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Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!

On Friday, February 11, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly,

put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll. The list of the students achieving Honor Roll status can be found on the following website:

https://www.trivalleycsd.org/secondaryschool-honor-rolls-2021-22-school-year/.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Savannah Chaboty and Gwen Redman won awards for Academic Excellence, Brianna Cookingham and Chris Rossi won awards for Leadership, Gregson McKenna and Isabella Rion won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Dakota Evans and Madison De La Cuadra won awards for Most Improved, Dakota Berlinski and Sophia Richardson won awards for Outstanding Participation, and RJ Leach and Antonio Walsh won awards



Left to right: back row- William Siegler, William Blume, Mackenzie Conklin, Sarah Whipple, Allyson Chevalier, Caitlynn Monell- Front row- Jayden Cuji Angamarca, Juliana Adams, Lorenzo Haffner, Hiram Roman, Lily Mioglionico



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Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. Romans 4:13

OBITUARY

Carl C. Carlsen –August 23, 1931 -



As pilots say, long-time Ellenville area resident Carl Carlsen "flew west" on January 30, 2022. His loving wife of 69 years, Barbara, was by his side at their home in Bothell,

Washington for his final departure. In August 2021, Carl celebrated his 90th birthday with Barbara and the families of their 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and his great-granddaughter who shares the same birthday. Carl's passion and dream as a poor farm boy growing up in Grahamsville and Montela during the depression and war years was to fly. He fulfilled that dream when he flew his first solo flight in1957 at Wurtsboro Airport on the same day his daughter Bev was born at the Ellenville Hospital. 34 years later, his flying protege son Neil (Delta) rode in the cockpit on Captain Carlsen's retirement flight, completing a 27 year career with United Airlines. As his eldest son Scott says, "He was our pilot."

Carl had a lifelong presence in the To renew or receive a new subscription to the Ellenville-Grahamsville area. Born at the Ellenville Hospital, Carl spent his early years on the family farm in Montela. In 1939, construction of the Roundout Reservoir forced the family website: to relocate the farm to South Hill in Grahamsville. After graduating from Ellenville High School in 1948, Carl was employed at the First National Bank in Ellenville before assuming ownership what became The Carlsen Insurance Agency at 77 N. Main Street. The "flying bug" got the best of Carl, spending afternoons and weekends building flying time at Wurtsboro Airport towing gliders, flight instructing, and flying his own airplanes. After being hired by United Airlines in 1966, Carl sold the insurance business in 1967. In 1968, he moved his family to New Jersey and later Washingtonville, NY for easier commutes to New York City airports. Carl and Barbara moved to Southern California in 1979 before retiring to the Seattle area in 1991.

Until recently, Carl continued to spend time with friends and family in the Ellenville area. The family owed a cabin aka "camp" at Cape Pond for 50 years, reluctantly selling it in 2017. Spending summers at camp allowed Carl to participate and help organize several Class of '48 reunions. In the 1980s, Carl and his brother Frank purchased the family farm on South Hill from their father, Carl Thorvald Carlsen, which enabled their dad to comfortably stay on the farm in his retirement years. Carl's spirit lives on in Ellenville as his son Scott, retired Superintendent of the Ulster Correctional Facility, resides on Maple Avenue with his wife Jun.

"To fly west, my friend, is a flight we must all take for a final check."

Personal condolences may be left for family by Carl's visiting www.loucksfh.com

James B. Fedroff of Grahamsville, NY and a former resident of Williamsport, PA died Wednesday, February 9, 2022.



He was 67. The son of the late Bernard and Hochberg Loretta Fedroff, he was born February 14, 1954 in Dushore. PA.

James was a newly established resident of the

Catskill area. He was working as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Fallsburg.

James proudly served Our Country in the United States Marine Corp.; he had been an active member at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church; and had been an active participant at the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, Rivoli Theater in Fallsburg. He is survived by his daughter, Jillian Levan and her husband Logan of Schenectady, NY; his son, Tyler Fedroff and his wife Ashley of Lock Haven, PA; his grandchildren, Caden, Keira, Brayden, Kali and Crew; and one brother, Jeffrey Fedroff of Goodyear, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Renee Ryder and Michael Fedroff.

The family has chosen to remember James' life privately at this time. Memorial contributions in James' name may be made to the National MS Society, PO Box 91891 Washington, DC 20090.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com (Contd. Pg. 3)

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PAGE 3 Obituaries (From Pg. 2)

Frank Anderman, of Mountain Dale, NY passed away peacefully at his home on February 14, 2022 at the age of 98, surrounded by his loving family. Frank was born on February 1, 1924 to his loving parents Sam and Ester Anderman in Mountain Dale, NY where he grew up with his younger sister Pearl and brother Hesh.

As a young adult, Frank attended Mountain Dale High School and was involved with athletics. Upon graduation, he went to Lehigh University, worked in the machine shop, and when WWII broke out he enlisted in George Patton's Army. After the war, he came home and worked in carpentry and in the family fruit business with his father. His sister Pearl introduced him to her friend Myrna, and the two were wed April 30, 1949. They shared 67 wonderful years together.

Frank loved to eat and enjoyed driving in his convertibles and antique cars to his favorite restaurants. He had a green thumb and enjoyed planting vegetables in multiple gardens and yielding productive harvests. Frank also took great pride in building the family oil business, driving his truck and schmoozing with his customers. Frank drove a truck and delivered oil until he was 85 years old and continued to work in the office until he officially retired in 2013 at the age of 89. Frank was an inspiration to everyone around him, and not only did his family enjoy spending time with him he was truly a staple of Mountain Dale. Visitors would always come to see him, appreciated his generosity and loved hearing his stories and jokes. Frank was also dedicated to the local temple and enjoyed bringing the community together to enjoy sumptuous meals around the holidays.

Frank is survived by his children: Eddie and his wife Sheila, granddaughter Sammie and her husband Josh, son Gary and his wife Cathy; granddaughters Ava and Meredith.

He was predeceased by his wife Myrna, brother Hesh, sister Pearl and son Chester. Family meant the world to him, and he loved being the patriarch and boss of the business and family.

A graveside service was held at Mountain Dale Hebrew Association in Glenwild, New York on February 16th at 2:30 with the full Honor Guard and Color Guard in attendance. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Frank's memory to Yeshiva Zichron Mayir.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY. For additional information, contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the funeral home website at www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Household Hint:

Did that Valentine's Boquiet Leave a Stain on Your Glass Vase?

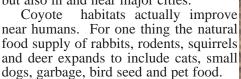
Unsightly film in jars, vases and other containers can be cleaned by pouring vinegar into the bottle, cover the opening, athen shake. For tougher stains, add a few tablespoons of rice or sand and shake vigorously. **Nature Column** - A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater and Shirley Davis.

Howling Coyotes!

It was about 4:00 am last Thursday and the security alarm went off and woke us up. We then heard the familiar 'barking' of a pack of coyotes traveling through the valley in Sundown!

Coyotes are firmly established throughout New York State.

The Eastern coyote (Canis latrans) is an intelligent adaptable animal. Coyotes are firmly established throughout New York State not only in the forest areas, but also in and near major cities.



How did they get here? Coyotes gradually extended their range eastward after wolves became extinct in the eastern U.S. and southern portions of Canada. Coyotes first appeared in the early 1900s in western Ontario and in the 1920s in New York.

The Eastern coyote looks like a skinny medium-sized German



Shepherd with thick fur and pointed ears. Its full bushy tail is carried pointed down. The animal is 4-5 feet long, tail included and weighs 35-45 pounds (males more than females).

If you hear a coyote family of five or six howling at night it sounds like the woods must be overflowing with coyotes. Just a few coyote can make a tremendous amount of noise.

Our Eastern coyote forms a family of the adult pair and their pups each year. Together they hunt and defend a home territory of 10-15 square miles against

other coyotes. At the end of summer the youngsters are driven from the parents' territory and travel up to a hundred miles searching for vacant territory to claim for their own.

Eastern coyotes feed on whatever is in season and are superb mousers the year around. In spring their diet includes frogs, plants and insects; in summer berries and woodchucks; in fall small animals, and game birds; and in winter road kill deer and other carrion. In hunger emergencies coyotes attack and kill weakened deer.

What is the Current Legal Status of Coyotes in New York?

Coyotes have been listed as a game and furbearing species in New York since 1976 and are protected by the Environmental Conservation Law. This law allows the state to establish limited hunting and trapping seasons, and the means of take, and to monitor the take by means of a pelt-tagging system. The coyote population is thriving and well established statewide as a New York resident.

Pet owners should know that coyotes consider cats and small dogs that roam free outdoors as fair prey. The potential does exist for coyote attacks on people, especially young children.

Everybody needs to accept that the coyote is here to stay. Whether or not we can control the population is questionable but in the meantime we can attempt to prevent Coyote visits in our yards by taking necessary precautions. See Page 7 for *DEC Issues Guidance to Avoid Coyote Conflicts*

Hopefully the howling coyotes were just passing through and on their way to a new destination - a hundred miles from our backyards!



DAYS OF YORE.....

Today's History

February 20, 1952

Miss Mardell Maere Matzinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matzinger of Liberty, and Bruce Denman, Jr., son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Neversink, will be united in marriage at the Presbyterian Church in Liberty on Saturday, March 1st. Miss Matzinger is an employee of the National Bank of Liberty. Mr. Denman, a former National Bank employee, is now with the armed forces.

Fire in the boiler room at the Frazier-Davis Construction Co. installations at Grahamsville caused an estimated \$2,000 damage early Sunday morning. Prompt action by the Grahamsville Fire Department prevented further damage and stopped the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. Fire Chief Elwood Velie, who is also night watchman for Frazier-Davis, discovered the fire and turned in the alarm at 4:30 Sunday morning.

February 21, 1962

Prisoners at the Eastern Correctional Institution at Napanoch formerly opened a drive this week to collect 100,000 books of trading stamps to build a \$150,000 Roman Catholic Chapel within the walls of the institution. The proposed chapel will be called St. Jude. It is to be built in a corner of the recreational yard. The Rev. Matthew J. Killion, Catholic chaplain, said a volunteer committee of prison employees decided on the drive for trading stamps.

Christopher Moser, 68, of Woodbourne, one of the county's last remaining blacksmiths and also a World War I veteran, died at his home on Monday. February 12th. He was born in Roscoe on September 18, 1893, the son of John and Sidonia Moser. He married Loretta Brown at Hurleyville on January 8, 1924. Survivors are his wife of Woodbourne; two daughters, Mrs. John Nelson of Middletown and Mrs. Thomas Marshalek of Woodbourne; a son, Christopher of Woodbourne and five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferber were very pleasantly surprised last Wednesday evening then twenty-five friends and relatives gathered at their home to give them a house warming.

February 23, 1972

U.S. Air Force Major James H. Grey, son of Mrs. Dorothy Grey, Sundown Rd., Grahamsville, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces in Southeast Asia. Major Grey, a staff nuclear safety officer, was presented the medal at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado where he is now stationed.

Mrs. Effie Sheeley, 89, of Sundown, died Monday at Hamilton Avenue Hospital, Monticello after a long illness. She was born April 12, 1882 in Sundown to John H. and Emily Brown Brooks. She was married to Ivan Sheeley. A life resident of Sundown, she was a member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church and the Willing Workers of the church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Davie Gully on the birth of twin daughters born Friday night at Ellenville Community Hospital. The girls weighed almost 7 lbs and almost 8 lbs...some size for twins, isn't it?

February 23, 1972

A big baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks on Valentine's Day. Little Jacob Arthur weighed in at 9 lbs. 4 oz. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Quick of Ellenville and his paternal grandmother is Emma Hamilton.

February 25, 1982

George P. Krom of Grahamsville, a lifelong area resident, died Sunday at Benedictine Hospital, Kingston after a short illness. He was 69. The son of the late Frank and Louise Misner Krom, he was born June 10, 1914 in Claryville. A retired laborer for the New York State DOT, he was a member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Sheley Krom, at home; a daughter, Helen Mickelson of Grahamsville and three sons: Richard and Robert of Grahamsville and John Krom of Neversink; two sisters, Mary Donaldson of Grahamsville and Thelma DuBois of Neversink; nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Glen Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill of Hastings Drive, Grahamsville has been named to the Dean's List at Sullivan County Community College for the first semester. Glenn is a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is an accounting major at SCCC.

Melissa Ann Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Richard W. Schmitz of Woodbourne, N.Y. were married July 18, 1981 at the Air Force Academy Protestant Cadet Chapel. The bride is the daughter of Mack and Jean Robinson of the Colorado Springs. The bridegroom is the son of June Schmitz and Lorence Schmitz, both of Woodbourne, N.Y. There was a second wedding ceremony held here for Richard's relatives on July 25, 1981 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Woodbourne with the Rev. Harlan Nyhof performing the ceremony.

Test Kits were Distributed at SC Government Center

Monticello, NY - Thanks to a newly arrived shipment from the State, Sullivan County was able to distribute free COVID-19 athome test kits last Thursday, February 17, at the Government Center.

"We took possession of 20,000 kits," Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Farney explained. "Since most of our towns, villages and schools have ample supply, we will be distributing these to agencies in need, County employees and, on Thursday, to the general public."

Local libraries are now distribution sites. You can also contact your local town or village to find out if they still have test kits available:

- o Town of Bethel 845-583-4350
- o Town of Callicoon 845-482-5390
- o Town of Cochecton 845-932-8360
- o Town of Delaware 845-887-5250
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- o Town of Mamakating 845-888-3000
- o Town of Neversink 845-985-2262
- o Town of Rockland 845-439-4399
- o Town of Thompson 845-794-2500
- o Town of Tusten 845-252-7146
- o Village of Bloomingburg 845-733-1400
- o Village of Jeffersonville 845-482-4275
- o Village of Liberty 845-292-2250
- o Village of Monticello 845-794-6130
- o Village of Woodridge 845-434-7447
- o Village of Wurtsboro 845-888-2522

For those unable to access any of these locations, contact the Sullivan County Community Assistance Center at 845-807-0925 for help.

Please Report Positive Results!

If your at-home test yields a positive result, please report it to Sullivan County Public Health Services at www.sullivanny.us/Departments/Publichealth/Coronavirus/Attest ation, even if you have no symptoms. Results are kept confidential and will aid Public Health officials in gaining a full understanding of COVID-19's presence in the community.

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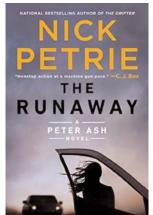


The Runaway Mysterious Book Report No. 478 by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Master of hard-boiled crime fiction and award-winning writer Nick Petrie takes bad-assery to a whole new dimension in his newest (the seventh) novel featuring a PTSD-stricken U.S. Marine veteran named Peter Ash.

The Runaway, (Putnam, \$27.00, 400 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-53550-8), begins in rural Montana, where an orphaned, neglected, victimized and beautiful teenaged girl named Helene Johansen impulsively ditches her nowhere job in the middle of the graveyard shift at a broken down convenience store, and takes off with a charming stranger named Roy Wiley.

Several months later, Peter Ash is driving one of the many back roads through rural Nebraska, when he stops to help a seriously pregnant woman with car trouble. It's Helene Johansen. She's now nineteen years-old and living with a monster named Roy Wiley, who breaks into high-end

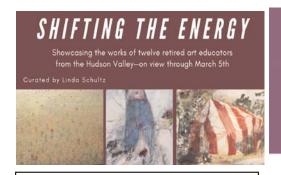


homes throughout the west and steals valuable paintings, antiques, guns, and furniture which he and his crew then sell for cash. An ex- cop, he's also a remorseless, and stone cold serial killer who's holding Helene against her will. Although they were married somewhere along the way, she's afraid he'll eventually take her life. But when Peter tries to help, he's confronted by four armed men and barely escapes with his life. The young mother-to-be, in order to save herself and her unborn baby, tells her husband that Ash was taking her against her will. She does her best to be convincing . . . thinks he might even believe her . . . but can't be certain. Meanwhile, the ever-gallant Peter Ash is pulling all the stops in order to try and save her. The crimes and the bodies continue to pile up all the way to a heart-stopping conclusion of this action-filled thriller in which the reader is never quite sure if anyone will make it to the last page and still be alive!!

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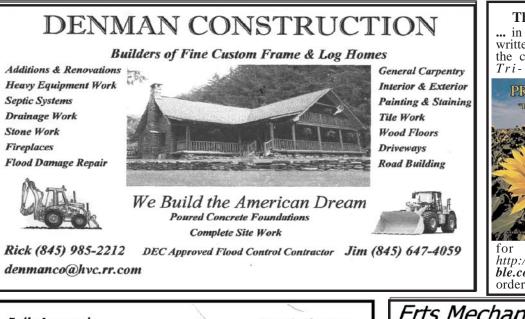


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The Olive Jarby Carol Olsen LaMonda Domestic Olympics

I, like many of you, have been watching the Winter Olympics in Beijing. Some of the events left me in awe that the human body can twist, twirl, and zoom like that. As I watch someone doing the Giant Slalom, I contemplate whether or not I can rise from the recliner to get another helping of ice cream without the aid of a Hoyer Lift.

I never claimed to be an athlete of any sort, so I thought about translating the Olympic events to a more reasonable, domestic level. First there would be the biathlon. That would be my morning dash, carrying two cups of sunflower seeds, to refill the two bird feeders on the deck without my winter coat and

in my bare feet. My time increases as the temperature decreases.

Next the giant slalom becomes my morning walk with the dog down my long, and it is long and curvy, driveway to get the mail. We do not have moguls, but there are potholes big enough to lose a Volkswagen and icy patches to avoid at all costs. I learned that lesson well.

The speed skating event is when the smoke detector is going off because I forgot to change the battery. Of course, there are no spare 9volt batteries, so the dash is off to the Dollar Store down the icy road before the dogs freak out from the high pitched sound. My record is six minutes.

My favorite event is curling. First of all the curling outfit resembles many of my pajama or yoga outfits in most of the colors of the rainbow. Instead of that thing they sweep, my broom is sweeping away all of the wood chips, candy wrappers, and cookie crumbs that accumulate mysteriously over night.



I will miss the nightly contact with the world's finest athletes. Next week it is back to Jeopardy. I might be a contender for a bronze medal because there are but three contestants.

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DEC Issues Guidance to Avoid Covote Conflicts New Yorkers Urged to Follow DEC Guidelines to Avoid any Issues

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today issued guidance to help prevent conflicts between people and coyotes to protect the public and their pets.

"This is the time of year when New York's resident coyotes breed and set up dens for pups that will arrive in the spring," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "While conflicts with people and pets are rare, New Yorkers should remain alert and follow DEC's common-sense guidelines to minimize the risk for potential conflicts with coyotes."

Coyotes can be found in habitats throughout the state, from rural farmland and forests to green spaces in suburban and urban areas. For the most part, coyotes avoid contact with people. However, conflicts with people and pets may occur as coyotes tend to be more territorial during breeding and pup-rearing seasons in the spring and summer. If coyotes learn to associate food sources such as garbage or pet food with people, these animals may lose their natural fear of humans, increasing the potential for close encounters or conflicts.

To reduce the likelihood of conflicts with coyotes, New Yorkers are encouraged to take the following steps:

Do not feed coyotes.

Do not leave food outside. Pet food and garbage attract coyotes and other wildlife and increase risks to people and pets:

Do not feed pets outside;

Prevent access to garbage;

Fence or enclose compost piles; and

Eliminate availability of bird seed. Concentrations of birds and rodents that come to feeders can attract coyotes.

Do not allow coyotes to approach people or pets. If you see a coyote, be aggressive in your behavior: stand tall and hold your arms up or out to look as large as possible. If a coyote lingers for

too long, make loud noises, wave arms, and throw sticks and stones.

Teach children to appreciate coyotes from a distance.

Do not allow pets to run free. Supervise outdoor pets to keep them safe from coyotes and other wildlife, especially at sunset and at night. Small dogs and cats are especially vulnerable.

Fence yards to deter coyotes. The fence should be more than four feet tall, and tight to the ground, preferably extending six inches below ground level.

Remove brush and tall grass from around homes to reduce protective cover for coyotes. Coyotes are typically secretive and like areas where they can hide.

Ask neighbors to follow these steps to prevent coyote conflicts.

During this time of year, coyotes tend to be more active and may be more visible and simply seeing a coyote occasionally is not a cause for concern. However, if coyotes exhibit bold behaviors and fail to exhibit fear of people, or if seen repeatedly during the day near residences, the public is advised to contact their Regional DEC Wildlife Office for assistance. In emergency situations, contact the local police department.

For additional information about the Eastern covote and preventing conflicts with covotes, visit the DEC webpages below:

Eastern Coyote https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9359.html Coyote Conflicts https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6971.html Feeding Wildlife: A Wrong Choice https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/74763.html Tips to Eliminate Wildlife Conflicts https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/89522.html 'Be Covote Conscious' (PDF) https://www.dec.nv.gov/docs/administration pdf/covoteconscious.pdf



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Tri-Valley's 8th Graders Put on Mock Town Hall

Friday, February 11 was another very special day at Tri-Valley Central School. On this day, Tri-Valley's 8th graders participated in a Mock Town. The Mock Town Hall went back to the year 1900 to debate the issue of building the local reservoirs in our area.

In preparation for the event, students learned a great deal about our local history with the reservoirs in their English and science classes. After learning about the history, all participating students were assigned to argue from the perspective of one of four different stakeholder groups: Catskill residents, New York City residents, New York City government officials, or workers of the reservoirs. They did further research to find evidence to support their arguments for their specific group.

During the Town Hall, students debated back and forth about the issues concerning the building of the reservoirs. The New York City residents and government talked about the desperate need for clean water. The Catskill residents focused their arguments on the unfairness of it all-how they had to give up their livelihood and not receive adequate compensation in return. The workers talked about their lack of safety on the job and their need for more rights.

All points and arguments were heard by the moderator of the event- Dick Coombe, local resident, former Assemblyman, and President of the Time and the Valleys Museum, as well as a pair of esteemed panelists: Deb Kelley, Assistant Superintendent at Tri-Valley, and Dave Pulley, Secondary School Principal at Tri-Valley. At the conclusion of the Town Hall, the panel gave feedback to the students about their arguments.

This Mock Town Hall was organized through the collabo-



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ration of Matt Haynes, 8th grade ELA teacher at Tri-Valley, and Deb Swett, special education teacher at Tri-Valley. This event has been taking place for several years now.

This hugely successful event allowed students to learn about our local history and practice

their public speaking and debate skills. As is the case with many events in our community, it could not have happened without the hard work of everyone involved: students, teachers, staff, administrators, community members, and parents. Thank you all!



Time for a Restorative Break

By this time in the winter, it's likely you need a restorative break to recharge and refocus. Nothing could be better than spending a weekend with us in the Sullivan Catskills! After all, it's the time of when you can walk on water!

Layer up, grab an auger, and some tip ups, and head out to one of Sullivan County's popular ice fishing waters. For regulations, click here - https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/31157.html

If you can make an extra-long, long weekend, look ahead to March 23, connect to your inner peace at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts with Marc Switko for Sound Healing. He'll help you connect to your inner peace with gong mediation.

On Thursday nights head up to Parksville - at 7:30 pm Cab'raoke at Cabernet Frank's gets underway. Sing a song, sing someone else's song, sip a cocktail then sing another tune. Speaking of cocktails, long weekends are perfect for exploring our Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail. It's full of wine, spirits, beer, and cider. All handcrafted, many award-winning, and all for you! Please drink responsibly and designate a driver. Another trail worth exploring is our Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail, our collection of now 60 hand-painted doves celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. There is plenty more to explore while you're here. Check SullivanCatskills.com, Instagram and Facebook feeds, too, for the most up-to-date happenings!

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Now you'll need a place to stay for the weekend. If you're bringing a group how does a place all your own sound? Check out the variety of vacation rentals close to downtowns or away from it all. At our full-service resorts you can get presidential treatment: Find the perfect suite at Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark where it's always 84° inside; or at the Villa Roma enjoy great holiday weekend rates for the whole family with special rates starting at \$65 per night for children aged 4-12 and \$208 for adults. Pamper yourself and your partner with a relaxing stay at Yo1 Health Resort.

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The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

I finally got myself out of my sweats and actually went out to see some live music last Friday night. As you all know, I haven't been out since December. Partially, that's weather related but more because it seemed every time I did leave the house...even just to



run into a convenience store, I'd run into a mask-less someone and I would be informed within days that they had tested positive. Four times! I'm happy my mask is glued to my face!

Friday was a very special night at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville as it was the kick off date for FAITH KELLY & CASWYN MOON SOUTHERN TOUR 2022! I've always enjoyed CASWYN MOON'S music but other than a video, I'd never seen FAITH KELLY live and I was interested in exploring the dynamics of these two power houses together.

Her video of WE DREAM (available on YOUTUBE) was sent to me back in November and I have to say it was quite intriguing. But with most things, seeing her live was so much more. Her vocal style is an interesting blend of a bit Pat Benatar, a bit Joan Jett and a bit Alanis Morissette creating a fresh and provocative sound. Her music is all original and if you listen closely to both the music and the lyrics, you get that emotion projected as still raw but not unappealing.



CASWYN'S music, also all original, has that same raw appeal in a more soulful approach. With both on stage, FAITH'S understated underpinnings on the MOOG synthesizer during his performance served to heighten those depths. I can see how this will become a formidable performance alliance.

In addition, another truly impressive quality of this night is something very difficult to do well, yet there it was for all to hear. Changing tempo within a song can be done and changing tempo several times is rarely done well. The only other performers in memory that do this extremely well is a 'jam band' called BAKED SHRIMP. Unless you are a frequenter of music festivals, you are probably not familiar with them and I think the only time they have performed around here was the LONCON FEST at the ARROW-HEAD RANCH in Parksville last summer. Yet, on stage, I was hearing the several tempo changes within songs being done so fluid-ly that one almost didn't realize what was happening. I am so very glad I bolstered my courage and went out to see them.

I'm only posting the tour dates from when this paper will be available. If you know anyone in these areas or you are in one your-

self, I encourage you to get the word out that these two should definitely be seen!

Feb 22: Soul Bar; Augusta, GA

Feb 23: The Kava Kat; Port St. Lucie, FL

Feb 24: Organizm Mvmt; St. Petersburg, FL

Feb 25: If I Brewed The World; St. Petersburg, FL

Feb 26: Sage Bird Ciderworks; Harrisburg, VA

Feb 27: Řusty Nail; Ardmore, PA

Wednesday, March 1, CASWYN MOON will be at CABERNET FRANK'S hosting the Open Mic 7pm.

I have to end this on a sad note, as I just found out the drummer known to all as "Nicky Redd" has passed from this earth. I have no other information right now. He was a staple in this music world and we were good friends for several years and I will miss him.

Stay safe, stay well and stay masked.



Nicky Redd

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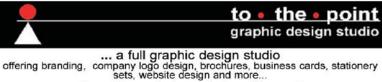
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Sullivan 180 and partners are planning an exciting new event, "What's Your Blueprint?" Youth Summit, on March 18th, 2022 at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. This is a free event, open to Sullivan County youth (grades 9-12) to participate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"What's Your Blueprint" Youth Summit promises teens will be inspired by the importance of their VOICE, their ability to ACT for change, and help them CREATE their personal blueprint for life. Students will experience interactive workshops to open their minds and hearts to greater service for themselves and their schools. The day will be centered on the famous Dr. King speech, A Blueprint for Your Life, with workshops around the principles from the speech; Belief in Oneself, Determination and Commitment.

Students who attend will also receive:

- o 4-hours of community service for graduation
- o Free hoodie sweatshirt & journal
- o Free locally-sourced lunch from A Single Bite
- o Chance to win Bethel Woods 4-pack lawn tickets
- o Resources for local summer jobs
- o Resources for local summer paid internships

The event will also feature keynote speaker, Damola Akinyemi, who is a former international basketball player, world renowned body builder, founder of Ayo Fitness, creator of the Ayo Jam fitness program, inventor of the Hydra Glove and former colead of the award winning Warrior Kids program which taught thousands of children across the Hudson Valley about healthier choices.

This is a FREE event, but registration is REQUIRED. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination, proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hrs of the event, or consent to a rapid PCR COVID-19 test at the event is also required. Refreshments and a healthy, locally sourced lunch by A Single Bite will be provided. To learn more, please visit www.Sullivan180.org.

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THE TOWNSMANFEBRUARY 24, 2022FCSD Girls' Varsity BasketballTeam



FCSD Girls' Varsity Basketball Team on February 8, 2022 before the game with Liberty High School. The seniors are Kaitlyn Cross and Ashley Grande. In the photo are the Cheerleading Team, all the members of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, the families of Ashely Grande and Kaitlyn Cross, and Head Coach Michael Ballard on the far-right side.

Fallsburg Triumphs in Souper Bowl

Once again, the Town of Fallsburg is a big winner in the Super Bowl every That is, the year. Souper Bowl. The winners are the children in the Benjamin Cosor Elem-entary School Student Government Associ-ation (SGA) and all those that attend the Food South Pantry at Fallsburg's St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

The SGA, under the guidance of their faculty advisor Peter Dworetsky, spent the week before the Super Bowl collecting cans and packages of soup from families of students and the school staff. Mr. Dworetsky delivered the two large boxes to St. Andrews the day after football game.



Recent collection and donation of soup cans to South Fallsburg's St. Andrews Episcopal Church Food Pantry by Benjamin Cosor Elementary School SGA. In the picture are BCES fourth graders, Chloe Jordy on the left and Kimberly Duncan on the right. In the middle is SGA Advisor Peter Dworetsky.

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News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec



Our 1st Annual Winterfest is over! And it was an incredible success. More than we expected! Our Townsman shared some great pictures and information on the Winterfest, so I am not going to repeat that. What I want to do is extend the much deserved Thank You's to all the people who made this Winterfest a success.

So BIG THANKS to:

The volunteers that handled the Ice Rink for us- The morning crew of Jen Thomas and the DPL Team (Mari Martin Deidre McHugh, Leanore Egan, Bill & Nicole Richardson and the Richardson Kids); the afternoon crew of Stu Alexander and Joan Mingo; and the evening crew of Eng-San Kho and Walt Zeitschel. We registered over 160 skaters that day!

 ϕ Our organizations providing the food--The Tri-Valley School FCCLA & FBLA Programs led by Tanya Huggler, Jessica Schafer & Christine Grim: our Tri-Valley Little League led by Larry Whipple and Tom Mitchell; and our Bear Cub Basketball led by Melissa Wilhelm.

 ϕ Our musicians that provided us the music throughout the day---Jesse Noren, Shane Rennison and a surprise performance by Albi.

¢ State Trouper Jason and his best buddy Jake for their outstanding and entertaining demonstration of the State Trooper K-9's.
¢ All our vendors who were an incredible asset to our day by providing the libations, popcorn, maple syrups, jewelry, beauti-

ful crafts, bakery goods, and the list goes on!

¢ Our Stump Devil Ice Carvers who created beautiful ice sculptures that we continued to enjoy for days

¢ Gillian Barnard who made so many of the kids happy by painting their faces with delightful and fun designs

¢ Kira Bivens, our Worlds Ms. New York Tourism 2022 for overseeing our Kids Craft Tent

 ϕ Our Town Highway Team for providing us parking and making sure the roads were clear (as clear as they could be with all that ice!)

 ϕ And of course none of this would have been possible without those Parks & Rec Board Members, and their husbands, that came and helped for the entire week so that you could enjoy the day. And to Walt Zeitschel, my better half, who was there for all of us during the set-up, the event day and the clean-up!

 ϕ And to OUR COMMUNITY---you are what made this event successful! You came even though the mud was thick, and the ice was slick-and you enjoyed everything we had to offer. So thank you Community for all your support.

Now to plan for next year!

Those of you who did attend the Winterfest may have noticed the beautiful new benches by the Ice Rink. We commissioned Mr. Nick Denman's Building Design & Construction Class at Tri-Valley to make these much needed benches. These young men did an incredible job. A big thank you to Mr. Denman and his class: Nicolas Beiling, David Goetschuis-Rosade, Jesse Hynson, Stephen Johnson, Vincent Mingo, Jesse Payne, Christopher Russo Jr., Alexander Surita Jr. and Tret Wallace. The benches are being put to good use at the rink. THANK YOU ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE! (check out the picture of our craftsmen with one of the benches they made).

Our plans our to keep our **Community Ice Rink** open through March. We are still looking for donations of adult skates and helmets.

As a reminder here are our **current** hours of operation:

Tuesday, Thursdays & Fridays 7 pm - 9 pm

Saturdays 1 pm - 3 pm & 7 pm - 9 pm Sundays 1 pm - 5 pm

Make sure to check our Facebook page for changes to these hours of operation due to weather conditions and to see if we have any special events scheduled at the rink. And remember: ALL SKATERS, YOUNG AND OLD, MUST WEAR HELMETS ON THE ICE!

We are planning some exciting things for spring and summer months, including our Movies at the Fairgrounds. Keep reading your Townsman and as always, check our Facebook page for additional information on upcoming events. Any questions send them to cwparksandrec@gmail.com. And as always, be safe, stay healthy, stay warm and most of all be happy.



Mr. Denman and his Building Design & Construction Class at Tri-Valley class, Nicolas Beiling, David Goetschuis-Rosade, Jesse Hynson, Stephen Johnson, Vincent Mingo, Jesse Payne, Christopher Russo Jr., Alexander Surita Jr. and Tret Wallace made these much needed benches

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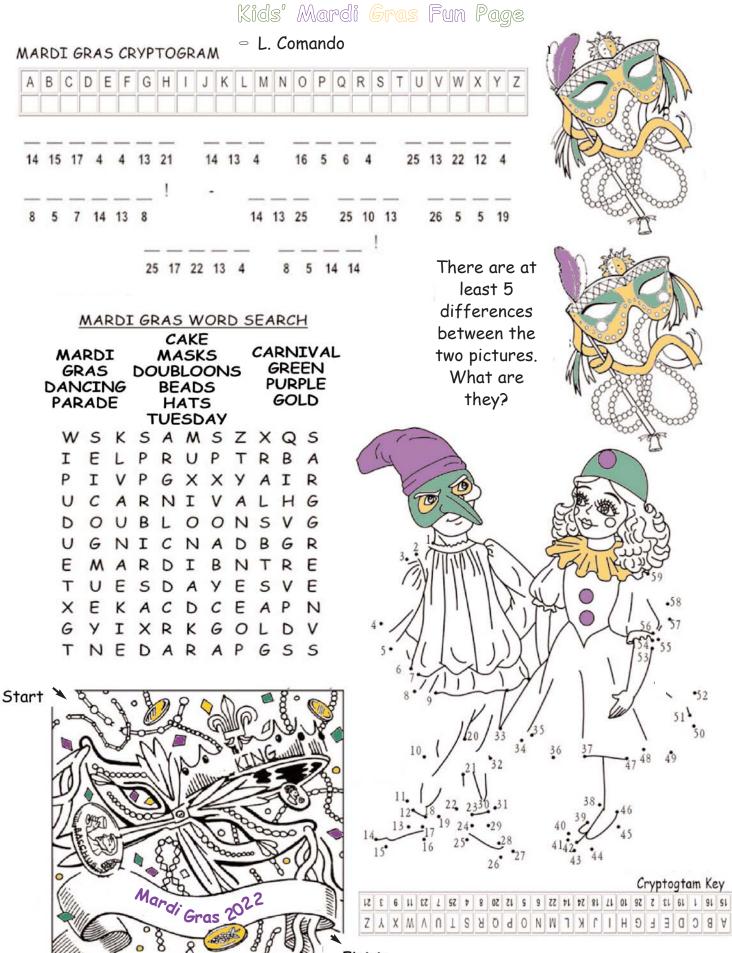
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UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces UCAT Has Put its First Three Electric Buses on the Road

County Executive Ryan announces that UCAT will have 9 more electric buses in the coming years The Ulster County Executive and Ulster County Legislature are making major progress towards the County's aggressive Green Fleet goal of 20% green by 2025

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) has put its first three electric buses on the

road. The buses will run on 100% renewable electricity and reduce transit-related greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 10% (112 metric tons of CO2e per year). County Executive Ryan and the Ulster County Legislature are making major progress towards the County's aggressive Green Fleet policy goal of 20% green by 2025: the addition of these three electric buses brings the number of green vehicles in Ulster County's fleet to approximately 9%. As UCAT buses near the end of their useful life, they will be replaced, and nine more buses are scheduled to be replaced with electric buses in the coming years.

"Putting electric buses on the road is an essential part of implementing our Green New Deal in Ulster County," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Not only are we the first county in the nation to develop our own localized Green New Deal plan, but we are also taking aggressive action to implement our plan and protect our environment. Here in Ulster County, we are showing that bold climate action is not only the morally right thing to do, but that it will also position our community as an economic leader in New York State and across the nation."

"As Chair of the County Legislature and co-sponsor of Ulster County's Green Fleet Policy, I have long been an advocate of Ulster County's transition to clean energy," Ulster County Chairwoman Tracey Bartels said. "Making progress on the County's Green Fleet goal of 20% by 2025 will enable Ulster County to build economic opportunities and health for future generations while building upon our reputation of environmental leadership."

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"NYSERDA commends Ulster County's leadership and commitment demonstrated by the addition of not one, not two, but three electric buses with a plan for adding more to their fleet in the years ahead," Doreen M. Harris President and CEO of NYSERDA said. "We are proud to support their efforts to implement clean transportation which will make a big difference to the community with reduced pollution and emissions and an eco-friendly, accessible, and comfortable ride for passengers."

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) provided the charging infrastructure and coordinated with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for the use of Volkswagen settlement funding. Additionally, the UCAT depot was equipped with wiring upgrades to allow for expanded charging in the future and the development of renewable energy technologies. (Contd. Pg. 20)

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March Meetings

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Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2022, Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level, Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level, Regular Meeting #17 resumes approximately 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level

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UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces UCAT Has Put its First Three **Electric Buses on the Road**

(From Pg. 17) "The New York Power Authority is proud to have played a leading role in helping Ulster County achieve this milestone," NYPA interim CEO and President Justin E. Driscoll said. "Replacing aging diesel buses with new electric models will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lead to a cleaner and more efficient public transportation system. Ulster County's continued commitment to a sustainable future shows how one region can help make a difference in New York State achieving its clean energy goals."

In September 2020, County Executive Ryan and then Senator Jen Metzger announced that Ulster County was receiving \$100,000 from a State and Municipal Facilities Capital (SAM) program grant, which funded a 30kw solar array that was installed on the roof of the UCAT transit facility to power the facility and charging infrastructure for electric buses.

The electric buses now on the roads of Ulster County are wrapped with the message, "Electric is Our Future." UCAT bus rides range from free for children, SUNY Ulster students and veterans, to \$2 for outside Ulster County adults. Schedules be found online can http://ucat.ulstercountyny.gov/routes/.

Photo: Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan (at podium) unveils UCAT's new electric buses with (from left to right) Ulster County Legislature Chairwoman Tracey Bartels, Fabio Mantovani, NYPA's VP of e-Mobility, David Sandbank, NYSERDA's Vice President of Distributed Energy Resources, and community partners of J&J Sass Electric.

Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra Quartet: Ladies Night

were highly regarded for their talents as performers, but rarely acknowledged by the masses for their abilities as composers. Their music rivaled their male counterparts. But it wasn't until very recently that there has been a revival of their sound. Performing at Ladies Night will be: Akiko Hosoi - violin, Adrienne Harmon - violin, Chiu Chen Liu - viola and Kirsten Jermé - cello. The performances are Saturday, April 2nd at 6 PM at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre in Hurleyville, NY and Sunday, April 3rd at 2 PM in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) in Narrowsburg, NY.

Mendelssohn-Hensel's (1805-1847) music reflects her deep reverence for Bach and Beethoven as well as a strong influence from her brother. It exhibits a fine craftsmanship and lyricism typical of the post-Classical Mendelssohnian style, combined with her own experimental and inventive approach to form and content. Primarily a composer of piano repertoire, Carreño (1853-1917) composed her string quartet in 1896. From the time of its first appearance, this quartet received considerable notice. It shows a thoroughly sound grasp of quartet technique and style. Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944) was marginalized as a "woman composer" and her music was never accepted into the mainstream. When she composed more delicate compositions, they were criticized for not measuring up to the standards of her male counterparts. Her String Quartet in C minor was composed while studying the music of Beethoven in the Leipzig Conservatory. And, like Beethoven, Smyth shows a masterful command of the quartet form with dramatic themes and developments that were often considered "too masculine" for a female composer. SCCO Artistic Director Andrew Trombley says, "Their individual styles and sounds are so unique compared to their contemporaries. Each of their sounds is reflective of their remarkable careers, relationships, and personalities. We are thrilled to bring these extraordinary works to the stage for you all to enjoy."

Tickets for April 2nd (adults \$25, students \$10) may be purchased at hurleyvilleartscentre.org. Masks required.

Advanced ticket

encouraged. However, tickets will be available at the door until capacity is met. Please call (845) 985-4722 with any inquiries. Tickets for April 3rd are

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free as part of the DVAA's Series. Advanced registration for the event is required The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra performs a chamber music concert in Monticello in at delawarevalle-Octoberof 2021. From left: Akiko Hosoi, Or Matias, Luke Krafka, Andrew Trombley and Colin Brookes. yartsalliance.org.

(Monticello, NY) Since 1995, March has been designated in the U.S. as "Women's History Month." The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) celebrates by performing chamber music from three amazing composers. The program includes: String Quartet in Eb Major by Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel (Felix Mendelssohn's sister), String Quartet in B minor by Teresa Carreño and String Quartet in C minor by Ethel Smyth. Mendelssohn, Carreño and Smyth Limited seating, masks and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test are required. Please call (845) 252-7576 with any inquiries.

SCCO is a Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) supported project. This program is made possible in part by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathleen Courtney Hochul and the NY State Legislature. Additional funding is from the M&T Bank Charitable Foundation



The Daniel Pierce Library Presents...



Time and the Valleys Museum Event Saturday, March 12th 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

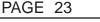
The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present, and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. To learn more about our local museum and it's history, join us for an informative talk and tour.



Advanced online registration at danielpiercelibrary.org is required. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. In case of inclement weather, please check our FB page.

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ARTISTS • CRAFTERS Need a place to show and sell your crafts? Call us at 845-985-0501 email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or visit our Virtual Mall http://gnomehomeinc.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The GUMC held their final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th. Even when we are closed we want the community to know that, by appointment, our Thrift items are always available to anyone in case of an emergency by calling 845-985-2283. Because of storage space we are NOT ABLE to receive items again until next spring. Please help us by storing your treasures at your house until then. Please DO NOT drop off items at the church until we know there will be a future Thrift Sale. Thank you.

Tri-Valley Little Leage Registration Dates

All Registration dates will be at the Grahamsville First Aid/Ambulance Building

> Feb. 19, 11am -3pm Feb. 26, 11am -3pm

Volunteer and Opening Day Informational meeting immediately following the last registration.

> Cost Tball - \$25 Minor/Major 1 child \$75 2 children \$100 3 children \$125

You can also register online at tylleague.org All minor and major registrations include raffle tickets. If you register online please make sure you contact us to get your tickets. Questions or concerns send us an email

trivalleylleague@gmail.com or call Larry Whipple at 914-799-1490

Celebrate at Daniel Pierce Library

MARDI GRAS DONUTS coming March 1, 2022!

Pre-order today.

Did you enjoy our delicious donuts last fall at the Pumpkin Party? Here is your chance to order a dozen or two in time for Mardi Gras. Pre-orders only. Choose between plain or cinnamon sugar donuts. Orders are by the dozen. Cost is \$6 per dozen. In order to have donuts ready all orders must be submitted by February 22, 2022. Payment instructions are included with the order form. If you need help contact us at 985-7233.

Pre order your donuts at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfolclZdgZwxYSWC8A P4Lx8CzHMxKPkZRrwCGfCE-SyN_CXsg/viewform

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

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

THE TOWNSMAN

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/1/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/2/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/8/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/9/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/12/22 Claryville Fire Department Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper 4 7 pm
- 3/15/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/17/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/20/22 Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am 12 noon

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

During these uncertain times - PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION for updates & changes Local Town Hall Websites:

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update February 21 - 25, 2022

Monday, February 21

o President's Day Holiday - County Offices Closed

Tuesday, February 22

o 5:30 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics, at 303 Clinton Ave, Kingston

Wednesday, February 23

o 8:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, at 271 Main Street, New Paltz

o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 819 5080 7717, By Phone Dial (929) 436-2866

o 5:30 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 853 4307 5482, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board, at the West Hurley Fire Department, 24 Wall Street, West Hurley

Thursday, February 24

o 3:00 PM - Periodic Compensation Review Committee, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 874 2091 1689, Passcode: 634342, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Laws, Rules, and Government Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 863 1102 9550, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, February 25

o No Meetings

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The Townsman!

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

> 1" Boxed ad (1" x 3") - \$6.00 per week

Business card ad (2" × 3") \$12.00 per week

 $(3'' \times 4'') - 24.00 per week

(3" × 6") - \$36.00 per week

(4" × 6") - \$48.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" × 5") -\$40.00 per week

1/2 pg (4"x8") -\$64.00 per week

(6" × 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" ×10" - \$100.00 per week Digital Flyer - 8"×10 - \$100.00 per 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 to the week of the event) As in the past, there is no fee for advertising for our local churches.

> Low Rates High Visibility!

Remember All the Fun You Had at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sales? We Can't Allow that to Change!

This is the time of the year that many of us begin to look forward to the **Grahamsville UMC First Thrift Sale of the Season!** This will only happen this year if they get enough volunteers to help.

We all know how much fun we had looking for that special item and finding a lot more! Not only was it fun finding great bargains, but it was also a lot of fun seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends who were having just as much fun.

All those years, all those bargains, fun and food were **made possible by volunteers**. **Volunteers are special people** who want to give some time and effort back to the community. In the past volunteers found their little niche - whether it was sorting the new items that were brought in by donors, washing items so they were pristine when you bought them, placing the items in an orderly fashion on the racks, tables and shelves, or being there on a sale day helping those making purchases.

Unfortunately time has taken its toll on the number of volunteers that are needed to make the Thrift Sales happen. Some of the volunteers are longer with us, or are now unable to perform as they did in years past. How sad it would be not to have someone follow in their footsteps and step up and volunteer! If you loved coming to the Thrift Sales, why not become one of the volunteers?

You don't have to be a member of the Grahamsville UM Church to be a volunteer. Think about it. If everyone who came to the Thrift Sale in the past were to volunteer just a little of their time and a little effort, we could all still look forward to the **First Thrift Sale of the Season in April!**

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you to the church on Sunday and leave it with the pastor or mail it to: Grahamsville UM Church, P O Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 <u>Attention: Thrift Sale Volunteers</u>

NAME:	
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	Please check what type of volunteer service you can offer to
	help make the GUMC Thrift Sales happen
	Help sort donations
	Wash items when necessary
	Help with displaying and placing merchandise for sale
	Help at the Thrift Sales
Other:	If you have something else that you may offer to help, please let us know THANK YOU!

The Scholastic Art Awards for Sullivan, Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties Honors another Year of Excellence

LIBERTY: Sullivan BOCES and the Hudson Valley Scholastic Art Affiliates, a consortium of organizations including the Catskill Arts Society, Dutchess BOCES, the Enlarged City School Districts of Middletown, and the Orange County Arts Council, came together once again to organize and present the Regional 2022 Scholastic Art Awards Program for Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties.

This year, the Hudson Valley Regional Affiliate had 786 creative teens participate in the program from Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. A total of 2,392 works of art were adjudicated, and 170 Gold Keys, 242 Silver Keys, 371 Honorable Mentions, and 5 American Vision winners were recognized for their work.

In Sullivan County, there were thirteen gold key, seventeen silver key, and twenty-five honorable mention winners.

Edward Lundquist, Livingston Manor Central School, American Vision Nominee, 3 Gold Key, 2 Silver Key & 1 Honorable Mention Madison Cross, Liberty Central School - 1 Silver Key & 2 Honorable Mention

Madison Green, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key, 3 Silver Key & 2 Honorable Mention

Abigail Kelly, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key, 1 Silver Key & 4 Honorable Mention

Seriya Jorge, Liberty Central School - 1 Honorable Mention

Dylan Parks, Liberty Central School - 4 Gold Key, 2 Silver Key & 2 Honorable Mention

Rebecca Philips, Liberty Central School - 2 Honorable Mention

Melana Quick-Lepke, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key & 2 Honorable Mention

Andrew Scamihorn, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key, 1 Silver Key & 1 Honorable Mention

Summer Schmidt, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key, 1 Silver Key & 4 Honorable Mention

Zandy Valencia, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key, 4 Silver Key & 3 Honorable Mention

Grace Wormuth, Liberty Central School - 2 Silver Key & 1 Honorable Mention

Students receiving a Gold Key Award in architecture, ceramics, design, painting, illustration, fashion, photography, digital art, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture, or film categories have the opportunity to receive additional recognition. Their work is adjudicated on a national level by a panel of leading creative professionals. National Gold Medalists are announced in March and are honored during a special awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June.

The 2022 Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony honored this year's winners with a virtual ceremony that included professional painter, sculptor, and resident of Sullivan County, Allen Rubin, as the guest speaker. Mr. Rubin shared his journey as an artist visually during his presentation and was a true inspiration for these young artists. The ceremony also included virtual galleries for participants, families, and visitors to enjoy.

This year's competition was a notable year for Sullivan County. For the first time, a student from Sullivan County was awarded an American Vision Award. Edward Lundquist, an eleventh-grade student from the Livingston Manor CSD, received this prestigious award for his comic work of art, "Sky Tree." Congratulations Edward! Each year there are only five pieces selected for the American Vision Award. To be considered for this recognition, the

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A drop box has been installed in the front of the Town Hall. It is to the left of the door, under the window. Please

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payments, dog license renewals and any other Town Clerk business.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT CASH

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nominee has to exemplify the emergence of an original, personal point of view or style in their work of art.

According to Susan Zieres, Arts In Education Coordinator at Sullivan BOCES, "Everyone at the Hudson Valley Regional Scholastic Affiliate is proud of this year's winners. These young artists have an incredible amount of talent. Coming from Sullivan County, I am exceptionally pleased that Edward Lundquist's work won the American Vision Award for Sullivan County."

"I look forward to seeing what next year's competition brings," concluded Zieres.

The 2022 Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony and virtual art galleries can be viewed on the Sullivan BOCES website at https://www.scboces.org/2022ScholasticArtsAwards.

History of the Scholastic Arts Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12. Since the program's founding in 1923, the Scholastic Art Awards have fostered the creativity and talent of influence of students.

Each year, 250,000 students in grades 7 through 12 participate through regional programs and 50,000 students receive regional awards and exhibition opportunities. More than 30,000 entries qualify for national adjudication, and 1,100 young artists and writers across the country receive national awards. The Gold Portfolio Award recipients receive up to \$10,000 scholarships, representing the highest level of achievement in the Awards.

Many of our nation's most accomplished artists and writers are alumni of The Scholastic Art Awards, including Richard Avedon, Truman Capote, Frances Farmer, Joyce Maynard, Joyce Carol Oates, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, and Andy Warhol.



Medicare 101 Live Zoom Webinar

Saturday, March 5th, 2022 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Presented by: James Farnham, MBA, MS Licensed Agent

Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you!

Advanced online registration at danielpiercelibrary.org is required. Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join.

To register go to: https://danielpiercelibrary.org/medicare-101-live-zoom-webinar/

Shadowland Stages Announces the return of classic cinema in Ellenville

SHADOWLAND STUDIO CINEMA Four classic films screen at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES A brand new flexible black box theatre and event space at four Spring Sunday matinees

SHADOWLAND STAGES in Ellenville, NY, ("A tight knit community with room to grow" - New York Times) is once again presenting its love letter to the community in the form of showcasing classic films at an affordable price this spring with their 2022 series, Shadowland Studio Cinema. The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, a black box theatre that opened in 2021 with critical-favorite THE NICETIES as a part of SHADOWLAND's live theatre season, will adapt its flexible space to digital film presentation on four Sundays, March through May, for all to enjoy.

"As the world works its way back to 'normal', we're thrilled to bring back our classic film series, and get back to yearround programming at SHADOWLAND STAGES," said artistic director Brendan Burke.

The series will include:

SUNDAY MARCH 27th at 2pm - Howard Hawks' HIS GIRL FRIDAY

The series will open on Sunday, March 27th at 2:00pm, with Howard Hawks' HIS GIRL FRIDAY, the 1940 adaptation of Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur's stage perennial THE FRONT PAGE. Starring Cary Grant,

Rosalind Russell, Ralph Bellamy and a supporting cast of comedy stalwarts, HIS GIRL FRIDAY is a lightning-paced satire of the newspaper game and is a harbinger of the cynicism that some ascribe to

the current state of journalism. THE FRONT PAGE was produced five times on Broadway and saw three screen adaptations.

SUNDAY APRIL 10th at 2pm - THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA starring Lon Chaney

Shadowland Studio Cinema will continue on Sunday, April 10th at 2:00pm, with the first public performance of a new reconstruction of the silent film classic THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. Starring Lon Chaney,

Mary Philbin and Norman Kerry, the film is based on Gaston Leroux's 1910 novel. The film was originally released in 1925 and was rereleased in both silent and adapted-sound versions in 1930. The SHADOWLAND presentation is the first reconstruction of the original 1925 version using the best surviving elements from both releases, including the Bal Masque sequence originally photographed in 2-strip Technicolor. The musical score prepared especially for this reconstruction features music originally composed by Frank Skinner and Hans J. Salter for Universal's classic horror films, as well as music from Gounod's Faust. SHADOWLAND board member Ray Faiola, who has assembled the Shadowland Studio Cinema series and produced the PHAN-TOM reconstruction, will be on hand for a Q&A period after the feature.

SUNDAY APRIL 24th at 2pm - H.G. Wells' science fiction classic THINGS TO COME

On Sunday, April 24th at 2:00pm SHADOWLAND will present H.G. Wells' science fiction classic THINGS TO COME. Produced by Alexander Korda in 1936 and directed by William Cameron Menzies, THINGS TO COME stars Raymond Massey, Ralph Richardson and Cedric Hardwicke in a century-spanning epic about the fall and rise of civilization in the face of seemingly endless wars, famine and, ultimately, the quest to conquer space. In addition to the technical marvels achieved only a few years after the dawn of talking pictures, THINGS TO COME features a stirring musical score by Arthur Bliss.

SUNDAY MAY 1st at 2pm - SALT OF THE EARTH in celebration of May Day

The last film in the series, presented on May Day (Sunday, May 1st at 2:00pm) will be SALT OF THE EARTH - a 1954 independent drama produced and directed by Herbert Biberman (one of the ten Hollywood professionals sent to prison on charges of contempt of Congress before the House Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities). The film, starring Will Geer, deals with the struggle of immigrant miners and their quest for equity and parity with Anglo workers. Added to the National Film Registry in 1992, SALT OF THE EARTH was condemned at the time of its release by the United States House of Representatives for its communist sympathies.

SHADOWLAND looks forward to sharing their brand new second stage, The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, where audiences will enjoy comfortable seating and available concessions. The Studio provides an intimate setting for taking in these classic films on a big screen, and the series enjoys support from local sponsors - including restaurant partnerships which will provide incentive for staying in Ellenville for discounted dining at one of Ellenville's many wonderful restaurants around the corner from The Studio. (Contd. Pg. 29)



availability or usage.

Shadowland Stages Announces the return of classic cinema in Ellenville

(From Pg. 28) Each of the Shadowland Studio Cinema presentations will run approximately two hours and include a short subject from the same period as the showcase feature. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors, and \$10 for kids under 18, and may be purchased in advance online at ShadowlandStages.org or at the door. All screenings take place at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES - 14 Market Street (at Center Street) in Ellenville, NY 12428.

Proof of full Covid-19 vaccination with an FDA or WHO authorized vaccine is required for entry, and guests must keep masks on at all times when indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Guests under the age of 5 and those guests who are unvaccinated due to a disability will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance start time, or a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within 6 hours of the performance start time in order to enter the theatre. Additional information on the vaccination requirements and safety protocols may be found at

ShadowlandStages.org/faqs/.

Environmental Conservation Police On Patrol

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2021, 282 Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responded to 26,207 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 11,562 tickets or arrests for crimes ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations. Some of these incidents result in injuries, property damage, or even death, and starting this year, 'ECO Highlights' is transitioning to a new title, 'Environmental Conservation Police On Patrol.'

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators are on the front lines each and every day p. "From ensuring hunters and anglers follow rules and regulations afield and on the water, to sustaining partnerships with local law enforcement agencies investigating crimes that include solid waste dumping and air emissions violations, ECOs and Investigators are on patrol, ready to serve their communities. Each year brings new challenges, and fortunately, these Officers and Investigators are expertly trained to perform their duties with persistence, integrity, and good judgment, as they've done for over a century."rotecting our natural resources by upholding New York's environmental laws and regulations and safeguarding public health," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said.

Owl Help You

On Jan. 30, ECO Mathis received a call from a citizen concerned about the welfare of an owl in Bowmansville.



Please call for availability first



Injured owl at gas station in Bowmansville



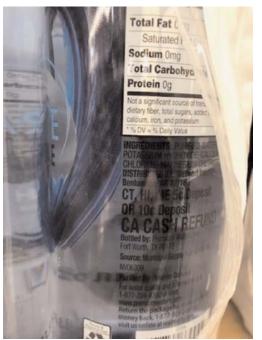
The owl. perched near the entrance of a busy gas station, was unphased by customers passing within feet of its perch. ECO Mathis arrived at the gas station and determined the owl was likely struck by a vehicle and injured. The ECO secured the Eastern Screech-Owl and transported it to the Erie County SPCA Wildlife Department for rehabilitation.

CO Mathis holding injured owl rescued from a busy gas station

Environmental Conservation Police On Patrol

(From Pg. 29)

Bottle Deposit Violations at Walmart



Bottled water pulled from store shelves due to deposit violations

notified by corporate headquarters that a recall notification was sent to all stores in New York to remove the non-compliant products from store shelves and donate the product to the national food bank network Feeding America.

Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions New York State Department of Environmental

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.

In 2021, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 426 search and rescue missions, extinguished wildfires, participated in prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate hundreds of acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in thousands of tickets or arrests. Some of these incidents featured each week result in injuries, property damage, or even death, and starting this year, the "DEC Statewide Forest Ranger Highlights" is transitioning to a new title, "Forest Rangers - Week In Review."

"Over the last decade, as well as during the COVID-19 pandemic, DEC saw an uptick in people visiting State lands to experience New York's abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "DEC's Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help visitors get outside responsibly and get home safely, as well as to protect our state's irreplaceable natural resources. Rangers' knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques are critical to the success of their missions, which for more than a century have taken them from remote wilderness areas with rugged

On Feb. 10, plainclothes ECOs in Region 7 responded to 13 stores in response to a complaint alleging the sale of beverages in containers not marked with the New York State bottle deposit refund amount, although deposits were still being taken. The beverages in question were six packs of 33-ounce Great Value Brand Hydrate Alkaline Water. Officers issued administrative tickets and have since been

mountain peaks, to white water rivers, and throughout our vast forests statewide."

Snowmobiler Rescue: On Feb. 9 at 3:03 p.m., the Long Lake Fire Chief requested Forest Ranger assistance after a report of two snowmobiles breaking through the ice on the south end of Long Lake. Before Ranger Milano's arrival, the fire chief called with an update that one snowmobile and snowmobiler were out of the water. Environmental Conservation Police Officer (ECO) Pierce also responded from a nearby patrol. The remaining 76year-old from Pennsylvania was not able to get out of the water. Career firefighters/EMTs from Gates were passing by and saw the subject in distress. They threw in a rope, pulled the subject out, and stripped off their wet clothing to begin the warming process. Ranger Milano provided more clothing and a blanket. Long Lake EMS arrived, but the subject refused further medical attention. ECO Pierce and the Long Lake Fire Department retrieved the snowmobile from the lake. ECO Pierce then transported the subject and his friend back to their camp in Indian Lake. Resources were clear at 4:12 p.m.

State Land Use Enforcement: On Jan. 12, during a routine patrol of Susquehanna State Forest, Forest Ranger Petit discovered 21 trees had been cut down within the past few days. Ranger Petit noticed the fresh-cut stumps and wood shavings on top of the snow, as well as new ATV tracks from the stumps to an adjacent private property. After a month of attempting to make contact with the property owner, on Feb. 12, Ranger Petit finally met with the subject who admitted to cutting and removing the trees, using an ATV with a wagon to transport the wood to his property, and storing personal property on State land. The property owner was issued tickets for cutting and removing trees from State land and using a motor vehicle on State land where prohibited. He agreed to remove the personal property in a timely manner.

Town of Hunter Wilderness Search: On Feb. 12, a 17-year-old from Niskayuna and a 16-year-old from Albany went for a hike from the South Lake trailhead to Sunset Rock. The pair arrived at Sunset Rock at approximately 5 p.m. On their way back, the subjects missed the marked trail and ended up at a small pond. When they realized they were not on the trail, they called their parents before calling 911. At 6:35 p.m., Greene County 911 requested Ranger assistance. Forest Rangers Dawson and Gullen responded and determined the hikers were at the Kaaterskill hotel site. Rangers hiked in, located the two hikers, provided them with warmer clothing, and helped them out to the trailhead where they met their parents at 9:30 p.m.

Snowmobile Enforcement: On Feb. 12, Forest Ranger

Lieutenant LaPierre and Rangers Russell, Praczkajlo, DiCintio, Bronson, and ECO Hovey worked together to protect snowmobilers attending the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival parade. They educated more than 80 snowmobilers about safety, rules, and regulations. They issued 12 tickets for various violations, including arresting one rider for Snowmobiling While Intoxicated.



People on snowmobiles lined up before getting on the trail for inspectionsSnowmobile enforcement at Saranac Lake Winter Carnival Parade

PAGE 31THE TOWNSMANFEBRUARY 24, 2022FCSD Superintendent's Conference Day Sessions on Wellness

Thanks to the FCSD Administration Team, the Wellness Committee and the Physical Education Department, the staff attendees at the February 18. 2022 Superintendent's Day had three classes dedicated to well-being on the day-long schedule. Two sections of Chair Yoga and one section of Creative Arts Therapy. Susan Mendoza of The Chi Hive and Candace Rivela of Bethel Woods Center were the two instructors of the workshops. Susan led a dozen FCSD staff in many different poses while seated in chairs in the Fallsburg High School Gym. All the work was easeful and involved stretching and movement to loosen muscles and to relax the mind. You could



Fallsburg CSD Staff involved in the two workshops



see that this kind of yoga is designed to keep the mind, body and soul fit.

Candace offers workshops at Bethel Woods and is trained as a creative arts therapist. She had a slide show presentation of the benefits of the work for children and adults. In Candace's words, "Expressing ourselves through art is for our physical, mental and emotional well-being." Observing the focus of all the participants, one could see the importance of having activities like these to alleviate stress in the daily lives of teachers and students.

DEC Announces New Leadership Appointments

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced three key leadership appointments to DEC's Executive and Regional teams.

"As DEC ramps up efforts to advance Governor Kathy Hochul's nation-leading environmental agenda and clean energy revolution, elevating Erica Ringewald and Cathy Haas to key leadership positions, and adding Leo Rosales to our team, bolsters our capacity and our commitment," Commissioner Seggos said. "New York is at a critical moment in the fight to combat climate change, and I look forward to working with DEC's incredible team of experts to meet the moment and recharge our efforts to protect our natural resources and communities."

Erica Ringewald has been named Chief of Staff. She joined DEC in 2016 as Director of Media Relations before becoming

Deputy Commissioner for Public Affairs in 2018. As Deputy Commissioner, Ringewald has managed DEC's external communications and outreach. Prior to joining DEC, Ringewald helped manage media relations at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, worked as an independent consultant to not-for-profit organizations and foundations, and served as Communications Director for Environmental Advocates of New York. In her six years at DEC, Ringewald helped transform DEC's Press Office into one of the strongest communications operations in the state. Ringewald earned an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Colorado State University and holds a B.A. in English Literature from Indiana University.

Leo Rosales has been named Deputy Commissioner for Public Affairs. Most recently in his role as Vice Chancellor of Communications at the State University of New York (SUNY), Rosales led all aspects of the University's day-today communication operations and provided guidance to SUNY's 64 campuses. (Contd. Pg. 32)

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His other work for New York State included serving as the Deputy Director of Communications in the Office of the Governor, where he managed daily announcements and advised key leadership at several agencies on issues ranging from energy and the environment to labor and higher education, and at the Department of Labor. Rosales has also served in various communication advisory roles with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in their Chicago and New York regional offices, and with members of the New York State Legislature. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Albany.

In addition, Cathy Haas has been officially named Regional Director in DEC's Region 1, which covers Nassau and Suffolk counties. Haas has served in DEC's Region 1 office for nearly three decades and started her career in the Division of Spills Management before serving nearly 25 years with the Division of Water. Most recently, Haas served as the Regional Engineer for Water, Remediation and Mined Land.

Governor Hochul Announces Major Investments to Improve Psychiatric Support for Those in Crisis –Includes \$27.5 Million to Increase Funding for Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Beds

 \$9 Million for Recruiting Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners

• \$12.5 Million Annually for 500 Additional Supportive Housing Beds to House People Experiencing Homelessness

• Investments Build on Governor Hochul's \$10 Billion Plan to Improve Health Care System, Including a \$577 Million Increase for Community Mental Health Programs and Services

Governor Kathy Hochul at a recent event with New York City Mayor Eric Adams, announced major investments to help improve access to acute mental health care and hospital psychiatric beds across New York State. The initiatives are part of a plan to provide the necessary support and services for people with serious mental illness experiencing homelessness, as well as others in crisis. The investments include \$27.5 million annually to increase funding for inpatient psychiatric beds; \$9 million annually to recruit psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners; and \$12.5 million annually for 500 additional supportive housing beds to house people experiencing homelessness in their communities.

"For too long our mental healthcare system suffered from disinvestment, and the pandemic has only made things harder for New Yorkers with serious mental illness who are experiencing homelessness," Governor Hochul said. "I am proud to stand with Mayor Adams and share our efforts to boost mental health treatment services for those who lack stable housing, and bring more psychiatric beds online. We must work together to keep our subways -- the lifeblood of New York City -- safe for all riders, and to get help and services to those in need."

Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Governor Hochul's proposed budget and the initiatives she is implementing are truly historic and will greatly strengthen the mental health care safety net in New York. The actions she is announcing today, and the collaborative approach she is taking with Mayor Adams, will help provide services quickly and effectively to people experiencing a mental health crisis."

One cause of the shortage of psychiatric beds in New York City and across the state is lower Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient psychiatric care compared to medical/surgical beds. The \$27.5 million0

investment would increase the current Medicaid for psychiatric beds by 20% and would help bring beds back online for psychiatric use, including more than 600 in New York City.

A second challenge with reestablishing psychiatric beds is the nation-wide shortage of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners. Governor Hochul is committing \$9 million annually to establish a loan forgiveness program to recruit these mental health practitioners into the community-based mental health workforce. (Contd. Pg. 33)

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The investment of \$12.5 million annually for 500 additional supportive housing beds will help to more quickly transition those in crisis from the streets, subways and shelters to stable housing. These units will give the State the additional resources it will need as the Governor's Safe Options Support teams come online in the Spring. These additional units will complement the 10,000 units of supportive housing announced in the Governor's \$25 billion housing plan.

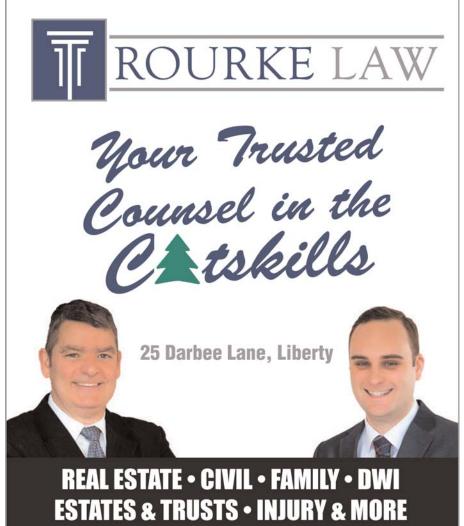
These investments will build on the Governor's \$10 billion plan to improve the health care system and proposed budget, which includes a historic \$577 million (17.2%) increase for critically important community mental health programs and services. These budget initiatives include:

o \$21 million investment to develop 20 new SOS teams comprised of mental health specialists to conduct direct one-on-one outreach with New Yorkers experiencing homelessness

o \$25 billion housing plan with a commitment to create and preserve 10,000 units of supportive housing over the next five years to prevent home-lessness

o workforce investments through a historic 5.4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for community mental health providers and retention bonuses up to \$3,000

o \$35 million investment for FY 2023 that grows to \$60 million in FY 2024 to prepare New York



for the nationwide launch of 9-8-8, the suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline system, by providing for the expansion of call center capacity.

Senator Samra Brouk said, "When it comes to mental health, New York State is facing a crisis, where many lives have been lost and many others hang in the balance. We can no longer ignore or incarcerate our way out of this crisis which is why I have championed proven, treatment-based solutions in the Senate like supportive housing, which ensures the treatment needs of our unhoused families are met and that treatment is accessible. After decades of closing inpatient beds even as the need for them has climbed, Governor Hochul's leadership is a welcome reversal, and I am encouraged by today's significant investments to improve psychiatric supports for those in crisis. As we continue to work on a state Budget that comprehensively addresses our families' needs, I hope to continue building on these investments together to address New Yorkers' unmet mental health care needs."

Assemblymember Aileen Gunther said, "I want to thank Governor Hochul for the tremendous investments she's making in mental health. We need this support now more than ever. The lack of support for mental healthcare in this state has led to a crisis. We've said it for years and I'm glad the state is finally stepping up to the plate to ensure supports and services are available."

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said, "We cannot turn a blind eye when our fellow New Yorkers are in crisis. We cannot continue to accept a system that forces our residents to seek shelter in our subways, left without any other place to turn. It will not continue in New York City. I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for her partnership as we lead with compassion, empathy, and support together. These investments in mental health will go towards those who need it most and help bring our unhoused New Yorkers home."

Council Member Linda Lee said, "Improving New York City's mental health care system must start with helping the most vulnerable among us receive treatment. I applaud the initiatives announced by Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams to increase funding for supportive and stable housing as well as treatments for New Yorkers desperately in need of mental health assistance. These investments will help get New Yorkers off the streets, into housing and treatment, and help improve the pipeline for practitioners who are so desperately needed in our City's streets."



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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!



For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

Statement from Assemblymember Cahill on the Central Hudson Rate Surge

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) released the following statement on the utility rate surge following the ice storm last weekend:

"News of electric and gas commodity costs rising is a part of a quadruple blow to Hudson Valley consumers. Already reeling from extended service interruptions from the recent ice storms, Fortis/Central Hudson gas and electric customers already have some of the highest utility delivery charges in the nation, paying even more as they faced a colder than usual January. Add to that the erroneous estimated billing issues many folks have been experiencing from the utility and this news of a failure of the unregulated marketplace is likely just the straw that breaks the camel's back for many ratepayers. Assurances by the utility that the price spike is likely temporary is of little comfort to folks who are experiencing inflation at rates unprecedented in this century.

Fortis/Central Hudson needs to do more to encourage and make available budget billing. They need to be more accurate in their estimated and actual meter readings. It is long past time for the Canadian-owned utility to put ratepayers ahead of their international shareholders. And, as I have stated in past interventions, the Public Service Commission has to more carefully scrutinize their tariff requests to lower the cost of these essential services.

It is also time to expand options for consumers, as I have been advocating for a long time, to purchase clean, green affordable power, to make it easier to join together in purchasing cooperatives and to consider reforms of the market clearing price and spot market purchasing protocols under which the commodities are purchased today. Fortis/Central Hudson can and should be more attentive to markets, hedging purchases and assuring that the gas and electric costs they pass on to consumers is as low as it can be.

Just a few days ago, I joined other local officials in surveying the work of mostly contracted disaster recovery workers replacing lines and clearing downed trees. For the last month, my office has been fielding calls from ratepayers who saw massive spikes in their bills, even before this latest announcement, allegedly due to a 'computer error' in Fortis/Central Hudson's billing system. If consumers did what I did when those steep bills came in the mail, they would have discovered that the regulated delivery costs that Fortis/Central Hudson charges us are already off the charts, often higher than the cost of the gas and electricity we are purchasing. Now facing astronomical increases in the gas and electricity itself, on top of other economic challenges brought about during the COVID pandemic, consumers have had enough."

In addition to budget billing, there are other programs available to consumers who find it difficult to keep up with rising utility costs including the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) operated by the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA). To determine eligibility for HEAP, please go to the OTDA website here or call the HEAP hotline at 1-800-342-3009. Ratepayers currently in arrears can contact the Public Utility Law Project at 877-669-2572 for assistance. Please contact the Office of Assemblymember Cahill at 845-338-9610 should you require assistance or further information on the rate surge or with any other issues related to your utilities.

Senator Gillibrand Fights for Victims of Human Trafficking: Announces Support of Bipartisan Bills to Improve Data Collection and Victims Services, and Expunge Criminal Records of Trafficked Victims

• New York Ranked Fourth Highest State for Reported Human Trafficking Cases In 2020; Legislation Would • Help Provide Trauma-Informed Support And Non-Violent Conviction Relief To New York Survivors Of Human Trafficking

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to announce her support of two bipartisan bills, the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act and the Put Trafficking Victims First Act, that would support victims and survivors of human trafficking. She was joined by sex trafficking survivors and anti-trafficking advocates, including Shandra Woworuntu, founder and C.E.O. of Mentari, and Alexi Meyers, Director of Anti-Trafficking Policy at Sanctuary for Families and co-chair of the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition. In 2020, the United States reported nearly 11,000 cases of human trafficking, and New York State is the fourth highest-ranked state in the nation for reported cases. The two bills would help to identify and rescue trafficking victims, support victims in recovery, and remove barriers to data collection on human trafficking.

"Human trafficking is a horrific form of slavery that affects thousands of people across this country and hundreds in New York. All too often, victims of human trafficking are forced by their captors to commit crimes with no freedom to refuse and face criminal charges," said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "Congress has a responsibility to end these injustices and clear non-violent criminal convictions of trafficking survivors so they can rebuild their lives without a criminal record. These bipartisan bills would help accomplish this goal and would also improve data collection on human trafficking to better identify patterns and provide a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach to recovery."

"These bipartisan bills will be the most powerful legislation to end human trafficking by learning the pattern of the trafficker and perpetrator though the data, practicing the non-punishment principal by treating victims as a victim in the justice system through the training and tech assistant, this bill will address the impunity, the demand and grass roots of the trafficking. The trafficking survivors relief acts will give the freedom path to trafficking survivors to experience fully freedom and give them ability to express their freedom through their life after trafficking," said Shandra Woworuntu, founder of Mentari.

"As a former prosecutor here in New York and an advocate for survivors with Sanctuary for Families, I have worked with many victims of sex trafficking who have been arrested because of their victimization. (Contd. Pg. 37)

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(From Pg. 36) These criminal convictions effectively bar access to employment, education, housing, and impact immigration status. Sanctuary for Families has filed scores of vacatur applications under NYS vacatur law on behalf of the trafficking survivors we serve, and we have witnessed the transformation it's effected in their lives. It is essential that the federal system also enact Senator Gillibrand's law to vacate and expunge criminal convictions of individuals who are victims of trafficking," said Alexi Meyers, Director of Anti-Trafficking Policy at Sanctuary for Families and co-chair of the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition.

Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit a person for labor or commercial sex, or the exploitation of a minor for commercial sex. As a result of being trafficked, victims are commonly charged with crimes such as conspiracy, money laundering, drug trafficking, and related offenses that then follow them throughout the duration of their lives. A criminal record hurts a victim's ability to find jobs and housing, which could leave them vulnerable to further exploitation and trafficking. The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act, co-led by Senator Portman (R-OH), would create a federal law to vacate and expunge non-violent criminal convictions of individuals who committed those crimes as a direct result of being trafficked. The new law would require victims to provide supporting documentation to certify their status as a victim of trafficking. These documents may include:

o Certified criminal or immigration court proceedings or law enforcement records demonstrating that the individual was a victim of trafficking at the time they were charged with the trafficking-related offense(s).

o Testimony or sworn statement from a trained professional staff member of a victim services organization, an attorney, member of the clergy, a health care professional, a therapist, or other professional from whom the person has sought assistance in addressing the trauma associated with being a victim of trafficking.

Gillibrand also announced their support for the Put Trafficking Victims First Act, co-led by Senator Rubio (R-FL), legislation that would help give the Attorney General and law enforcement entities the tools needed to provide trauma-informed support to victims of human trafficking, who often suffer from significant trauma and distrust due to their experience. Traffickers leverage a range of tools from psychological coercion to use of force to take advantage of and isolate potential victims, leaving a tremendous need for law enforcement entities and service providers to have access to tools to help victims escape and recover. Specifically, this bill would:

o Direct the Attorney General to provide training and technical assistance for federal, state, and local government agencies, prosecutors, and law enforcement officials to better investigate, prosecute, and prevent trafficking through a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach.

o Establish an expert working group to identify the methodological barriers hampering data collection on human trafficking and submit a report to Congress within 3 years.

o Direct the Attorney General to submit a report to Congress within 1 year on efforts to increase mandatory restitution orders and to provide restitution to trafficking victims.

o Encourage states to adopt rights and protections for victims, including access to housing, trauma-informed care, implementing better screening mechanisms for children entering child welfare services, creating state-level vacatur laws, and developing a state 24-hour emergency response plan to provide victims with immediate protection and support when they are first identified.

SUNY Offers Over 400 Microcredentials to Power Upskilling, Professional Advancement, and Job Readiness with Education in High-Demand Fields, or Credit Toward College-Level Certificates or Degrees

Part of Governor Hochul's State of the State SUNY Initiative to Increase Educational Opportunities for Adult Learners

Governor Kathy Hochul ¹ announced the expansion of fast and flexible learning options with more than 400 microcredentials across 31 SUNY campuses to help everyone from current students to working professionals gain skills, knowledge, and experience that employers are looking for. Microcredentials are designed to be completed in a shorter timeframe than a college degree, taking one or two semesters, not years, to complete, and providing immediate evidence of skills mastered via a college transcript or digital badge.

"As the strongest public university system in the country, SUNY is well-positioned to lead the way in preparing New Yorkers for the rapidly-evolving job market of the future," Governor Hochul said. "The microcredential program will enable New Yorkers of all professional backgrounds to gain the skills and knowledge that employers are looking for, more immediately and flexibly than a traditional college course-load allows. This forward-looking approach to higher education will position New York as the destination state for businesses demanding a highly-skilled and dynamic workforce."

Focused in more than 60 areas of study, SUNY's microcredentials are in high-demand fields including healthcare, business, education, clean energy, information technology, criminal justice, and advanced manufacturing. Every microcredential provides immediate, workforce-ready skills, and most (64 percent) offer academic credits toward another microcredential, certificate, or an initial or advanced degree. SUNY campuses can customize microcredentials to help meet the workforce needs of businesses, P-12, or community organizations.

Microcredentials are one offering in line with the Governor's State of the State call to lead in adult learning opportunities and help New Yorkers close the skills gap. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 74 percent of hiring managers agree that the market is seeing a skills gap, with 48 percent of candidates lacking the skills needed to fill open positions. In addition, 74 percent of human resource managers say they now require the submission of a credential when hiring.

In addition to offering new and innovative educational programs to bridge skills gaps, the Governor has also called for a review of college and university practices to eliminate barriers for students. In her State of the State, she directed SUNY and CUNY leadership to end the practice of withholding transcripts from students with outstanding balances, which was implemented within weeks of her address. Having a transcript allows students to re-enroll in a campus, transfer credits, complete their degree, and obtain jobs that could help them pay down their unpaid balance.

SUNY's microcredential program continues to grow and evolve, with current priorities centered on: enhanced communication about available microcredentials; identification of gaps in industries or professions relevant to the state; creating more pathways from entry-level to advanced employment and from certificates to advanced degrees; and streamlining application and transcript processes. (Contd. Pg. 38)

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(From Pg. 37) As part of the Governor's goal, SUNY will continue to prioritize recruitment and educational programs, and conduct surveys to identify and reduce barriers for adult learners.

SUNY has been a national and global leader in microcredential development. SUNY's program is distinct in a competitive national environment because its microcredentials are taught by SUNY faculty and focus on strict quality standards to award college credit. While SUNY's microcredentials are responsive to national and international trends and professional standards, they are also aligned to local, regional, and state workforce needs.

Campuses Currently Offering Microcredentials:

SUNY Adirondack, University at Albany, Binghamton University, Broome Community College, Buffalo State College, University at Buffalo, SUNY Canton, Cayuga Community College, SUNY Cobleskill, Columbia-Greene Community College, Corning Community College, Dutchess Community College, Empire State College, SUNY Erie, Farmingdale State College, Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Genesee Community College, SUNY Geneseo, Hudson Valley Community College, Jefferson Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, Monroe Community College, Niagara County Community College, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Old Westbury, SUNY Optometry, Rockland Community College, SUNY Schenectady, Tompkins Cortland Community College, SUNY Ulster, and Upstate Medical University.

About The State University of New York

The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive system of higher education in the United States, and more than 95 percent of all New Yorkers live within 30 miles of any one of SUNY's 64 colleges and universities. Across the system, SUNY has four academic health centers, five hospitals, four medical schools, two dental schools, a law school, the state's only college of optometry, and manages one US Department of Energy National Laboratory. In total, SUNY serves about 1.3 million students in credit-bearing courses and programs, continuing education, and community outreach programs. SUNY oversees nearly a quarter of academic research in New York. Research expenditures system-wide were nearly \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2021, including significant

Governor Hochul Announces Availability of Up to \$1.5 Million to Expand Telehealth Service for Addition Treatment

Funding Will Allow Providers to Upgrade Telehealth Equipment and Technology

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the availability of up to \$1.5 million in federal funding under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) to allow providers to expand telehealth services for addiction treatment. Providers will be able to use this funding to expand and upgrade their telehealth infrastructure through new telehealth equipment, as well as new software, tablets, and phones. This funding is being administered by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports.

"Like too many New Yorkers, I know what it's like to lose a loved one to addiction - there's an empty chair at our family table where my nephew, Michael, should be," Governor Hochul said. "New Yorkers struggling with addiction should have access to telehealth services that will provide the treatment they need. I am humbled by our mental health professionals who've helped guide our most vulnerable during this pandemic. We remain committed to providing whatever help is needed to those affected by addiction, as well as the providers across New York State who deliver these important services."

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the adoption of telehealth services throughout New York State, which has made it easier for people to access the care that they need without the need to travel to a doctor's office. This has been especially important in addiction treatment settings, which often require continuous, uninterrupted care.

This funding will help support providers who faced challenges in meeting the increased demand for telehealth services and will further expand access to important resources across the state. It will also improve engagement for individuals who face barriers to accessing in-person care, such as those who may have difficulties traveling to an in-person provider.

Each provider can receive up to \$15,000 through this initiative. Information about the RFA and application process can be found here.

OASAS Commissioner Chinazo Cunningham said, "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, telehealth has been vital in helping people stay connected to care, including life-saving services for people with addiction. Ensuring that people have multiple ways to access care is an important way that we can support those affected by addiction, and this funding will give our community-based providers the ability to further improve these services."

Senator Pete Harckham said, "The additional funding for increased telehealth availability for residents will save lives across the state. More than ever, we need to be connecting people with the help they need. I appreciate this action by Governor Hochul and her ongoing support for improving the lives of those living with substance use disorder."

Assemblymember Phil Steck said, "Telehealth has made health care, mental health care and substance use treatment significantly more accessible. Removing barriers to treatment to increase access and treatment capacity is the goal of every provider. I have been a champion of telehealth in this year's budget and I commend the Governor for making it a budget priority."

Over the past several years, New York State has instituted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach to addressing the overdose epidemic, and created a nation-leading continuum of addiction care with full prevention, treatment, and recovery services. To combat this epidemic, the state has worked to expand access to traditional services, including crisis services, inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment programs, as well as medication assisted treatment, and mobile treatment and transportation services.

Governor Hochul was a member of the NYS Heroin and Opioid Task Force, which in 2016, recommended new, non-traditional services, including recovery centers, youth clubhouses, expanded peer services, and open access centers, which provide immediate assessments and referrals to care. These services have since been established in numerous communities around the state and have helped people in need access care closer to where they live.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using the NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov or through the NYS OASAS website.

If you, or a loved one, have experienced insurance obstacles related to treatment or need help filing an appeal for a denied claim, contact the CHAMP helpline by phone at 888-614-5400 or email at ombuds@oasas.ny.gov.



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Kingston. 845-282-0182; *BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org* **New OpeningTBD** New Paltz Black History Museum and Cultural Center: Saved from demolition. 1885. Built by Jacob Wynkoop, a black carpenter. Ann Oliver House, 5 Broadhead Avenue, New Paltz.

Ongoing ONLINE EXHIBITION - "Never was a Slave: Jacob Wynkoop, Free and Black in 19th-Century New Paltz:" Jacob Wynkoop was born in the rural community of New Paltz in 1829, two years after slavery was legally abolished in the state. Jacob was among the first African Americans to buy land in the community, Wynkoop built a series of homes that today still define a neighborhood in New Paltz. Exhibition: omeka.hrvh.org/exhibits/show/jacob-wynkoop/introduction Historic Huguenot Street, 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

Ongoing "Jacob Wynkoop: Building a Free Black Neighborhood:" Walking tour narrated by Chaundre Hall-Broomfield, a performer known for his dual roles as Hercules Mulligan and James Madison in the national tour of "Hamilton." This new addition to the Historic Huguenot Street app takes visitors on a guided tour of the Broadhead-Church-Mulberry neighborhood of New Paltz, highlighting the houses built by 19th-century Black carpenter and Civil War veteran Jacob Wynkoop. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz. 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

Ongoing ONLINE EVENT - Jane Deyo Wynkoop: Born to an enslaved woman and one of the first African Americans to buy land in New Paltz. Despite harsh beginnings, Jane's diligence and determination resulted in a productive, inspiring life that included marriage and raising a family. As a result of her hard work and planning, Jane's purchase of land was the first step toward opening the door for her sons' acquiring the right to vote. Through original archival documents, the exhibit Jane Deyo Wynkoop explores her story from birth in 1803 to death in 1876, at age 73. Historic Huguenot Street, 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

1-28 Ulster County Sojourner Truth Exhibit: In collaboration with the Ulster County Clerk's Office, the Ulster County Surrogate's Court unveils a new exhibit celebrating the life of the iconic abolitionist and feminist, Sojourner Truth. Ground floor of the Ulster County Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 845-340-3288; clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives

Jan. 1-Dec. 31 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge: Experienced hikers are encouraged to visit the region's six fire towers. Hike to all six Catskill Fire Towers between January 1 and December 31, 2022. Fill out the log of completed hikes along with one favorite photo. Download the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge log (PDF) and email it to catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov or mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1010. Entries must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. Limit one entry per person. Participants will receive a commemorative patch and will be entered to win great outdoor prizes including hiking accessories. Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillsvisitorcenter.org

Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:" A retrospective exhibition of Mary Frank's powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. "Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Feb. 22 Maple Sugaring: A Hands on Demonstration and Discussion: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Join us in celebrating the sugar maple tree: learn to identify a maple tree, participate in tapping a tree, sample sap and syrup and learn the cultural history of this regional forest phenomenon. Visit BHMK website for details. African Roots Center, 43 Gill St, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 22 Breaking the Cycle with Antwan Wakely: 6-7 p.m. Free. Participate in this very special event and learn about how an at-risk youth turned his life around. Antwan was in and out of prison, caught up in the recidivism cycle. He currently serves as a mentor to at-risk youth and is excited to share his story with our Kingston community. In person or Zoom. Visit BHMK website or download the app for details and registration. Restorative Justice Center, 733 Broadway Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 23 ONLINE EVENT - Turning the Tables Healthy Cooking Class: 6-7 p.m. RSVP. Free. Turning the Tables means making easy, delicious homemade food from scratch using the Turning the Tables Creamy Soup Master Recipe. Forrest Lahens will show us how he uses the same technique to make his Haitian-inflected spicy winter squash soup. Learn new dishes using ingredients on hand - hearty, healthy and inexpensive. Visit BHMK website or download the app for details and registration. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 24 ONLINE EVENT - Black Cultural History of Ulster County: 7-8:30 p.m. A Multimedia Presentation with the Ellenville Library. Filmmaker and historian Stephen Blauweiss will present an evening about the lesser-known history of Ulster County through a wide range of short films and rare photographs about the arts, music, dance and broader black culture, including some never-before-seen interviews. Visit BHMK website for details and registration. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 25 SUNY Ulster Celebrates Black History Month: Expo-style drop-in event that showcases Black history and culture in Kingston and beyond. Visit BHMK website for details and registration. SUNY Ulster, 94 Mary's Ave, Kingston. 845-282-0182;

BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 25 Bernard McClinton's Gospel Celebration: 7 p.m. Special Guests: The Fabulous Rainbow Singers. Other guests to be announced. The Falcon, 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com

Feb. 25 "Akeelah and the Bee:" Film. A girl strives to become a spelling champ. 7:30 p.m. Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

Feb. 26 First Annual Stephen Jones Awards: Includes 10 Hudson Valley Artists, five visual artists and five performing artists. Artists will present short clips of their work that night while the audience votes. Two artists will be selected, one from each discipline with a winning check of \$500. Visit BHMK website for details and ticket info. Mariner's Harbor, 1 Broadway, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org (Contd. Pg. 41)

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Feb. 26 25th Annual Chili Bowl Fest: Women's Studio Workshop in Rosendale upcoming annual Chili Bowl Fest, a fundraiser which is scheduled to take place online and in-person in the dining hall at SUNY Ulster, 91 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge. 845-658-9133; wsworkshop.org

Feb. 26 Bearsville Theater Presents comedian Pete Correale: Pete Correale is a professional stand-up comedian originally from New York. His comedy is reflective of his life and the experiences he's been through. Being married for almost twenty years and having a young daughter, Pete's never at a loss for material. 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com

Feb. 27 Third Annual Black Experience: In honor and celebration of Black History, Center for Creative Education (CCE) presents "The Black Experience." Singing, dancing, spoken word, comedy and more. Limited in-person seating available; unlimited virtual access. Visit BHMK website for details and registration. CCE, 16 Cedar St, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

SAVE THE DATE: April 16 Harambee presents The Fifth Annual Black History Month Kingston Gala: Join us in the celebration of five years of tribute to the African-American heritage of the Kingston area. Engage in a night of musical performances, dancing and more. You can also participate in our auction including a variety of amazing community gifts. Theme: "Coming To America," in which we ask that you consider arriving in African garb or accessory. Visit BHMK website for details and ticket info. La Mirage Restaurant & Broadway, Ulster Park. 845-282-0182; Catering, 423 BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

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CONGRESSMAN

ANTONIO DELGADO

Weekly Recap

After a great week at home in the district, I wanted to give you an update on how I've been serving you.

Valentines for Veterans

I started off the week on Valentine's Day by sharing the love and delivering beautiful, handmade valentines to our local veterans. In the fourth year of my 'Valentines for Veterans' program, we saw an outpouring of love from the NY-19 community and received more than 700 heartfelt cards. It was an honor to deliver these messages to our veterans.

I was able to make stops and deliver Valentines at the Greene Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, the FASNY Firemen's Home, and the ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. I want to thank everyone who sent valentines to my office - your love and kind words made the day special and helped show our veterans just how much we appreciate them. Honoring a Rensselaer County Veteran

I was also honored to join the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony to recognize and reflect upon the life of Mr. Richard Paul Jansson. I spoke at the ceremony and presented Mr. Jansson's family with a letter of recognition and an American flag flown over the Capitol. We gathered with local veterans and government officials to recognize not only Mr. Jansson's military career and accomplishments, but also to his civilian life.

Mr. Jansson proudly served our country as a member of the United States Navy and later worked as a firefighter for Electric Boat for many years. We are forever indebted to Mr. Jansson and every other servicemember and veteran who sacrifice so much to keep us safe and protect our freedoms.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

This week, I also released an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Guidebook to ensure that local, upstate governments can unlock the benefits from the historic investments in our nation's infrastructure. The guidebook is a one-stop-shop with information on the programs and resources available to towns and counties in our district and across upstate.

It is critical that our local leaders know how best to utilize the programs and access the resources that will specifically help their communities. That's why my office has put together this guidebook to help folks in our district identify programs that will benefit upstate New Yorkers. The bipartisan infrastructure law is a once-in-a-generation investment, and we must empower people with information relevant to our community.

District Visits

I finished up the week with some more great stops in the district. I always love connecting with folks and hearing about what they're dealing with on the ground in NY-19.

I visited and met with physicians and staff from the Medical Associates of Hudson Valley (MAHV). MAHV is a multi-specialty group practice that serves the healthcare needs of patients in Ulster, Dutchess, Greene, and Columbia counties. The group discussed COVID-19 and how current and upcoming legislation will affect medical care.

Our health care providers and health centers have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. I was glad to meet with folks from the MAHV and talk through our efforts in Congress to continue supporting health facilities and providers during these challenging times. I will keep advocating on behalf of upstate medical professionals and make sure they have the resources they need to provide care.

I also visited and toured Dutchess County BOCES. I met with faculty, staff, and students and saw the progress of the capital project - the first major capital project at Dutchess BOCES in 50 years. The BOCES programs in New York are critical to helping prepare upstate students for the workforce. I am committed to supporting career and technical education institutions in our district that help students develop the skills necessary to become gainfully employed.

Stanford Grange

I finished up my visits with a stop at the Stanford Grange to honor their 125th anniversary with a certificate of recognition. I very much appreciate and support their work to inspire grassroots advocacy and a fraternal spirit for the betterment of our communities.

Deadline Extension - Dairy Margin Coverage

The USDA has extended the deadline to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMC) for program year 2022. The deadline to apply for 2022 coverage is now March 25, 2022. As part of the ongoing efforts to support dairy farmers and rural communities, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened DMC and SDMC signup in December 2021 to help producers manage economic risk brought on by milk price and feed cost disparities.

To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

IRS Child Tax Credit Letters

Did you receive advanced Child Tax Credit payments in 2021? If so, look out for a letter from the IRS.

The IRS started issuing information letters to advance child tax credit recipients in December. Recipients of the third round of the Economic Impact Payments will begin receiving information letters at the end of January. Using the information in these letters when preparing a tax return can reduce errors and delays in processing.

People receiving these letters should keep them. Do not throw them away. These letters can help taxpayers, or their tax professional prepare their 2021 federal tax return.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

Kids ages 5 - 11 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, children 5 - 11 with certain immunocompromising conditions who received their Pfizer-BioNTech initial vaccine series at least 28 days ago are eligible for an additional dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

New Yorkers 12 years and older who received their Pfizer-BioNTech initial vaccine series at least five months ago are eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech booster.

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and will protect New York's children and adolescents from the virus.

COVID-19 Booster Information:

If you received Pfizer-BioNTech: Everyone 12 years and older can get their booster at least 5 months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations. Teens 12-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster.

If you received Moderna: Adults 18 years and older can get their booster shot at least 6 months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

If you received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*: Adults 18 years and older can get their booster at least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be considered in some situations.

Learn more at CDC.gov or COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine (ny.gov)

Staying Healthy & Safe

Cold and flu season is upon us, make sure you keep yourself and your loved ones safe by getting your flu shot. Find out more about where to get the shot and what you should know about the flu in New York State at. https://www.health.ny.gov/

As always, it's an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely, Antonio

The Palens: A Sullivan County Tanning Industry Dynasty VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m.

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Join Dr. David Rotenstein on Sunday, February 27th at 2 p.m. virtually on ZOOM to explore the tanning industry in Sullivan County, the Palen family story and the

Palen family's contributions to Sullivan County history.

Beginning in 1832, Rufus Palen bought land along the Neversink River in Fallsburg and began building a tannery and sawmill. Over the next generation, Rufus and his family built and bought additional Sullivan County tanneries, including ones at Neversink and Rockland. Between the end of the 18th century and the turn of the twentieth century, several dozen Palens and their extended kin owned, built, and operated leather tanneries in New York and Pennsylvania. This complicated family tale has its roots in Sullivan County and is punctuated by great wealth and even greater tragedy.





Admission to the program: Members are free, and non-members: \$5. Non-members can make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org before registering. Registration is

required. To register and receive a program link, please email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org and put Tannery Talk Registration in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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.

o New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

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@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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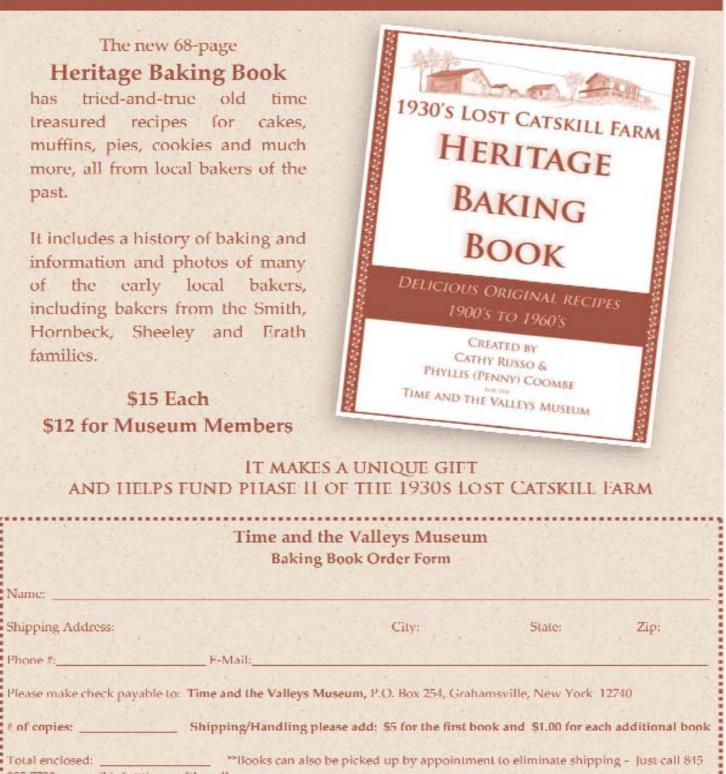
NEW HERITAGE BAKING BOOK JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

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Statement from Governor Hochul on Boosting Cybersecurity Preparations and Readiness

"In light of current geopolitical uncertainty, I convened cabinet members from relevant areas to review our ongoing cybersecurity preparedness efforts and make sure that New Yorkers, our institutions, and our critical infrastructure are protected from cyber-facilitated disruptions. We are in regular touch with the White House and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to ensure coordination.

"The reality is that because New York State is a leader in the finance, healthcare, energy, and transportation sectors, our state is an attractive target for cyber criminals and foreign adversaries.

"My Administration has taken significant steps to prepare for what have become increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks, including my recent budget proposal to invest \$62 million in our cybersecurity protections, which is more than double from last year. Cabinet leaders will continue reviewing their cyber-risk management readiness and communicate with relevant industry and government partners to ensure threat intelligence is being relayed as quickly as possible.

"It is my top priority to keep New Yorkers safe, and we will remain vigilant by continuing to monitor for threats and ramping up our cybersecurity shields as necessary.

"New Yorkers should also remember they are vulnerable to cyberattacks on their personal devices, and I encourage them to use best practices around passwords and multi-factor authentication, and to make sure that older loved ones are protected from scams."

Governor Hochul Signs Conditonal Cannabis Cultivationn Bill

• Bill Provides Opportunity for New York's Hemp Farmers to Grow Cannabis this Spring

• Conditional Licenses Fast-Tracking State's Adult-Use Cannabis Program and Putting New York's Farmers First

• Leading with Cultivation Licenses will Help Ensure Products Are Available to Launch Upcoming Adult-Use Program

• Includes Provisions to Ensure Equity and Inclusion, and Environmental Sustainability

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation creating a new Conditional Adult-use Cannabis Cultivator license, establishing a pathway for existing New York hemp farmers to apply for a conditional license to grow cannabis in the 2022 growing season for the forthcoming adult-use cannabis market. Under the law, conditionally licensed cannabis farmers must meet certain requirements, including safe, sustainable and environmentally friendly cultivation practices, participation in a social equity mentorship program, and engagement in a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization.

"I am proud to sign this bill, which positions New York's farmers to be the first to grow cannabis and jumpstart the safe, equitable and inclusive new industry we are building," Governor Hochul said. "New York State will continue to lead the way in delivering on our commitment to bring economic opportunity and growth to every New Yorker in every corner of our great state."

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Today is an exciting day in New York as our bill to give New York farmers the ability to start the cannabis market is signed into law. The MRTA set the foundation for our state to build a truly circular cannabis economy that puts New York farmers and small business dispensaries at the center of growth and production, and with the signing of this bill, farmers can now put seeds in the ground to ensure we meet the demand of this burgeoning industry. I thank Governor Hochul for her quick action on this bill so that we can get to work building the most forward-thinking and socially-equitable cannabis industry in the country."

Office of Cannabis Management Executive Director Chris Alexander said, "I can't thank Governor Hochul and the Legislature enough for providing us with the tools to make up for lost time while also keeping equity and inclusion at the center of the new cannabis industry we're building in New York. With this bill, we're putting New York farmers, not big corporations, at the forefront of our industry while protecting public health by delivering safely grown products. We are immediately getting to work implementing the bill so that our farmers can start planting this spring."

With a conditional adult-use cannabis cultivation license, farmers can grow outdoors or in a greenhouse for up to two years from the issuance of the license. It also allows them to manufacture and distribute cannabis flower products without holding an adult-use processor or distributor license, until June 1, 2023. Cultivators are limited to one acre (43,560 square feet) of flowering canopy outdoors or 25,000 square feet in a greenhouse and can use up to 20 artificial lights. They can also split between outdoor and greenhouse grows with a maximum total canopy of 30,000 square feet as long as greenhouse flowering canopy remains under 20,000 square feet.

The OCM will be developing a license application process and opening the program as soon as possible. To qualify for an Adultuse Cannabis Conditional Cultivator License an applicant must have been an authorized industrial hemp research partner for the Department of Agriculture and Markets, cultivating hemp for its non-intoxicating cannabinoid content for at least two of the past four years and in good standing as of December 31, 2021, when the research program ended.

Holders of the license must also participate in a social equity mentorship program where they provide training in cannabis cultivation and processing for social and economic equity partners, preparing them for potential roles in the industry. Growers will also have to meet sustainability requirements to ensure the cannabis is grown in an environmentally conscientious way.

The Governor's action today builds on the quick work she and the OCM have undertaken to bring the new cannabis industry to life in New York. In January, the Governor's Executive Budget proposed a \$200 million program that will use industry licensing fees and revenue to provide support to eligible applicants from communities impacted by the over-criminalization of cannabis during its prohibition. The Governor and the Legislature also moved quickly to appoint the Cannabis Control Board and OCM leadership within weeks of the start of her administration. Since the Board held its first meeting on Oct. 5, the OCM has:

o Launched the Cannabinoid Hemp Program, putting in place protections for the public and provisions to help New York's CBD businesses compete;

o Vastly expanded access to the Medical Cannabis Program, including empowering health care providers to determine if medical cannabis can help their patients, lowering costs by permanently waiving patient fees and allowing the sale of whole flower, and growing the list of providers who can certify patients; and

o Launched its first wave of community outreach events with 11 regional events, including one in Spanish, that's already engaged more than 5,000 attendees; and

o Developed a pipeline of talented professionals to join the Office's growing team and built the infrastructure to support the office.

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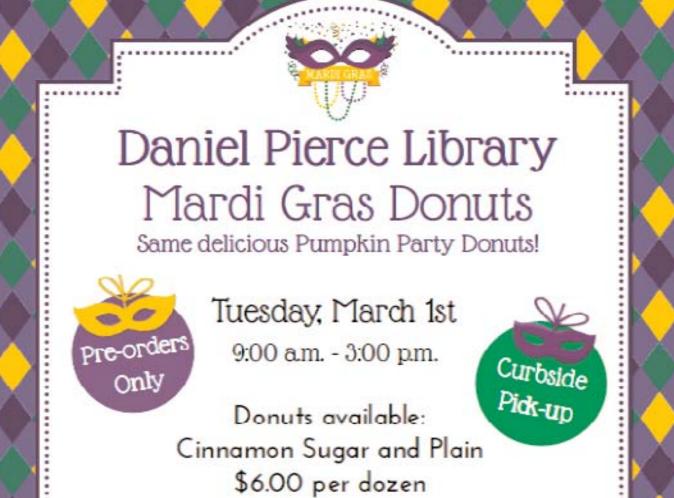
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New York Fashion Week Highlights Safe Economic Reopening and Recovery of America's Fashion Capital

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a partnership with IMG to implement a \$500,000 grant program to assist small, independent fashion designers with grants of \$50,000 each to offset certain costs of their New York Fashion Week show productions for the September 2022 season. IMG will implement and manage an application process for a selection of ten grant recipients based on a set of criteria developed by IMG in partnership with Empire State Development.

"Fashion Week is a celebration of New York's role as the fashion capital of the world, drawing and inspiring an unparalleled array of creative talent," Governor Hochul said. "As we make our comeback from the pandemic, it is essential that we prioritize the recovery of one of New York's most exciting and dynamic industries. By partnering with New York's best small and independent designers we are strengthening our economy and supporting vibrant development in this crucial industry."

The grant program will help support the vibrant return of the New York fashion industry post-COVID-19, attract and retain New York's fashion talent, and enable more small and independent New York-based designers to participate in recovery efforts. The opportunity to debut new collections to buyer, media, industry and consumer audiences powers the

continued success of fashion designers' businesses in America's fashion capital.

The public and private sectors are working together to support small businesses impacted while restoring and creating new jobs for New Yorkers. The fashion, retail and creative industries together represent a key economic engine for New York State that has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic New York City's fashion industry employed 4.6 percent of the city's workforce, generating approximately \$11 billion in total wages. The Governor attended the Proenza Schouler show on Friday, February 11 to highlight the industry's contributions to the state economy.

Empire State Development Commissioner, President & CEO Hope Knight said, "New York City is the creative soul, and economic engine, of the fashion industry. Governor Hochul's partnership with IMG to implement this grant program will give a group of small, independent designers access to the runway during Fashion Week, that in turn will support an entire network of creators and businesses, from tailors to support staff, who are at the vital heart of New York's signature style."

President of IMG's Fashion Events and Properties Leslie Russo said, "We are grateful to Governor Hochul and New York State for their continued partnership in our initiatives to support the New York fashion community. Our state exemplifies leadership in the global recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is because of their guidance that we have been able to help the industry rebuild after the devastating impact of the last two years. Collaborating with Empire State Development will further diversify the voices of New York Fashion Week and ensure we continue to foster new generations of talent and represent American fashion on the global fashion stage for years to come.

In September 2021, IMG formed the Fashion Alliance to create a cornerstone for New York Fashion Week's revitalization in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provide support, funding, and resources for a group of New York Fashion Week's independent designer brands through 2022. This new grant funded by New York State will help to provide additional support to more independent designers based in New York.

New York Fashion Week: The Shows takes place this season from February 11-16, live from Spring Studios in lower Manhattan, and is the official central event of New York Fashion Week. Proof of full-course COVID-19 vaccination, including via Excelsior Pass, Excelsior Pass Plus or alternate verification methods, is required at all NYFW: The Shows events this February.





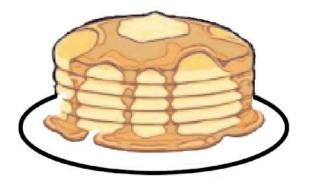
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BBQ Chicken by the Neversink Fire Department with lots of delicious sides A True Community BBQ!

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Claryville Fire Dept. 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, March 20th Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

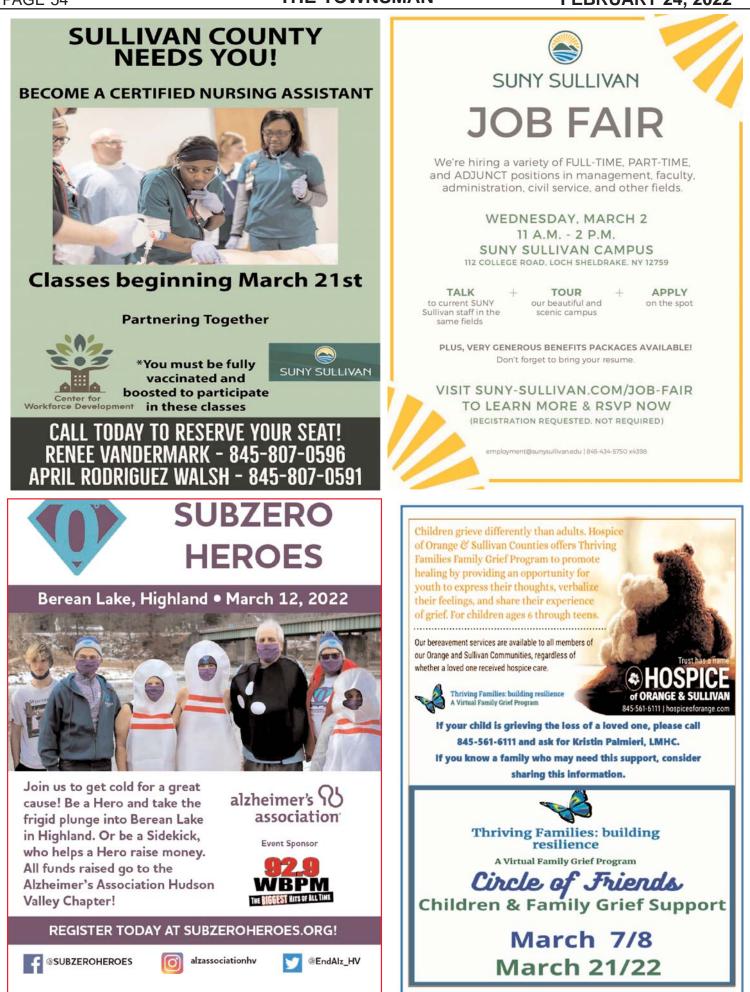
Adults: \$9 Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available (845) 985-7270

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to theClaryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

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War on cops: 24-hour-period sees 13 police officers wounded by gunfire

Read more at: https://www.foxnews.com/us/war-on-cops-24hour-period-sees-13-police-officers-wounded-by-gunfire

Last weekend, over the span of 24 hours, 13 police officers were shot across the United States. Thankfully, all are expected to survive. But six officers have already been killed this year. Enough is enough.

Liberal activists have demonized law enforcement, fueling propaganda that has emboldened criminals to disregard authority and disrespect law enforcement. Left-wing prosecutors have made the problem worse by refusing to punish criminals for various misdemeanors and felonies.

Law enforcement officers protect our communities honorably each day. I am firmly committed to standing with them and all families in our region who want secure streets and prosperous communities. The assault on law and order needs to end. We must repeal NY's bail reform law, fully fund the police, invest in vital mental health services, and hold activist prosecutors accountable for failing to enforce the law.

Last year, I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Protection Act, which safeguards qualified immunity for law enforcement. I'm also a cosponsor of the Defending our Defenders Act, which establishes a criminal penalty of life in prison or death for those who murder police officers. I will always Back the Blue.

Spying on a Sitting President? We Need Answers NOW! Tenney Discusses Clinton Campaign Spying on President Trump

Special Counsel John Durham has been tasked with getting to the bottom of the phony Trump-Russian collusion story that the Democrats and mainstream media spent years pushing to tarnish the Trump presidency.

In a recent filing, Durham indicated that Clinton campaign operatives were paid to establish a false narrative tying Trump to Russia. This is deeply troubling, and it opens up new questions about what kind of illegal activities the Clinton campaign was up to just before and following the 2016 Presidential Election.

Special Counsel Durham's report must be made public once completed and all individuals should be held accountable. I will also continue pressing for congressional investigations. We deserve answers!

WATCH: Tenney Discusses Clinton Campaign Spying on President Trump

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCGbnPpIPw8

Demanding Answers from the Small Business Administration About Pandemic Relief Loans Granted to Planned Parenthood

On Tuesday, I sent a letter to Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), which is the agency responsible for managing the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) pandemic relief loans to small businesses. The letter addressed recent news that the SBA granted and forgave a \$2.6 million government-provided loan to Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York's (PPCWNY), which would be a direct violation of the original terms of PPP established by Congress.

On May 19, 2020, the SBA informed Planned Parenthood affiliates, such as PPCWNY, that they were not eligible for PPP loans due to the program's affiliation rules and size standards. Yet at a November 17, 2021 hearing with the House Small Business Committee, Administrator Guzman could not answer my questions about millions of dollars of loans and forgiveness the SBA apparently provided to Planned Parenthood affiliates under Biden's presidency. At a January 12, 2022 hearing, I then pressed SBA Inspector General Hannibal "Mike" Ware for information about these illegal loans.

As an advocate for life, taxpayer protections, and good governance, I am continuing to demand answers from the SBA and Planned Parenthood on these illicit loans, which SBA promised they would correct on the back-end.

Increasing Home Ownership for First Responders

It was a pleasure to join my colleagues this week as a cosponsor of the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act. This important legislation will make it easier for dedicated public servants to access affordable home loans in the communities they serve.

This bipartisan legislation will benefit law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and pre-K-12 teachers by allowing them to access a one-time use home loan program. Thank you to all who serve our communities!

Marking 6 Months Since the Fall of Kabul, Afghanistan

On Tuesday, my Republican colleagues on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and I marked the 6-month anniversary of the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan to the hands of the brutal Taliban. We renewed our calls for accountability for the disastrous withdrawal, which saw 13 American service members lose their lives.

Since that dreadful day, hundreds of stories have come to light, highlighting how President Biden's willful blindness to the situation on the ground, coupled with his administration's criminally negligent failure to plan for the impending fallout, resulted in what can only be described as a systemic failure of the U.S. government. The horrific scenes of people hanging from planes and women desperately passing their children over the wall of the Kabul airport permanently tarnished America's reputation around the world and angered our allies, with some of them publicly chastising us. All the while, America's weakness on the world stage has emboldened our adversaries like Russia.

Save the Date: Webinar for Constituent Entrepreneurs and Small Business Owners

This week, I announced that my office will be hosting a webinar for entrepreneurs and small business owners with experts from the Small Business Administration (SBA). It will provide an overview of assistance available to small businesses through the SBA, including the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. It will also cover general topics on how the SBA can assist small businesses and will provide you with the opportunity to ask questions.

Those interested in attending should call 315-732-0713 with any questions prior to the webinar to ensure the presentation is tailored to your specific areas of interest. Participants who register in advance will receive a link to the Zoom meeting on the morning of the event. Don't forget to reserve your spot!

To register send and email to: <rsvp_ny222@mail.house.gov>

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

DINNER

This dinner is Take Out Only CORNED BEEF SERVED WITH CABBAGE, POTATOES AND CARROTS AND DESERT INCLUDED

SAT MARCH 5, 2022

4:00 TO 7:00 PM

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FREE RABIES CLINIC Town of Rockland Livingston Manor Firehouse 93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY Wednesday, April 13th 2022 6PM to 7:30PM

*Sullivan County Residents only -Proof of ID required * Everyone must wear a mask while at clinic site *<u>Appointments are required</u> *Pre-registration of ALL animals is required

https://tinyurl.com/yckmx6jm

*Everyone must maintain social distancing guidelines and remain at least 6 feet apart.

*Bring prior rabies certificate, receive a 3-year vaccination. * No vaccine history, receive a 1-year vaccination.

Dogs – Cats – Ferrets All Pet owners must clean up after their pets. All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash. All pets must be at least 3 months old. Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents If you don't have access to a computer or have questions, please call 845-292-5910

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RENTALS

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FOR SALE

Sundown Camp and Bait Shop! Thank you all for your many years of support for Sundown Camp and Bait!! We will continue to have firewood for sale

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I

ON AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,

Blackboard Jungle

(RATED TV-PG / 1955 / 2HRS / CRIME / DRAMA)



A tough ex-marine becomes the new English teacher during the 1950's. He faces what would eventually become the gangs of today. They're violent, unruly inner-city gangs roughing up students to the point of senseless murder. However the teacher is in a new school, and is determined to do his job, despite resistance from both students, and faculty.



Directed by Richard Brooks. Starromg Glenn Ford, Anne Francis, Louis Calhern and Margaret Hayes.

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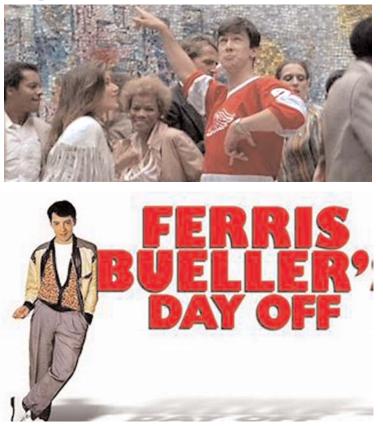
(From Pg. 59) **"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II**

CELEBRATING SCHOOL DAYS SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS ON TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

(PG-13 / 1986 / 1HR 43MIN / COMEDY)



The account of one man's struggle to take it easy! After high school slacker, Ferris Bueller, successfully fakes an illness in order to skip school for the day, he goes on a series of adventures throughout Chicago with his girlfriend, Sloane and best friend Cameron, all the while trying to outwit his wily school principal and fed-up sister.



"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III CELEBRATING SCHOOL DAYS SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS ON TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

(R / 1985 / 1hr 37min / Comedy/Drama)



Five high school students meet in Saturday detention and discover how they have a lot more in common than they thought.



Directed by John Hughes. Starromg Emilio Estevez, Paul Gleason, Anthony Michael Hall, John Kapelos.

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