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Tri-Valley Lions Calico Geese Quilt Raffle - June 1, 2021

The Tri-Valley Lions organization is pleased to announce a fund-raising raffle of a beautiful quilt donated to our group by Sally Abrams, President of the Calico Geese Quilters group, which has 45 talented members and meets at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Ferndale. Per Sally, the Calico Geese Quilters have donated their handmade, gorgeous quilts in the last year to the Sullivan County Veterans Alliance, Foster Children of Sullivan County, Ride to Survive, Allyson Whitney Foundation, The Liberty Fire Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and now to the Tri-Valley Lions.

Sally tells us that the quilt donated to the Lions for its raffle is a 60" X 70" Bed Topper, and she hopes "that everyone opens their hearts and wallets to support the Tri-Valley Lions." (Contd. Pg. 8)



The quilt displayed by Sally Abrams and Gene Froehlich, a Director of The Tri-Valley Lions

Public Health Services: Keeping Babies -And Their Moms - Healthy



From the left, Child Protective Services Case Supervisor Anna Nelson, Community Health Nurse Janna Walter and Director of Services Danielle Mann were vital to implementing the services now provided to mothers using opioids and babies with NAS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome).

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is excited to share that they have worked in conjunction with Dutchess County to mirror the program Dutchess implemented to reduce the number of infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), a form of post-natal opioid withdrawal.

"Babies are some of our most vulnerable residents, which is why in 2020 the Sullivan County Drug Task Force, in collaboration with Child Protective Services (CPS) and the County's Health & Human Services Leadership team, secured an experienced Maternal Child Health Nurse to offer services to mothers who are using opioids," explains Deputy Public Health Director Wendy Brown. "The information obtained from Dutchess County highlighted the reality of substance use in pregnant women and the effect of NAS not only on babies, but on the health of our communities, and the need for more to be done to address this segment of the substance use crisis." (Contd. Pg. 7)

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DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

February 21, 1951

Van Furman of Lows Corners was injured Friday morning when he was caught under the wheels of his farm tractor and pinned in the icy water of a brook for a half hour. Mr. Furman, who had been drawing manure with the tractor and spreader, was trying to cross an icy bridge on his upper farm when the machine slid into the brook.

Mr. and Mrs. David Van Valkenburgh are the parents of another son born February 14th. This is their third.

The need for a village jail for Monticello and a penitentiary to house long-term prisoners has been pointed up in the report issued by the Commissioner of Corrections following a December inspection of the county jail. At the time the jail was practically full and during the summer conditions of severe overcrowding result at the local institution.

Word has been received here of the birth on February 13th of a son, Alan Dale, to the Rev. and Mrs. W.B. Grossman of Poughkeepsie. Mr. Grossman was at one time Minister of the Methodist Church in Grahamsville.

February 22, 1961

A growing concern of Sullivan County and Town officials over loss of taxable revenues by an increasing number of taxexempt properties in the area and a second problem resulting from abandonment of sections of Route 17 have resulted in action by Assemblyman Hyman E. Mintz. He also succeeded in thwarting efforts to foist further road maintenance on the County, towns and villages.

Mrs. Juliana Hanford George died suddenly at her home in Grahamsville, February 14th, at the age of 85. She was the widow of the late Andrew George and was a lifetime resident of the Grahamsville area. Born October 6, 1875 in West Branch, she was the daughter of William Henry Hanford and Ruth Rebecca Alverson. She was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

Mrs. Manda TerBush of Lows Corners discovered this week that a white enamel washing machine had been removed from her home and an older, two-color machine had been left in its place. Mrs. TerBush stated that the

person or persons who were in her home left two personal articles, one definitely used only by a woman.

February 17, 1971

Miss Elizabeth Dunn has been awarded \$100 with a commendation from Federal Aviation in Washington, D.C. She has worked there for the past year, mostly part time, in their contract department while attending Gallaudet College.

Services were held Monday for Mrs. Kate H. Sheeley, 83, of South Hill, who died Friday at Ellenville Community Hospital. Born on South Hill September 22, 1887 to Frank and Lucy Sheeley Hoff, she married Grant Sheeley in 1908 at South Hill. She was the mother of Raymond Sheeley who died in 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Graham had their daughter, Sherri Lynn, baptized on Sunday at the morning service. The baptism took place on the sixth anniversary of the Graham's wedding day.

In Sundown, Susie DePew's barn collapsed last week due to the weight of the snow and ice on the roof. It was a total loss.

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison, 29 years on the 21at; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, 24 years on the 24th; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hornbeck, 21 years on the 25th.

February 19, 1981

Following the regular morning worship hour on Sunday, February the congregation 15. of the Grahamsville-Sundown United Methodist Churches held a social hour in the Grahamsville Church Hall to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Richard Mellerup. Reverend Mellerup moved to Grahamsville for the Jefferson, N.Y. United Methodist Parish.

Mrs. Jane Robinson of Rocky Hill Rd., Grahamsville announces the marriage of her son, Phillip Carlsen, to Lisa Williams of Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 14, 1981. The couple will live in Albuquerque where Phillip is assigned to the Fire Department. He is a 1971 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History(From Pg. 2)

(From reporter Betty McNamara) As I walked up Terwilliger Road today, I noticed the first signs of spring - sap buckets hung from the trees. My neighbor, Mrs. Galloway, informed me that the caterpillar, by the last strip of brown on his back, says that we WILL have more snow and winter weather ahead.. Oh well, let's enjoy this beautiful, warm weather while it's here and look forward to more cross country skiing!!

News Update From DAYS OF YORE...

Feb 11, 2021 issue) - January 24, 1951

"Mr. and Mrs Franklin Dean are the parents of a son, born January 22nd at the Maimonides Hospital."

Only in a community like ours can a quaint real life story like this happen, be published and appreciated.

As we all know it is almost impossible for any of us to enjoy or participate in certain activities that we took for granted before COVID 19. In the past, **The Townsman** relied on either going to the library or the museum to gather information for the *Days of Yore* column. When everything came to a halt last year I was at a loss. I certainly wanted to continue the weekly tradition of 'catching up' on the past.

Fortunately I had kept most of the correspondence I had with Barbara Slater who had so faithfully done the column for so many years. I must admit I have recycled her column - and credit for all that information still needs to go to Barbara, who we all loved and miss so much.

In the February 11 issue, you may have noted that the column began with "Mr. and Mrs Franklin Dean are the parents of a son born January 22nd at the Maimonides Hospital."

I received an email from that 'little baby' who of course is now a grown man that is well-known in our community - Ardie Dean!!!

For the record and future reference, I added to Barbara's notes, "a son, **Ardie Dean**, was born tborn January 22nd..."

That means we have some current **Neversink News** - A belated Happy Birthday to Ardie!! Hope your day was special and wishing you many more happy years ahead.

Household Hints:

Has winter caused your cuticles to dry out and get hard?

Soften your cuticles and prevent them from cracking You can soften the cuticles on your fingers and toes before manicuring them by soaking your digits in a bowl of undiluted white vinegar for five minutes.

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Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

Mother Nature's Divine Numbers

News from our son who lives in Texas – they are thawing out! In fact the temperature 70 miles north of Huston was 62 ° on Saturday! Using his NY ingenuity, he not only kept his pipes from freezing, but made the most of the snow with his grandchildren, who don't own a sled – after all what would you do with a sled without snow? Having grown up in Grahamsville, it didn't take him long to improvise and blow up the swim tubes from his swimming pool and turn them into 'snow tubes'.

Often we take things for granted. Perhaps that is why we have these unusual quirks of nature every now and then – to wake us up to the real world where not everything is controlled by pushing a button. Stepping into Nature's world can be just as amazing as all the lights and buttons on the dashboard of a new car or tiny computer/cell phone that can be worn on your wrist. The one our daughter wears is more sensational than Dick Tracy's!

I am a nature lover for sure, but with almost 2 feet of snow in our backyard I rather stay indoors near the warm woodstove and just look out the windows. Living in a forest, seeing all the perfectly shaped trees silhouetted on the snowy background, led me once again to thinking about their growth, their shape, the growth pattern of their branches and how Fibonacci came up with a numerical sequence starting with zero (0) and one (1). Fibonacci added the last two numbers in the series together, and the sum became the next number in the sequence. The number sequence started to look like this: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34... The number pattern had the formula Fn = Fn-1 + Fn-2 and became the Fibonacci sequence, and it seemed to have mystical powers!

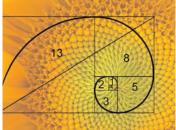
When the numbers in the sequence were put in ratios, the value of the ratio was the same as another number 1.68, or "phi" – nicknamed the "divine number". Scientists and naturalists have discovered the Fibonacci sequence appearing in



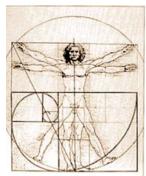
almost all flowering plants – the number of petals on the flower is a Fibonacci number. Daisies have 13 petals; asters and chicory have 21 petals; plantain and pyrethum flowers have 34 petals, etc. The golden ratio is seen in these flowers in terms of petal arrangement and the petals exhibit a twisting of about 1.618034°, in order to optimize

exposure to sunlight.

The same is also true for the leaf arrangement of most plants or the spiraling patterns of seed heads such as a sunflower. Pine cones are also arranged in a Fibonaccian spiral. Close by in our refrigerator is a pineapple, artichokes and a red cabbage that are in contrast to the vastness of our own Milky Way galaxy, however the Fibonaccian spiral is observed in all.



Spirals and the Golden ratio is significan in our daily life as well as in mathematics.. We now have scientific evidence that our brains automatically recognize this pattern. Whether we have been genetically programmed to like it or we find it pleas-



ing due to all the examples around us, the golden ratio has been used for a long time. DaVinci's creation, the *Vetruvian Man* isn't the only masterpiece relying on the golden ratio. Just as the golden ratio looks nice in paintings, it also looks nice when used in logos. like the Pepsi logo, Toyota logo, Hyundai logo, etc.

You don't have to go far to see this fascinating pattern that occurs through all of creation. It is even used for your plastic credit/debit card -- all golden proportion rectangles!

What does this have to do with the snow in Texas? Perhaps Mother Nature relies on her own instincts, and trusts we will do the same and not always rely on 'fact

checker'. It is still winter. Whether it is for survival or fun, we need to be prudently prepared, and humbly grateful for what we have and make the most of it! While you are snowbound or at home safe from the pandemic, look around your house and see how often this phenomena of numbers occurs. You will be amazed.

Spring into Seeding!

VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: Spring into Seeding! on Sunday, March 7th at 2 p.m..

Think Spring! John W. Story of Story's Neversink Plant Co. in Neversink, NY will demonstrate how to start vegetable seeds and how to make cuttings of common flowering garden plants. Using step by step instructions, each step will be demonstrated and explained. Participants will be able to easily replicate the steps to have a successful garden this spring. An introduction begins the program and a question and answer session will follow.

Admission to the Museum's virtual events is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to receive a reply email invitation with information

on how to log in for the program. Programs are provided FREE for Museum members. To become a member (only \$25 for a full year!) go to: https://www.timeandthevalleysmuse-um.org/support/membership/ or just send a check to Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740.

While the program is free, a donation of \$5 or \$10 from non-members to help the Museum cover the cost of providing educational programs for non-members is appreciated. Go to: https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/donate/ to make a donation via paypal. For more information on this or other upcoming programs, please call 845 985-7700 or go to info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed, but will open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. The Museum has everything in place

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

Exhibitions:

o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.

o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building

> of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

> o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700. e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.





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The Girl Who Wasn't There Mysterious Book Report No. 437 by John Dwaine McKenna

A man named Sydney O'Keefe has just been paroled after serving a ten year jolt in an upstate New York maximum security prison for a quadruple homicide he didn't do, as the electrifying, propulsive and gritty new novel from prolific crime fiction author Vincent Zandri opens at a family resort in northern New York's Adirondack Mountains near Lake Placid.

The Girl Who Wasn't There, (Oceanview Publishing, \$26.95, 297 pages, ISBN 978-1-60809-396-0) begins at a lakeside beach, where eleven year old Chloe O'Keefe is building a sand castle with a new friend, as both pairs of doting parents look on. But when Syd and his wife Penny go back their cabin for a few moments, Chloe goes missing without a trace. After hours of frantic searching . . . the police

are called in, something Syd's reluctant to do. He knows that as a newly released ex-convict, he'll be the primary suspect in his daughter's disappearance.

As the search for the missing girl casts a wider and wider net without results however, O'Keefe suspects that the gangster he was associated with – his old crime boss – Mickey Rabuffo is behind the abduction.

The police are pretty sure that O'Keefe himself, a man with a history of prison violence is the reason his daughter is missing, and most likely dead. And although the circumstantial evidence all points to Syd, he knows that it's his past which has come back to haunt him. The only way to keep his family from being killed, is for O'Keefe to take the law into his own hands and dispense some of his own rough justice, exposing a conspiracy of epic dimensions in the process. With more twists, turns and switchbacks than a Catskill Mountain back road, *The Girl Who Wasn't There*, will entertain readers from the first page to the last sentence!

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

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

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#AdventuresAtHome – Snowshoeing

Take to the snow this year with snowshoeing! Snowshoeing can be a great, lowimpact way to exercise this winter that only requires a few basic techniques. To get started, you need snowshoes - that are specified for your weight, the terrain or land that you will be headed out on, and the conditions - warm, waterproof boots, layers of clothing that can handle the temperatures, and adjustable poles (optional, but can be helpful). Many education centers and outdoor retailers have snowshoes available for rent. Check for COVID-19 restrictions.

John Dwaine McKenna's Books

are now available at the

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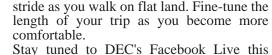
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Snowshoeing is intuitive when getting started, but you will need to adjust to a wider



Stay tuned to DEC's Facebook Live this week to learn more tips and tricks.

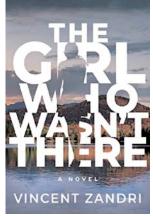
Don't forget to review the Hiker Responsibility Code and prepare the 10 hiking essentials for every trip. In case you missed it, watch a Facebook Live with DEC Forest Rangers discussing Winter HikeSmartNY tips.

Always follow trail etiquette when sharing the trail with other winter outdoor enthusiasts. Avoid ski tracks, and give skiers the right of way.

New York has thousands of miles of trails to explore this winter. All trails on DEC lands are open to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. If there is not enough

snow, find a great winter hike near you. Winter is a special time to get outside and an opportunity to see things that may otherwise not be seen, including dens and nests. Animal tracks are plentiful, and it is a great time to observe birds and other wildlife.







One friend compared getting her first appointment and consequent vaccine dose to winning the lottery. Once you have the first dose, the second one is secured. Yippee!

Vaccines are becoming more available, but this week some appointments were cancelled due to delayed shipments. Having an appointment cancelled is like losing just one of your favorite earrings. It can provoke anger, depression and general funk.

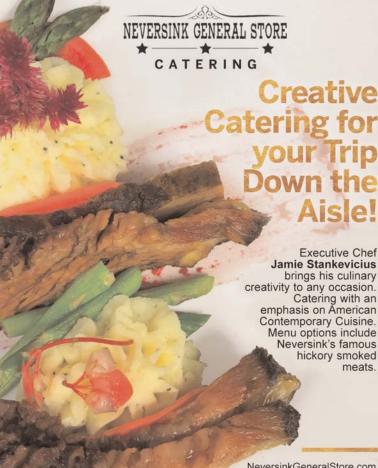
May the blue bird of happiness light upon you as you find an appointment soon and may it be within a single tank of gas to get there.

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Tri-Valley Lions Calico Geese Quilt Raffle - June 1, 2021



The a 60" X 70" Bed Topper quilt donatedby The Calico Geese

(From Pg. 1)

The drawing will be held on June 1, 2021, and the winner does not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. Tickets will be available from GeneFroehlich at 845-439-4921; Mary Lou Vernooy (Membership Chairperson) at 845-434-7781 or Terry Delaney at

845-434-8696.

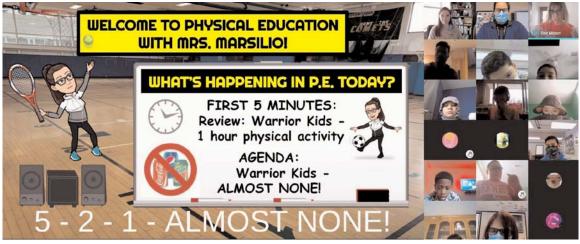
All funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go right into the Tri-Valley Lions Charity Account so our group can continue its mission to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Lions Cancer Awareness, 5 local food pantries, eye tests and glasses for those in our community who are unable to afford these on their own due to lack of insurance, assistance to those in our community that have had catastrophic illnesses, or the misfortune of loss due to fire, The Heart-A-Thon, Diabetes awareness, and so many more causes.

The Tri-Valley Lions group was chartered in 1977 and has been serving our community for more than 40 years. While we have lost many members over the years, we are proud to say that we still have several members who have been with our group since its inception. To those members we lost over the years, we still think about them, miss them, and continue to acknowledge the dedication of all members, past and present, and we know our community is appreciative of the contributions we've made since 1977.

Due to Covid 19, The Tri-Valley Lions group has been unable to perform our major fundraising efforts, which include running the soda booth at the Fairgrounds, our Annual Tri-Valley Journey For Sight and Tag Day. We look forward to the day we can once again interact in person, open our soda booth, and do our Journey For Sight Walk, which will increase our Charity Account so we can be even more responsive to those who need our assistance. To help get there we hope that all will continue to be tested, get the vaccine when available, wear your mask, practice social distancing, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, and stay home when you are ill.

Thank you for your support and of course we are always looking for new members to join The Tri-Valley Lions. For additional information about the Quilt or raffles or becoming a member of The Tri-Valley Lions, please call Gene Froehlich at 845-439-4921.

Warrior Kids Return to FCSD



Sign for Physical Education Class at BCES. Top row of photos show left to right Garnet Health's Moira Mencher, FCSD's Vanessa Marsilio, and CCE Bee Moser; second row down on left is Warrior leader Damola Akinyemi.

With the arrival of the pandemic and remote learning in March 2020, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has altered or temporarily lost many programs both in-classroom and after school. One of the most special programs was Warrior Kids. Brought to FCSD and a few other Sullivan County schools by **Cornell Cooperative Extension** of Sullivan and Orange Counties (CCE) and Garnet Medical Health Center-Catskills (GHMCC), hundreds of children enrolled in this program. after-school Because the program focused on healthy eating and rigorous exercise, the sponsors wanted to revive it at a time of great

need for the school children. They also added a mental health component to promote well-being during the challenges of the pandemic.

CCE and GHMCC welcomed the Warriors back to FCSD in January as a pilot hybrid program. Two hundred six fifth and sixth graders participated for four weeks, three days a week, with two classes every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 PM to 3:30 PM. Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) physical education teacher Vanessa Marsilio led a group in each period on campus in a classroom. CCE's Nutritionist Bee Moser and Warriors' trainer Damola Akinyemi performed the healthy foods and exercise elements from their homes via Google Meet for all the students in Ms. Marsilio's classroom and at their homes.

Nutritionist Bee Moser is an advocate for Eat Smart NY, and The Warrior Kids is a program in conjunction with Eat Smart NY and SNAP-Ed and Ayo Fitness. She passionately encourages using the 5-2-1-Almost None formula for being a healthy kid: eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day; no more than 2 hours of screen time per day; get 1 hour of physical activity per day; Almost None of your drinks are sugary beverages.



FCSD Physical Education Teacher Vanessa Marsilio handing out a goody bag to a fifth grade Warrior Kid



One of Ms. Marsilio's classes watching live-stream video of instructor demonstrating rigorous exercise for them

The lead trainer, Damola, is a dynamo. His resounding deep voice and chiseled muscular body are in constant motion. The children love him and try their best to keep up with his instructions of move this way, jump that way, stand strong, hands raised, legs moving. He is a benevolent pied-piper. His energy is infectious. He has charisma. To witness the children in the classroom and on the computer monitors is thrilling.

Ms. Moira Mencher, Manager of Physician Relations & Community Health at GHMC, did a wonderful job in managing and coordinating the entire program. She and the leaders above were delighted at the response of children, parents and FCSD Administration. FCSD Athletics Director and Chair of the Wellness Committee Suzanne Lendzian was very happy.

Ms. Marsilio braved the harsh windy cold on February 11 to hand out goody bags to remote-learner Warriors in cars driven by their parents. They and their in-classroom mates received certificates of completion; a water bottle with an infuser for fruits, jump rope; hand sanitizer, and chap lip balm from Garnet Health; a CCE exercise band and "Re-think Your Drink" brochure; a letter to parents from GHMC; and hydration gloves donated by Damola.



Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Award Resumes at FCSD

Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) and the Rasnick Family are happy to announce that they will be giving out Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Awards (DTRT) this semester after a hiatus of a few years. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Bart Rasnick are very happy to offer these awards during a time of great challenges in the community. New Principal Kyle Roddey at the Jr/Sr High School will become the coordinator for this outstanding program.

The original award came as an effort from the Fallsburg PBA when the FCSD School Resource Officer in 2003-2004 was Ed Liotard. He went to Miami, Florida where the DTRT Award was based as a partnership between the Miami PD and Miami School District. Officer Liotard enrolled the district in the program.

Public Relations Director Larry Schafman coordinated with

the staff and set up the first awards and ceremonies to honor the students. Funds came from the school and the Fallsburg PBA. They were limited amounts. A year later, Mr. Schafman was at the funeral of Judge Bart Rasnick's father Al, and he heard several eulogies about him, especially about his service in World War II.

With the approval of the School Superintendent and PBA, Mr. Schafman approached Judge Rasnick about his family donating money for the award to be renamed in honor of his late father, the Al Rasnick DTRT Award. The Family was happy to accept this honor and supported the award throughout the years until 2017. One of the reasons for the lapse in the program was changes in the high school administration. Mr. Roddey was happy to hear about the program and is eager to champion it for the school and the Rasnick Family.

Mr. Roddey will be sending out a flyer announcing the resumption of DTRT and welcoming nominations from the teachers and the staff. As Dr. Katz said to Bart Rasnick recently, "As superintendent I am proud and honored about what this program meant for our kids in the past and what it could mean for them in the future."

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison No column this week. Have a great week!

Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum Sunday, February 28, 2 p.m.

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge, on Sunday, February 28th at 2 p.m..

Tanning, or the process of converting animal skins to finished leather, is one of the oldest known crafts. The tanning process required large quantities of both water and hemlock bark, and the Catskill area had both. Men with vision purchased thousands of acres of forested land and built tanneries near the seemingly unlimited supply of water, which quickly became polluted by the tanning process. Prosperity came with the tanneries, in the form of turnpikes, villages and sawmills. Sullivan County alone had thirty-nine tanneries by 1860.

In the program Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge, Town of Rockland Historian Dr. Joyce Conroy will tell the story of how one hundred year old tanned hides were found in the Beaverkill Bridge in Roscoe, Sullivan County.

Admission to the Museum's virtual events is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the program. Please call 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information. It would be appreciated if before requesting the link, you please visit https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/donate/ and using paypal, make a \$3, \$5 or \$10 donation to help cover the cost of the program.

About Dr. Joyce Conroy: Dr. Conroy is a retired Crisis Clinician from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, NJ with a doctorate from Drew University. Since retiring to Sullivan County 14 years ago, she has served as the Director of the Roscoe Free Library and Historian for the Town of Rockland.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed, but will open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks at all times, using hand sanitizer frequently and thoroughly cleaning all touched surfaces several times a day. Visitors to the Museum and 1930s Lost Catskill Farm must wear masks, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout their visit.

Exhibitions:

o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.

o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

Free Training on Subdivisions Offered to Local Officials

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development, in partnership with the New York State Department of State, is hosting a free virtual training for local municipal officials about conducting Subdivision Reviews.

It will be held online on Monday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m., and successful completion will provide two training credits. The session is free, but preregistration is required. To register, please contact the Division of Planning at 845-807-0527 or email Planning@sullivanny.us.

"Upstate New York, and Sullivan County in particular, is experiencing an increase in development pressure as a result of pandemic outmigration, and there is potential for a rise in subdivision applications," noted Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg. "This year's training with the Department of State will provide an overview of the statutory authority for municipalities to review subdivisions. Discussion will focus on the elements of a subdivision plat - layout of lots and infrastructure - along with concepts such as deep lot development and clustering. Review procedures are also addressed, including State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), county referral, public hearings, decision-making, and the possibility of default approvals."

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Agricultural Literacy Week to Reach Nearly 800 Students across SC

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - Agricultural Literacy Week has been celebrated by New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAITC) for the past 17 years as a way to promote agricultural literacy and learning to students across New York State. Each year, with the help of countybased coordinators, thousands of volunteers visit schools to read an agriculture-themed book to elementary students. This year, March 15-19, 2021, NYAITC and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County are excited to continue this state-wide event through virtual engagement. Volunteer readers will have access to pre-recorded videos developed by NYAITC or will have the option to read to students live via video feed.

CCE Sullivan County proudly partners with the Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, and Tri-Valley school districts to host Ag in the Classroom in 2021 for nearly 800 students across Sullivan County.

The dairy industry will be supported in 2021 as the book Chuck's Ice Cream Wish (Tales of the Dairy Godmother) by Viola Butler will be read to students. This is a unique tale of agriculture with vivid illustrations and an engaging storyline. The book will help students understand the importance of dairy in communities across New York and learn about the journey their food takes from farm to cone. With over 4,000 dairy farms and ranking fourth nationally as the largest producer of milk, dairy is vital to New York State. The dairy community in New York includes both large and small farms. It also boasts processing facilities of various types and sizes, from major global processing companies to small artisanal dairy product makers. NYAITC is proud to feature a book that displays the unique markets and diversity that encompasses many aspects of New York's dairy industry while also focusing on processing and how consumers contribute to agriculture.

New York State has the longest running and largest Agricultural Literacy Week programs in the country. This year, more than 80,000 students across 62 counties will participate in virtual Agricultural Literacy Week activities. Agricultural Literacy Week would not be possible without the support of our wide network of volunteers. We are proud that funding to support Agricultural Literacy Week has generously been provided by New York State dairy farmers through the Dairy Promotion Order.

For more information about Agricultural Literacy Week in Sullivan County, contact CCE Sullivan County Healthy Schools Coordinator SueAnn Boyd at srb46@cornell.edu, or visit the New York Agriculture in the Classroom website at www.agclassroom.org/ny.

How to Sign Up to Be One of Our Clinic Volunteers

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is building its volunteer reserve corps to assist with upcoming vaccination clinics, but some potential volunteers may find the signup process intimidating.

"We don't want anything getting in the way of good people looking to do good things," affirms Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "But it is necessary for everyone to sign up through the ServNY system, which allows us to quickly organize, contact and track volunteers who want to help during this pandemic."

Medical professionals likely already are familiar with the process. But for those who aren't healthcare professionals, Public Health offers an easy-to-follow step-by-step guide at www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/COVIDvaccines.

"Please take the time to become a volunteer if you can commit to even just a few hours a week or a month," McGraw encourages. "If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Volunteer Coordinator Linda Squires at VolunteerMRC@sullivanny.us or 845-513-2186."



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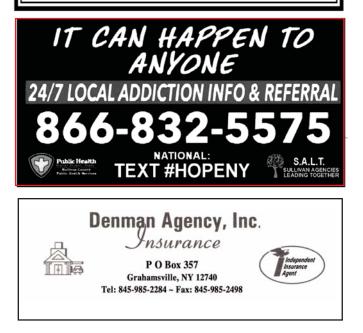
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Regina McKenny-Snead recipient of Fallsburg Alumni Association's Lawrence Kotin Award.

The Fallsburg Alumni Association is proud to present its first ever Lawrence Kotin Award. This award recognizes and honors a Fallsburg Alumni whose dedication and contributions on behalf of children with special needs is outstanding.

Lawrence Kotin graduated FCHS in 1958. He earned a B.A. from Columbia College in 1962, a Certificat de Langue Francaise from La Sorbonne, and a J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law in 1966. He has had an outstanding legal career and has won awards for his advocacy for students with special needs. He drafted much of the Massachusetts legislation outlining the rights of children with disabilities and was instrumental in its passage in 1972. He later drafted the regulations from that statute and was a consultant to the Department of Education in the first years of the law's implementation. This legislation became the federal Education for All Handicapped Children Act three years later. This award is to honor and remember his lifetime of work on behalf of children with special needs



The Fallsburg Alumni Association has chosen Mrs. Regina McKenny-Snead to be the recipient of this honor and award. Regina is a 1989 graduate of FCSD. In Regina's words, $^{\circ}\infty$ I always knew that my purpose in life was to be of service to others'I am extremely proud to be a part of what is now known as The Arc Greater Hudson Valley. I appreciate being deeply rooted in an organization that promotes, among other things, advocacy, inclusion and independence for people with developmental disabilities.°± Regina has dedicated most of her career to SullivanArc and was promoted into her current position as Associate Executive Director of SullivanArc in 2007.. The FAA is delighted to have Regina, who is the current President of the FAA, as its recipient of this new and well-deserved award.

Cuomo Announces Bill Delivered to the Legislature to Strengthen Enforcement Against Utilities that Fail to Effectively Address Power Outages

 Eliminates Caps on Penalties to Align with the Actual Damages Caused by Specific Violations
Legislation Would Establish a Streamlined Process for Revocation of a Utility's Operating Certificate for Recurring Failures
Ensures Better Service and Communications to

Customers in Response to Extreme Weather Events

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced he is advancing legislation to strengthen the State's enforcement of utilities to address systematic failures to prepare for and respond to extreme weather events, including the unacceptable performance of several electric and telecom providers during Tropical Storm Isaias last year. If adopted, the legislation would hold utilities accountable by eliminating caps on penalties for Public Service Law violations and instead establish a new penalty system that more accurately tailors the penalty to the violation. In addition, the new law would also expedite and clarify the utility franchise revocation process for recurring failures and require the Public Service Commission to cap the amount of money ratepayers contribute to utility executive salaries.

"In the wake of poor performance during last year's destructive storms, it's abundantly clear that many of New York's utilities are not serving the public interest and that our tools to keep them in line are woefully inadequate," Governor Cuomo said. "This legislation will allow the state to properly penalize utilities for violating the law and allow us to pursue repeat offenders if we think their licenses should be revoked. Utilities serve the people and collect their money-they should be held accountable."

In addition to the provisions described above, the legislation would:

o Allow PSC to assess separate penalties for the benefit of consumers, including the authority to seek up to \$500 per household for consumer damages like spoiled food and lost medications due to extended outages;

o Apply the new system of penalties to electric corporations, gas corporations, cable television companies or cable television systems, telephone corporations, steam corporations, water-works corporations, as well as their officers or employees;

o Require companies to have a communications plan included in an emergency response plan to ensure better communications to customers by utilities during an outage. The communications plan would have to specifically identify and describe redundancies in the company's communication systems.

The proposed legislation will apply to electric, gas, water, telecommunications and cable services. Utilities that fail to comply will be subject to penalties and revocation, as contemplated under the Governor's bill. Under current rules, electric utilities provide the PSC with emergency response plans and are required under such plans to prepare for service outages as a result of extreme weather. Recent extreme weather events such as Tropical Storm Isaias have illustrated that the penalties in the Public Service Law have not been a sufficient deterrent against actions or inaction that violates such emergency response plans. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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(From Pg 13) These violations jeopardize public health and safety, and ratepayers deserve better service and better communications. This legislation ensures that utilities will be held to higher standards given the franchise they are awarded to provide the service New York State customers deserve.

The bill would amend the Public Service Law to increase penalties by removing existing caps and replacing the current penalty assessment system with a system that tailors penalties to the nature and extent of harm caused by public utilities who violate the law. Currently, penalties related to reliability and continuity of electric service, including restoration following a major outage or event, start at \$100,000 or .02 of 1 percent of annual intrastate gross operating revenue, whichever is greater, for each separate and distinct offense. Penalties rise to \$500,000 or .04 of 1 percent, whichever is greater, for combo gas and electric utilities in the restoration of electric service following a major outage event or emergency.

This proposed legislation is the latest of numerous actions the Governor has taken to hold utilities accountable. On February 3, Governor Cuomo directed Rory I. Lancman, Special Counsel for Ratepayer Protection at the New York State Department of Public Service, to commence and lead a municipalization feasibility study regarding Long Island's largest privately-owned water company, New York American Water Company, Inc. On January 10, Governor Cuomo announced a proposal to prohibit utility disconnections in regions that are under a State of Emergency as part of the 2021 State of the State.

The Governor also took numerous actions to hold utilities accountable during Tropical Storm Isaias, which left hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers without power this summer. On November 19, 2020 Governor Cuomo announced that the New York State Public Service Commission had completed its investigation into the apparent failure of New York's electric utilities to adequately prepare for and respond to Tropical Storm Isaias. As a result of the investigation, the fastest ever conducted by New York's utility regulator, three of the state's largest utilities - Con Edison, O&R and Central Hudson - now face potential penalties totaling \$137.3 million, with Con Edison and O&R also facing potential license revocation. All three will now be required to explain why penalties should not be imposed by the PSC for such apparent violations of the laws, regulations and orders that are designed to ensure the safety and reliability of the electric system.

Subsequently, the Governor directed the Special Counsel for Ratepayer Protection at the New York State Department of Public Service to hold four virtual public forums in December 2020 and January 2021 to receive public testimony regarding potential damages and harm suffered by ratepayers as a result of electric service providers' performance in response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Finally, in December 2020, the Governor announced the Long Island Power Authority has filed legal action against PSEG Long Island for breach of contract for its unacceptable performance in response to Tropical Storm Isaias.

Governor Cuomo announces 13 Community-Based Pop-Up Vaccination Sites Coming Online this Week to Provide First Doses to 3850 New Yorkers

• Sites Will Vaccinate 3,850 People This Week and Bolster State's Commitment to Ensuring Fairness and Equity in Vaccine Distribution Process

• Community-Based 'Pop Up' Vaccination Sites Have Enabled Approximately 42,500 New Yorkers to Receive First Dosage of Vaccine

• Vaccinations are By Appointment Only; Scheduling is Conducted Directly Through Host Site or Partner Provider That Work with Community Leaders and Organizations to Reach Eligible New Yorkers in Each Specific Community

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced 13 community-based pop-up vaccination sites coming online this week at community centers, public housing complexes and cultural centers. These sites are expected to vaccinate 3,850 people throughout the week, with more sites coming online every week. Since January 15, more than 90 community-based pop-up sites have enabled approximately 42,500 New Yorkers to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose. As has been the case with previous pop-up sites, these sites will be re-established in three weeks to administer second doses.

Moving forward as the federal vaccine supply increases, New York will continue to establish these sites at all 33 NYCHA Senior Housing Developments, which house more than 7,600 seniors. Popup locations will also continue to be established at other public housing complexes statewide, as well as at more than 300 churches and cultural centers which have volunteered to house these sites through Governor Cuomo's Vaccine Equity Task Force.

"COVID impacted communities of color at much higher rate, and it exposed the inequalities that have existed in our nation's health care system for decades," Governor Cuomo said. "From day one we have made the fair and equitable distribution of the vaccine a top priority, but two issues still exist, especially in our Black and Brown communities - accessibility and skepticism. These pop-up sites allow us to work with the local leaders and trusted voices in those communities that were hit the hardest by COVID, helping to ensure access to and instill confidence in the vaccine, while also furthering our goal to vaccinate every single New Yorker."

The establishment of many of these vaccination sites was made possible by the deployment of these vaccination kits and through partnerships with multiple public and private health care providers. Appointments are scheduled directly with the host site or partner provider who work with community organizations and community leaders to identify New Yorkers from that specific community who are eligible to obtain a vaccination. TheHudson Valley sites being established this week are located at the addresses below: **Haverstraw Community Center**

50 W. Broad Street

Haverstraw, NY

Opens Friday, February 19; Hours: 9AM-5PM ****all appointments** already filled**

Port Chester Senior Center

222 Grace Church Street

Port Chester, NY

Opens Friday, February 19; Hours: 9AM-5PM ****all appointments** already filled**

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Meatless Spinach Quiche

1/2 cup butter 3 cloves garlic, chopped 1 small onion, chopped 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained 1 (4.5 ounce) can mushrooms, drained 1 (6 ounce) package herb and garlic feta, crumbled 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese 1 (9 inch) unbaked deep dish pie crust 4 eggs, beaten 1 cup milk Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Saute garlic and onion in butter until lightly browned, about 7 minutes. Stir in spinach, mushrooms, feta and 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs 45 Gusty and milk. Season with salt and pepper. Pour 46 Considered spinach mixture into eggs and milk and mix thoroughly.

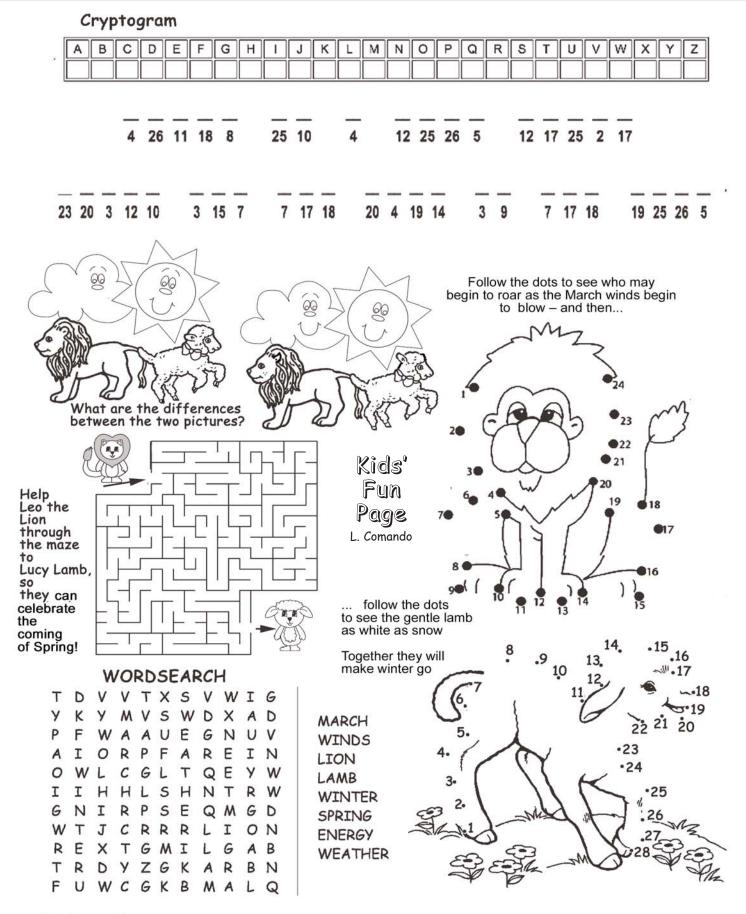
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Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Sprinkle top with remaining Cheddar cheese, and bake an additional 35 to 40 minutes, until set in center. Allow to stand 10 minutes before serving.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Fallsburg School District 2021-2022 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration / 2021-2022 Registración de Prekinder y Kinder

• Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2021.

• Pre-K students must be 4 on or before December 1, 2021.

• Kindergarten Registration will take place from March 1st through March 19th.

• Pre-K Registration will take place from April 6th-April 23rd.

Registration will take place online. Please visit http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration for instructions and to reach our online registration form *Please note: ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.

• Los estudiantes de Kinder deben tener 5 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes

• Los estudiantes de Prekinder deben tener 4 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes

• La registración de Kinder se llevará a cabo desde el 1 de marzo hasta el 19 de marzo.

• La registración de Pre-K se llevará a cabo del 6 al 23 de abril.

• La registración se realizará en línea. Por favor visite: http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration para instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea

* Tenga en cuenta: todos los estudiantes nuevos de Kinder DEBEN registrarse, incluso

si se registraron para Prekinder el año pasado.

Time to Get Into a New York State Certified Agricultural District

The Ulster County Legislature will accept applications from landowners wanting to have their

agricultural lands included within a NYS Certified Agricultural District from March 1 through March 30, 2021.

Landowners seeking inclusion into a New York State Certified Agricultural District must submit a completed Agricultural District Inclusion Application available on the Planning Department's website at

http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/annual-agricultural-district-inclusions. Interestedparties may also request an application by contacting Burt Samuelson at (845) 339-2490 or via email

at bsam@co.ulster.ny.us with tax map identifica-

tion number(s). The Application and the relevant portion to the tax map should be submitted to: Burt Samuelson, Ulster County Planning Department, 244 Fair St., PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402-1800

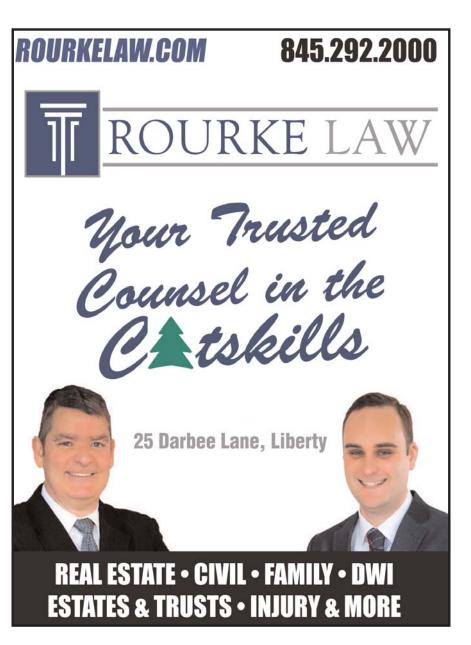
Applications must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

Applications may also be sent by e-mail to bsam@co.ulster.ny.us. E-mailed applications must be received by 11:59 PM on March 30, 2021.

Agricultural District Law adopted by the New York State Legislature in 1971 provides for the creation of Agricultural Districts to protect and promote the availability of land for farming purposes.

Lands within Districts are protected from unreasonable local regulation of farm practices, the acquisition by public entities through the use of eminent domain, and the advance of public funds to construct facilities that encourage non-farm development. Additionally, land used in agricultural production within an Agricultural District is not subject to benefit assessments, special ad valorem levies or other rates and fees for the financing of improvements such as water, sewer or non-farmdrainage.

Ulster County has four certified Agricultural Districts containing over 71,000 acres of farmland.



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Winter Fun in Sullivan County

We're smack in the middle of an ice storm and the forecast calls for more snow in the next few days. That's just fine, because when life gives you winter- you get creative.

Come try the art of ice fishing. Yes, there's an art to knowing the right spot and the right depth to drop your line. The fun gets underway this Sunday at the annual King of the Ice Fishing Contest on White Lake. If you just can't get enough, get on over to Swan Lake next Saturday and try again. It's sponsored by the Swan Lake Hose Co. #1.

Date: February 27 Time: 6:00 am - 3:00 pm Event Category: Explore Website: https://www.facebook.com/Swan-Lake-Hose-Co-1-658018180944474

Venue: Swan Lake Park Near Rte. 55 & Briscoe Rd. Swan Lake, NY 12783 United States + Google Map

Are you an artist on skates? Swing on by Upward Brewery and have a skate around the pond or join in on a pickup ice hockey game. Or have a brisk snowshoe up Beer Mountain where the best part is sipping on a cold one afterwards. You can slow the pace on a hike through any number of our hiking trails (https://www.trailkeeper.org/). And here's a way to enjoy the ice without being on it. Check out Glaciers of the Catskills - a free virtual presentation by Time and the Valleys Museum. February 21 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

Winter is perfect for creativity indoors, too. Take a trip to Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Narrowsburg for Threadbare (http://www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org an exhibition of paper and printmaking by Sariah Park going on through March 27. Or on February 20, check out A Bright Future: Envisioning 2021 (https://www.narrowsburgunion.com/events) an exhibit inspired by pop art, graphic design, the avant-garde and more at the Narrowsburg Union.

Our hoteliers have just what you're looking for in a winter sleepover. You can bring your pod and stay at a vacation rental. Pick a full-service resort and we'll gladly wait on you hand and foot. And

our small inns and B&B's will pamper you with outstanding service. All the while, all our proprietors, retailers, artisans, restauranteurs continue to follow protocols of our Catskills Confidence program and those of federal, state, and local agencies to ensure your health and safety.

Speaking of restaurants, you can dine in (limited capacity of course), or take out. One thing we know for sure, you'll love the creative approaches our chefs take in every season: Toasted Sesame Curry Squid, Dover Sole Francese, Fried Brussel Sprouts. Complement any meal with a craft brew, cider, distilled spirit or wine served at our restaurants, or sampled on the Craft Beverage Trail.



Come join us before the winter creativity passes you by. We're just 90-minutes from Manhattan. Close. Clean. Confident and always creative.

Roberta Byron-Lockwood President/CEO



FEBRUARY 25, 2021

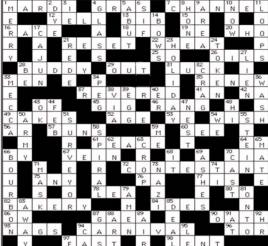
If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: *stpeters/bulletin* As New York begins to open allowing churches to once againhave services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.



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

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

Ans to last week's Crossword





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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 gnomehome.net

Time in the Valleys Museum presents:

Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge February 28 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST Sunday, February 28, 2 p.m. Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

Town of Rockland Historian Joyce Conroy will tell the story of how 100 year old tanned hides were found in the Beaverkill Bridge.

To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information.

Spring into Seeding

March 7 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m. Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

John W. Story of Story's Neversink Plant Co. In Neversink, NY will demonstrate how to start vegetable seeds and how to make cuttings of common flowering garden plants. Using step by step instructions each step will be demonstrated and explained so you will be able to easily do it for yourself and have a successful garden this spring. Question and Answer session will follow.

To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information.

SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing. Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is April 12, 2021.

SCDW is calling for original plays to be presented at the Rivoli Theatre

TheSullivan County Dramatic Workshop is calling for original plays to be presented at the Rivoli Theatre May 7 through May 16, 2021. In the event that theatres are not allowed to open due to New York State covid restrictions, SCDW will present these plays in a virtual format. All plays chosen must meet the following requirements:

o Running time must be no longer than 10 minutes from curtain to curtain (strictly enforced)

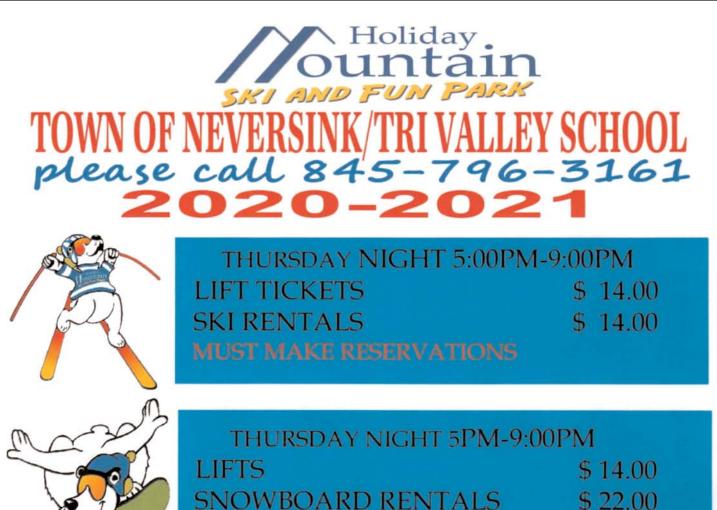
o Plays must be presented in a black box format with minimal set and prop needs (the Executive Director reserves the right to determine if the chosen plays meet this requirement)

Vulgar language and topics will not be accepted for submission

Play submissions must be in an electronic format and submitted to the Executive Director no later than April 1. Plays submitted after that date may not be given consideration. Scripts must be double spaced and use Calibri 12 or Times New Roman 12 fonts. Authors will be notified of their play being selected for performance no later than April 8.

SCDW reserves the right to present the selected plays without payment of a royalty to the author. 12 to 16 plays will be selected at the discretion of the Executive Director and Reading Committee. Each selected play will be performed three times either the weekend of May 7 or the weekend of May 14 at the discretion of the Executive Director.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Harold Tighe at haroldtighe50@gmail.com.



MUST MAKE RESEVATIONS



SNOW TUBING THURSDAY NIGHT 4-6 OR 6-8 TUBING PER PERSON \$ 14.00 MUST BE 42 INCHES TALL MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS

YOU MUST WEAR MASK AT ALL TIMES !! BE ADVISED NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IN CAFETERIA ,NO PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN THE LODGE OR CAFETERIA AREA !!

Governor Cuomo Updates New Yorkers on Vaccine Shipping Delays

"The federal government previously informed New York that the winter storms impacting much of the country have delayed nearly all shipments of the COVID-19 vaccine, and since then we have been in constant contact with our federal partners to track any incoming shipments and make the necessary adjustments to our operations.

"We have now been informed that shipments of the Pfizer vaccine that should have been delivered already but were delayed due to weather are scheduled to arrive by Monday, and orders placed within the last 48 hours will be sent after, with expected arrival on Tuesday and Wednesday. Delayed shipments of the Moderna vaccine should arrive by the middle of next week, with orders placed within the last 48 hours expected to arrive next Thursday and Friday.

"We will continue to track these shipments closely over the coming days and keep New Yorkers informed about any changes in existing appointments. At this time, no appointments at staterun sites have been rescheduled due to these shipping issues. In the meantime, we are doing everything we can to get shots into arms as quickly and fairly as possible so we can defeat this beast once and for

Governor Cuomo Announces Nursing Home Visitations to Resume in Accordance with CMS and CDC Guidelines

• DOH Recommends Nursing Home Visitors Take a Rapid Test Before Entry; DOH Will Provide Rapid Tests to Nursing Homes at No Cost

• New York City Indoor Dining Can Expand to 35 Percent Capacity on February 26; Reopening Subject to Strict State Guidance

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the New York State Department of Health will allow visitation of residents in nursing home facilities in accordance with CMS and CDC guidelines. The Department of Health recommends that visitors take a rapid test before entry into the facility, and DOH will provide rapid tests to nursing homes at no cost. Guidance on visitations will be available beginning Monday, February 22.

The Governor also announced that New York City indoor dining can expand to 35 percent capacity next Friday, February 26. The reopening is subject to strict state guidance and aligns with New Jersey's 35 percent limit.

Governor Cuomo also announced that the FDA has allocated 4,610 doses of the therapeutic bamlanivimab to New York. Bamlanivimab was shown in trials to reduce COVID hospitalization or ER visits in high-risk patients within 28 days after treatment when compared to a placebo.

COVID-19 hospitalizations dropped to 6,155, the lowest level since December 17. The 7-day average positivity rate has declined for 42 straight days.

"New Yorkers should be commended for how they have continued to beat back this invisible enemy and as we continue that progress, we're working to reopen parts of our lives that we've had to give up because of COVID," Governor Cuomo said. "One of the most devastating aspects of this virus has been how it separated families from their loved ones, making an already difficult situation even harder to bear. Thanks to the dedication of New Yorkers, we're now at a point where we can begin to resume nursing home visitations under strict guidelines to protect the health and safety of residents. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer, but we are not out of the woods yet. New Yorkers have been through so much this past year and as long as we continue to follow the science and remain united, we will finally win this war."

Please Wear a Face Mask

Help Stop the Spread

Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

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

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect other people.

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

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

CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 3/2/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville.
- 3/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 2/17/21)
- 3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
- 3/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting Regular
- 3/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 3/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all <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</u> <u>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.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS Town of Denning - http://www.denning.us Town of Neversink - https://townofneversink.org

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update for the week of February 22 - February 26, 2021

Monday, February 22

o 10:00 AM - Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board Meeting, Powered by Zoom Webinar. Dial (646_ 558-8656, Webinar ID: 838 9930 0980, Passcode: 760360

o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board Meeting, Hosted by WebEx, By Phone Dial 1-408-418-9388, Access Code 132 956 6981#, Password: 1234#

o 6:00 PM - Trails Advisory Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 857 8808 8937, Passcode 913427, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 6:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 986 3729 7923, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 941 7494 7702, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, February 23

o No Meetings

Wednesday, February 24

o 9:30 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, at 5 Park Ln, Highland. Contact the office for attendance details (845) 883-7162 Ext. 3

o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 872 2788 8293, By Phone Dial (929) 436-2866

o 4:30 PM - Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 988 1042 6830, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 6:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 973 2073 9410, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

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

o 7:00 PM - Fire Advisory Board, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 885 1833 0643, Passcode: 607905, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, February 25

o No Meetings

Friday, February 26

o No Meetings

Regards, Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk Ulster County Legislature

Tri-Valley Elementary School WANTED:

Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey @trivalleycsd.org.

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$6.00 for the first 20 words/ 20 cents each additional word 1" Boxed ad (1" x 3") - \$7.50 per week

> Business card ad (2" × 3") \$15.00 per week

(3" × 4") - \$30.00 per week (3" × 6") - \$45.00 (4" × 6") - \$60.00 1/4 pg (4" × 5") -\$50.00 (6" × 8") - \$120.00 1/2 pg (4"×8") -\$80.00

Full Page - 8" ×10" - \$160

Low Rates - High Visibility!

UC Executive Pat Ryan presents 2021 State of the County Address

• Ulster County will become one of the first counties in the country to undertake a large-scale universal basic income pilot program

• Funded through the generosity of community donations, Ulster County will be providing 100 qualifying households with direct relief payments of \$500 a month for an entire year

• County Executive Ryan outlined his first of three major initiatives that will simultaneously protect our environment, boost our economy, and help realize a • • Green New Deal in Ulster County

On Earth Day, County Executive Ryan will outline a comprehensive, multi-pronged plan to further build on Green New Deal efforts

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan delivered his second State of the County Address premiering live on Facebook. County Executive Ryan reflected on the resilience, compassion, and ingenuity our community has shown during the challenges of the past year and unveiled new initiatives that will drive the future of our County as we emerge from the pandemic, including investments in solidifying Ulster County's position as a leader in the green economy and a Universal Basic Income (UBI) pilot program.

Universal Basic Income Pilot Program

"Amidst the pandemic's devastation, we have our first opportunity in a generation to think about creative and innovative ways to help people in need," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I'm very excited that in 2021 Ulster County will become one of the first counties in the country to undertake a large-scale universal basic income pilot program -- where we'll provide much-needed economic relief directly to families throughout the county. By teaming up with one of the world's leaders on UBI, we can start to better understand what \$500 a month for an entire year will mean for a single parent, a recent SUNY Ulster graduate, or a member of our senior community."

Ulster County will become one of the first counties in the country to undertake a large-scale universal basic income pilot program. This program will provide much-needed economic relief directly to families throughout the county. Through a partnership between Project Resilience, the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Guaranteed Income, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and Ulster Savings Bank, Ulster County will be providing 100 qualifying households with direct relief payments of \$500 a month for an entire year, all funded through the generosity of community donations.

Residents looking to participate must have an annual income of \$46,900 or below. To check your eligibility and apply for the program fill out a survey at ProjectResilienceUBI.com by March 15th. Qualifying participants will be selected through a lottery system managed by the University of Pennsylvania.

"UPENN's Center for Guaranteed Income and Research is excited to partner with Ulster County on their Project Resilience UBI program," Dr. Stacia West and Dr. Amy Baker, Center for Guaranteed Income Research, University of Pennsylvania said. "We have worked with cities across the country, but this will be the first demonstration of its kind in a rural area. We are looking forward to adding this unique perspective to the knowledge base and national dialogue on Basic Income. We look forward to seeing how \$500 per month in cash may positively impact the lives of Ulster County residents."

"I am so pleased to see Ulster County launching a Universal Basic Income Pilot for residents who are experiencing significant financial hardship," President & CEO of United Way of Ulster County Stacey Rein said. "Because poverty is related to poor health and nutrition, destabilized neighborhoods, and low academic performance, I applaud the County for initiating this innovative approach to improving outcomes for our most vulnerable residents."

"Ulster Savings Bank is very excited to partner with Ulster County on this first of its kind program for our area," Ulster Savings Bank President Bill Calderara said. "County Executive Pat Ryan has been a real partner and has shown great support and leadership in the midst of this pandemic. It is our hope that this program will be yet another initiative that will directly help our residents as we continue to rebuild from the pandemic."

A Green New Deal for Ulster County

"Rather than reverting back to our pre-pandemic economy, where far too many were already living paycheck-to-paycheck, we will lean into the future economy -- further accelerating our work to implement a Green New Deal here in Ulster County. We will prove that taking aggressive climate action is not only the morally right thing to do, but that it will position us as an economic leader in the State and across the nation," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Today, we announce three major initiatives that will simultaneously protect our environment and boost our economy. These initiatives are part of a larger comprehensive, multi-pronged plan to further build on our Green New Deal in Ulster County efforts. We can not just tackle the challenges of today, we must look forward and lay the groundwork for a greener, more equitable, and more just society."

Since Day One, A Green New Deal For Ulster County has been one of County Executive Ryan's top priorities. During this first week in office, he signed an Executive Order committing to an aggressive goal: transitioning our county operations to 100% renewable energy by 2030. Over the last 18 months, even in the midst of the pandemic, the County has made continued progress towards this goal -- putting battery-powered buses on the road, turning brownfields into solar fields, and training a new generation of workers in the expanding clean technology industry.

Ulster County Green Business Champions

The County will be launching a ground-breaking public-private partnership to more aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Currently, in Ulster County, about 20% of these emissions come from the private sector. The County is launching the Ulster County Green Business Champions program to mobilize businesses to take climate action and make their business greener, and to recognize businesses who are already leading in these efforts. The program will provide direct support to local businesses in planning and implementing green investments -- such as improving energy efficiency and using renewable energy. It will also help business access financing and celebrate those who lead the way.

Solarize Ulster

The County will begin efforts to dramatically accelerate local renewable energy generation through community solar production and distribution. Through the County's new Solarize Ulster program, without having to install any solar panels or equipment at one's home, any resident can essentially "plug in" to a nearby community solar array. This will allow residents to be part of making the Green New Deal a reality, and it will also lower their utility bills and save them money at a time when financial pressures are great on all residents.

Green Careers Academy

In 2019, Ulster County launched its Green Careers Academy in partnership with SUNY Ulster. This year, the County will significantly expand the Green Careers Academy, building a more robust pipeline to help put people back to work post-pandemic in the rapidly expanding green jobs sector. (Contd. Pg. 26)

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UC Executive Pat Ryan presents 2021 State of the County Address

(From Pg. 25) A growing need to build green infrastructure in the coming decade requires a highly-skilled workforce, which the Green Careers Academy will help to develop. The County will dramatically bolster the Green Careers Academy by bringing on a host of new partners including Ulster BOCES, Bard College, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Central Hudson, Citizens for Local Power, Habitat for Humanity, the Climate Reality Project, and several local labor unions to help train residents and help them secure good-paying green jobs. The Ulster County Career Center will help job seekers access training and job opportunities in a range of green fields.

"The Green Business Champions program will provide businesses and institutions with practical guidance to help them both save money and reduce climate emissions," Manna Jo Greene, Ulster County Legislator & Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee said. "I am grateful and proud to see the County taking the lead to help them do so. Collectively our business can have a huge impact."

"Citizens for Local Power applauds County Executive Ryan for his leadership in championing a Green New Deal for Ulster County, including the County's strong and consistent commitment to the creation of a green jobs workforce and its focus on helping community members make existing housing healthier and more energy efficient," Susan Gillespie, Board President of Citizens for Local Power said. "We look forward to continuing to partner with Ulster County to build a locally-based, equitable clean energy economy."

"Energy Conservation Services is proud to be a member of the Ulster County Green Careers Coalition," said Melinda McKnight, Vice President & CFO of Energy Conservation Services, Inc. said. "As a building performance contractor, we transition buildings off fossil fuels and improve indoor environments, and we are always looking for good job candidates to do this work with us. Thank you to County Executive Ryan for his commitment to growing a green economy here in Ulster County. We are looking forward to working alongside the County to achieve these shared goals."

"I am excited to see County Executive Ryan announce the expansion of Ulster County's Green New Deal in the State of the County," Tim Guinee, Co-Chair of the Hudson Valley and Catskills Climate Reality Chapter said. "These initiatives are absolutely the direction we need to go to solve the climate crisis, create high quality green jobs, and accelerate the transition to local renewable energy."

These initiatives -- including Solarize Ülster, the Green Careers Academy, and the Green Business Champions program -- are all part of Ulster County's broader Green New Deal efforts. Throughout 2021, the County will continue to announce and launch additional Green New Deal initiatives. Looking ahead to Earth Day on April 22nd, County Executive Ryan will outline a comprehensive, multipronged plan to further build on the Green New Deal in Ulster County.

These programs are a part of County Executive Ryan's Ulster 2040 Strategy. The primary goal of Ulster 2040 is to align and focus the County's economic, workforce and com-

munity development investments over the next two decades toward a set of targeted focus sectors, and to identify the necessary steps to ensure that all County residents will benefit from a growing and changing economy.

UC Exec Ryan Calls for Joint State and County Run Vaccination Site to be Located in Kingston

• In a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo, County Executive Ryan requests that New York State immediately activate a joint vaccination site at the current county-led point of dispensing site in Kingston

• Through this proposed partnership, Ulster County would have the capacity to vaccinate 50,000 people per month and could vaccinate all residents of Ulster County in two to three months once adequate supply is available

• County Executive Ryan outlined concerns that nearest state-run facilities are not feasible for many of Ulster County residents - especially those in underserved communities - to access

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that following a productive conversation with Governor Andrew Cuomo earlier this week, Ulster County is requesting that the County-led vaccination site, located at the Kate Walton Field House at Kingston High School, be converted into a joint County and State point of dispensing (POD) site.

"It is critical that here in Ulster County we have a joint site that is more accessible for our residents," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "We have done the work - our site is effective - if we have the supply, we could have 50,000 people vaccinated per month which means we could get every resident vaccinated in a two to three month time. As County Executive, I will continue to advocate at every level for our residents to ensure more equitable access to vaccines."

The County's main vaccination site, located at the Kate Walton Field House at Kingston High School, has now been operational for six weeks and has the capability to vaccinate up to 50,000 residents per month but has greatly lacked supplies due to a vaccine shortage at the Federal and State level. County Executive Ryan believes that a partnership with New York State would allow for all residents of Ulster County in two to three months once adequate vaccine supply is available.

Presently, the nearest state-run facilities for Ulster County residents are located in Albany and Westchester Counties. Citing residents traveling several hours to locations in Utica, Syracuse, and even as far as Plattsburg, County Executive Ryan stated that the present configuration is, "...not feasible for many of our residents - especially those in underserved communities - to access."

Last week, Governor Cuomo announced additional vaccination sites will be operational in March in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and Yonkers and that they will each vaccinate 1,000 New Yorkers per day.

UC Exec Pat Ryan announces 2020 Sales Tax Revenue

• Final 2020 sales tax receipts fell short of budgeted revenues by over \$1 million, but did represent a small year-over-year increase from 2019 to 2020

• The numbers reaffirm the County's ability to respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis and the positive impact of federal stimulus support

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Ryan today announced Ulster County's 2020 Sales Tax numbers. In 2020, the total sales tax revenue was \$127,305,759, down \$1,255,664 from the 2020 adopted budget projections, which were formulated prior to the pandemic. Through September 2020, the County's sales tax numbers were down 7.80% or \$5.8 million. However, the County regained ground, from October 2020 through February 2021, with an increase of 11.37% or \$5.9 million. Despite strong economic headwinds, the County's strong sales tax revenue resurgence demonstrates the results of the stimulus payments from the Federal government in addition to the economic measures taken by the County in response to the pandemic. The overall 2020 sales tax numbers represent an increase of \$10,175 from 2019.

"After one of the most difficult years in decades, I am proud that this year's sales tax numbers reaffirm Ulster County's strong financial footing and highlight our effective economic recovery and support efforts. This is very encouraging news for our local businesses, and for every taxpayer in the county," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we remain committed to delivering high-quality services for our residents and equitably growing our economy, while also ensuring the highest level of fiscal responsibility."

Last fall, County Executive Ryan unveiled his 2021 Executive Budget. At approximately \$333.8 million, the 2021 Executive Budget includes a 0% increase in the tax levy and no layoffs to county employees.

Gov Cuomo announces Indoor Family Entertainment Ceners can Open March 26, Outdoor Amusement Parks can Open April 9 and Camps Can Begin to Plan for Summer Opening

• 25 Percent Capacity Limit in Indoor Family Entertainment Centers and Places of Amusement; 33 Percent Capacity Limit in Outdoor Amusement Parks

• All Facilities Must Submit Reopening Plans with Health Protocols to Local Health Department

• Face Coverings and Social Distancing Required for Customers and Staff; Health Screening with Temperature Checks Required for All Customers Prior to Entry

• Day and Overnight Summer Camps Can Begin to Plan for Reopening; Department of Health Will Issue Guidance in the Coming Weeks

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that indoor family entertainment centers and places of amusement can open with a 25 percent capacity limit beginning Friday, March 26. Outdoor amusement parks can open with a 33 percent capacity limit beginning Friday, April 9. All facilities must submit reopening plans with health protocols to the local health department. Face coverings and social distancing will be required for all customers and staff, and customers will be required to have a health screening with temperature checks prior to entry. Additionally, day and overnight summer camps in New York State can begin to plan for reopening. The Department of Health will issue specific reopening guidance, including details on timing, in the coming weeks.

"In New York, we base our decisions on the science and data and adjust as the virus adjusts," Governor Cuomo said. "With continued decreases in the infection and hospitalization rates, we have been able to take steps toward beginning our post-COVID recovery and we are excited to now be in a place where we can bring back our recreational industries with safety protocols in place. As we've said time and time again, our success will be dictated by our actions and as long as we stay united and keep carrying this momentum forward in a positive direction, we will be able to see more and more sectors of our economy reopen." (Contd. Pg. 27)

Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

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

Avoid scams and fraud, visit sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert



U.S. Small Business Administration

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(From Pg. 27) In addition to face coverings, social distancing and mandatory health screenings, all indoor family and entertainment centers and places of amusement, and outdoor amusement parks, must follow the below guidelines:

• Contact information must be collected from each party to inform contact tracing, if needed;

• High-touch areas, attractions, and rides must be cleaned and disinfected frequently throughout the day;

• Attractions must close if they cannot ensure distancing and be frequently cleaned/disinfected;

• Sufficient staff must be deployed to enforce compliance with rules, including capacity, distancing and face coverings;

• Tickets should be sold in advance, and entry/exit and waiting times should be staggered to avoid congestion;

• Indoor areas must meet enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards; and

• Retail, food services and recreational activities must abide by all State-issued guidance.

Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Over \$245 Million in Continuum of Care Funding to Combat Homelessness Across NY

Washington D.C. - U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$245,971,792 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for organizations working to end homelessness across New York State. The funding was allocated through HUD's Continuum of Care Program (CoC), designed to provide funding to nonprofits, as well as local and state governments, to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families and promote access to programs that encourage self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Additionally, this funding will provide nonprofits and local governments with the resources needed to plan emergency, transitional, and permanent housing alternatives to address the various needs of people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

"Every New Yorker deserves a safe and secure place to call home and this federal investment gets us one step closer to that goal," said Senator Schumer. "New Yorkers are always stronger together, and to make it through this crisis, we need to come together as communities to do all we can to ensure housing and encourage self-sufficiency for our most vulnerable residents. As we ask people to stay home and socially distance, access to safe and reliable housing will determine whether or not New York can avoid the sort of tragedy we saw in the early days of the pandemic. I will always fight tooth and nail for resources that keep New Yorkers safe, especially during these challenging times."

"No family or individual should ever be without a place to live. This significant federal investment will support organizations across New York that provide critical services to New Yorkers facing homelessness or housing insecurity," said Senator Gillibrand. "Over the past year, financial strain from unemployment and health care bills have exacerbated circumstances for families already living paycheck to paycheck. Access to safe and reliable housing is essential now more than ever, and I will always fight to ensure our communities have the resources they need to combat homelessnes



Attention Artists! Call for Entry

Entering it's 6th year, The Great Wall of Honesdale is a Wayne County landmark viewed by over 100,000 cars a week. The 2021 edition will premiere in June. Each artist is permanently featured on the Wall's website TheGreatWallofHonesdale.com

A generous grant from the John & Helen Villaume Foundation means that artist participation in 2021 will be free of charge.

2021 Theme: "SATURATED (as in color)"

There are many definitions of saturated. We are interested in the one that refers to "chromatic purity." Our aim in 2021 is to create the brightest, most colorful Wall to date. All techniques, all subject matter, and all interpretations of this theme are acceptable. Selections will be made based on artistic merit diversity graphic strength interpretation of the theme and how all the

merit, diversity, graphic strength, interpretation of the theme, and how all the images work together as a group. The Wall is most often viewed from a distance, so strong graphic qualities work best.

Elegibility: If your work was featured on the Wall in 2018, '19 or '20, you are not eligible for 2021. If you appeared in the years '16 or '17, you may submit work again. Though preferable, you do not have to be a WCAA member.

 Submit no more than three low resolution images: 72 dpi and 650 pixels on longest side (or thereabouts). All images should be horizontal and able to accommodate some cropping. The 12 panels vary in size but are approximately 11' x 17'. Winning artists will be required to submit a high resolution file for the printing of their panel (300dpi and at least 5000 pixels on longest side). If you're unable to provide such an image, please do not enter.

2. Title each image with a number and your last name and provide the following text in the body of your email: Number, Title, Your Name, Medium, Size. Provide the addresses of any websites or social media accounts where more of your work can be seen. Include your mailing address and best phone number. You may add any additional info you feel is pertinent.

3. Submit by EMAIL ONLY to greatwallentry@gmail.com

4. Deviations from the these rules may cause your entry to be disqualified.

Deadline: Midnight, March 15th, 2021. Selections will be announced on or before April 1st.

We look forward to seeing your work.

Paul Plumadore, Jim Tindell Curators, The Great Wall of Honesdale







February virtual Zoom meeting: On Wednesday, February 24th at 7 PM, the chapter will be hosting another virtual Zoom meeting. After some minor bumps in our first attempt in January, we still had a good turnout. This month we are fortunate to have Bob Adams, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Region 3 Fishery Biologist responsible for the Esopus Creek and Ulster County. Bob will talk about DEC's Esopus Creek 2020 shocking results and potential Inland Trout Stream Regulations for 2021. A separate email on this meeting, and how to join, will be sent out during that week, a couple days before hand, but mark your calendars now.

Esopus Creek: The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) has announced their next semi-annual public meeting, held per the Shandaken SPDES permit, will be on Thursday, February 25th at 10:00 AM. DEP will discuss the progress of activities conducted pursuant to the SPDES permit. The meeting is open to the public, however, due to the Coronavirus it will be held only as a video/conference call using the Teams application. Attendees will have the option to join by phone for the audio portion only, or by computer to access the video feed of the presentations. Both audio and video participants will have the opportunity to ask question or provide comments during the meeting. If you would like to participate, please email me and I will forward links and how to join this meeting information that DEP sent to our chapter. DEP utilizes a fairly standard format for these meeting, depending on whether they are held in February or August, and they always graciously answer questions put forth to them. We have already submitted several questions regarding the Esopus Creek and Shandaken Tunnel that we anticipate DEP will address. And, if you haven't noticed, NYC recently brought the Shandaken Tunnel back online in late January.

East Branch Delaware River: The chapter's East Branch Delaware River committee, working with Tracy Brown and Caroline Shafer--- our January guest presenter--- both of TU National, and NYS DEC Region 4 Fisheries will be planning several restoration activities benefiting wild trout upstream of NYC's Pepacton Reservoir. More to follow, with requests for membership help, in future newsletters. Catskill Heritage Brook Trout Study: Dr. Spencer Bruce has informed the chapter that his analysis of brook trout fin clippings collected in 2020, in conjunction with NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries, has been delayed due Covid impacts on needed supplies. We expected results on our efforts later this year. In the meantime, readers might find this of interest: https://www.1911forum.com/threads/genetically-pure-brooktrout-discovered-in-northern-newvork.1029301/?fbclid=IwAR0H8I5c4Lq70LoktoXyCf9JxSrfT rRGhNe7sOZJNX7ARzthXWz6wr9Ozc



Chapter website: Stephanie Blackman and Mark Loete have been working on a redesign of our chapter website and logo, and from what the board has seen thus far, it's an impressive effort. Watch for a rollout of this work in the

months ahead. Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported in January there were four measurable storms as measured in Boiceville, NY. These had a 5.6 weighed pH with 2.78 inches of liquid precipitation, including 11.7 inches of snow. By comparison in



January 2020 there were 6 such events with a total of 2.51 inches of liquid precipitation, including 5.0 inches of snow and 6.2 weighted pH. Given the cold weather, and low stream flows in recent days, one can not help but wonder if anchor ice will be a factor impacting our trout waters this winter? One just needs to scan USGS stream gages for New York to see all the ice notifications.

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP): Last call for the AWSMP's "Love Your Stream Video and Art Project" featuring videos, photos, and/or artwork of the Esopus Creek watershed. Check here for details: http://ulster.cce.cornell.edu/events/2021/02/24/love-your-stream-video-and-art-project

Membership: As of this newsletter, our membership stands at 113 members. This month we welcome Oleh Czmola of Lexington as a new member. As always new TU members can join for half the "regular" membership fee, or \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from National. Membership forms:

http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_w eb.pdf For membership questions, contact me at: Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com Newsletter: This issue was sent electronically to all chapter members and friends that we have valid email addresses.

Beyond our watersheds and other news: DEC recently announced the opening of a new Red Hill Fire Tower lot and trail, FYI: https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/122341.html

A Kevan Best pick for fly tyers, FYI: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrTy2zFjZ0g&feature=yout u.be Notice the reference to Edward R. Hewitt, a famous



Catskill fly fisher and hero of mine. With that in mind, I prefer a simple Crowe Beetle on a #18 Mustad 94840 hook, over something tied with foam. If need be, one can add a poly indicator through the black deer hair shell.

Useful links:

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited: https://apwctu.org/

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program: http://ashokanstreams.org/

CWC Watershed Currents: https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District: http://www.dcswcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm

Esopus Creek hatching chart: http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/

NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases: https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_ch annel_levels.shtml

Rondout Neversink Stream Program: http://www.rondoutneversink.org/

Until next time - Ed Ostapczuk Feb. 14th, 2021

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KNARF'S CLASSIC **MOVIES & TRIVIA "GREAT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES ON AMAZON PRIME**" Ella Enchanted 2004 | PG | CC 4.7 out of 5 stars,

Prime Video Included with your IMDb TV subscription Watch now: Free with Ads, https://www.amazon.com/s?k=streaming+chil-

drens&i=instant-video&ref=nb sb noss Ella Enchanted (4,468)IMDb 6.3, 1 h 40 min 2004X-Ray PG



Anne Hathaway is Ella in the charming fairy tale adventure ELLA ENCHANTED. On the day of her birth, Ella is given the gift of obedience, which is also a curse. Under no circumstances can Ella refuse anything she is asked to do. Tired of being taken advantage of, Ella leaves home to find her Fairy Godmother and return her unwanted gift. This simple errand soon turns into an amazing journey.



Directed by: Tommy O'Haver. Starring: Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, **Cary Elwes and Minnie Driver.**

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This is the cult classic teen film that defined our youth through generations. "Rebel Without a Cause" along with "**The Last Picture Show**" "**AmericanGraffiti**," defined the youth of the nineteen fifties and their experimentation in love, passion, intellect and that aspect of the growth of finding yourself as you search for your dream in your selected reality. This film above all, defined it for the kids of the 1950's. Classic role-modeling, made clear by James Dean's character as it set the plane of truth as a virtue in their choices in life.



Expertly Directed by Nicholas Ray, starring James Dean, a great method actor, (James Byron Dean -February 8, 1931 – September 30, 1955) an American actor. He is remembered as a cultural icon of teenage disillusionment and social estrangement, as expressed in the title of his most celebrated film, *Rebel Without a Cause* (1955) in which he starred as troubled teenager, Jim Stark. Also starring in the film, Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo. Some say James Dean died at the right time of his. I just loved his work.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE ON TCM SUNDAY AT 3:45 PM FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Days of Wine and Roses

(1962, 1h 57m - Drama - TV-14)

The Academy Award went for the film's music theme, composed Henry Mancini with lyrics by Johnny Mercer.

The film received four other Oscar nominations, including Best Actor–Jack Lemmon and Best Actress–Lee Remick.

In 2018, Days of Wine and Roses was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.

A husband Jack Lemmon, and wife Lee Remick, fight to conquer alcoholism. Directed by Blake Edwards. Starring Jack Lemmon, Lee Remick and Charles Bickford.

THIS, IN ITS OWN TERRIFYING WAY, IS A LOVE STORY.



Days of Wine and Roses is a 1962 American drama film directed by Blake Edwards with a screenplay by JP Miller adapted from his own 1958 Playhouse 90 teleplay of the same name. The film was produced by Martin Manulis, with music by Henry Mancini and features Jack Lemmon, Lee Remick, Charles Bickford and Jack Klugman. The film depicts the downward spiral of two average Americans who succumb to alcoholism and attempt to deal with their problems.

A Thought

We Live on the thread of the continual present, where the future and the past are just extremities of the mind, dreaming of what we will do tomorrow, remembering yesterday, but the only thing that is really going on, is what happening right now.

Frank Comando

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