowess while connecting with peers who share the same passion. The Town of Fallsburg, in collaboration with the Sullivan County Youth Bureau, the Sullivan County Legislature, and the Town of Fallsburg, is proud to provide free transportation to participants, ensuring that every interested athlete can participate. The program's training sessions will be held at the soccer field located in the picturesque Mountaindale Park. Furthermore, for older players seeking to elevate their experience, HVAC offers an exclusive add-on option that sets the program apart. This addition involves coordinating college campus tours, providing valuable insights into the world of collegiate soccer. This presents a unique opportunity for players to explore potential pathways for their future athletic endeavors.

Scott Goodman President, and CEO of HVAC remarked, "We look forward to continuing the building of a solid foundation for student-athletes who aspire to play at the next level of college soccer. Our collaboration with the Town of Fallsburg allows us to provide invaluable experiences that extend beyond the field."

Kathy Rappaport, Town Supervisor of Fallsburg, expressed her excitement about the program, stating, "We are proud to partner with the Hudson Valley Athletic Club in this endeavor. This program aligns with our commitment to nurturing the talents and aspirations of our young community members."

For more information about the program, and registration details please visit www.playpass.com/tof, the Town of Fallsburg website, or on our social media pages!

Nonprofits Welcome to Apply for Sullivan County's Discretionary Funding

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature is accepting applications for the 2024 Legislative Discretionary Contract Program intended for not-for-profit agencies to apply for consideration of legislative funding.

The purpose of the application process is to identify local entities, including community and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County, that have specific needs and/or Countywide significance by tying applications to identified County and municipal goals. The applicant must be a not-for-profit agency or civic organization operating within Sullivan County that is not part of County government.

The application deadline is October 6, 2023, and the process must be completed in one of the following ways:

- Complete the application online via fillable PDF form at www.sullivanny.us. Click on "2024 Discretionary Funding Application" under "Helpful Links."
- Submit the application and supporting documentation as email attachments to Assistant County Manager Michelle Huck at michelle.huck@sullivanny.us.
- Mail or hand-deliver the printed application and supporting documentation to the Office of the Sullivan County Manager, c/o Michelle Huck, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Applications will be reviewed by the County Legislature during the budget process later this year, with funds to be disbursed in mid-2024

Statement from Governor Hochul on Meeting with Tom Perez Senior Advisor and Assistant to President Biden

"For months, I've been in close communication with the White House about the asylum seeker crisis and have had repeated conversations with President Biden, Secretary Mayorkas, Chief of Staff Zients and other Administration officials. As a result of that outreach, I was pleased to welcome Tom Perez, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President, to New York. Building on our daily conversations thus far, the meeting was frank and productive as we discussed the federal help New York desperately needs: additional financial resources, federally-owned land like Floyd Bennett Field, and expedited work authorization for asylum seekers. I am committed to continuing these efforts until the federal government provides us with the resources and support we are urging them to deliver."

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Our scholarship recipient this year is Vincent Mingo. Congratulations Vinny and wishing you much success in your future endeavors!!

I am looking forward to next year's thirteenth annual tournament on Sunday, July 14, 2024 so mark your calendars.

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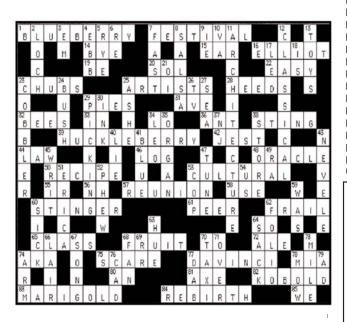
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Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale (Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of Monticello Trips/Events for August and September

The Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of Monticello are planning some

fun-filled trips in the next few months, as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 31st - Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA. with many outlet stores and \$30 free slot play. Bus leaves Monticello 9:00 AM. Only \$50 pp.

Mon., Sept. 11th - Appreciation Luncheon at Casa Mia Italian Restaurant in Hurleyville at 12:30 PM. \$25.00 pp.

Call Paula for further information and reservations at 845-794-2314

Shandelee Music Festival's 30th Anniversary Season

The Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) continues the celebration of its 30th anniversary season with "An Evening of Solo Piano" performed by Anna Fedorova on Thursday, August 17.

On Saturday, August 19, you won't have to imagine. You'll be able to see and hear that in person as the Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) continues the celebration of its 30th anniversary season with "An Evening of Chamber Music"

performed by the exceptional Colorado Cello Quartet (CCQ).

All performances in the Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m., and will be performed at SMF's fully accessible, climate-controlled Sunset Concert Pavilion, located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor. Advanced reservations are requested. Call 845-439-3277, or purchase your tickets and get more information about membership and sponsorships online at www.shandelee.org.

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Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
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Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon Luncheon 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
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Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
Town of Neversink Holiday LABOR DAY
Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall 9/12/23

9/13/23 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm

9/18/23 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

Aug 18 - 20, 2023 - Grahamsville 143rd Little Worlds Fair Grahamsville Fair Grounds

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

<u>Town of Olive Planning Board</u> meets the <u>first and third Tuesdays of each month</u>. 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.

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of August 14 - August 18, 2023

Monday, August 14

o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board, 239 Golden Hill Lane, 2nd Floor Conference Room

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building

Tuesday, August 15

o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building

o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) - Caucuses: Democrats, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Republicans, in KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
o 7:00 PM - Legislative Session, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office

Building, Kingston

Legislative Session is also available via Vimeo Livestream at:

https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203

Wednesday, August 16

o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building

o 10:00 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Thursday, August 17

o 5:30 PM - Youth Board, in the Ulster County Human Services Complex, Youth Bureau Suite, 100 Development Court, Kingston

Friday, August 18

o No Meetings

Help your local business grow Advertise locally in The Townsman!

Classified ads - \$5.00 for the first 20 words/ 20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1"x3")-\$6.00 per week Business card ad ($2" \times 3"$) - \$12.00 per week $(3" \times 4")$ - \$24.00 per week $(3" \times 6")$ - \$36.00 per week $1/4 pg (4" \times 5") - $40.00 per week$ 1/2 pg (4"x8") -\$64.00 per week $(6" \times 8") - 96.00 per week Full Page - 8" x 10" -\$100.00 per week

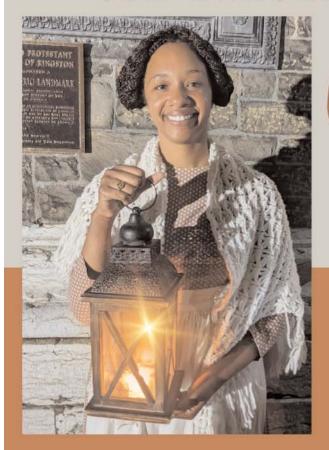
Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 -\$100.00/week

·· Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities and Organizations one time fee- \$20.00 (once the flyer is inserted we will publish it each week through the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for advertising for our local churches

> Low Rates High Visibility!

THE OLD DUTCH CHURCH



CEMETERY TOUR

Step back in time to October 1777 and hear the personal stories of six remarkable women who survived the -

THE BURNING OF KINGSTON

Saturdays in October at 7 pm

The Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston \$15 per person, \$10 students and seniors. \$1.00 for 12 and under.

The one-hour tour is accessible and appropriate for all ages.



Tickets and info: livinghistoryny.com

Produced and performed by theatreontheroad.com

Multiple Pertussis Cases Confirmed in Sullivan County

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Department of Public Health would like to notify the public of an increase in cases of pertussis (whooping cough) identified in children of varying ages, with five (5) confirmed just this week.

"This is an important advisory, and comes during National Immunization Awareness Month," said Director of Public Health Karen Holden. "This month reinforces why vaccines are important for people of all ages and how they can help prevent serious, sometimes deadly, diseases and illnesses."

What Is Pertussis?

Pertussis is known as whooping cough because of the "whooping" sound that is made when gasping for air after a fit of coughing makes it hard to breathe. These coughing fits can last up to 10 weeks or longer.

Pertussis is a highly contagious disease that is spread through the air. Pertussis begins with cold symptoms and cough, which worsen over 1-2 weeks. Symptoms usually include a long series of coughs ("coughing fits") followed by a "whooping" noise. However, older children, adults and very young infants may not develop the "whoop." There is generally only a slight fever.

People with pertussis may experience coughing followed by vomiting, turning blue, or difficulty catching breath. The cough is often worse at night, and cough medicines usually do not help alleviate the cough.

What Should I Do?

If you or a loved one was exposed to pertussis, you should reach out to your healthcare provider for post-exposure treatment. This is especially true when you or your loved one are not up to date with all vaccinations, or if you are uncertain of your vaccination status.

After diagnosis, it is very important to complete all prescribed antibiotics before returning to work, school, or community functions, to reduce the spread of the disease to others. People who have or may have pertussis should stay away from young children, infants and all people with pre-existing health conditions that may be exacerbated by a pertussis infection (for example, immune-compromised persons and patients with moderate to severe medically treated asthma).

Pertussis can cause serious illness in babies, children, teens, and adults and can even be life-threatening, especially in babies. Approximately half of babies less than 1 year old who get pertussis need treatment in the hospital.

The most effective way to prevent pertussis is through vaccination with DTaP for babies and children and with Tdap for preteens, teens, and adults. Vaccination of pregnant women with Tdap is especially important to help protect their newborn. Vaccinated children and adults can become infected with and spread pertussis; however, the disease is typically much less serious in vaccinated people.

Worldwide, there are an estimated 24.1 million cases of pertussis and about 160,700 deaths per year, according to the most recent data. Data used in pertussis surveillance comes largely from reported cases from health care providers. Many cases of pertussis go unreported; therefore, our case count can be far smaller than the actual number of active cases within the community.

Since the 1980s, there has been an increase in the number of reported cases of pertussis in the United States. The number of cases of pertussis in New York more than doubled in 2022 when compared to 2021. This trend of increasing cases in New York has continued into 2023. During the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a sharp decline in reported cases, largely due to airborne disease precautions taken. In order to mitigate the current increased trend, taking measures to prevent person to person spread and staying current on vaccinations is vital to the health and well-being of the community. (Source: www.cdc.gov/pertussis/fast-facts.html)

Here are some tips to keep pertussis from spreading:

- Get up to date on vaccinations!
- Cover your coughs and sneezes;
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue
- Discard tissues when used
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently
- Do not share cups or silverware
- Stay away from others until evaluated by a healthcare provider.

If your provider needs more information, a Registered Nurse or Epidemiologist is on call and available 24/7 at Sullivan County Public Health: 845-292-5910.

More Resources

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Whooping Cough Vaccination: What Everyone Should Know

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/dtap-tdap-td/public/index.html

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Vaccination: Information for Healthcare Professionals

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/dtap-tdap-td/hcp/index.html

CDC Whooping Cough Website

https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html

Immunize.org's Pertussis Website

https://www.immunize.org/pertussis/

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COMMUNITY

MARD SALE

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

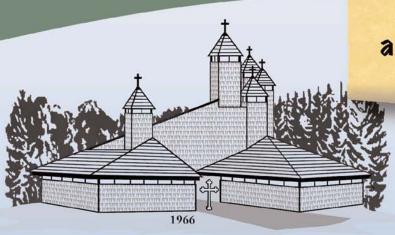
SATURDAY
September 9th
9:00am ~ 3:00pm
On Church Grounds

WANTED

Anyone who has yard sale items to sell!

\$25 per vendor space
(non food vendors only)

Contact: Anna Jashyn 631-965-1109 annajashyn@gmail.com



Please reserve your space by August 28th.

All are Welcome! Food will be available.
Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church
211 Foordmore Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446

CCE Sullivan Seeking Input to Guide trail Enhancement Projects!

HURLEYVILLE, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CSHC) program works with community partners to improve health and physical activity standards in Sullivan County. CCESC's Creating Healthy Communities Coordinator Wanda Cruz will host a pedestrian count and focus group at the Hurleyville Trail Head of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail on Saturday, September 2nd from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, rain date Sunday, September 3rd (same time) and Wednesday, September 20th from 3:00 PM to 5:00, rain date Wednesday, September 27th (same time).

Walkers, bikers, wheelers, and all Sullivan County residents alike are welcome to visit the Hurleyville - Sullivan O&W Rail Trail on these days to provide feedback and input on how often participants visit the trail, when they prefer to use it, how they use it, why they use it, and whether they feel the trail is safe for pedestrians. Participants' input will be utilized to plan future CHSC program projects aimed towards improving the trail's accessibility as an option for physical activity and exercise.

There is no fee, and preregistration is not required to participate. To find out more about this event, visit the events page on CCESC's website at http://sullivancce.org/events. Those with related questions can email sullivan@cornell.edu or call 845-292-6180. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil Time to remember Time to Act

[MONTICELLO] The Third annual International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil will be held on August 31st at 7 pm on the lawn of the Sullivan County Courthouse 414 Broadway, Monticello.

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remembering without stigma those who have died from overdose, and acknowledging the grief of the family and friends left behind.

According to the New York State Department of Health, Sullivan County holds the highest rate of overdose, per capita in New York State; and was also recently federally-designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).





Hours of Operation: 7 AM - 9 PM Every day of the week Call (845) 985-7923 or (914) 672-3952

Please call for availability first

"Overdose Awareness Day is a way for our entire community to come together and understand that no one group or organization can fix this issue. Illegal drug use impacts the very soul of our community. We must support one another; despite our differences. We are stronger together" said Wendy Brown, former Coordinator of the Sullivan County Drug Task Force.

Hear from state and local leaders about efforts to battle the opioid crisis in Sullivan County. Open your hearts as families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. Meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head on. Participate in a candlelight vigil as the sun sets.

The event will be complemented by local first responders, the Sullivan County Choir, an interpretive dance performance and bag pipers. All of this will set against the backdrop of the Sullivan County Courthouse lit purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

"This evening serves as a platform for so many things. Each loss to overdose was someone's someone; a brother, a child, a parent or best friend," said Lindsay Wheat, Outreach Coordinator for Sullivan 180. "We always knew this was an important evening, but after the first year, we realized it was necessary. The only way to end this, is to do it together."-

This event is brought to you by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, Manor Ink and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org or Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc.







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THE NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION'S

23rd ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

with the ANY MAKE/ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW &

GRAHAMSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB SPORTSMAN FLEA MARKET

on SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 from 10 am - 6 pm (rain date Sept. 17)

at the GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS

COST: \$3 PER CAR (show cars enter free)

*****CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE***** *****INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER FARMALL TRACTOR*****

This year featuring:

Several makes/model tractors and farm equipment including a very special 1954 Farmall

Tractor and the "Big M"

Classic cars and other vehicles

Sportsman vendors & knife sharpening

A showroom of antique household machinery

Shingle mill, sawmill, hit & miss engines & sportsman's demos

Food provided by our Grahamsville Fire Dept. and Tri-Valley Little League including a Chicken

BBQ Dinner from 4-6 pm (pre-orders available at fd.grahamsville@gmail.com)

Beer Garden with Russian Mule, 17 West and Bridge & Tunnel breweries

Live entertainment with Jon Zanger in the Beer Garden and DJ Jim

Craft and yard sale vendors

Tractor Obstacle Course, Pedal Tractor races, Timmy the Train, Tractor Bingo & more
TRACTOR PARADE @ 1 PM

All types of tractors & cars are welcome to be part of the show!

Club membership not required.

Want more info? Contact: Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401

Fall Programs for Parents/Caregivers Offered by CCE Orange and Sullivan Counties

Middletown, NY -Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange and Sullivan Counties are offering a variety of parenting workshops this Fall. Some of these programs are inperson, while the majority are taking place virtually. Since the pandemic, some programming switched to virtual and has remained this way to help parents/caregivers attend more easily. This comprehensive schedule of classes meets the needs of parents/caregivers of young children and teens and also focuses on the value of Self Care and Building Your Community Connections to help parents find support during their parenting journey.

To register for any of these programs please go to Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County website at www.cceorangecounty.org/event or Our Community Table to the calendar tab https://blogs.cornell.edu/building-community/.

Self-Connection/Self-care, Tuesday, September 26, 2023 7-8:30pm \$10/Family

Often as adults, we put ourselves last on the list. Research supports that self-care is of great importance when raising our children. Areas we will cover:

- Mindfulness
- o Parental resiliency
- o Self-care
- o Impact of role modeling these behaviors

Unpacking the Teen Years, a Supportive Parenting series, Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023 7-8:30pm \$25/Family

During this positive and supportive approach to the teen years, we will discuss:

- o Changes in your teen
- o Your role in parenting teens
- o Ways to build connectivity with your teen
- o Communication strategies and tools
- o How to identify red flags for challenging behaviors

Strengthening Families 10-14, Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2023, 5:45-8:45pm, free

This is a unique, in-person program where parents/caregivers attend with their 10-14 year olds for a seven session series. It is free as it is generously funded by the Orange County Youth Bureau and United Way. This program includes a family meal, interactive activities for adults and youth in the series. Childcare is also provided for siblings that are ages 3-9 years of age.

Topics covered include: ways to strengthen family communication, why teens act the way they do, how to work through problems together, how to avoid problems with substance use and more!

Discipline is NOT a Dirty Word, Thursdays, October 5th, 12, 19, 26, November 2, and 9th, 2023, 9:30-11am, \$40/family

This fun and interactive six session series is filled with resources about child development, parental coaching, and powerful parenting tools that support caregivers on their parenting journey. There will be ample time for questions and group discussions that support parental confidence and wellbeing.

Topics include: What is discipline?, Why do kids misbehave?, understanding your parenting style, ways to co-regulate with your child, parental self-care, child and brain development 101, understanding the value of empathy and self-esteem, temperament, Protective Factors framework, communication strategies, how to build connection with your children, and 5 important techniques for your parenting tool box.

Building Your Community Connection, Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7-8:30pm \$10

- o What is social connection?
- o How does it benefit us?
- o What are factors that impact our connections?
- o Why is belonging so important to adults, youth and teens?
- o How can we build community to help our families?

Once registered, you will receive the Zoom links to participate in the virtual series. Please contact Suzan Sussmann at 845-344-1234 or by emailing sls536@cornell.edu with any questions.

Cornell Cooperative Extension and its partnerships provide programs for Orange and Sullivan County residents on youth and family development; nutrition, health, and food safety; community and economic vitality; and agricultural sustainability through Cornell based research. Committed to Orange County, we design programs to meet local needs to enable people to improve their lives and communities. For more information call Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County at 845-344-1234 or visit our website at www.cceorangecounty.org.

Olive Free Library News

COMING SOON...

Homeschool Group

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. starting September 12th

Please email us for more information and to get on our email list for the upcoming session

Forest Walk: Is It a Swamp? Or a Bog?

Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Want to learn about the difference between a swamp and a bog? Which plants prefer wetlands and which drier forest?

The Pacama Conservation Collective invites you to a walk along the Pacama Vly led by wetland ecologist Frank Parisio.

Please note that this walk is through uneven terrain on unmarked paths-waterproof boots and/or waders advised.

MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE; space is limited: 845-657-2482

Ongoing Weekly Programs

Story Time for Toddlers

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take-home crafts available

Crafternoons

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00-5:00 p.m.

In-Person Gentle Yoga with Kathy

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. drop-in; \$6 per class

Virtual Gentle Yoga with Kathy

Mondays at 7 p.m. & Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Summer Matinee Movies

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. 8/23 Ready Player One

Open Makers Space

First & last Wednesday of the month 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Writers Critical Support Group

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Ukulele Group

Fridays at 2:30pm; meets at the library. All skill levels welcome! FRIENDS GROUP ROUNDUP

Detailed minutes from previous Friends Group meetings can be found on the Friends page

MONTHLY PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

Friends Group

Thursday, August 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

The Emu & The Oak Tree (aka Student Advisory Group) no meeting in August

Beekeeping Group

Tuesday, August 15th at 5:45 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

no meeting in August

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Sew On & Sew Forth

No meeting in August or September

but join us for the Sewing Machine Maintenance workshop with Billy from Billy's Make & Mend on Saturday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m.!

SENIOR ART GROUP

Meets at the American Legion Hall on Mountain Road, Shokan, Monday 10-noon

A chatty, friendly group of seniors meet each Monday. At least monthly, we have a guest artist come for a workshop. There is no cost. We have a limited supply of watercolors, oil pastels, water soluble oil paints, paper and canvas. Brushes, too. Our crafty folk might paint or sew or knit or crochet or just hang out with friends. Our guest instructors have been Mia Fink and Sue De Sanna. Linda Schultz and Linda Champanier have been added to our possible guest instructors. MaryAnn Shultis has led us in sewing workshops to make bags and runners, and Donna Kopf has taught us quilt square patterns. We also stuff dolls for a project called MY FRIEND RAGDOLL that sends sweet dolls to Children's hospitals.

Come join us!



See you at the 143rd Annual Fair August 18th-20th, 2023!



The Grahamsville Little World's Fair is the longest running independent fair in New York, hosted by the Neversink Agricultural Society - offering three days of old-fashioned family fun!

2023 marks the 143rd annual fair which will feature agricultural and livestock exhibits and contests, daily entertainment including live music and demonstrations, rides for all ages, an array of great food, games, vendors, and a whole lot more! Admission includes free parking, access to exhibits and contests, and free entertainment!

FAIR ADMISSION & RIDE PRICES

Admission

CASH ONLY - Paid at Gate

Kids ages 4 & under and Seniors ages 75 and older: FREE

Ages 5 through 11: \$5.00 Ages 12 through 74: \$8.00

Ride Prices

Rides are not included in the admission prices above and are extra fees. Rides begin at noon each day. Must purchase a ride bracelet for unlimited rides (available for purchase all three days and are valid for one day only use) or ride tickets. Most rides require 3 - 4 tickets. Sensory Friendly session (no music or lights) for sensory-sensitive riders only will take place on Saturday from 10 am - Noon before general admission.

Individual Tickets: \$1.25 Sheet of 20 Tickets: \$25.00 Sheet of 40 Tickets: \$40.00

One-Day Bracelet for Unlimited Rides \$22.00

Bracelet for Sensory-Friendly Hours (Saturday from 10am -

Noon): \$5.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 18th, 2023

9:00 AM - Open Horse Show - Main Ring

10:00 AM - Youth Swine Show - Upper Ring

Noon - Rides Open - General Admission

1:00 PM - Youth Poultry, Showmanship & Egg Judging - Livestock Building

2:00 PM - 4-H Cloverbud - Tell Me About it! - Youth Building

2:00 PM - Mad Science - Main Stage

2:30 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

3:00 PM - BubbleDad Event Bubbles - Main Ring

3:00 PM - Youth and Open Sheep Show - Upper Ring

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Live Music with Albi Beluli -Beer Garden

3:30 PM - Mad Science - Main Stage

4:00 PM - Youth and Open Goat Show - Upper Ring

4:00 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

4:30 PM - BubbleDad Event Bubbles - Main Ring

5:00 PM - Youth Alpaca Show - Livestock Building

5:00 PM - Mad Science - Main Stage

6:00 PM - Youth Goat Obstacle Course Show - Upper Ring

6:00 PM - Power Wheels Derby - Main Ring (Registration 5:30 PM)

6:30 PM - Opening Ceremony for the 143rd Grahamsville Little World's Fair (Secretary's Booth)

7:00 PM - BubbleDad Show (Outside Horse Barn)

7:30 PM - BubbleDad Event Bubbles (Main Ring)

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Live Music with Far Beyond Gone (Main Stage)

Saturday, August 19th, 2023

9:30 AM - Horseless Horse Show & Game Show - Main Ring

10:00 AM - Youth and Open Dairy Show - Upper Ring

10:00 AM - Rides Open for Sensory Friendly Hours Only

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Children's Scavenger Hunt - Register at Secretary's Booth

11:00 AM - Watermelon Eating Contest - Main Stage

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Live Music with BJ Hendrickson

Noon - Rides Open - General Admission

Noon - 5:00PM - Lumberjack Show

12:30 PM - Mad Science - Main Stage

1:00 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

2:00 - 5:00 PM - Live Music with The Other Band - Main Stage

2:00 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

3:00 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

4:00 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

4:00 PM - 4-H Chicken Races - Upper Ring

5:00 PM - 8:00PM - Live Music with Shane Rennison - Beer Garden

5:30 PM - Mad Science - Main Stage

6:00 PM - Bessie Bingo - Main Ring

6:00 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

6:30 PM - BubbleDad Event Bubbles - Main Ring

7:00 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

7:30 PM - BubbleDad Event Bubbles - Main Ring

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Live Music with 80s vs 90s Show

9:30 PM - Spectacular Fireworks Display!

Sunday, August 20th, 2023

9:00 AM - Open Rabbit Show - Livestock Building

9:30 AM - Youth and Open Beef Show - Upper Ring

10:00 AM - Youth Horse Exhibition "A Day With Horses" (All Day) - Horse Barn

10:00 AM - Horseshoe Tournament (All Day) - Horseshoe Pits

10:30 AM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

11:00 AM - BubbleDad Event Bubbles - Main Ring

11:30 AM - Youth Animal Costume Class - Upper Ring

11:30 AM - Mad Science - Main Stage

Noon - Rides Open - General Admission

Noon - 4:00 PM - Draft Horse Pull - Main Stage

Noon - 4:00 PM-Cruizin' the Grahamsville Fair-Lower Parking Lot

Noon - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

Noon - 3:00 PM - Live Music with Jesse Noren - Beer Garden

1:00 PM - Mad Science - Main Stage

1:00 PM - 4-H Ag Auction - Upper Ring

1:30 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

2:30 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Live Music with Somerville - Main Stage

3:30 PM - BubbleDad Show - Outside Horse Barn 4:30 PM - BubbleDad Event Bubble Spectacular!

Governor Hochul Announces NYS Insurance Fund has Returned \$585 Million to NY Businesses

New York's Largest Workers' Compensation Provider Distributes More Than Half a Billion Dollars to Employers Through Dividends and Return of Premium NYSIF Has Distributed More Than \$1 Billion Under Governor Hochul's Leadership

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the New York State Insurance Fund, New York State's largest workers' compensation insurer, allocated \$585 million to New York employers last year through its dividends and return-of-premium programs. Every year, NYSIF returns funds to New York State businesses that prioritize worker safety protocols and exhibit strong safety records.

"Through efforts like NYSIF's dividends and return-of-premium program, New York State is proving that safe, stable workplaces are not just good for workers - they're also good for business," Governor Hochul said. "New York's small businesses are the engine behind our economy and our state's largest employers, and my administration is proud to provide these much-needed savings to companies in every industry that are joining our mission to keep workers safe."

The majority of the New York State Insurance Fund's (NYSIF) policyholders are small- and mid-sized businesses in every region of New York State, many of whom have been with the company for decades. Companies either insure directly with NYSIF or belong to a NYSIF safety group where employers in the same industry can pool together to further reduce workers' compensation expenses.

Gaurav Vasisht, Executive Director & CEO of NYSIF said, "We're honored to pass these savings to employers as part of our mission to provide New York businesses with workers' compensation coverage at the lowest possible cost. Thanks to Governor Hochul's leadership and commitment to helping smaller businesses, NYSIF can deliver hundreds of millions in savings for employers."

New York law requires businesses to secure workers' compensation coverage, which is obtained through NYSIF, a private carrier, or by self-insuring. Unlike private carriers, NYSIF serves as a guaranteed source of coverage and must cover any employer that applies for coverage, regardless of risk and at the lowest possible cost to maintain a solvent fund. Providing dividends and return of premium to its policyholders is a key tenet of NYSIF's role. NYSIF also provides disability insurance and paid family leave to New York businesses.

While the program is not guaranteed and dependent on various factors, including financial performance, NYSIF has returned more than \$1 billion to many New York businesses insured through this program during the last two years.

New York State Workers' Compensation Board Chair Clarissa Rodriguez said, "We commend Governor Hochul and NYSIF for rewarding businesses that prioritize worker safety and reduce the need for workers' compensation benefits. As we all know, the best accident is the one that never happens."

New York State AFL-CIO President Mario Cilento said, "Everyone wins when worker safety is the priority. Policyholders with a proven commitment to keeping their workers safe are rewarded through the NYSIF dividends and discounts announced by Governor Hochul. More importantly, workplace safety means working people benefit from improved conditions on the job. We applaud Governor Hochul, NYSIF, and the unionized workers at the agency for continuing to put safety first."

The Business Council of New York State President and CEO Heather Mulligan said, "The Business Council of New York State appreciates the efforts of NYSIF to help New York's businesses struggling during a challenging economy, and as the state's leading advocacy group we applaud the continuing efforts of employers who are keeping workers safe and reducing workplace injuries. We commend Governor Hochul for working to keep workers' compensation rates from increasing for all employers and her ongoing commitment to businesses."

Employers can visit http://nysif.com to get a quote.



Governor Hochul Renews Call for Federal Government and Freight Rail Industry to Take Action to Improve Rail Safetly

Actions Would Accelerate Existing Regulatory Implementation and Increase Transparency

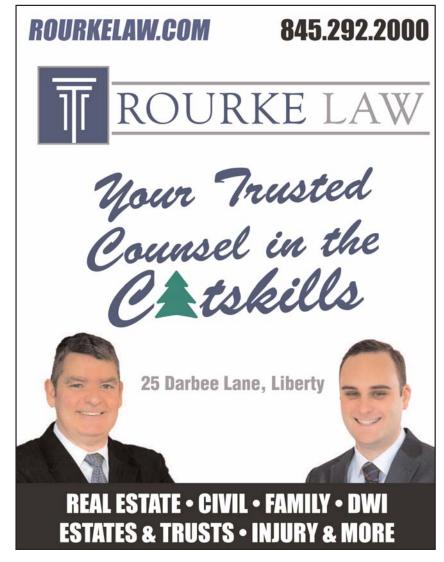
Governor Kathy Hochul continued to urge Congress, federal regulators and the freight rail industry to take additional proactive steps to prevent freight rail disasters following last week's derailment in Montgomery County. These measures, first outlined by the Governor in February, will help create a safer freight rail transportation industry, while increasing state emergency response capabilities through improved federal oversight.

"Keeping New Yorkers safe is my number one priority, so we cannot wait for another disaster to happen before we take steps to improve rail safety," Governor Hochul said. "The train derailment last week in Montgomery County was thankfully free of injuries or spills but demonstrates the incredible need for the federal government and the freight rail industry to take action and protect both residents and the environment."

Specifically, Governor Hochul calls on Congress, the freight rail industry and federal regulators to take the following actions:

- o Expedite the phase-in of safer tank cars (DOT 117's) for hazardous materials in advance of the Congressionally mandated 2029 deadline.
- o Modernize braking regulations and increase the use of electronically controlled pneumatic brakes (ECP) to prevent potential rail derailments.
- o Require rail roads to provide advance notification to State emergency response teams of hazardous cars moving through their state.
- o Expand state and local grants specifically for hazmat preparedness and response planning.

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "I applaud the Governor's continued call for a multi-pronged set of actions on this important safety matter. We all recognize that enhancing rail safety is not something that New York State can address on its own - it requires our partners in the freight rail industry and the federal government to work together with us to achieve these important safety objectives. Strengthening rail safety in New York State will help further protect our communities and the environment,



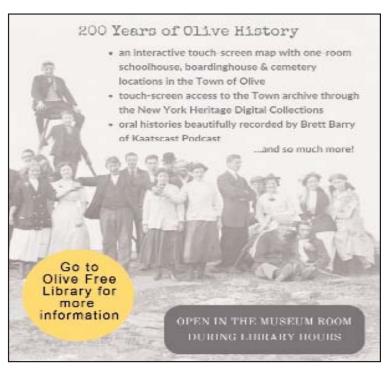
reducing the frequency and severity of rail crashes, which are results that we all seek to achieve."

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Governor Hochul recognizes that the safest way to avoid a public health and environmental disaster like East Palestine is to prevent derailments in the first place. DEC applauds her vigilance in seeking additional rail industry improvements on the national level and remains committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to protect communities."

New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray said, "Hazardous material incidents along railroads have become all too common here in New York and across the country. DHSES experts trained in hazmat and disaster response responded to last week's derailment in Montgomery County, where thankfully no one was injured. Governor Hochul's proposed common sense measures would undoubtedly create a safer environment for everyone moving forward."

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "I'm very thankful that there were no injuries during the train derailment in Montgomery County, but we must take action to prevent this from happening again. I support Governor Hochul's efforts to push the federal government and freight industry to intercede and ensure the safety of New Yorkers."





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New York State 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Licenses Now on Sale

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that hunting and trapping licenses and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for the 2023-24 season are now on sale.

"An estimated half a million New Yorkers enjoy hunting each year," Commissioner Seggos said. "Recently expanded hunting opportunities bring even greater excitement to this old tradition. Hunter safety remains DEC's top priority, and I encourage all hunters venturing afield this season to follow the key principles of hunter safety both on the ground and while in tree stands."

Licenses and permits can be purchased online, at any of DEC's license-issuing agents, or by telephone at 866-933-2257. Hunting and trapping licenses are valid from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31 each year, while annual fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from date of purchase.

New York's habitat serves a vital role in maintaining healthy and sustainable fish and wildlife resources. Purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license helps support DEC's conservation projects and ensures the future of natural resources for generations to come. DEC also encourages outdoor enthusiasts to consider purchasing a Habitat & Access Stamp each year. Funds from the \$5 Habitat & Access Stamp support projects to conserve habitat and improve public access for fish-and-wildlife-related activities. This year's Habitat & Access Stamp features an opossum.

Beginning this week, the DEC Call Center is accessible from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays through Nov. 30. Regular call center weekday hours resume on Dec. 1. Purchasers should allow 14 business days for receipt of hunting licenses purchased by phone.

Individuals should have the following items ready when buying a license:

Complete contact information (e.g., name, address, email address, telephone number);

DEC customer ID number (if applicable);

Proof of residency (e.g., driver's license or non-driver's ID with a valid New York State address);

If purchasing by phone or internet, a valid credit card; and If not already entered in DEC's automated licensing system, individuals are required to provide proof of hunter or trapper education certification or a copy of a previous license for all hunting and trapping license purchases.

For additional information, visit the General Sporting License Information webpage on DEC's website.

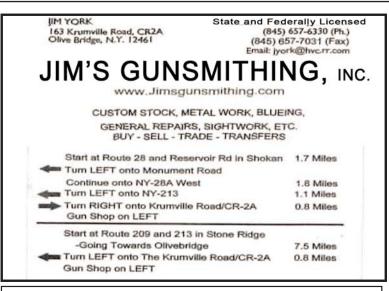
The 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide (PDF), which provides an easy-to-read collection of pertinent rules and regulations, is available on the DEC Hunting webpage. Copies will be available at license-issuing agents.

Buying your License at the Great New York State Fair?

DEC sells hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses in the DEC Aquarium building at the New York State Fair from Aug. 23 through Sept. 4. Fairgoers are advised that only credit and debit cards are accepted for these purchases as cash is no longer being accepted at this license sales location.

Deer Management Permits (DMPs)

DMPs (tags for antlerless deer) are available at all licenseissuing outlets, by phone, or online through Oct. 1, 2023. DMPs are used to manage the deer herd and are issued through an instant random selection process at the point of sale. The



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chances of obtaining a DMP remain the same throughout the application period; hunters need not rush to apply. The 2023 chances of selection for a DMP in each Wildlife Management Unit are available online, through license issuing agents, or by calling the DMP Hotline at 1-866-472-4332. Detailed information on DMPs is available on DEC's website.

HuntFishNY Mobile App

DEC's HuntFishNY app mobile app provides hunters and anglers with an easy way to display sporting licenses and privileges and view important hunting- and fishing-related information through the convenience of your smartphone. In addition to providing instant mobile access to electronic versions of your sporting licenses and privileges, the app offers the ability to report game harvests immediately while afield even when not in cell service, as well as links to useful information like season date summaries, regulations guides, a DEC contact list, and much more. Download HuntFishNY today from the Apple App and Google Play stores.

Online and In-Person Hunter Education Training Courses

All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must pass one or more courses before they can purchase a license. Online and in-person courses are available.

In-person courses include a field day where new hunters can get hands-on experience. All in-person courses are free of charge, but space may be limited. Courses fill quickly, so be sure to sign up early. Visit DEC's website for more information, including a list of courses, registration instructions, and ways to obtain study materials.

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(From Pg. 33) All the requirements to earn a New York State hunter education certificate can also be met by completing DEC's online hunter education course and passing the exam. Upon passing, participants will receive a hunter education certificate so they can purchase a hunting license. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$24.95. The online course can be accessed at the Hunter-Ed website.

New York State is also offering an online bowhunter education certification course. Upon passing, hunters will receive their bowhunter education certificate so they can purchase a bowhunting privilege. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$30. The online course can be accessed at the Bowhunter-Ed website.

Additional Hunting Opportunities Continue

Additional deer hunting opportunities initiated in 2021 continue in 2023. A special early season for antlerless deer runs from Sept. 9 to 17 in select Wildlife Management Units. Twelve- and thirteen-year-old hunters may pursue deer with a firearm or crossbow under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter in counties that opt into the program (see Junior Big Game Hunting map and details), and the new holiday deer hunt provides a second portion of the late bow and muzzleloader season from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 in the Southern Zone. These opportunities contribute to deer management, allow for young hunters to be mentored by experienced adults, and let families hunt together during the holiday season.

Opportunities for Junior Hunters and Trappers

To foster the next generation of hunters and trappers in New York, DEC expanded opportunities for junior hunters (licensees aged 12-15) by designating special youth hunts for deer, wild turkey, pheasants, and waterfowl; and opportunities for junior trappers (younger than 12 years old) through a trapper mentoring program. These opportunities allow youth hunters and trappers to spend time in the field with experienced adults and gain the necessary knowledge and skills to become safe and responsible members of the hunting and trapping community. More information about these programs and other opportunities for junior hunters and trappers is available on DEC's website.

Remember: Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart!

The number of hunting-relating shooting incidents is declining, but even one incident is too many. Hunters can prevent injuries and fatalities by following the cardinal rules of hunting safety:

Assume every gun to be loaded.

Control the muzzle in a safe direction.

Keep your finger off the trigger until firing.

Be sure of your target and beyond.

Wear hunter orange.

Tree stand falls are a major cause of hunting injuries. These hunting-related injuries and fatalities are easily preventable. Hunters are advised to use a full-body harness and fall-arrest system and stay connected from the time you leave the ground until the time you return. Check your stand (including straps and chains) every season and replace any worn or missing parts. The proper use of tree stands and full-body harnesses will help prevent injuries and fatalities. For more information, visit DEC's website and watch a tree stand safety video.

DEC Announces Final Amendment to Sundown Wild Forest Unit Management Plan

Final UMP Includes New Parking Lot and Trail

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the finalization of the Sundown Wild Forest Unit Management Plan (UMP) Amendment. The amendment will improve infrastructure, increase public safety, enhance natural resource protection, and improve visitor experiences in the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor in the town of Denning, Ulster County.

"The finalized amendment to the Sundown Wild Forest Unit Management Plan reflects DEC's commitment to sustainable recreation and the protection of New York's natural resources," said DEC Regional Director Kelly Turturro.

The Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor encompasses 275 acres of Forest Preserve land in the approximately 30,000-acre Sundown Wild Forest. The final amendment includes the following:

General Access and Trail Improvements:

Construction of an 80-car parking lot in the Peekamoose trailer field to consolidate parking to a single location;

Closure of eight parking areas;

Construction of an approximately 0.6-mile connector trail from the 80-car parking area to the Peekamoose Blue Hole;

Construction of a 60-foot bridge across Bear Hole Brook; and Construction of a foot bridge/retaining wall near the wooded pathway entrance to the Blue Hole between the banks of the Rondout Creek and Peekamoose Road.

Natural Resource Protection

Closure of 25 designated campsites throughout the western portion of the corridor due to extreme site degradation and natural resource concerns.

Accessible Projects

Construction of two new accessible campsites in locations that minimize natural resource impacts;

Construction of an accessible path from the accessible parking area to the entrance of the Blue Hole to accommodate people with mobility impairments; and

Development of an accessible photo point for people on the accessible portion of the Blue Hole trail.

Multi-Use Trail Proposal and Changes to the 2019 Long Path Trail Proposals

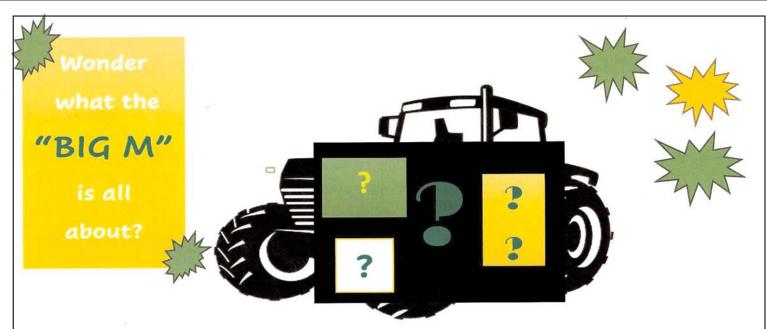
Removal of the proposal to allow snowmobiling on a portion of the Long Path trail re-route; and

Construction of a re-route of the Long Path that will accommodate multiple uses such as hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and skiing.

The Sundown Wild Forest UMP Amendment (PDF) can be found on DEC's website.

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/sdwfumpamend1.pdf

DEC continues to make investments in the Catskills and also recently announced a new 261-acre acquisition to Sundown Wild Forest. The purchase of the property, consisting of forested land along the east side of South Mountain in the Town of Olive, Ulster County was made possible through a partnership with the Open Space Institute and \$666,500 from New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The protection of the land also lays the groundwork for the creation of new public access points for two popular hiking destinations from a public road, opening additional wild areas to better welcome and disperse hikers and visitors seeking to recreate in the Catskills.





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DEC and NYSERDA Announce Climate Justice Stakeholder Roundtable on Cap-and-Invest Program to Reduce Climate Pollution

Aug. 23 Roundtable Advances New York State's Efforts to Meet Equity Requirements under Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) today announced an Equity and Climate Justice stakeholder roundtable on the development of the State's Cap-and-Invest Program to reduce the emissions driving climate change. The Cap-and-Invest Program was_recommended in the Climate Action Council's Scoping Plan and proposed in Governor Kathy Hochul's 2023 State of the State Address. DEC and NYSERDA are developing the program so that greenhouse gas emission reductions are achieved in an equitable manner.

DEC Commissioner and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Basil Seggos said,_"New York is developing a Cap-and-Invest Program to reduce the emissions changing the climate and it's critical to provide all stakeholders with the opportunity to inform program design to ensure its equitable implementation. Focused on climate justice, the August 23 roundtable will solicit input on advancing an equitable program that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and creates green jobs that support New York State's efforts to create a cleaner, more equitable, and healthier environment."

NYSERDA President and CEO and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Doreen M. Harris said,_"The stakeholder roundtable will focus on hearing directly from climate justice stakeholders on how the Cap-and-Invest Program regulations can be designed to be both effective in reducing emissions and equitable in its delivery._Stakeholder feedback is a foundational element in designing a program that can help further stimulate the economy and support family-sustaining jobs across the State."

The stakeholder roundtable will offer engagement with various stakeholders regarding the development of the program around equity, disadvantaged communities, and other key issues. The roundtable will provide an opportunity for participants to provide feedback on program design features and areas of interest. All stakeholder input will be considered by staff as part of the program development.

The roundtable will include an overview presentation by State staff, along with a panel discussion with State officials and New York climate justice stakeholders and a question-and-answer session. A second round of pre-proposal stakeholder outreach on the State's Cap-and-Invest Program will be held later this year.

The Equity and Climate Justice Roundtable is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23, and will be live-streamed, with the recording posted online as soon as practicable. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available at the_New York Cap-and-Invest website.

The Enacted FY 2023-24 Budget_advances Governor Hochul's priority to create an affordable, equitable, and effective Cap-and-Invest Program that promotes climate action, creates high-quality jobs, supports affordability for New Yorkers, and protects and invests in disadvantaged communities. The Budget creates the Consumer Climate Action Account, which will direct no less than 30 percent of future proceeds to New Yorkers as a critical step toward protecting affordability. In addition, the Budget establishes a Climate Investment Account, which will allocate two-thirds of future proceeds to support the transition to a less carbon-intensive economy. The Budget also creates a Climate Affordability Study process to provide recommendations on the most impactful use of funds to protect New Yorkers.

The Cap-and-Invest Program will prioritize frontline disadvantaged communities in the State that for far too long have suffered from pollution and environmental injustice. As contemplated, the program will not allow the use of offsets that could result in high-emitting sources to continue to pollute and will instead be designed to ensure pollution burdens are reduced. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, a minimum of 35 percent, with a goal of 40 percent, of the benefits of Cap-and-Invest resources will benefit disadvantaged communities, and the program will be designed to ensure pollution burdens are reduced in frontline communities.

For more information about New York's climate efforts,_visit the Climate Act website at: https://climate.ny.gov/

New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

New York State's nation-leading climate agenda calls for an orderly and just transition that creates family-sustaining jobs, continues to foster a green economy across all sectors and ensures that at least 35 percent, with a goal of 40 percent, of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities. Guided by some of the nation's most aggressive climate and clean energy initiatives, New York is on a path to achieving a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and economywide carbon neutrality by midcentury. A cornerstone of this transition is New York's unprecedented clean energy investments, including more than \$35 billion in 120 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce building emissions, \$3.3 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. These and other investments are supporting more than 165,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2021 and over 3,000 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, New York also adopted zero-emission vehicle regulations, including requiring all new passenger cars and trucks sold in the State be zero emission by 2035. Partnerships are continuing to advance New York's climate action with nearly 400 registered and more than 100 certified Climate Smart Communities, nearly 500 Clean Energy Communities, and the State's largest community air monitoring initiative in 10 disadvantaged communities across the State to help target air pollution interventions and combat climate change.

UC Executive Jen Metzger Signs Law Strengthening Sustainable Green Fleet Policy

Law Implements a Directive of County Executive Metzger's Executive Order on Climate

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has taken a significant step in advancing the County's commitment to combat climate change by signing into law major changes to the County's vehicle purchasing policy that commits the County to accelerate the transition to a zero-emissions fleet. The new local law, which amends the County's 2015 Green Fleet Policy, was proposed by County Executive Metzger to the Legislature and follows from an Executive Order she issued in January to more aggressively tackle climate change. Chair of the Legislature Tracey Bartels carried the local law, which passed unanimously.

The local law makes zero-emissions vehicles the default purchase where possible and requires that 100% of all passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks be zero-emissions by 2035. The legislation also requires that other vehicle classes shift to zero-emissions; including the transit fleet and nonroad equipment by 2035 and medium- and heavy-duty vehicles by 2040, where feasible.

"With the signing of this legislation, we are taking an important and necessary step to accelerate reductions of climate-damaging emissions from County operations," County Executive Metzger stated. "I want to thank Chair Bartels and the Legislature for passing this Local Law, which sets an example that I hope other municipalities and counties will follow."

"Since 2015, Ulster County has been a trailblazer in the realm of sustainable green fleet policies, and transitioning to a zero-emissions fleet underscores our continued commitment to reducing our impact on the environment and fighting climate change," said Tracey Bartels, Chairwoman of the Ulster County Legislature. "I am thrilled to support the County Executive's ambitious climate agenda and partner to do our part to preserve a healthy planet for future generations."

The Ulster County fleet consists of over 477 vehicles in 27 different departments and divisions, used for a diverse range of County services including transit, Sheriff's road patrol, road maintenance and snow removal, and social services, among others. Nearly 100 of these vehicles are passenger cars and light-duty trucks. Operation of the entire County fleet requires over 600,000 gallons of fuel each year and generates over 5,000 metric tons of climate-damaging emissions annually. Beyond shifting to zero-emissions vehicles, the County's green fleet policy also emphasizes the importance of reducing motor vehicle use by encouraging alternatives such as transit, cycling, walking, ride-sharing, and telecommuting.

The newly signed law amends Section § 131-5 of the Code of the County of Ulster to establish a comprehensive green fleet policy. Ulster County is committed to continuously improving the efficiency of its fleet and embracing advancements in green vehicle technology. By transitioning its fleet to zero-emission vehicles, the county paves the way for a cleaner, greener, and healthier future.

Home Heating Oil Spill on Mohonk Road in High Falls Cleanup underway with supervision from NYS DEC

HIGH FALLS, NY - An incident involving a fuel delivery truck operated by HOP Energy resulted in a single-vehicle rollover on Mohonk Road in High Falls earlier this week. The accident occurred at approximately 8:27 am, leading to a spill of home heating oil.

First responders were on the scene within minutes. Multiple response teams swiftly reacted to the situation, including the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, High Falls Fire District, Stone Ridge Fire District, Rosendale Fire District, City of Kingston Fire Department and HAZMAT team, Bloomington Fire District, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC).

Efforts are actively underway to manage and mitigate the impact of the home heating oil spill under the supervision of the NYS DEC. The cleanup operations are mandated to be executed and funded by the company that operated the vehicle.

The cause of the incident is presently under investigation by the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. At this time, no further details are available.

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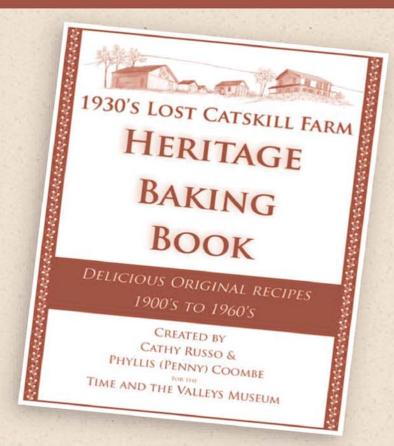
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Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live 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!

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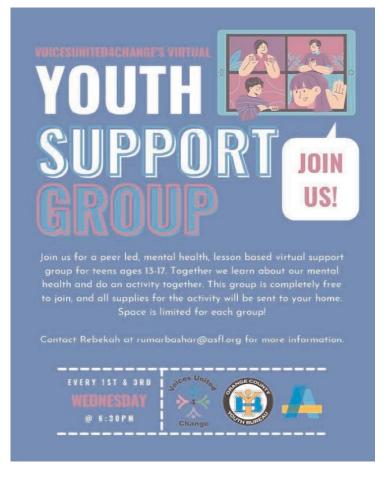
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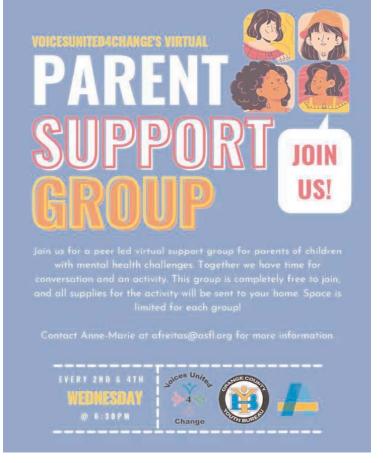


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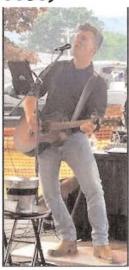


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DEC Forest Rangers
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Recent Statewide Forest
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

"With more people visiting State lands and enjoying New York's myriad, world-class outdoor recreational opportunities, DEC's Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help visitors get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Each day, these highly trained first responders are protecting irreplaceable natural resources and utilizing their expert knowledge of wildland fire suppression, wilderness first aid, land navigation, law enforcement, and technical rescue techniques to successfully execute critical missions for DEC and our countless local, state, and national partners."

Town of Hunter - Greene County Water Recovery: On Aug. 8 at 3:33 p.m., Forest Ranger Dawson responded to a call for a subject trapped under the water at Fawn's Leap. The 16-year-old was part of a group of six who traveled from Brooklyn to swim at Fawn's Leap.



Rangers and Police in water with ropes recovering a person's body

Heavy rainfall the previous night created strong currents in the swimming hole. The teenager jumped 30 feet into the water hole and got pulled under by the current. A member of another group called 911. Ranger Dawson and Hunter Police arrived at 4 p.m. Ranger Dawson entered the water with a seven foot long rescue pole, but was unable to find the subject. A New York State Police Diver searched the opposite side of the water hole and found the subject five feet underwater, pinned against a ledge. The swimmer was declared deceased by a Greene County Paramedic. Rangers and other volunteers packaged the subject into a litter and raised him using a low angle rope technique.

Town of Indian Lake Hamilton County

Wilderness Rescue: On Aug. 9 at 11:20 a.m., Forest Rangers responded to a call for a hiker with an injured ankle approximate-



ly 1.4 miles in on the Watch Hill Trail. Rangers reached the 69year-old from Gansevoort in less than an hour. With the help of Indian Lake Rescue, Rangers provided care and packaged the subject to

carry her to the beach. From there, Ranger Miller transported the subject by boat to the Indian Lake Islands Campground. Indian Lake EMS drove the patient to the hospital at 2:20 p.m.

Town of Keene Essex **County Wilderness Rescue:** On Aug. 9 at 12:40 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch requested Forest Ranger assistance for a hiker who fell approximately 40 feet off the highest waterfall in the Trap Dike on Mount Colden. Eleven Rangers responded with the help of New York State Police (NYSP) Aviation, who made multiple flights to deliver Rangers to the base of the Trap Dike. At 1:50 p.m., the Mount Colden and Marcy Dam caretakers reached the 23-year-old from Canada who had suffered significant head,



rib, hip, and leg injuries. Rangers set up a multi-pitch, steepangle rope rescue. After safely packaging the subject into a litter, Rangers and other rescuers successfully lowered the patient down to the base of the Trap Dike and carried him to the NYSP helicopter on the edge of Avalanche Lake. The patient was flown to the hospital at 5:45 p.m.

Ranger Foutch describes the rescue in a video available on DEC's YouTube page. The Trap Dike is a Class Four climb and should only be attempted by those with the proper experience and equipment.

Town of Long Lake Hamilton County

Water Rescue: On Aug. 11 at 6:51 a.m., Forest Ranger Miller

responded to a call for an injured canoeist on Raquette Lake. The 61year-old from Gardiner hurt his leg and couldn't make it safely back to shore. Ranger Miller located the canoeist and escorted him back to shore using the Ranger boat before providing a courtesy ride to subiect's vehicle. Resources were clear at 9:17 a.m.





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Town of Newcomb Essex County

Wilderness Rescue: On Aug. 11 at 12:32 p.m., while on foot patrol, Assistant Forest Ranger (AFR) Raudonis encountered a hiker with an unstable lower leg injury. AFR Raudonis splinted the



ankle before Forest Rangers started walking the 49-year-old from Connecticut toward the Lake Colden Outpost. At 4:14 p.m., New York State Police (NYSP) Aviation was called in to help transport the hiker. At 4:41 p.m., NYSP Pilot Kneer reached the subject at the Lake Colden Outpost where Rangers

loaded her into the helicopter to be flown to the hospital.

Town of Truxton Cortland County

Wilderness Rescue: On Aug. 12 at p.m., while patrolling Labrador Hollow Unique Area, Forest Ranger Chappell overheard a radio call for a subject with a broken leg at Tinker Falls. Onondaga County had a general idea of where the 19-year-old from Syracuse could be found. Ranger Chappell and members of the Apulia and Truxton Fire Departments conducted a search and located the subject and his friend in a drainage approximately 0.4 miles upstream from the falls. Ranger Chappell helped splint the subject's leg. A Tully Ambulance Paramedic provided further aid. Rescuers carried the subject out of the drainage to a



waiting ATV, which took him to the ambulance for transport to the hospital. Resources were clear at 3:20 p.m.

Town of Hunter Greene County

Wilderness Rescue: On Aug. 12 at 1:50 p.m., Forest Ranger Lieutenant Slade, and Rangers Dawson and Fox, responded to a report of a hiker with a leg injury along the Kaaterskill Creak stream bed. The 38-year-old from Colorado had hurt his leg after jumping off a rock. Ranger Dawson bushwacked down the steep terrain and reached the patient at 3:30 p.m. and provided first aid and crutches. Ranger Dawson helped the subject and his family through the woods and up a steep slope to Route 23A, where Lt. Slade and Ranger Fox provided a courtesy ride. The patient's family took him for further treatment. Resources were clear at 6:30 p.m.

City of Troy Rensselaer County Public Outreach: On Aug. 12, Forest Ranger Jackson threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Tri-City ValleyCats game in Troy. Ranger Jackson was joined by Smokey Bear to meet with fans, discuss Ranger job duties, and teach game attendees about fire safety.



Smokey Bear, ValleyCats fan, and Ranger Jackson

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. 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.

Maher Bill Would Study 'Zombie Drug' Overdose and Treatment in New York

Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) has been promoting his bill (A.7746), which would address the deficiencies in testing for and treating xylazine overdoses. Xylazine, commonly called "tranq," is an animal tranquilizer not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for human use. The drug has been incorporated into illicit drugs such as cocaine as a way to cut costs and maximize a user's high.

"Xylazine in illicit street drugs has been around for decades, and still, our state is no more prepared to fight the drug that is taking lives every day. Every community is affected by the ravages of this drug. Right now, our state is going at it blindly and we can't effectively help anyone," said Maher, who is a member of the Assembly Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. "My bill would have the state take a deeper look into xylazine overdoses and work to provide hospitals the tools to test and treat these overdoses. New York has to get out ahead and better understand the battle we are fighting."

Xylazine can readily kill a large animal, such as a horse. It is little surprise that when users of other street drugs are unaware of xylazine's presence overdoses can easily occur. The federal Drug Enforcement Administration division in New York reports that about 15% of tested drugs in the Northeast regional laboratory included xylazine, and 85% of those drugs were also found to be laced with fentanyl. The rise in overdoses in New York can be attributed, in part, to this combination.

Currently, there is no effective way to test for xylazine rapidly or to treat these kinds of overdoses. These overdoses cannot be reversed by naloxone, but since the two drugs are often found laced in drugs together, it is still recommended to administer naloxone to those that overdose.

Maher's bill would require the commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a one-year study utilizing emergency rooms to quantify xylazine overdoses. Right now, the state has no idea of the extent of the problem. DOH would then produce a report with recommendations on how to better test for and treat xylazine overdoses. At this point, although "tranq" first appeared in the illicit drug market in the 2010s, the state still doesn't have the tools to address this latest wave of the drug.

In addition to the intoxicating sedative effects of xylazine, it is causing the cells at injection sites to begin immediately dying within hours, causing festering and rotting wounds. The combination of the severe drugging effects and the large wounds all over the skin caused by

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As we wrap up another productive week, I wanted to give you an update on all that I've been doing on behalf of the Hudson and Delaware Valleys!

DELIVERING FLOOD RELIEF

For the families facing the heartbreaking loss of homes and livelihoods swept away in an instant, there isn't time to try to navigate a daunting maze of programs and agencies for assistance. Relief is needed now.

I've mobilized my Constituent Advocacy Resources Empowerment Services (C.A.R.E.S.) Van to simplify the recovery process and deliver direct support with a coalition of community partners and resources. We've connected hundreds of residents in Highland Falls and Cornwall last week with the resources they need.

Among those resources is the New York State's grants distributed by RUPCO. RUPCO is still accepting applications for the waitlist for grants. Learn more and apply here.

We have a long path ahead, but I will be there to deliver relief and assistance every step of the way.

REOPENING THE POPOLOPEN BRIDGE

July's catastrophic flood damage to the Route 9W-Popolopen Bridge resulted in significant traffic disruption, negative impacts to local small businesses, and made it harder for our first responders to do their jobs safely and efficiently.

I pressed for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to make a Major Disaster Declaration, which unlocked critical federal funding for rebuilding. Those federal funds, the close coordination between federal, state and local government, and especially the heroic 24/7 work of crews on the scene, allowed the bridge to reopen last week, months ahead of schedule.

REMOVING LEAD PIPES

There is no safe or acceptable level of lead for our kids. That's why I recently brought in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) leadership and representatives of the New York State Department of Health to the City of Poughkeepsie to see the scope of the lead pipe crisis we're facing firsthand.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes unprecedented funds - \$15 billion nationwide - to replace lead pipes. I'm fighting aggressively to ensure those funds are directed here to Poughkeepsie and across the Hudson Valley.

By pushing the EPA to visit and see the scope of the lead pipe crisis firsthand, Poughkeepsie is now in a strong position to receive significant federal resources.

IMPROVING CARE FOR VETERANS

I'm committed to getting every veteran the care that they deserve, and that means bringing VA leadership to see the struggles our veterans face in the Hudson Valley firsthand.

hosted the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, Dr. Shereef Elnahal in Port Jervis to discuss improving the care for veterans here in NY-18. From

increasing transportation options to VA Health Centers to combating the veterans' mental health crisis, we need all hands on deck to deliver for everyone who wore the uniform for this country.

A special thank you to the members of my Veterans and Military Families Advisory Committee for joining our conversation and contributing your voices!

AND MAKING SURE VETERANS RECEIVE THE BENE-FITS THEY ARE DUE

This week marked the one year anniversary of the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act - the largest expansion of Veterans' Affairs benefits and healthcare in a generation.

VA has extended the deadline to submit an intent to file for PACT Act claims and receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022! There is no deadline to apply for PACT benefits, but to be eligible for backdated benefits, submit your intent to file by the new deadline of today AUGUST 14.

Learn more about PACT Act eligibility, care, and benefits, and submit your intent to file or claim here.

HOLDING CENTRAL HUDSON ACCOUNTABLE

Since I began calling for an investigation into Central Hudson's disastrous billing practices, I have received more than 11,000 formal complaints. At the workshops that my office has hosted to connect Central Hudson representatives with customers to remedy their individual billing issues, it is clear that Hudson Valley families are still reeling from the company's systemic failures.

While the company is now working to fix these issues and rebuild trust, its rate hike plan of 16% for electricity and 19% for gas is wholly unacceptable. I am calling on Central Hudson to cease its attempts to raise rates until the billing problems are remedied.

I will continue to hold Central Hudson accountable until all customers are made whole.

HOSTING COMPTROLLER'S DAY TO SECURE UNCLAIMED STATE FUNDS

I'm partnering with the New York State Comptroller's Office to host an Unclaimed Funds event at my Newburgh office at 605 Broadway this Tuesday, August 15, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Staffers from the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds (OUF) will be here to help you search the Office's database to see if you have any unclaimed funds and teach you to file a claim. OUF staffers will also also explain how to safeguard funds so that they are not turned over to the State as abandoned property. Sign up here!

VISITING THE ULSTER COUNTY FAIR

I had a great time bringing my sons to the Ulster County Fair. Huge shout out to Ulster County 4-H for the tour and putting on another great event for our families to enjoy!

MAKING BROADBAND MORE AFFORDABLE

Everyone should be able to have affordable access to the connectivity they need for work, school, healthcare, and more.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a benefit from the Federal Communications Commission that can help households make that critical access more affordable. Households earning at or below 200% of the federal poverty level can secure monthly benefits for internet service and one time benefits for the purchase of devices. Learn more here: https://www.fcc.gov/acp (Contd. Pg. 57)

Pat Ryan

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ON THE SEARCH FOR FALL INTERNS FOR MY DISTRICT OFFICE

I recently enjoyed lunch with my district office's summer interns to celebrate all their hard work. My district office is still hiring for fall interns. This internship will provide hands-on experience in a Congressional office, and a greater understanding of the legislative and governmental process.

The application can be found here on my website: https://patryan.house.gov/services/internships and any questions can be directed to Rose Hill at Rosellyn.hill@mail.house.gov. Please include "NY-18 Internship" in the subject line

FLOOD RECOVERY RESOURCES

Private non-profits in Orange and Dutchess Counties are also now eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to repair and rebuild from damage caused by the floods https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

During this trying time, the Hudson Valley has stepped up to support neighbors in need. The following local organizations are providing additional relief:

Catholic Charities of Orange & Ulster Counties: (845) 294-5124

RECAP: (845) 342-3978

United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region Helpline: 2-1-1 Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan Counties: (845) 769-9393

The Community Foundation is also offering the William J. Larkin Community Response Task Force Fund grants for flood recovery.

Orange County Department of Social Services: (845) 291-4000

Jewish Family Service of Orange County: (845) 341-1173 x 300

Sacred Heart Church: (845) 446-4609

Mental Health Association of Orange County : (845) 342-2400

During any point, know that my office is here to help, contact us here or at (845) 443-2930.

GRANTS CORNER

FLOOD RECOVERY

The Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund provides \$10,000 grants to local restaurants impacted by state or federally declared natural disasters. To be eligible, a business must be experiencing hardship due to a natural disaster, have a maximum of three locations, employ fewer than 50 employees per location, and have revenues of \$3M or less per location in the last 12 months. Grants are funded by DoorDash and applications are due September 29.

NEW!

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP) aims to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system and to foster understanding of national food security trends and how they might improve local food systems. There are two project types:

Planning Projects: The purpose is to provide early-stage investment in new, startup projects or to invest in completing project plans toward the improvement of community food security.

Community Food Projects: The purpose is to seek solutions over the longer term rather than focusing on short-term food relief. They will seek comprehensive solutions to problems across all levels of the food system from farmer to consumer. Projects should not be designed to merely support individual food pantries, farmers markets, community gardens or other established projects. Rather, the projects should build on and encourage innovative long-term solutions to food and nutrition security.

Application deadline is October 30!

The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program funds grants and rebates that protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines. Eligible uses of funding include school buses, class 5 - class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, locomotive engines, marine engines, and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at ports or airports), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps). The application deadline is December 1.

REMINDER! Applications are open for:

\$5.575 Billion is available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program for three major discretionary grant programs - the Mega program, INFRA program, and Rural program - that involve surface transportation projects designed to strengthen supply chains, spur economic development, and improve safety and daily life. The deadline to apply is August 21.

If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter.

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Patrick K. Ryan Member of Congress New York's 18th District https://patryan.house.gov/

Applications for physical property damage are due September 20, 2023 and applications for economic injury are due April 24, 2024.



Biden and Hochul have FAILED to Combat the Migrant Crisis Rep Tenney Mention on WROC

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4-lokqM6LE

Under Joe Biden and Kathy Hochul's far-left leadership, every community in America is now a border community. This crisis has been impacting Western New York, with the most recent example being migrants dropped off in Erie County and Monroe County. Just this week, 77 migrants were left in Rochester, and the news broke that a Venezuelan migrant was arraigned on rape charges in Cheektowaga, allegedly committing the heinous crime in front of a 3-year-old child. This horrific tragedy should have been prevented by our federal and state leaders, but they refuse to put US citizens and taxpayers first by protecting our communities.

Since Hochul announced her dangerous and misguided plan to relocate poorly vetted migrants into our community, I have stood strongly in opposition to this reckless plan. Additionally, numerous counties in New York's 24th District have courageously stood up to Hochul to protect local residents by passing resolutions in opposition to migrant relocation. Our communities are suffering under crushing inflation, record crime, and now an illegal migrant crisis. Central and Western New Yorkers should not be used as pawns in the lawless 'sanctuary city' policy imposed by Biden and Hochul.

Reaffirming my Support for Israeli Sovereignty Over Area C in Judea and Samaria

This week, I introduced the Anti-BDS Labeling Act ensures an accurate representation of products that originate from Israel, Gaza, or Judea and Samaria. This not only reinforces existing U.S. policy but also prevents the BDS movement from arbitrarily discriminating against goods made in Israeli-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria. The United States should always stand with our greatest ally in the Middle East and continue working to uphold the longstanding Oslo II Accord, which was agreed to by both Israeli and Palestinian leadership. I remain committed to standing against any efforts to delegitimize Israel and any efforts to reverse or alter this labeling rule.

READ MORE: How Republicans Are Working Against Dem Attempts To Boycott Israel

https://freebeacon.com/national-security/how-republicans-areworking-against-dem-attempts-to-boycott-israel/

U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Plans to Evaluate Other Sites in Addition to Blind Bay

This year, my office has facilitated multiple meetings with Senator Walczyk, Assemblyman Gray, Legislator Reed, myself, and the CBP leadership regarding the planned construction of a new CBP facility in Blind Bay. As a tenacious advocate for our district, I brought the concerns of our communities to the table during these important discussions. We have made it extraordinarily clear that the North Country does not want this station constructed in Blind Bay. It is vital that we find a solution that works for all parties so the CBP can continue in its critical mission of protecting our border and keeping our community safe. Thankfully, CBP has acknowledged the issues raised by our community and is now looking at additional sites for their relocation. The CBP has also committed to a more transparent relocation process, acknowledging the need to improve the agency's dialogue with the communities it protects. I thank CBP for their efforts, and I will continue fighting for a solution that keeps our communities safe and protects the natural beauty and ecological wealth of the North Country.

Defending Hunting and Archery Classes in Schools

The Biden administration continues to advance its radical anti-Second Amendment agenda by prohibiting ESEA funding for archery and shooting sports programs. This provision was added to the ESEA by the so-called "Bipartisan Safer Communities Act" in 2022. Now, the Biden administration is intentionally misconstruing Congressional intent and using this provision to prohibit ESEA funds from being used to fund hunting, archery, and shooting sports programs in schools.

Upstate New York schools offer hunting, archery, and shooting sports programs to teach students how to responsibly handle firearms and respect our Second Amendment rights. The Biden Administration's attempt to defund these outdoor recreational programs is a power grab and flies in the face of Congressional intent. This important legislation will protect these popular after-school programs and end the Biden Administration's attack on our constitutional rights.

READ MORE: Republicans unveil effort to claw back school funds Biden admin is holding over hunting, archery classes https://www.foxnews.com/politics/republicans-unveil-effort-claw-back-school-funds-biden-admin-holding-hunting-archery-classes

My Agriculture and Tax Plans for NY-24

I recently visited multiple family farms and local businesses in Cayuga County and Wayne County to discuss their concerns and my efforts in Congress to support our farming and business community

Small businesses and family-owned farms will always be the backbone of our NY-24 economy, and I remain committed to supporting policies in Congress that address these concerns and deliver lasting results for our community.

To outline my work to support our NY-24 producers and employers, I unveiled a three-pillar agriculture plan and tax plan. My agriculture plan focuses on supporting NY-24 specialty crops, bolstering New York's dairy industry, and protecting American farmland from foreign interests. While my tax plan centers around my work on the House Ways and Means Committee to build on the successes of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, revitalize our communities, support our families, and ensure essential taxpayer protections.

I will continue to be a tenacious advocate for our rural communities and work to give farmers, producers, and small business owners the certainty and opportunities they need to succeed.

To view my full Agriculture plan, click here.

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evosubsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/118th-agplan-2023.pdf

To view my full Tax plan, click here. https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evosubsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/118th-taxplan-2023.pdf

DEC and Open Space **Institute Announce Protection of 261 acres Adjacent to Sundown Wild Forest in Catskills** Acquisition of the South Mountain Property Will Help Safeguard Critical Drinking Water Sources for Millions in New York City and Surrounding Areas Addition to Existing DEC Lands Helps Increase Public Access to Recreational Opportunities Within the Catskill Forest Preserve

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the acquisition of 261 acres adjacent to the Catskill Forest Preserve's Sundown Wild Forest. The permanent protection of the land will preserve open space, protect critical drinking water sources that contribute to the renowned quality of the New York City watershed, and expand recreational opportunities to support the local economy. The purchase of the property, consisting of forested land along the east side of South Mountain in the Town of Olive, Ulster County, including a portion of the mountain's summit, was made possible through a partnership with the Open Space Institute (OSI) and \$666,500 from New York's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF).

"Continuing to build upon the progress made in protecting this important natural corridor will help ensure clean drinking water in the New York City watershed while also providing new opportunities for outdoor recreation in the Catskills," Commissioner Seggos said. "We are grateful to our partners at the Open Space Institute as well as Dr. Sam and Delia Adams for their outstanding and ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and dedication to preserving the beauty of the Catskills for all."

"The Open Space Institute is proud to work with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to protect the South Mountain property and secure long-term access to clean water for millions of New Yorkers," said Kim Elliman, president and CEO, the Open Space Institute. "The power of strategic land conservation and public-private partnerships is invaluable in safeguarding sources of clean drinking water. Through the Environmental Protection Fund and partnerships just like this, New York State continues to invest in land conservation that will benefit New Yorkers for generations to come."

The South Mountain property is located within the Ashokan Reservoir watershed and connects to other lands conserved by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to protect water quality. More than 90 percent of New York City's water supply comes from the Catskill and Delaware watershed, located more than 100 miles north of the city.

The protection of the land also lays the groundwork for the creation of new public access points for two popular hiking destinations from a public road, opening additional wild areas to better welcome and disperse hikers and visitors seeking to recreate in the Catskills. Additional access points, allowing for eastern access to South Mountain from High Point Mountain Road, could be used to relieve pressure on popular trailheads and summits. South Mountain rises 2,190 feet high near the west shore of the Ashokan Reservoir and is connected to the 3,091-foot Ashokan High Point Mountain by a ridgeline.

The new acquisition adds to the 30,100-acre Sundown Wild Forest, which covers a large swath of the southeast Catskills, including several ridges and 10 mountains over 2,000 feet.

OSI initially purchased the newly conserved property in 2019 from Dr. Sam and Delia Adams, whose family owned the land since the Hardenbergh Patent of the 1700s. DEC and OSI worked together to accommodate the Adams' desire to retain their farmhouse and adjacent agricultural fields. The state acquisition includes wooded mountainous portions of the property, resulting in a balance of forest preservation and private ownership of adjacent land that allows the family to carry on the agricultural tradition.

The EPF is a critical resource for environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, recreation access, water quality improvement, and environmental justice projects. Among the many environmental victories in the 2023-24 State Budget (leaves DEC's website), Governor Kathy Hochul maintained EPF funding at \$400 million, the highest level of funding in the program's history. The EPF also provides funding for critical environmental programs such as climate change mitigation, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda

DEC Announces New Leadership Appointments DEC Names Chief Resiliency Officer, Director of Indian Nation Affairs, Regional Director for Region 7, Director of Media Relations

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced four appointments to new and existing leadership positions with DEC's Executive and Regional teams.

"I am excited to announce key DEC leadership additions and changes that are critical to sustaining the success of New York's environmental protection policies and programs," Commissioner Seggos said. (Contd. Pg. 60)

DEC Announces New Leadership Appointments DEC Names Chief Resiliency Officer, Director of Indian Nation Affairs, Regional Director for Region 7, Director of Media Relations

(From Pg. 59) "Suzanna Randall and Peter Reuben are bringing extensive experience and skills to two new and critically important agency roles that focus on enhancing resiliency and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Nations. Dereth Glance will continue bringing her energy and passion to a different role leading DEC's presence in Central New York and the Southern Tier, and Cecilia Walsh will help guide our extensive engagement with the media to inform the public. DEC is strengthening our team to bolster our efforts to meet the unique challenges and opportunities before New York State."



Suzanna Randall

Suzanna Randall was appointed DEC's first Chief Resiliency Officer. Randall will be responsible for administering the State's landmark Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, leading the development and implementation of all major components of the program. Randall most recently served as Deputy Director of Project Delivery for the Office of Resilient Homes and Communities, formerly the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. Additional experience includes serving as Special Projects and Sustainability Coordinator with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, where she led the award-winning Green Innovation Grant Program, and Water Resources Planner at Philadelphia Water Department's Office of Watersheds.

Peter Reuben was named the first-ever Director of DEC's Office of Indian Nation Affairs. Reuben has more than a decade of experience with DEC, most recently as the Regional Spills Supervisor in Western New York, as well as more than 15 years working closely with Indian Nations on a wide range of environmental projects and issues. Previously, Reuben served as Brownfield Program Manager for the Seneca Nation of Indians Environmental Protection Department, worked as a consultant to the Haudenosaunee Environmental

Task Force, and Tonawanda, Seneca, and Tuscarora Nations. In 2012, Peter was elected Vice-Chair of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program's National Steering Committee.



Dereth Glance

Dereth Glance was named Regional Director in DEC's Region 7, which covers Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tioga, and Tompkins counties. Glance most recently served as DEC's Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Remediation and Materials Management, where she oversely

Glance served as Executive Director of the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency and was appointed by President Obama as U.S. Commissioner at the International Joint Commission. Glance's experience also includes work with Citizens Campaign for the Environment, New York State's Great Lakes Basin Advisory Council, Clean Water Network, and Onondaga Lake Partnership Outreach Committee, among other roles.

Cecilia Walsh was appointed DEC's Director of Media Relations. Walsh will oversee DEC's Press Office to ensure the effective communication of

the agency's actions to statewide and national media outlets and the public. Most recently, Walsh served as Project Coordinator for the Cannabis Education and Employment Development Program with the New York State Department of Labor. Previously, Walsh was Director of Communications with the Albany County District Attorney's Office for more than a decade where she oversaw all media and public relations for the office and District Attorney.



Peter Reuben

and Materials Management, where she oversaw DEC's divisions of Environmental Remediation, Materials Management, and Mineral Resources. Prior to joining DEC,



Cecilia Walsh

MISSING PERSON \$5,000-REWARD

MATTHEW M. RUSSO



RACE: WHITE

SEX:: MALE

AGE: 36

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WEIGHT: 145

EYES: HAZEL

HAIR: BLONDE

CLOTHING: Black shirt, blue jean shorts,

Black Nike sneakers.

Missing since June 18, 2023

From Garnet Health Medical Center in Harris

The Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help for information regarding the whereabouts of Matthew Russo, who disappeared on June 18, 2023. Anyone with information about Matthew, or what may have happened to him, is asked to call the Sheriff's Office. A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered to information leading to resolution of the case and finding Matthew.

Sheriff's Office direct phone number is 845-794-7100 (x1)

Or

The Confidential Tip Line: 845-807-0158

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Sunday, August 27, 2023

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Choice of main entrée

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Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers, fresh tomato in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Veggie Fajita

Roasted vegetables.

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Soda / Coffee / Tea

Cash Bar

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Ulster County Clerk Announces MyKingstonKids "Photography Now!" Exhibit at the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to welcome the MyKingstonKids "Photography Now!" youth program to the Matthewis Persen House Museum on Saturday, August 19th from 11:00 am to 4:00pm. The house is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Join the talented students from the MyKingstonKids



"Photography Now!" program as they showcase their work. The students' photographs will remain on display at the Persen House through the end of August. "Photography Now!" is an 8-week beginner photo program for youth ages 13-18. Students learn the history of photography, artistic and technical application of the medium to directly working with professional DSLR cameras to working with cellphones. The program is taught by local professional photographer Star Nigro and hosted by the Ulster County Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center.



"We're excited to host the Photography Now! exhibit at the Matthewis Persen House Museum again this summer," said Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "We encourage everyone to stop in and admire the impressive work of these talented young photographers, and in doing so, support our youth while bridging the worlds of art and history."

To learn more about the many programs and services offered by MyKingstonKids, please visit their website at mykingstonkids.com. For more information on the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also stay updated by visiting our Facebook page.

UC Executive Metzger's Workforce Innovation Center at iPark87 Green-lit by County Legislature

Center to connect students with high-paying jobs and job training

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Legislature approved a lease agreement at its August 15 meeting, greenlighting County Executive Metzger's plans to create a Workforce Innovation Center for the Green Economy at iPark87, the site of the former IBM Kingston facility in the Town of Ulster. The Center will be a national model of collaboration in which the County, educational institutions, and community-based partners will work together with employers to develop curriculum, micro-credentials, apprenticeships, and other programs that create pathways for local workers into good-paying, family-sustaining jobs at iPark87 and elsewhere in the county. The County Executive envisions co-locating three interconnected County Offices at the site: Economic Development, Employment and Training, and Tourism. This strategic arrangement aims to enhance interdepartmental collaboration - fostering synergy with the Workforce Innovation Center and maximizing collective efforts.

Ulster County and the Hudson Valley region could see tens of thousands of new jobs in manufacturing, buildings, transportation, renewable energy, and other green economy sectors as a result of nearly \$400 billion in federal investments under President Biden's flagship Inflation Reduction Act to fight climate change and catalyze domestic manufacturing in clean technologies. Two other major pieces of federal legislation initiated by the Biden administration and passed by Congress in 2021 and 2022, respectively, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and CHIPS for America Act, also focus on spurring domestic manufacturing in cutting-edge industries and green technologies and are expected to create hundreds of thousands of jobs across the country. The Workforce Innovation Center will not only prepare the local workforce to take advantage of these new opportunities but will also attract new industries to Ulster County seeking qualified workers.

The Ulster County Economic Development Agency (UCEDA) will hold the master lease with iPark87 to enable a long-term (10-year) lease agreement with the County. Ulster County Economic Development Director Kevin Lynch, who was appointed by County Executive Metzger and confirmed by the Legislature at the same meeting, will take over as President & CEO of UCEDA. Lynch comes to Ulster County with over 25 years of experience managing business development and public finance, as well as a background in clean technologies. He has worked in multiple roles for various private equity, corporate finance, government, and nonprofit entities. (Contd. Pg 69)

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(From Pg. 68) Lynch most recently served as the Director of Clean Energy for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), where he oversaw the authority's various financing programs for clean energy, including offshore wind, vehicle electrification, and business loans for clean energy-related projects.

Under the terms of the lease, UCEDA will sublease 20,000 square feet of space in the main building on the east campus of iPark87 to accommodate the three County department offices and a flex space for workforce training, conferences, and meetings. SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Ulster will each lease an additional 10,000 sq ft of space in the same building for the Workforce Innovation Center.

In addition to approving the lease, the County Legislature passed a related resolution enabling the County Executive to apply for up to \$1 million in funding from NYS Empire State Development to support programming for the Workforce Innovation Center in collaboration with educational and community-based partners.

County Executive Jen Metzger first announced plans to create the Workforce Innovation Center at her State of the County Address in February, pointing out that "shifting to a green economy isn't just good for our climate and our health - it is also a massive job creator."

County Executive Metzger is seeking to make these new opportunities broadly available by addressing barriers that have kept historically underserved populations from taking advantage of them in the past. "We're going to break those barriers down by offering childcare on-site and making major investments in our UCAT system to get people there. This will become a national model for workforce development in the 21st century," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger.

In March, Governor Kathy Hochul visited iPark87 to announce a major investment from New York State to support the siting of a new large-scale zinc-based battery manufacturing company called Zinc8, which the company says will create hundreds of new jobs in the next few years. Other green energy economy companies also plan to locate their operations on the site, including Cadenza, another battery storage company, and Archtop, a fiber optics company, which has already leased a portion of the building adjacent to the County space and is expected to add 100 new jobs by year's end.

In May, Governor Hochul returned to the site with another major announcement, this time to award a competitive \$10 million Restore New York Communities grant from Empire State Development that the County secured to help make iPark87 a hub for clean energy industries.

Jen Metzger, Ulster County Executive said, "I am thrilled that the Ulster County Legislature has given the green light to our ambitious plans for the Workforce Innovation Center at iPark87. This project is truly transformational for Ulster County, involving a unique collaboration of educational and community-based partners and businesses working together to equip our workforce with the training and skills necessary to take advantage of job opportunities in green tech and clean energy industries at iPark87 and across the county. These are the fastest growing sectors in the economy, thanks to state and federal efforts to tackle climate change, and we need to position ourselves to make the most of these opportunities."

Legislator Brian Cahill (D-Town of Ulster), Chair of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee said, "The Workforce Innovation Center is something that we have discussed from the first meetings about iPark

87. I am thrilled and grateful that my Legislative colleagues have supported this idea that will benefit the entire County by providing the necessary skills and vocational training needed going forward. We need to bring the training to the jobs and the jobs to the training. This center will achieve those goals."

Legislator Herb Litts (R-Town of Lloyd), Deputy Chair of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee said, "Today marks a significant leap toward securing Ulster County's economic future. With the green light from the County Legislature, we're on track for a brighter and more prosperous tomorrow. The Workforce Innovation Center at iPark87 is not just a plan; it's a collaborative force that's connecting education, partnerships, and job opportunities. As Deputy Chair of Economic Development, I'm truly excited to be part of this game-changing initiative. Our goal is to equip our community for success in emerging job sectors and ignite innovation that defines the next generation of Ulster County's economy."

Dr. Alison Buckley, President of SUNY Ulster said, "SUNY Ulster is excited to be a partner for public higher education pathway opportunities in Ulster County's Workforce Innovation Hub at iPark 87. Strategically leveraging SUNY missions in this space can build into and strengthen every other node in our Ulster County innovation economy. What is paramount for us is meeting the changing workforce needs in emerging industries by serving the citizens of Ulster County through upskilling and on and offramps to affordable access to higher education alongside our public partners in academia and industry, leading to successful employment in a career with family-sustaining wages. SUNY Ulster looks forward to supporting students as they attain their educational degrees/certifications and meet their employment goals.

Dr. Darrell Wheeler, President of SUNY New Paltz said, "We are enthusiastic about our participation in the Workforce Innovation Center and appreciate the Executive's and Legislature's leadership and support for this project. The University has continued to reinforce and actualize our two-pronged mission: supporting and educating students toward degree completion and career engagement, and serving the citizenry of our region and state. The Workforce Innovation Center endeavor connects to both priorities."

UC Executive Metzger's Housing Action Fund Approved, Funded by County Legislature

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Legislature, at its August 15 meeting, approved County Executive Jen Metzger's proposal to create a "Housing Action Fund" (HAF) and seed the fund with \$15 million from the County's approximately \$100 million budget surplus. This landmark legislation comes in response to the growing need for affordable, equitable, and sustainable housing options for residents across Ulster County. Legislator Abe Uchitelle, Chair of the Health, Human Service and Housing Committee and a long-time advocate for creating a housing fund, sponsored the resolution in the Legislature.

The establishment of the HAF, which will help expand the development of housing residents can afford, is a crucial solution to addressing the housing crisis. Housing funds have proven to be effective tools to increase housing opportunities nationally and in New York. The Ulster County HAF will support equitable and sustainable community development through the construction, development, revitalization, and preservation of affordable, workforce, and supportive housing. (Contd. Pg. 70)

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(From Pg. 69) In exchange for investment from the fund, the HAF will require the creation of healthy, energy-efficient, and climate-responsible housing units that serve households making up to 80% of Ulster County Area Median Income (i.e., \$81,300 for a 4-person household, \$56,950 for a 1-person household), with an emphasis on housing that serves the county's most vulnerable populations. The HAF will also encourage innovative housing solutions, such as supportive housing, adaptive reuse of existing buildings for housing, tiny home communities, and accessory dwelling units.

County Executive Metzger first proposed the HAF in her February State of the County Address, where she called for the creation of a fund to ramp up the development of healthy, green housing that Ulster

County residents can actually afford.

The passage of the HAF comes after Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger signed Local Law No. 2 of 2023 in June, sponsored by Legislator Uchitelle, designating affordable housing as an Ulster County Public Purpose and creating the legal foundation for the County to provide support for new affordable housing opportunities.

The County has already been grappling with the costs of insufficient housing options. Temporary motel stays for residents in need of emergency housing are booked and paid for by public funds, imposing significant financial burdens. The HAF will provide a strategic solution to these challenges, creating a more prosperous and stable environment for both the local economy and the community.

Why does Ulster County need a Housing Action Fund?

- o Longer Stays in Emergency Housing: In 2021, the average length of stay for unhoused families in emergency housing was four months; today it is 18 months, due to the lack of permanent housing options.
- o Increasing Rents, Stagnant Wages: Average rent for a two-bedroom apartment increased nearly 60% over the past 12 years (inflation-adjusted) while wages have remained stagnant for low- and moderate-income families.
- o Rental Housing Cost Burden: Approximately 12% of owners and 29% of renters in Ulster County are "severely cost burdened," spending more than half of their monthly income on housing. More than half of all renters are burdened or severely burdened, devoting more than 30% of their income to housing.
- o Homeownership is Out of Reach: Housing sale prices rose 43% in four years to \$350,000 in 2022, putting homeownership out of reach for more than half of Ulster County residents.
- o Housing Availability: The county's vacancy rate (vacant rental or for sale units) was approximately 2% in 2021, placing upward pressure on rent and home prices.
- o Loss of Emergency Housing: Economic opportunities, cost of maintenance, and other factors have resulted in a loss of emergency housing beds for unhoused individuals and families, with limited replacements offered by the private sector.
- o Workforce Needs: Business leaders increasingly point to the lack of housing and its cost as the main factors contributing to the difficulty of finding workers for their businesses.

How will the Housing Action Fund Work?

- o Administration: A Housing Policy and Oversight Committee (HPOC), comprised of affordable housing experts and professionals, would be appointed to oversee the administration of the fund.
- o Funding: The County Executive has proposed to seed the HAF with \$15 million from the County's current excess fund balance and dedicate a portion of occupancy tax revenues annually to ensure long-term resources for the fund.
- o Funding Awards: On an annual basis, Ulster County would release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and request competitive proposals from affordable housing developers, nonprofit organizations, and individuals for housing projects that support the mission of the HAF.

- o Project Types: The HAF would support a wide variety of housing and housing-related projects including affordable rental and forsale projects, non-traditional housing projects, emergency housing, accessory dwelling units, infrastructure projects needed for affordable housing projects, and small grants for projects to spark innovation in the housing sector. Projects would be required to use nonfossil fuel systems and appliances to help meet the County's climate goals.
- o Affordability: All projects that receive HAF funding would be required to remain affordable (rent or sell units to households making 80% of Area Median Income or less) for a minimum of 50 years.

Funding and Next Steps:

The Ulster County Housing Action Fund will be seeded with an initial investment of \$15 million from Ulster County's excess fund balance. This capital injection will serve as a starting point for addressing housing challenges in the years ahead.

To ensure sustained support for the long term, County Executive Metzger has proposed that a quarter of annual occupancy tax revenues be allocated to the HAF when the Legislature takes up legislation to increase the occupancy tax from two to four percent.

Now that the Legislature has approved the establishment of the HAF, the next step is for the County Executive and Legislature to appoint the members of the Housing Policy and Oversight Committee to finalize the standards for allocating funds and oversee the fund's administration. The first Notice of Funding Availability is expected to be released in early 2024.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, "Through much of my childhood my family struggled economically and had to move constantly, and this is the experience of too many families living in Ulster County today. We have a moral obligation and a fiscal responsibility to act. The Housing Action Fund will catalyze the development of the housing we need and that people can afford, and is the most direct solution to addressing the housing crisis. I look forward to seeing the diverse range of projects that will materialize as a result of this initiative."

Ulster County Legislator and Deputy Majority Leader Abe Uchitelle, Chair of the Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee said, "The legislature's approval of the Housing Action Fund marks the single greatest step our county has taken towards the goal of ensuring every resident has an affordable place to call home. I want to thank my colleagues for their support of this program and for their investment in the people of Ulster County."

City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, "We are using every available tool to increase the supply of affordable housing in the City of Kingston as quickly as possible, and are thrilled to have the support of the County. The current housing crisis demands a regional response, and we stand ready to work with the County in any way to realize more affordable housing options. I congratulate the County Executive and the Ulster County Legislature for taking the important step of creating a Housing Action Fund, which will benefit residents across Ulster County."

Sparrow Tobin, President of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation said, "The Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation (HVALF), which represents more than 100,000 union families, with members in 46 locals, extends its deep appreciation to the Ulster County Executive and Legislature for addressing the housing crisis and taking concrete measures to solve it. The lack of access to decent and affordable housing is a crisis facing the working class all over the United States. Here in the Hudson Valley, housing justice is a key tenet of the HVALF's policy agenda. The Housing Action Fund proposed by Ulster County Executive Metzger and passed this evening by the Legislature is a bold move that will provide relief for the many Hudson Valley residents who cannot afford their rent or even find a place to live. We stand solidly in support of this new policy that will benefit working people."

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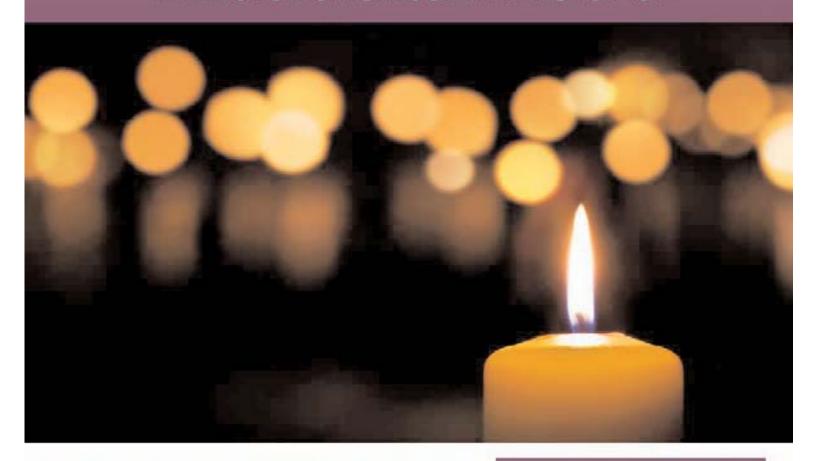
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A Time to Remember. A Time to Act.



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Hear state and local leaders talk about what is being done to battle the opinid crisis in our community. Open your hearts as families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. Meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head on.

We will be joined by local first responders, the Sullivan County Choir, an interpretive dance performance and bag pipers in front of the Sullivan County courthouse that will be lit purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

This event is brought to you by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County.

Thursday • August 31, 2023 7pm at the Sullivan County Courthouse Lawn, 414 Broadway, Monticello

Rain date: Friday, Sept. I

For more information, contact Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180 Outreach Coordinator, at Lindsay@Sullivan180.org or (845) 295-2683.



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\$20 Early-Bird Discount if you register before July 1st.

Uniforms:

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Gomez and Morticia

This weeks' Trivia question: How many pounds did Robert De Niro gain to play Jake LaMotta in *Raging Bull?*

(From Pg. 75)

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES WORLDS FAIR'S FILMS I-5

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1 The film is "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS." Might as well start with the best known one. THE ST. LOUIS FAIR OF 1904 WAS THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION, commemorating the centennial of the notable land deal with France that gave America much of its Midwest. Among the highlights included a large bird cage, the world's biggest organ (at the time), a wireless telegraph tower, and a concession devoted to the Anglo-Boer War. Dr. Pepper and Puffed Wheat cereal debuted at the fair. Meet Me in St. Louis was, of course, inspired by the song "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis," which is in the movie. Judy Garland is radiant, and the songs she sings, such as "The Trolley Song" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," have become American standards.

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#2. "IT HAPPENED AT THE "WORLD'S FAIR," is set in Seattle this time and is the setting of "THE CENTURY 21 EXPOSITION," IN 1962, all this occurred during The the "Space Race" (first to the moon) with the Soviet Union, then science & technology were major conversations in the press. The "SPACE NEEDLE" was constructed for the FAIR and has since become the symbol of Seattle in general. In addition, the Monorail and the sports facility now known as the KeyArena were built for the Fair. It also was an Elvis movie, made after Jailhouse Rock but before Viva Las Vegas. He sings a song called "Take Me to the Fair" while strumming a ukulele to a kid. There's a scene in the Space Needle, of course. It's also Kurt Russell's debut film, back when he was a child actor. He kicks Elvis in the shins!

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3 The 22nd Charlie Chan movie, "CHARLIE CHAN AT TREASURE ISLAND." SAN FRANCISCO'S GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION" was held in 1939-40 (the same years as the New York Fair) on Treasure Island, an artificial island built for the Fair. The Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge were relatively new at the time, and the island is where the two spans meet. The Pacifica statue, an 81-foot sculpture of the goddess of the Pacific Ocean, was the symbol of the Fair, and the third film featuring Sidney Toler as Chan, he heads out to SF during the Fair to investigate the death of a friend. WAS IT SUICIDE - OR MURDER? There's real footage of the fair, including aerial shots, in the film. Some say the Zodiac killer was inspired by this film to go on his killing spree. Plus, a young Cesar Romero adds to the flair of this film.

4 "SO LONG AT THE FAIR." THE PARIS' EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE was held in 1889 and it gave the world the Eiffel Tower, named for its designer, Gustave Eiffel, and though people were less than thrilled with it at first, it would go on to become world famous and synonymous with Paris, and indeed, France itself. BUFFALO BILL AND ANNIE OAKLEY performed there as part of their Wild West Show.

5 GAMERA VS. MONSTER X. Expo '70, or Osaka Banpaku, was held in Osaka, Japan in 1970. IMAX debuted there. A moon rock from the Apollo 12 mission was on display, as were mobile phone prototypes. The Landmark Tower was built for the Expo, as was the Tower of the Sun, a structure with three human-like faces on its facade, moving staircases and an artificial tree inside. It inspired a song by Shonen Knife.



Even this Japanese monster movie has a Fair connection! Gamera is basically a giant turtle. I'm sure it's only a matter of time before we see him again..

See you at the 143rd Little World's Fair Stay safe, and stay well Knarf Odnamoc Gnome