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## **Notice to all** Town of Denning and Town of Neversink Local Candidates

On behalf of our community, we invite all local candidates to submit a summary of their qualifications, platforms or other information they would like to convey to their constituents. All submissions will be limited to 300 words or less and must be received via email to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com by October 23, 2021 and will be published in a "Meet the Candidates" column in the October 28, **2021** issue.

## The Big Screen Coming Soon to Grahamsville!



Cher and Walt standing next to the big screen, soon to be at the Fairgrounds where movies will be shown as part of the Neversink Parks & Rec Program. (Neversink Parks & Rec Update on Page 8)

#### A History of the Root Cellar and How to Build One at the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] An illustrated talk: A History of the Root Cellar and How to Build One will be held on Sunday, October 24th at 2 p.m. virtually on Zoom and in person at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

Talk by Museum Trustee David Forshay of Willowemoc on the importance of root cellars in the past as a place to store the winter food supply, including vegetables, fruits, nuts or other foods. Includes information on root cellar construction in your basement. This is a detailed class with everything you need to know about the history of root cellars in the northeast and how to build your own.

Admission: Members are free, and non-members: \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. In Person attendance is limited to 30 and registration is required. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Lamentations 3:26

#### **OBITUARY**



On October 8th, **John Black** left this sweet earth that he walked on for 78 years. He passed away at home surrounded by his loving family. He retired from the Town of Fallsburg Highway Department as a foreman in 1998. He had a passion for the simple life, enjoyed hiking, the ocean, gardening, music, and many adventures in the outdoors with his wife of 57 years, LaVerne. Always a family man who wholeheartedly was devoted to his wife, daughters, and grandchildren. He was there for "his girls" who he loved dearly and was beyond proud of them. He was born in Manhattan on June 3, 1943 to the late John and Ruth Black.

`His family and friends will remember him as a loving, generous man who had a unique sense of humor and told you how it was.

'John Black of Woodbourne is survived by his wife, LaVerne Black. His daughters; Nadine Black and her husband Joe Kowalski, Rebecca Stanton and her husband Vincent Stanton. His granddaughters, Brianna Goetschius, Heather Goetschius, and Emma Stanton. His brother Craig Black and his wife Bernadette Black, his sister Carol Black. He was predeceased by his siblings Mark Charnowsky and Joan Charnowsky.

Services will be held on October 31st at 2:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church, 1152 State Route 52, Loch Sheldrake, NY. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed and are required at all times.

Donations in John's name can be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan, 800 Stony Brook Ct., Newburgh, NY 12550

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

**Stephen L. Currey of** Livingston Manor, NY, formerly of Roscoe, NY, a retired Computer Programmer for various firms throughout Sullivan County and a long-time area resident, died Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Garnet Health Medical Center, Middletown, NY. He was 68.

The son of the late Horace and Glenola Ballard Currey, he was born September 8, 1953 in Monticello, NY.

Stephen had been a member of the Kingdom of Life Church, Hankins, NY. He loved music, reading books, and enjoyed being busy with his hands and working outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, of 37 years, Carole E. Bartschi Currey, at home; two daughters; Tonya Simpson and her husband Ralph of Roscoe, NY; Carrie Porter and her companion Cliff Davis of Roscoe NY; two sisters; Merleen "Chuddy" Watson and her husband Kenneth of CT and Susan Bivins her husband Richard Grahamsville; three brothers; Horace "Skip" Currey of Albany, NY, Michael Currey and his wife Karen of Grahamsville, NY, Alfred "Hank" Currey and his wife Shirley of Grahamsville, NY; six grandchildren; one great grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

. Funeral services were held at 11AM in the funeral home and the Reverend Campbell Lumbilla officiated.

Memorial contributions in Stephen's' name may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home.

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

#### October 31, 1951

On Wednesday, October 24th, Miss Mabel Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Everett of Hurleyville, became the bride of Mr. Lee Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harvey. The ceremony took place at the Grahamsville Methodist Church, the Rev. Howard P. West officiating. (Conatd. Pg. 3)

#### DAYS OF YORE...

#### **Today's History**

(From Pg. 2) Morris Brundage, formerly of Grahamsville, passed away Sunday at the Norwich Memorial Hospital. Mr. Brundage was born 64 years ago in Grahamsville, the son of Pierce Brundage and Carrie Matthews Brundage. Mr. Brundage operated the Brundage Mill after his father's death until the property was taken over by the Board of Water Supply for the City of New York.

#### October25, 1961

Miss Janice Allison was the guest of honor at a surprise bridal shower at the Methodist Church Hall on Monday evening. Mrs. Donald TerBush, Mrs. Sam Anderson and Mrs. Fernald DuBois were the hostesses. Miss Allison will become the bride of William Decker on Saturday, Nov. 4th.

The engagement of Miss Joan M. Curry, daughter of Mrs. Blanche M. and the late James V. Curry of Neversink to Mr. Lloyd Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haakon Gilbert of Swan Lake has been announced. Miss Curry is a senior at Skidmore College and graduated from Tri Valley Central School in 1958. Mr. Gilbert attended Hobart College and is now a senior at New York University. No date has been set for the wedding.

Nancy Cypert, Wilfred Rhodes and Merleen Curry have been accepted for the All-State Sectional Band in Ellenville. The concert will be held in November.

#### **November 3, 1971**

Airman John H. Wolfe has received a letter of favorable commendation from his Commanding Officer, Major George O. Klotzbach, U.S.A.F., Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., for outstanding achievement as a student in the Electronics Principals Dept. His grade average was in the upper 6% of the student body and has qualified him as a branch honor student.

Our best wishes go to Martha DeWire Godowski, and Harold Godowski, Jr. who were united in marriage on Sunday, October 25th in the United Methodist Church, Grahamsville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George of Sundown who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday. They had a celebration with approximately 30 family and friends present.

#### October 29, 1981

Congratulations to Paul Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis of Rocky Hill Rd. on his recent nomination to the McDonald's All-American H.S. Band. The nationally acclaimed band consists of the best young musicians in the United States. Nomination to the band is one of the highest honors a high school musician can achieve. Paul, a senior at TVCS, plays trumpet in the school band as well as the Jazz Band. Larry Balestra is the band director.

Clarence M. Roosa of Hasbrouck Rd., Woodbourne, a former president and member of the Tri Valley School District Board of Education from 1952-1972, died unexpectedly Monday, October 19, 1981 at home. He was 69. The son of the late Bert and Flossie Whipple Roosa, he was born March 12, 1912 in Woodbourne. Mr. Roosa was a farmer, a former school bus driver for the Tri-Valley School District and a lifelong area resident.

#### **Household Hint:**

#### **Prevent Potatoes from Discoloring**

Prevent discoloration of peeled potatoes by adding a few drops of vinegar to water. They will keep fresh for days in fridge.

#### Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

#### A Few Truths About the Arachnid Family

Do spiders make your skin crawl? Did you know there are over 35,000 species of spiders?

For centuries spiders have been synonymous with creepy and spooky. However, the worst of the Arachnids in the Catskills is a tiny little creature that all too quickly have proven their bad reputation - the deer tick. Deer tick are tiny brown, oval-shaped, and, like their spider cousins, have eight legs. They are a parasitic arachnid that attach themselves to the skin of a land vertebrate from which they



suck blood, leaving the host when full. Deer tick are most responsible for transmitting Lyme disease an inflammatory disease characterized at first by a rash, headache, fever, and chills, and later by possible arthritis and neurological and cardiac disorders, caused by bacteria that are transmitted by ticks. Lyme disease is caused by the spirochete Borrelia burgdorferi.

And what we often call Daddy-Long-Legs spiders are not true spiders. Unlike spiders that have two segments, their bodies only have one. If you heard that Daddy-Long-Legs is the most venomous spider, that is a myth. The Daddy-Long-Legs of the Catskills do not have venomous glands or fangs. Their diet is comprised of decomposed vegetable and animal matter.

Now looking at 'real' spiders isn't all that bad considering there are only two spiders in North America that are poisonous and they do not make their homes in the Catskills.

A few common spiders in the Catskills are: Wolf spiders, orb weavers, sheetweb spiders, dwarf spiders and the cutest of spiders - jumping spiders.

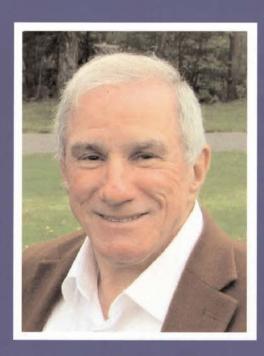
Spiders, like most other arachnids, have bodies that are divided into two portions, the cephalothorax and the abdomen. The cephalothorax consists of the head and thorax fused together. Most spiders have four pairs of legs, activated by muscles inside an exoskeleton (the rigid external covering of their body). The top of the cephalothorax is covered by a convex hardened shield (carapace), with eyes that are simple and mounted at the front.

Many of the hunting spiders, e.g. Salticidae (jumping spiders) and Lycosidae (wolf spiders) have large, forward-facing eyes and keen vision required for their craft; many of these spiders have at the back of the eye a reflective membrane called a tapetum. It is this surface that aids in night vision and causes their eyes to reflect light and shine in the dark, like a cat's eyes. Most sedentary spiders have relied on their sense of touch for so long their vision is thought to be poor.

All spiders are predacious and carnivorous with fangs and a rounded abdomen. They feed by spitting digestive juices onto their meal, usually insects or other invertebrates, and lapping up the resulting soup. Their method of feeding is pretty much the same as ours, except their "teeth" and digestive processes are external.

Spiders have the ability to produce silk, and some are master artisans, weaving wondrous webs of intricate design. There reputation is largely unjustified, as most species in this large group are both harmless, and an integral part of ecosystems while other members of the Arachnid family such as scorpions and ticks, are the real culprits who deserve to be called creepy and scarey and that you should be wary of - especially ticks in the Catskills this time of the year!

# ★ ELECT ★ MICHAEL SCAGNELLI



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  - FAIRNESS
- COMPASSION

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## ★ ELECT ★ MICHAEL SCAGNELLI

#### **NEVERSINK TOWN JUSTICE**

#### **EDUCATION**

- · St. John's University
- Police Management Institute of Columbia University

#### **EXPERIENCE**

- · 39 Years law enforcement experience NYPD
- · Retired with the rank of 3-star chief
- Veteran of over 100 State Supreme Court Trials
- Extensive experience in grand jury, depositions and civil court trials

#### COMMUNITY

- · Resident of South Hill in Grahasmville
- Chairperson Parish Council of Immaculate Conception Church Woodbourne, NY
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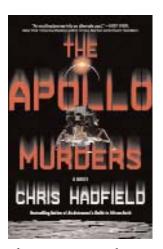


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#### The Apollo Murders Mysterious Book Report No. 467 by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

The Apollo Murders, (Mulholland, \$28.00, 480 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-26453-2), by Chris Hadfield, is an alternate history of the cancelled Apollo 18 moon mission. In the novel it takes place in 1973 and is reimagined as a military reconnaissance mission to spy on a Soviet space station known as Alnaz. Alnaz is nothing more than an orbiting 'eye in the sky' aimed at gathering intel from the United States. Fearing that it's a threat to U.S. national security, the Apollo 18 crew is tasked with sabotaging the Russian orbiting camera. But, as we all know, nothing ever goes



according to plan. First, one of the Apollo 18 astronauts dies in a suspicious plane crash that puts the mission at risk. An investigation is launched to determine whether the aircraft was sabotaged.

That's when a flight controller named Kaz Zemeckis pulls out all the stops to keep Apollo 18 on track . . . unaware that a Russian mole has penetrated the American team.

With intricate detail and an insider's knowledge, author Hadfield, (who also wrote the best-selling non-fiction book An Astronaut's Guide To Life On Earth), ramps up the tension and terror with the skill of a maestro conducting the New York Philharmonic, by turning a simple construction detail into a major mission-ending and life-threatening problem. This one will keep readers glued to the page . . . just as surely as Neil Armstrong had the whole world holding it's breath, as we all watched him take "One giant leap for mankind," back in 1969.

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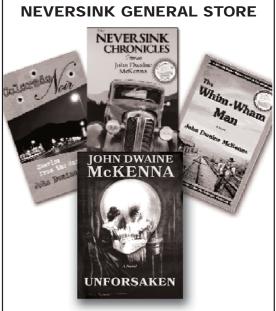
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#### The Niceties at Opens at The Studio at Shadowland Stages

"A Barnburner of a Play" - Washington Post "A bristling, provocative debate play about race and privilege in the United States..." - The New York Times

John Dwaine McKenna's Books are now available at the **NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE** NEVERSINK



A black student visits her white professor during office hours to discuss her paper on the American Revolution. But the polit review of her thesis soon explodes into a high-stakes debate over race, history, power, and revolution. And when it goes public, what's been said can't be unsaid, and both women face the consequences.

This timely new play is the inaugural production at SHADOWLAND's new black box theatre, The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, located at 14 Market Street (at Center Street) in Ellenville, NY.

THE NICETIES by Eleanor Burgess and Directed by Jammie Patton Oct. 22nd - Nov. 7th at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES

Previews Friday October 22nd at 8pm with an Opening Night celebration following the Saturday October 23nd at 8pm performance. Performances continue Thursdays - Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm through November 7th.

Ticket Prices: \$34 - \$42. Visit ShadowlandStages.org (or click the button below) to get your tickets now! Seating is more limited at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES.

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The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman. This local author has

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#### the Olive Jar By Carol Olsen LaMonda

You've Come A Long Way, Baby

"You've come a long way, baby" was the slogan that Virginia Slims, the long, thin "feminine" cigarette boasted. I am not sure the company still sells them, but the slogan is truer than ever.

I was thinking back two generations before me to my two grandmothers who came to America from Europe as adults. My Nana left Norway at sixteen to become a cook and governess in Brooklyn. My YiYia came from Greece to marry my grandfather.

They were both born in the 19th century and raised their families during The Spanish Flu Pandemic, the Great Depression, and two World Wars. They never drove a car, went to work,

smoked, drank, or owned a credit card. They were the last generation of wives and mothers who were "housewives." Their husbands went to work and they were homemakers taking care of children and tending the home.

I thought back to the way they dressed and lived. Nana wore "house dresses" with stockings and high heels. Yiyia wore the black yiyia dress that all Greek women wore with black lace up shoes, with flatter heels than my Nana's. Their lives were family and neighborhood centered.

Fast forward to my mom's generation, and women entered the work force to fill the jobs of the men fighting overseas in World War II. Gone were the house dresses and heels and in came jeans and sneakers. Still women were not financially equal or in charge of their own finances. It wasn't until 1972, when my children were in elementary school, did women earn the privilege of having a credit card issued in their own name.

I am smack dab in the middle of two generations back and two generations forward. I ponder what the future holds for women, but I know the future will be forever "feminized." And that is a good thing.

Today I watched my eleven year old granddaughter play soccer on a coed team with children of diverse races and nationalities. She was darn good. There have been lots of changes since I was her age and could aspire to be a cheerleader for the boys' sports. We are still not there, but "We've come a long way, baby."









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#### School Board Recognition Week October 18-22, 2021

Liberty: The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 18 - 22 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. Sullivan BOCES and all school districts across Sullivan County are joining public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to Sullivan County and its children.

"It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and these men and women devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level," said Robert M. Dufour, District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES. "They make the tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect."

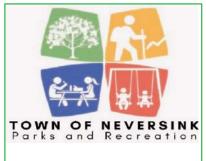
Dufour said the key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- o Creating a shared vision for the future of education
- o Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- o Providing accountability for student achievement results
- o Developing a budget that aligns district resources to improve achievement
- o Supporting a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn
- o And much more!

"School board members give the community members in all our districts a voice in education decision-making. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in October, their contribution is a year-round commitment," Dufour said.

Thank you to all school board members in the Eldred CSD, Fallsburg CSD, Liberty CSD, Livingston Manor CSD, Monticello CSD, Roscoe CSD, Sullivan BOCES, Sullivan West CSD, and Tri-Valley CSD.





News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

#### Hi Everyone!

Isn't this Fall weather just incredible! My favorite time of year. And one of my favorite holidays---HALLOWEEN! To celebrate this year, Parks & Rec is partnering with Tri-Valley School to host the Trunk or Treat! The event will be held on Saturday, October 30th at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 2 pm -4 pm. Not only will we have lots of decorated trunks, but Tri-Valley is sponsoring the "STUFF THE BUS". A big THANK YOU to Rolling V Bus Corporation for loaning us the bus! And we hope to get it stuffed with all kinds of non-perishable food items, including Thanksgiving items. All food will be distributed by Tri-Valley to those families and students in need. So come join us! Sponsor a trunk and use your wildest imagination to decorate it for Halloween! And don't forget to bring your kids so that they trick or treat at the trunks! Any questions or wanting to sign up for a trunk, please contact me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com. And check out the flyer in your Townsman!

I've always considered Halloween to be my "gateway" to the Holiday Season! It's the start of all the fun and celebrat-

ing that happen in the next several months. So what does Parks & Rec have planned to celebrate? Of course our COMMUNITY ICE RINK will once again be up and open and if all goes well it will be bigger and better this year! Current plans are to have the rink open by the first week in December, but as we all know sometimes plans go awry. So have patience, and we will be posting updates in your Townsman on all the dates, times, etc. AND we will be asking for VOLUNTEERS to help manage the rink. This is the Community Ice Rink, and it can only remain open if the Community helps support it. Be on the lookout-more info to follow in upcoming weeks---and more info regarding volunteering to help make this year another successful one!

Another fun event this year will be the Annual Tree Lighting Celebration at our town Bicentennial Park. It is scheduled for December 5th. We will update you with details in the upcoming issues of your Townsman and on our Facebook page!

Another very important event coming up on November 11 is the VETERANS DAY FLAG CEREMONY at our Grahamsville cemetery. There will be more information posted closer to the date in the Townsman and on the Town of Neversink website. I encourage everyone to take an hour out of their day to honor our veterans, those who have left us and those who are here.

For those of you wondering what happened to our Movies at the Fairgrounds I have an update. The equipment came and was tested by my better half (Walt Zeitschel). This test run resulted in us returning and replacing some critical equipment so that our movies could be projected onto our screen. Test run #2 should be happening very soon. If all goes well, we may be able to get one movie in this season. For sure we will be showing our movies next spring and summer. To give you an idea on the size of our movie screen, look for the picture on the front page of this week's Townsman. It is going to be an unbelievable experience when it all gets working in sync.

I want to get a big shout out to Larry Whipple and his great team! They did an unbelievable job this year. And they did it with minimal volunteers! Larry and the team have big plans for the 2022 season, including the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Little League scheduled for May 6th and 7th. So next year, when Larry comes looking for volunteers, let's help him out. Having our baseball is not only important to the kids and the parents, but it is an activity that brings our community together. And don't forget to follow Tri-Valley Little League on Facebook to get the most current happenings and schedules.

That's it for this week. Keep reading your Townsman for our Parks & Rec updates. I hope to see you at the upcoming Town of Neversink events! And as always, any questions reach out to me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com. Take care everyone. Be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy.

#### Cher

(Your Parks & Rec Director)

#### Harvest Season in Sullivan Catskills

A visit to our Sullivan Catskills in any season will leave you wanting to come back. But this time of year, it's just "gord–geous." Come see for yourself.

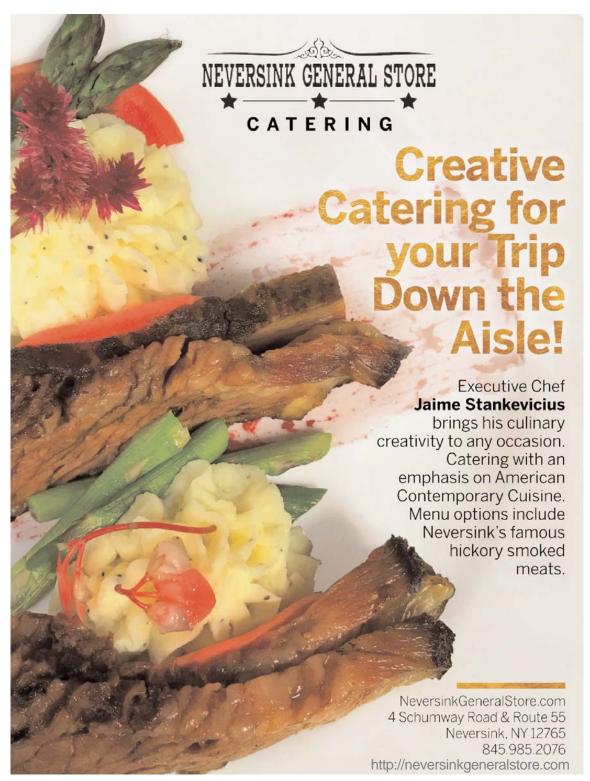
This past weekend got started Friday when Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presented its first annual Peace, Love & Pumpkins: an enchanting Halloween walk-thru every evening until October 31.

Stroll the garden trails of the beautiful grounds and see unique, hand-carved jack-olanterns and glowing pumpkin art. Marvel at the displays of Woodstock festival icons, dinosaurs, mermaids, Big Foot, and more. The fun gets started at 6:30 pm and is presented by Kartrite Indoor Resort & Waterpark with support from all of us at the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association.

Pick a place for a sleepover because there's plenty more to do. Go full-service at a resort, self-service at a vacation rental or pick a small inn, hotel, or B&B. If you're a hearty soul, there's time left to sleep under the stars at a campground. Whatever you choose, our hoteliers will make sure you're comfy and cozy.

There is one more weekend to revel in frightful October fun. The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's Haunted House Tours at the Rivoli Theatre... the Dark Forest Haunted Trail at Burn Brae Mansion in Glen Spey... and the Rocky Horror Picture Show Live at the Forestburgh Playhouse.

If you're a leaf peeper, you've come to the right place. Our landscape bursts with colors from Roscoe to Mamakating and everywhere in between, and there's so many ways to explore it. From apple and pumpkin picking and touring the Dove Trail and Craft Beverage Trail, to golf, bike riding and hiking- you'll work up quite the appetite that our talented, Catskill-icious chefs would love to satisfy.



Your health and wellbeing remain a priority while you're visiting. Our proprietors follow the latest safety protocols and take part in our Catskills Confidence program and some may ask you to kindly wear masks or offer proof of vaccinations to keep everyone safe and sound. We're just 90-minutes from Manhattan. Close, clean, confident- and ready for more fall fun with pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns and lumberjacks!

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#### Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Announces New Green Procedures for Infrastructure Projects in Ulster County

The new procedures related to infrastructure projects and purchasing will help Ulster County achieve its goal of 100% renewable electricity by 2030

Last month, County Executive Pat Ryan was selected as the new Chair of NYSAC's Climate Resiliency Committee Kingston, NY - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County will be implementing an "Environmental Considerations Checklist" for capital projects as well as updating the county's purchasing policies to ensure that items purchased meet green standards for environmental protection. As part of County Executive Ryan's Green New Deal, these new procedures will both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and bring Ulster County closer to its goals of 100% renewable electricity by 2030.

The Environmental Considerations Checklist will ensure that sustainable elements are incorporated into county infrastructure projects by looking at greenhouse gas reduction, renewable energy expansion, natural resource protection and more. In addition, Ulster County has updated its procurement policies in order to ensure that the county is both minimizing negative environmental impacts and supporting vendors who produce recycled and other environmentally-friendly alternatives.

"Ulster County is continuing to lead in demonstrating what a Green County Government can look like," said County Executive Pat Ryan. "The Environmental Considerations Checklist is yet another way in which County Government is taking a hands-on approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and bring a Green New Deal to Ulster County."

In April, County Executive Ryan released his Green New Deal plan for Ulster County. Joined by environmental leaders from throughout the Hudson Valley, the report consists of over 30 goals and targets making Ulster County the first County in New York State and among the first in the nation to release a comprehensive Green New Deal plan.

Last month, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan was selected as the new chair of the NYSAC Climate Resiliency Committee. The statewide, bipartisan committee is composed of officials in county positions most directly impacted by changes in the climate.

#### The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Jane is taking the week off and doing a little well-deserved 'R &R" after such a busy summer and ealy fall.

She sends her best - and reminds everyone - MASK UP!

#### After Months of Advocacy, Gillibrand Applauds Reopening of U.S.-Canada Land Border to Fully-vaccinated Travelers from Canada

Gillibrand Pressed Admin to Make Reopening of Border a Top Priority; Pressed CDC For Medical Justification On Border Policy

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand praised the Biden administration's decision to allow fully vaccinated travelers from Canada and Mexico to travel to the U.S. for non-essential travel through all ports of entry. Gillibrand has repeatedly urged the administration to prioritize the reopening the land border to vaccinated travelers, especially for the northern Canadian border which is an economic engine for New York State.

"Finally, the New York-Canadian border will be open again to vaccinated travelers from both nations," said Senator Gillibrand. "The northern border is an indispensable economic partnership and ties our two nations together and I have repeatedly urged the Biden administration to enact this common sense policy now that 78% of Canadians over the age of 12 are vaccinated. This reopening will be welcome news to countless businesses, medical providers, families, and loved ones that depend on travel across the northern border."

In an announcement, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas stated that following guidance from public health experts, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will amend Title 19 regulations to allow non-essential travelers who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and have appropriate paperwork to enter the United States via land and ferry ports of entry.

Gillibrand has been a vocal advocate for safely reopening the U.S.-Canadian border. Since the onset of the pandemic, she has requested guidance from both the Biden and Trump administrations to understand how closures and quarantines would affect New York's bordering communities and to ensure all necessary exemptions have been made in the interest of public health and safety.

Earlier this month, the Biden administration announced that while it was ending the ban on non-essential travel for travelers entering the United States by plane, it would extend the ban for travelers entering by car through October 21st. In a letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Gillibrand requested clarification and medical justification for the CDC's decision to treat air and land border crossings differently. The Canadian land border closure has placed severe economic strains on the supply chains of New York businesses, hospitals, and medical equipment providers that rely on travel across the northern border to produce essential goods and services. Cross-border families, including those of service members at Fort Drum, are separated by this policy unless they can afford air travel. And in September, Gillibrand wrote a letter to the Biden administration pressing it to make reopening the border a top priority.

Since March of 2020, travel along the U.S.-Canadian border has been severely restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting

in significant disruptions to New York communities, businesses, and families. The closure and loss of Canadian business cost the U.S. economy \$1.5 billion each month and \$665-855 million annually in Erie County alone. In July, Gillibrand applauded Canada's decision to reopen the border to fully vaccinated U.S. citizens, even as the U.S. government extended its ban on non-essential travel from Canada.

#### Attorney General James Fights to Protect Transgender Students' Rights

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today took action to protect transgender students' rights. Leading a coalition of 20 attorneys general, Attorney General James filed an amicus brief in the case of Soule v. Connecticut Association of Schools, opposing the plaintiffs' efforts to bar transgender students from participating in gender-segregated school sports.

"Attacks on transgender students are a violation of their rights and simply will not be tolerated," said Attorney General James. "When we adopt inclusive policies that honor every individual's rights with dignity, we create a fairer, more just, and more prosperous society for all. The law does not discriminate based on gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and I will do everything in my power to fight for equal protection under the law for every community."

The brief - filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit - argues for the court to reject a lawsuit brought by four cisgender students who claim that the participation of transgender students in gender-segregated sports violates the rights of cisgender girls. The suit was filed after the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference implemented a policy that allows transgender students to participate in gender-segregated sports according to their gender identity.

Attorney General James leads the coalition of attorneys general in arguing that, contrary to the plaintiffs' claims, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 does not bar transgender female students from participating in gender-segregated sports according to their gender identity. Additionally, the experiences of amici states show that policies that strive to include transgender people - including policies allowing transgender students to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity - confer significant individual and societal benefits.

Attorney General James has repeatedly fought for the rights of transgender individuals. In December 2020, Attorney General James co-led a multi-state coalition in submitting an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in support of a challenge to an Idaho law that barred female transgender students from participating in any public school or public university- sponsored female sports. Additionally, in November 2019, Attorney General James successfully co-led a coalition of attorneys general in the fight to support the rights of transgender students to use bathrooms in line with their gender identity in the case Gavin Grimm v. Gloucester County School Board in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. And, in February 2019, Attorney General James co-led a coalition of attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the case Adams v. St. Johns County School Board in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, where the coalition argued in support of a transgender student who was being discriminated against by his local school board.

Joining Attorney General James in filing the brief are the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawai'i, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

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# New York Borrowers Make Up 1 In Every 14 PSLF Program Participants Denied Forgiveness; Just 1.2% Of NY Borrowers Have Had Their Loans Forgiven

WASHINGTON, D.C. - TODAY, Thursday, October 14th: Senator Gillibrand will hold a video press conference announcing her original report on the shortcomings of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program and how it has failed to bring relief to New York borrowers pursuing public service careers as originally intended. While the program was created to alleviate student loan debt for individuals committed to public service careers for 10 years, PSLF has been plagued by administrative errors and eligibility restrictions that have prevented many Americans from receiving the forgiveness they have been promised and earned. In fact, since its inception, approximately 1% of all public servants who have applied for the program have received loan forgiveness due to flawed implementation and confusing program requirements.

Last week, the Biden administration announced a set of actions to fix the PSLF program, using its executive authority to ease restrictions and make critical program changes on a temporary basis, and they are engaging in a rulemaking process for longer term reforms. However, the findings in Gillibrand's report show that far more must be done to permanently reform PSLF and offer more robust loan forgiveness for New Yorkers and all Americans who commit to public service careers. Coupled with the report, Gillibrand will discuss her What You Can Do for Your Country Act, which would expand PSLF eligibility so that every type of federal loan and repayment plan is included in the program - including FFEL program loans - and would provide a partial forgiveness benefit after five

Gillibrand will reveal additional findings from the comprehensive report and take questions on the results during the press conference.

#### A History of the Root Cellar and How to Build One at the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1) To register please email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org with your name and number of attendees, and put In



Person Registration in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. To attend the program virtually on Zoom, email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for the link, and please put Zoom Program Registration in the subject line. Includes admission to the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm and to the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

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

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

o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the

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

- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- o New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

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

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



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

To the Editor:

Jerry Stevens is running for Supervisor of the Town of Neversink. A lifelong resident of the Town of Neversink, Stevens graduated from Tri-Valley Central School, earned an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from SUNY Sullivan, a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Master's in Special Ed from SUNY New Paltz.

Jerry is currently employed at Tri-Valley Central School as a teacher's aide.

He has been actively involved in the Town of Neversink community for over 25 years. He's been a coach for 27 years, including Little League, Bear Cub Basketball, Bear Cub Basketball Coordinator, Interscholastic Boys' Basketball coach, and Interscholastic Girls' Basketball coach. He has also served as T-Ball Commissioner for the Town of Neversink.

Jerry has served on the Town of Neversink Board of Assessment Review, the Town of Neversink Democratic Committee (current Chair), and the Sullivan County Democratic Committee's Executive Committee.

Tireless devotion, commitment and community leadership make Jerry Stevens the perfect person to be the Town of Neversink's next Supervisor.

JoAnn Dean Neversink

To the Editor:

One of the propositions on the table in this year's November 2nd election is to eliminate Article II, Section 5 of the New York State Constitution, which currently disallows folks from registering to vote less than 10 days before an election. I encourage my fellow New Yorkers to vote in favor of this proposal. Here's why: the more eligible voters who vote, the more representative our democracy is. Sadly, we're far from every American participating in our democracy. The best turnout we've ever had was in 2020, and we barely cleared two-thirds of the electorate participating. The turnout in non-presidential elections is an embarrassment.

How do we improve voter turnout? It's a fundamental principle of economics: lower the cost of a good, and more people will consume it. Let's lower the "cost" of voting. We all know people who are lovably disorganized. If they have to register weeks in advance, what are the odds they'll remember to do it? Dismal, of course. Should that disqualify them from participating in our democracy? Absolutely not.

Why does New York's 10-day rule exist? Likely because when the Constitution was ratified in 1938, our boards of election lacked the capability to quickly update voter rolls as new folks were added to them. Today, we have the tools to check identities and update rolls in real-time. The current registration requirement keeps New Yorkers from voting, and there's no evidence that registering weeks in advance of election day makes our elections safer.

We are living in a period of breathtaking technological capabilities. It's time to bring our election laws into the 21st century to ensure that everyone--Republicans and Democrats alike--who wants to participate in our democracy can. It's time New York joins the 22 other states that allow same-day voting, from Utah to Montana to Maine.

Leif Johansen Liberty, NY To the Editor:

Vote for Jerry Steven's for Town of Neversink Supervisor Time for a change, and Jerry Stevens can fill the position of Town Supervisor seamlessly with honor ability, and results!

Jerry has people skills. He has worked with parents and children for 27 years coaching and is a fixture in the Tri-Valley School System.

He promises to be inclusive, listen and give a professional view and follow through with delivering what the townspeople need.

His experience on the Town of Neversink Board of Assessment, chair of the Neversink Democratic Committee and member of the Sullivan County Democratic Executive Committee proves he knows how government works and how to get things done.

Diana K. Weiner Vice Chair Neversink Democratic Committee Neversink, NY

## ArtUnder100 Artwork Priced \$99 and Under Holiday Art Sale

Both the Online and Instore opportunities make it easy to check someone off your list, and give the gift of Art this holiday season!

ArtUnder100 includes a wide variety of choices in painting, ceramics, collage, jewelry, mixed media, photography, sculpture, and more, and last year featured the artwork of over thirty member artists of the Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA). At the time of this writing, participating artists include Norma Bernstock, Austin Burke, Barbara Carpenito, Elizabeth Castellano, Phyllis Chekenian, Elaine Flynn, Bozena Janiszewski, JoAnne Kriskowski, Louis Marquette, Stephanie Marquette, Francis Minien, Paul Plumadore, Joan Polishook, Matt Povse, Ellen Silberlicht, and James Spencer. Many of the artists participate in both opportunities.

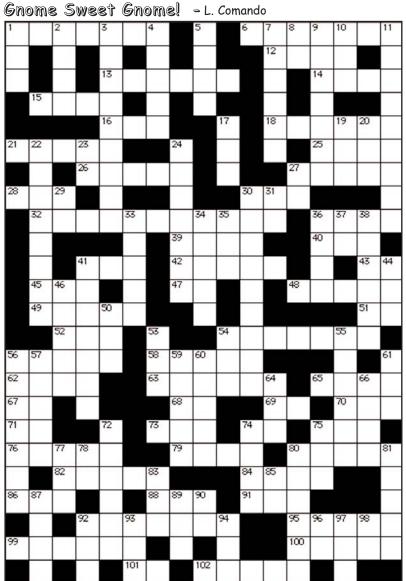
#### When and Where:

24/7 ONLINE SHOPPING begins Friday, November 26 on the organization's WCAA Online Shop at waynecountyart-salliance.org and runs through December 18. Depending on each artist's preference, sold work may be picked up directly from the artist, shipped for a fee, or picked-up locally in Honesdale on December 21st at the organization's WCAA Main Street Gallery.

INSTORE SHOPPING will be held for eight days at Dorflinger Factory Museum in the Blue Room (ground floor), 8 Elizabeth Street, (off Route 6), White Mills, PA 18424: December 3/4/5 (F/S/S) and December 8/9/10/11/12 (W/TH/F/S/S). Hours: Wed-Sat 10 AM - 5 PM and Sundays 1-5 PM. An evening reception is planned for December 3rd.

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization governed by volunteer members of artists and people interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. WCAA is committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens. ArtUnder100 is one of many events and programs that WCAA hosts, promotes, and sponsors throughout the year including the popular "Artists' Studio Tour" in July.

For further information visit: waynecountyartsalliance.org



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#### Pumpkin Cake

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Preheat oven to 350°. Line bottoms of two greased 9-in. round pans with parchment paper; grease paper.

Beat eggs, sugar and oil until well blended. In another bowl, whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ginger and allspice; gradually beat into egg mixture. Stir in pumpkin and pecans.

Transfer to prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks; remove paper. Cool completely.

Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped

cream.

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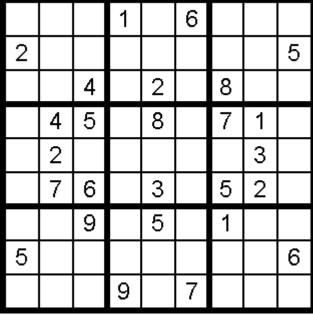
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## Teamwork Flourishes in Fallsburg

The Fallsburg Central School District Wellness Committee is an energetic group of school and community members dedicated to the well-being of students and staff. Whenever Committee Chair Suzanne Lendzian has a project to implement this vision, volunteers raise their hands eagerly. On October 8, five people joined her to paint the blacktop on the basketball court in the front field of Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES).

Last year these same volunteers and others painted the early childhood playground. Their experience with stencils provided



Suzanne Lendzian at the completion of the afternoon's work

At the end of a few hours, the project was complete and Suzanne took a selfie of the group with some of the designs in the background. Soon, the students at BCES will be enjoying the exercises and following the written word activities that the Wellness Committee has painted so carefully.

In the photo to the right
- (L to R) are SueAnn
Boyd and Bee Moser from
Cornell Cooperative
Extension, BCES Physical
Education teacher Vanessa
Marsilio, FCSD Wellness
Committee Chair and
Athletic Director Suzanne
Lendzian, and Life Skills
Class Teaching Assistant

group members SueAnn Boyd and Bee Sullivan Moser from County Cornell Extension Cooperative helped the work go smoothly. This year, the stencils were loaned out to Tri-Valley School District, and SueAnn and Bee, along with Suzanne and Fallsburg teachers Amber Smith and Vanessa Marsilio, had to use ingenuity to create their own stencils.

They had a design laid out on paper, and they discussed the different shapes and words and how best to make them happen. It was wonderful to watch the teamwork unfold as the work progressed. People were focused, and, yet, each team chatted about the designs, about their children, about their dogs. Here was an example of a high-performance team in action.



#### LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Independent Audit Report Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Tri-Valley Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, have been examined by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and that the Audit Report prepared in conjunction with the Independent Audit has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing Board of the Tri-Valley Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of examination prepared by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested parties not later than January 14, 2022.

Norma Peña

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

DUE TO THERE BEING NO BUSINESS, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19, 2021 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF NEVERSINK MICHAEL DEAN, CHAIRMAN

10/21

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Philippe Farran 2014 Irrevocable Trust for the purpose of a 2 Lot Subdivision at 129 Bradley Road, Liberty, N.Y. Town of Neversink (SBL# 41.-1-1.3).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF NEVERSINK PHILIP COOMBE III, CHAIRMAN

10/21

#### Gillibrand Announces \$15 Billion Delivered Directly to Families in Fourth Child Tax Credit Payment; Cumulative \$61 Billion has Gone Out Since July, Including Nearly \$3.3 Billion for New Yorkers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released a statement following delivery of the fourth Child Tax Credit payments:

"The American Rescue Plan's expansion of the Child Tax Credit is the largest anti-poverty measure in decades, and since July, Congress has delivered more than \$61 billion to families across the country. New York families have already received more than \$3 billion in direct payments and the credit will continue serving more than 3 million children in New York under 18 years old. These payments are one of the greatest tools we have to help fight child poverty in this country and I am working hard to make this funding permanent."

o The average New York family received a payment of \$417.

July 2021 to October 2021:

o New York families have received a cumulative total of \$3,291,748,000 in CTC payments.

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

#### Thursday, October 21, 2021

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session 6:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level
Regular Meeting #8 - 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level
This meeting will be on our
YouTube Live Channel
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8n
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- Thursday, November 4, 2021, Regular Meeting #9
- Thursday, November 18, 2021, Regular Meeting #10
- Thursday, December 2, 2021, Regular Meeting #11
- Thursday, December 16, 2021, Regular Meeting #12

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Monday -Friday
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Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 8am -Friday, October 22nd, 2021 12:00 noon only For more information please contact the Village Hall at 845-794-6130

## Fallsburg CSD Board of Education October Meetings

October 20, 2021 November 3, 2021 November 17, 2021

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All Sullivan County Small Businesses to Participate in "Shop Small Sullivan -Holiday 2021"

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To register, go to: https://www.catskills.com/shop-small-sullivan-holiday-2021/

The Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 22.



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## Ulster County Dedicates Native American Interpretive Sign and Renews 1665 Peace Treaty with Esopus Descendants

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is honored to announce a Native American interpretive sign dedication ceremony and an historic peace treaty renewal between Ulster County and the Ramapough Lenape Nation, renewing the 1665 Richard Nicolls Esopus Peace Treaty which is part of the Ulster County Clerk's Archival Collection. The renewal took place Friday, October 15th at 10:30 am at the Ashokan Rail Trail's Glenford Dike.

The community was invited to join members of the Ramapough Lenape Nation, descendants of the Esopus peo-

ple, along with Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack and representatives from the Ulster County Executive's Office and Ulster County Planning as they dedicated a new interpretive sign and renewed centuries-long peace originally made between the indigenous people of the Hudson Valley and the European settlers. The ceremony took place at the Glenford Dike, an approximate 0.6 mile walk from the Woodstock Dike Trailhead of the Ashokan Rail Trail (ART).

The new sign dedicated at this site was in honor of the area's indigenous people. This panel acknowledges the flooded

Esopus valley and the surrounding area as the home to the Esopus people. It also recognizes the peace treaty of 1665. Of the ten interpretive panels originally installed along the ART, none were solely focused on native peoples. This oversight was noted by local groups (including the Overlook Mountain Center and Woodstock Land Conservancy) who raised a significant amount of money for research and design of the new panel. AKRF, a consulting firm, created the text, and several local Native American groups and representatives consulted on the project. Ulster County paid for the fabrication of the panel and County DPW installed it.

The document featured on the panel, dated October 7, 1665, is in the original court records of Ulster County and is

titled An Agreement made between Richard Nicolls Esq. Governor under his Royall Highness the Duke of York and the Sachems and People called the Sopes Indyans. The peace treaty came to be after the second of two local wars between the Esopus people and European settlers. The original treaty stated that the peace be renewed each year, "that it may bee kept in perpetuall memory" and "That all past Injuryes, are buryed and forgotten on both sides." There have been 13 renewals found in the archives, dating from 1669 to 1745.

"Friday's event was the sixth time the treaty has been renewed in recent years," stated County Clerk Postupack. "It is such an honor to be present at these meaningful exchanges. Not only do we honor those who came before us, but we continue their legacy of peace by committing to peaceful relations and acknowledging our shared past."

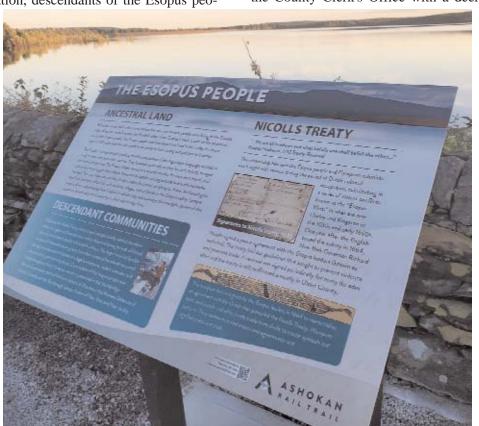
As part of the renewal, the Native American tradition of exchanging gifts will take place. Gifts received in previous years will be brought to honor each side. In 2020, Chief Mann of the Ramapough Lenape Nation Turtle Clan gifted the County Clerk's Office with a deer hide, intended to be

used as a living document and stored in the Ulster County Archives. This year, County Clerk Nina Postupack proud to return with the hide which has been marked by Ulster County with pictographs symbolizing the dates and locations of the most recent treaty renewals. After each renewal, a new pictograph will be added to symbolize our shared focus on peace.

"I want to thank the Ramapough Lenape Nation and Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack for once again renewing this historic peace treaty between our communities," County

Executive Pat Ryan said. "This renewal is an opportunity to recognize those who came before us and the important contributions of the native people to Ulster County and our broader region."

For more information about the Ramapough Lenape Nation, the Ashokan Rail Trail and the Overlook Mountain Center, please visit their websites at http://ramapoughlenapenation.org, http://ashokanrailtrail.com and http://overlookmountain.org. For further information about this and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us or visit us on Facebook. (Contd. Pg 25)



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#### **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale**

The **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Day October 23rd** from 9am to 12 noon. Staff will receive donations during October on Tuesdays from 9am-11:00am, or by appointment by calling 845-985-7012 or 845-985-3128 (leave message). When you bring items, please bring them up to the Thrift Building door. Thanks for supporting this Mission Project for many years.

#### Monticello Kiwanis Annual Fundraiser Dinner

In light of the continuing Covid situation, the Kiwanis Club of Monticello is once more making their Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner available at a time of the ticket buyer's choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. Tickets are \$20 each, which entitles the buyer to dinner platter choices of Hot Open Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken, Gyro Platter or Vegetarian Crepe. Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes and dessert. Dinners can be socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window by ordering ahead. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are valid from Oct. 15th and must be redeemed no later than Dec. 15, 2021.

Tickets are available by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701.

All proceeds benefit charitable projects in the community helping the Kiwanis Club fulfill their mission of "serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time".

For further information on obtaining tickets, contact Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

## Forestburgh Playhouse is ready to do the Time Warp Again!

The Rocky Horror Show Live will be performed in the Forestburgh Tavern 8 times for patrons to enjoy! This immersive production features amazing Playhouse talent, a fantastic live band of the best local musicians and a ton of fun!

Show dates are: October 22-23, and 29-30. Doors open at 6 for dinner and drinks and showtime is 8PM. Cocktails available right up to showtime and at intermission. Don't miss it!

Visit http://fbplayhouse.org or forestburghtavern.com for tickets today! Follow Forestburgh Playhouse on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube

## Haunted Theatre Tour at SC Dramatic Workshop

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents its wildly popular Haunted Theatre Tours this season at the Rivoli Theatre with three floors of fright - it'll be a scream! YOURS! Come if you dare!

Join our staff as they entertain you with the unexplainable, murmurs, ghosts and spirits. Be prepared for goosebumps but remember, as long as you stay with your group, you'll be just fine.

Tour dates are only on Fridays and Saturdays - October 22 & 23 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Tours are limited to groups of four and run continuously starting at 6:00 PM - last tour of the evening starts at 10:00 PM. Please note that this tour includes stairs and is sometimes in complete darkness. Also, please note that this tour in NOT recommended for children under 13!

All tickets are \$10 which includes admission and a free gift from the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. Advance tickets recommended at http://www.scdw.net. For more information: 845-436-5336

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

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

#### **LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10/19/21 Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole H	Hall in Clarv	/ville
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10/19/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- App. CANCELLED

10/21//21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm

10/23/21 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale - 9 am - 12 Noon

11/2/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - ELECTION DAY

11/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board 7 pm - App. Submission Date 10/20/21

11/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular

11/18/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm

#### TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

#### Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of October 18 - October 22, 2021

#### Monday, October 18

- o 5:00 PM Community Services Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 936 9554 3061, Passcode: 948888, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 858 4509 9900, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 857 8808 8937, Passcode: 913427, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM Ulster County Board of Health, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 849 0261 0293, Passcode: 153744, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 7:15 PM (or immediately following the Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee) Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 899 5788 3768, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

#### Tuesday, October 19

- o 5:00 PM Ways & Means Committee, this meeting will be livestreamed and available via vimeo at https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) Caucus: Republicans, this meeting will be livestreamed and available via vimeo at https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203
- o 7:00 PM Public Hearing: Application for US Dept. of Housing Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) Administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal, this hearing will be livestreamed and available via vimeo at https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203 Public Comment is administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us
- o 7:05 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearing) Legislative Session, this meeting will be livestreamed and available via vimeo at https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203 Public Comment is administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us Wednesday, October 20
- o 9:00 AM Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 10:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM Special Meeting of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 870 0230 2166, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

#### Thursday, October 21

- o 5:30 PM Youth Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 997 2737 2088, Passcode: 178045, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656 Friday, October 22
- o 12 Noon Resolution Deadline

## THE ESOPUS PEOPLE

#### ANCESTRAL LAND

Before the towns, before the trains, before the reservoir existed, people were living in the Esopus valley. What you see before you, the flooded valley of the Esopus Creek, is part of the ancestral land of the Esopus people. The Esopus people and their ancestors lived in this valley for more than 10,000 years, and their descendants continue to have strong cultural ties to it today.

The Esopus, a Lenape people speaking the Munsee dialect of the Algonquin language, settled in small communities near water sources. They traveled seasonally as they hunted, fished, foraged, and farmed in this area. The Esopus Creek served as a natural corridor for east-west travel, and colonial-era maps suggest that Native American footpaths serving cultural and trade networks between Oneonta, Pepacton, and the Hudson watershed once ran along its shore. Archaeologists have found evidence of burials, rock shelters, villages, and orchards in the Esopus valley. Lenape peoples share a sophisticated belief system, acknowledging the energetic power of the natural world and applying this knowledge in their day-to-day lives.

### DESCENDANT COMMUNITIES

Following the Nicolls Treaty, many Esopus people initially settled elsewhere within the region and became more widely dispersed during periods of forced relocation that lasted into the nineteenth century. The larger trend of forcible removal of Native American groups from their ancestral homelands occurred through a combination of exploitative legal transactions, violent coercion, and discriminatory government policies. Descendants of the Esopus people now reside throughout North America and are represented in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mobican Indians of Wisconsin: the Munsee Dal

Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin; the Munsee Delaware of Ontario, Canada; and the Ramapough Lenape Nation of New York and New Jersey.

### **NICOLLS TREATY**

"...We are all brethren and what befalls one shall befall the other..."
Esopus Sachems, 1712 Treaty Renewal

The relationship between the Esopus people and European colonists was fraught with tension during the period of Dutch colonial

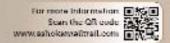


occupation, culminating in a series of violent conflicts known as the "Esopus Wars," in what are now Hurley and Kingston in the 1650s and early 1660s. One year after the English seized the colony in 1664, New York Governor Richard

Nicolls signed a peace agreement with the Esopus leaders (known as sachems). The treaty laid out guidelines that sought to prevent violence and promote trade. A renewal was signed periodically for many decades after and the treaty is still reaffirmed annually in Ulster County.



This wampum belt was given by the Fsopus leaders in 1664 to memorialize an agreement with the Dutch that preceded the Nicolls Treaty. Wampum belts used purple and white beads made from shells to create symbols and patterns. They commemorated events and agreements and signified peace and truth.





#### New Sites to Be Announced Weekly over the 12-Week Period

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced 21 new #VaxtoSchool pop-up vaccination sites to increase vaccination rates among school-aged New Yorkers. On September 21, Governor Hochul announced a total of 120 sites will take place over a 12-week period statewide. The Department of Health is working with local county health departments, community-based organizations, and healthcare centers on-the-ground to support the establishment of these sites in all regions of the state. Partners, host sites, and outreach efforts are tailored to the communities they are built to serve. New locations are established on a rolling basis in partnership with localities, and more sites will be announced each week over the 12-week period.

"The COVID-19 vaccine continues to be our greatest protection against the virus for eligible New Yorkers of all ages," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "In collaboration with community-based partners, our new #VaxtoSchool pop-up sites will help more school-aged New Yorkers get vaccinated so together, we can keep our school communities safe. I urge New York parents, guardians, and school leaders to help ensure that the eligible adolescents in their communities receive the vaccine as soon as possible."

A community-based medical professional will be available at each site to answer any questions parents and guardians of school-aged New Yorkers may have. As another tool to promote vaccinations and ensure access across New York communities #VaxtoSchool buses-mobile vaccination efforts-are being launched in convenient, youth and school-centric areas statewide. On October 16, the #VaxtoSchool bus will be at the Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School pop-up site in the Capital District.

This announcement builds on New York State's commitment to making the health and well-being of students, teachers and families a top priority. As of October 12, 62.2 percent of 12 to 15-year-olds and 71.7 percent of 16 to 25-year-olds have received at least one vaccine dose.

Operational days for each of the #VaxtoSchool pop-up vaccination sites for school-aged New Yorkers are below. The full list of #VaxtoSchool sites is available here and will be updated weekly over the 12-week period to include new sites when they are announced. New locations are established on a rolling-basis, and more sites will be announced each week over the 12-week period.

MID-HUDSON
Washingtonville High School
54 W. Main Street,
Washingtonville, NY 10992
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Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner: Orange County

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#### Please call for availability first

Liberty, NY 12754 Open: Wednesday, October 13; 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech Event Partner: Sullivan County

Saugerties High School
310 Washington Avenue,
Saugerties, NY 12477
Open: Saturday, October 16; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner: Ulster County

Rondout Valley High School
122 Kyserike Road
Accord, NY 12404
Open: Sunday, October 17; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner: Ulster County

All New Yorkers who receive their first vaccine dose by October 24 can enter New York State's #VaxandWin Football Sweepstakes to win prizes from the Buffalo Bills, New York Giants, and New York Jets. Parents or guardians can enter for eligible children. To learn more, interested New Yorkers can visit the site here and eligible New Yorkers can enter the sweepstakes here.

Children aged 12 to 17 can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, which is available under Emergency Use Authorization for children ages 12 to 15 and is fully approved for those age 16 and older. The other COVID-19 vaccines are not yet authorized or approved for this age group. If you are a parent or guardian of a school-aged New Yorker, you can also visit vaccines.gov, text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find a vaccine location closest to you. Make sure that the provider offers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and school-aged children, New Yorkers can visit our dedicated website ny.gov/vaxtoschool or follow @VaccinateNY on Instagram.

Parents are encouraged to make sure their child is up to date on all recommended and required vaccinations. Please visit the Department of Health website for more information on recommended childhood and adolescent immunizations.

#### DEC and Partners Host 3,800 Student Scientists at 19th Annual 'Day in the Life of the Hudson and Harbor'

Scientific Data Collection Connects Students with Hudson River and New York Harbor

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that shorefronts along the Hudson River and the piers of New York Harbor are busy with activity as thousands of students equipped with seine nets, minnow pots, and water testing gear collected data on the Hudson's fish and invertebrates, tracked the river's tides and currents, and examined water chemistry and quality, during DEC's 19th annual "Day in the Life of the Hudson and Harbor."



"DEC's annual 'Day in the Life' event gives student scientists up and down the river the unique opportunity to experience the tidal Hudson firsthand with its diverse habitats, fish, and wildlife," said Commissioner Seggos. "From Troy to New York Harbor, the Hudson's bounty is ecologically and economically valuable to our state and much of the Atlantic coast. This annual event gives students of all ages the chance to go down to the river and learn about the environment right outside their doors and it's just one of the ways New York is inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards."

Each year, students from elementary school through college partner with DEC and environmental educators to collect scientific data using handson field techniques to capture a snapshot of the river's ecology at more than 60 sites



along the Hudson. Data collected by students provides insight into an ecosystem spanning 160 miles of the Hudson River and New York Harbor to be posted online. Participating classes represent the diversity of New York's urban and rural school communities along the estuary. This year, an estimated 3,800 students and 200 educators from more than 68 schools participated. DEC Facebook Live also streamed seining activity from two sites: Swindler Cove in New York City and Norrie Point Environmental Center in Staatsburg.



More than a field trip, "Day in the Life" gives students the opportunity to don waders or use a fishing rod to collect data on many of the Hudson's 200-plus species of fish. Most are young fish, evidence of the Hudson's importance as a nursery habitat. Some years students catch surprising fish like seahorses, conger eels, and needle fish. Students also examine the physical and chemical aspects of the river with a wide range of equipment such as dissolved oxygen and pH kits, to high-tech refractome-



ters and simple plastic hydrometers to measure salinity and find the salt front the leading edge of diluted seawater pushing up the estuary.

DEC's estuary program staff connect the field day with the classroom by conducting preand post-visits in numerous schools

that participate in Day in the Life. Lessons on-site and in the classroom fulfill state learning standards in a variety of subjects. Post-trip activities connect students to other sites through the data collected up and down the tidal Hudson. These activities can be used to help students better understand the dynamic factors constantly impacting the Hudson River ecosystem.

"A Day in the Life of the Hudson and Harbor" is sponsored by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program, in partnership with the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Cornell University's New York State Water Resources Institute, and NEIWPCC. The event has sparked other "Day in the Life" events on waterways throughout New York State.

For additional information about partner organizations and event details, visit the DEC website.

# DEC Announces Nov. 1 Release of New Documentary, Uninvited: The Spread of Invasive Species Documentary Raises Awareness about Impacts of Invasive Species

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the Monday, Nov. 1 release of the DEC-sponsored documentary, Uninvited: The Spread of Invasive Species, via YouTube. DEC's Division of Lands and Forests contracted with the Westfield Production Company to produce this documentary about the significant threat invasive species pose to New York's biodiversity and ecosystems, as well as public health and the State's economy. Watch the trailer (leaves DEC website).

"Invasive species pose a threat to New York's environment, economy, and our quality of life. To ensure New Yorkers understand this threat and what we can do to stop the threat of invasive pests, we encourage everyone to watch Uninvited: The Spread of Invasive Species. The release of this documentary demonstrates New York State's sustained commitment to educating the public about invasive species and deploying innovative technologies to stop the spread," said Commissioner Seggos. "Uninvited highlights the danger of invasive species and what we stand to lose without continued efforts to combat these destructive pests."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "We thank our partners at DEC for this fantastic documentary, which provides clear, understandable information for the public about the real threats invasive species pose to our environment and to our agricultural industry. A number of invasive species, such as Spotted Lanternfly, can devastate New York crops, resulting in major economic loss. We are proud of the work our team at the Department is doing, in coordination with DEC and other state and federal partners, to combat invasive species. Uninvited spotlights these efforts and the collaborative work being done every day on the ground to ensure we can stop the spread of these harmful pests."

The film features the collaborative work of DEC and partners, including the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York Natural Heritage Program, Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs), and New York State Invasive Species Research Institute (NYISRI). The documentary also addresses prominent emerging invasive species, such as spotted lanternfly, and lesser-known species of concern like scotch broom, while highlighting New York State's innovative efforts to combat these pests. The film's production was provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund.

Planning is currently underway to offer viewing parties during the film's premiere week, Nov. 1 - 7. DEC encourages virtual viewing parties to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Organizations and individuals interested in hosting an event should fill out a registration form (leaves DEC website) to receive a helpful toolkit for organizing a viewing party and have it listed on DEC's website. Additional information about

the documentary and viewing party opportunities can be found on DEC's invasive species education and outreach webpage.

The State's EPF has grown from its original appropriation of \$31 million in fiscal year 1994-1995 to \$300 million. The Fiscal Year 2022 Enacted Budget sustains the EPF at \$300 million, the highest level of funding in the program's history. Appropriations include \$40 million for solid waste programs, \$90 million for parks and recreation, \$151 million for open space programs and \$19 million for the climate change mitigation and adaptation program. This investment will provide funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental

## DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officer Highlights Recent ECO Actions

**Hazardous Material Spill- Ulster County** 

In the early morning hours of Sept. 22, ECO Walraven responded to a call from Ulster County 911 regarding a hazardous material spill on Interstate 87 in the town of Plattekill. During transit, a tractor trailer spontaneously combusted, result-



Truck trailer in flames on I-87

ing in flames and chemicals spilling out of the back.

Remarkably, the driver was not injured. Local fire and hazmat crews responded and gained control of the fire and responders immediately assessed the potential that the chemical contents of the truck, consisting of five-gallon cans of paint thinners and paint, could enter the Quassaick Creek and flow into Chadwick Lake, a local drinking water source. ECO Walraven conducted an inspection of the creek and a nearby wetland and did not see any evidence indicating that the spilled contents entered the waters. DEC Spill Responders also arrived on scene to investigate and ensure the cleanup of the site was protective of public health and the environment. The owner of the truck hired an environmental clean-up contractor to address the remaining wreckage under DEC oversight. (Contd. Pg. 31)

#### Governor Hochul Announces \$5 Million in New Funding for Local Jails to Provide Substance Use Disorder Services to Incarcerated Individuals

New Legislation Establishes Program for Medication Assisted Treatment in County Jails Brings the Total OASAS Funding for Local Jails to \$8.81 Million

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the availability of \$5 million in additional funding to provide Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services to incarcerated individuals as part of a new bill mandating County Jails to offer Medication Assisted Treatment services in correctional settings.

"This bill is an important tool as we fight substance abuse and the opioid crisis," Governor Hochul said. "By providing Substance Use Disorder services to incarcerated individuals in both state and local correctional settings, individuals will have the opportunity to treat their addiction and return to healthy and productive lives."

The new legislation mandates the establishment of programs to provide medication assisted treatment (MAT) for incarcerated individuals in state and local correctional facilities. Expanding, MAT across state and local facilities will allow incarcerated individuals access to medications and therapies to provide them the opportunity to treat their addiction, lessening the likelihood that they may suffer a drugrelated overdose upon their reentry into society.

This additional funding will assist local jails in establishing various treatment services including: MAT, screening, assessment, clinical services, peer services, case management and other services as appropriate. New funding brings the total to \$8.81 million for local jails provided by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to treat SUD in correctional settings.

Funding amounts for each county will be based on the size of their jail population. Counties will have the flexibility to determine the best use of the funding. Counties may contract for direct clinical and peer services, cover the costs associated with providing MAT to incarcerated individuals, and help with case management/post release services. The counties will submit their plan to OASAS for approval.

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

services.

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

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

7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

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

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



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#### **Honoring Our Roots**



Shadow of ECO and K9 reflected onto ECO Cramer's headstone

On Sept. 29, ECO DeRose and K9 Cramer visited Pine Lawn National Cemetery to pay their respects to Game Protector (GP) William Cramer. K9 Cramer was named in honor of GP Cramer, who was murdered on Sept. 29, 1929, while he and GP Joseph Allen investigated illegal hunting in the Idlewild Woods, an area near present-day JFK Airport. The two GPs discovered a poacher in possession of protected songbirds, and while arresting the poacher, they heard a gunshot and went to investigate. The poacher in custody shouted a warning to a second poacher, resulting in an exchange of gunfire. Cramer was killed instantly by a shotgun blast. A lifelong resident of Queens, he was 38 years old when he died. His devotion as a Game Protector made him an Officer of the highest caliber. William Cramer is still recognized as one of the most courageous and fearless men ever to wear the Game Protector badge.



K9 Cramer sitting next to ECO Cramer's headstone

DLE Participation in Flood Response Strike Team Training

During the last week of September, DEC Division of Law Enforcement members participated in a four-day training for stu-



dents and instructors at the State Preparedness Training Center Oriskany as part of New York's interagency flood response strike team. The strike team is led by the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) and together a wide range of State public safety

Training team in creek

groups including ECOs and

Forest Rangers to provide a more coordinated and efficient public safety response to flooding. The strike team has responded to floods generated by tropical storms Fred, Ida, and Henri in recent weeks.

The training involved classroom and live training at the Training Center in controlled environments, including mock scenarios, land-



Rescue boats working in "flood village"

based search techniques, building entry, second floor and rooftop evacuations, pet rescues, and integrating UAS (drones) into flood response. The training culminated with a full-day exercise with the Barneveld Volunteer Fire Company on West Canada Creek. The exercise combined teams from all involved agencies to effectuate a multi-victim rescue that tested skills practiced earlier in the week. This type of training is critical to ensure effective multi-agency responses to flooding events that continue to increase across the state.

#### **Wilderness Search:**

On Oct 9, at 6:30 pm, Greene County 911 contacted Forest Rangers for assistance with two lost hikers from Brooklyn at Kaaterskill High Peak. Rangers Dawson and Gullen responded. The hikers were on an ambitious day hike covering 12 miles, leaving them without headlamps after dark. As Rangers hiked in, they received calls about two other hiking groups needing assistance on the Becker Hollow trail at Hunter Mountain and on the Long Path near Platte Clove Road, also due to darkness and hikers not having lights. Rangers Ellis and Martin responded to search for these groups, while Rangers Gullen and Dawson proceeded to bush whack in to locate the Brooklyn hikers approximately one mile in on the trail. Ranger Dawson hiked the group out while Ranger Gullen proceeded to locate the other hiking groups. Ranger Gullen made contact with the lost hikers on the Long Path and determined this group was able to hike out with the use of cell phone lights. Rangers Martin and Ellis responded to Becker Hollow. As they prepared to hike in, the separated members of the hiking group came out to the trailhead. All three search calls were concluded at 9:15 p.m.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911.

#### Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, Announces Civil War Era Concert "Songs of the Irish Brigade" at the Matthewis Persen House Museum



Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, October 23, the Ulster County Civil War Roundtable presents "Songs of the Irish Brigade," a concert by The Veterans in a New Field, at the Matthewis Persen House. The house is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

This past Saturday, October 16, The Veterans in a New Field were at the Persen House. Members performed various songs of the Irish Brigade in the Civil War and songs of World War I. The members of the band continue to preserve and present the music of the Union Irish Brigade in the American Civil War, and recently added the songs of World War I. They asked listeners to please enjoy and remember the sacrifices that have been made. Among the songs heard were: Marching Through Georgia, Over There, You're a Grand Old Flag, The Irish Volunteer, It's a Long Way to Tipperary, Yankee Doodle Dandy, Danny Boy, Give My Regards to Broadway, Goober Peas and many more!

The Irish Brigade, consisting of mostly Irish Americans, served in the Union Army in the American Civil War. This infantry brigade became known as the "Fighting 69th" and continued in later wars. The Irish Brigade was known in part for its famous war cry, the "Faugh a Ballaugh", meaning "clear the way." Since 1907, the Fighting 69th has been a unit of the New York National Guard.

"We are honored to have the members of The Veterans in a New Field play at the Persen House," stated County Clerk Postupack. "Music plays such a large role in the history of our nation. Being able to experience the music of our Civil War ancestors will be a memorable and entertaining event for the whole family."

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us or visit us on Facebook.

#### Governor Hochul Announces \$56.2 Million Infrastructure Investment in the City of Kingston

- \$44.6 Million Wurts Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project to Begin
  - \$11.6 Million Kingston Roundabout Project Completed Ahead of Schedule and On Budget

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$56.2 million in infrastructure investments for the City of Kingston, which includes the start of a major bridge rehabilitation project and the completion of a roundabout within the city. A \$44.6 million project getting underway will rehabilitate the historic Kingston-Port Ewen Suspension Bridge, also known as the Wurts Street Bridge, which has been closed since September of 2020. Additionally, the \$11.6 million Kingston Roundabout project was recently completed, which reconstructed the intersection of Interstate 587 (Colonel Chandler Drive), State Route 32 (Albany Avenue) and Broadway in the City of Kingston, Ulster County.

"We continue to make ambitious investments in transportation projects throughout New York that are built to last, and these two in Kingston are perfect examples of how we are connecting communities efficiently and safely," Governor Hochul said. "Project by project, we are moving New York forward and building one of the most robust and versatile

transportation networks in the nation."

The Wurts Street Bridge project will completely rehabilitate the 100-year-old crossing by enhancing the structural stability of the bridge and re-establishing an important connector between the City of Kingston and the Town of Esopus in Ulster County. Improvements planned for the bridge include a new bridge deck, guide rails, sidewalks, railings and suspender cables. The bridge's load capacity will be increased to 20 tons and sidewalks will be widened to meet current standards. New paint will also be added, lessening the need for annual maintenance.

The chambers, where the main cables are anchored, will have state of the art climate control systems to control moisture and ensure the anchorages remain free from corrosion. Additionally, the control systems will be enabled with remote monitoring and operation.

The popular pedestrian walkway and docks below the bridge will remain open during construction. The roadway below the bridge, Dock Street/West Strand Street, will also remain open, but existing parking spaces will be temporarily closed. Abeel Street on the northern end of the bridge will be reconstructed, requiring a temporary closure of one lane. All work is expected to be completed by fall 2023.

DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "New York State continues to make critical investments that will create a more resilient transportation network, strengthen communities and improve quality of life. The rehabilitation of the Wurts Street Bridge will restore an important link for Ulster County residents and travelers and, at the same time, add aesthetic enhancements that will cement this bridge's status as a Hudson Valley icon. Additionally, the new roundabout will reduce congestion at one of Kingston's most vital gateways and help keep people and goods flowing throughout the Hudson Valley for many years to come."

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As part of the project, a park-like space was created adjacent to the roundabout between East St. James, Broadway and Albany Avenue. Raised crosswalks, updated sidewalks, a mixed-used path and rectangular rapid-flashing beacons were also installed to enhance accommodations for pedestrians. The beacons provide a high-visibility strobe-like warning to drivers when pedestrians use a crosswalk.

Additionally, a storm water treatment system was created onsite to collect and filter runoff, which will help protect the surrounding environment. The DOT coordinated with the City of Kingston, Kingston Water Department and the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation to replace and modernize underground infrastructure, including sewer, water and gas facilities.

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NYSDOT provides additional information online regarding roundabouts, as well as downloadable brochures, at https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/roundabouts. An instructional video about how to safely navigate roundabouts is available here.

Motorists are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver license



Please join us at the Daniel Pierce Library Saturday October 23rd from 11-12pm, for a Poetry Writing Workshop with Sullivan County Poet Laureate Eric Baylin. Explore poetry by using your imagination, playing with words, laughing and having fun through poetry. We will have time to share, so bring your own poems if you have. Free Adult and Teen Workshop for Tri-Valley Residents. Advanced registration required @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

Fall 2021

## The Daniel Pierce Library's Children's Programs are about to begin!

Our eight-week children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley School District. These programs are specially designed to encourage early literacy and to foster an early love of learning and reading through stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building! Reading is an essential skill for success in school and later in life. All children will have the opportunity to borrow books. We truly hope you can join us for our in-person fall programs!

#### Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, October 13th

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons. Must be 12 months by 12/1/21.

#### Toddler Time (24–35 months) Beginning Thursday, October 14th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones, ages 24–35 months. Must be 24 months by 12/1/21.

#### Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, October 15th

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, and music. Must be 3 years by 12/1/21.

All programs will begin at 930 a.m. and end the week of December 6th.

Register today!

It is very important that we follow the most current CDC guidelines so that we may continue to offer safe programming.

During this time all patrons must wear a mask while inside the library.

These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by October 6th.



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

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

## More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

# Gillibrand Applauds President Biden for Signing Bill to Designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail

1,300 Mile Trail Will Unite 9/11 Sites and Provide An Important Space for Healing and Remembrance

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- Today, President Joseph Biden signed the September 11th National Memorial Trail bill to enable the Department of the Interior to assist in developing the trail route, signage, interpretative guides and educational materials for a 1,300-mile multi-use route that links the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the Flight 93 Memorial. The Senate recently passed legislation by unanimous consent to support the development of this trail. It passed the House unanimously on July 29, 2021. U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined President Biden for the bill signing.

"It's been 20 years since the horrific 9/11 terrorist attacks, and for many of us, the memories and heartbreak remain fresh. The September 11th National Memorial Trail will quite literally weave us closer together, honoring our lost loved ones, colleagues, and Americans from all walks of life, through beautiful greenways and monuments where we can hopefully find healing. I am grateful to President Biden for signing the bipartisan September 11th National Memorial Trail bill into law, and for my House colleagues Representatives Fitzpatrick, Connolly, and Beyer for their meaningful work," said Senator Gillibrand.

Starting at the Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, the Trail will extend northwest to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, PA. It will then continue east to New York City's National September 11 Memorial and Museum. The Trail then heads south following the East Coast Greenway connecting to the 9/11 Memorial Garden of Reflection. From there, the trail connects to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. and ultimately returns to the Pentagon Memorial. Currently, the 9/11 Memorial Trail is a patchwork

of about 55% off-road trails and 45% existing roads that connect the three 9/11 memorial sites in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

## Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Agriculture Disaster Declaration for Orange County

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following multiple disaster events in the 2021 Crop Year, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued a primary agricultural disaster designation for Orange County, New York. Under this disaster designation, agricultural producers in Orange County are eligible to apply for emergency loans and assistance from the Farm Service Agency in order to recoup production losses.

"New York's farmers and agricultural producers are a cornerstone of the Hudson Valley, and for an industry already operating on razor-thin margins, production losses during the COVID pandemic have been the last straw," said Senator Schumer. "Today's disaster declaration will go a long way, not only towards helping farmers recover their losses from the 2021 Crop Year, but also towards securing the long-term economic viability of agriculture in Upstate New York. I will continue to do everything in my power to help the farmers of Orange County and the rest of the state get the critical federal assistance they need ASAP."

"This disaster declaration will connect New York's farmers with federal resources and is an important first step to help the agricultural industry recover from disasters that impacted crop production," said Senator Gillibrand. "I will continue fighting for resources to ensure that farmers in Orange County and throughout the state can get back on their feet."

Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans.

## Monti Elks Bingo 7:00 -pm Every Tuesday at the Lodge • 46 North Street • Monticello

Full payout and a progressive jackpot with weekly door prizes
Food is also available in the Bingo kitchen

The Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats an gloves to elementary school children.

For information Contact Bingo Chair and Past Exalted Ruler Lisa Muller at: 914-799-1831

# The Grahamsville UMC Thrift Days

Saturday, October 23rd from 9am to 12 noon

Staff will receive donations
during October
on Tuesdays from 9am-11:00am
or by appointment
by calling 845-985-7012
or 845-985-3128 (leave message).
When you bring items, please bring them up to the Thrift Building door.
Thanks for supporting this

Mission Project for many years.

**Ulster County Trending** 

Oct.22-24, 28-31 -Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions: Named "#1 Haunted Attraction in America." Includes haunted walking trail, corn maze, eight haunted attraction including Escapes, gift shops and eateries. Starts at Dusk. Reservations strongly recommended. Also featuring Headless Horseman Escape Rooms. 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; headlesshorseman.com

Oct. 1-ongoing - The D.R.A.W. Registration for Fall Classes: Variety of art classes for all age groups. 20 Cedar St. (entrance at 24 Iwo Jima Lane), Kingston. 845-802-0097; drawkingston.org. Oct. 1-30 Rosendale Theatre: Upcoming movies including "Ma, Belle, My Beauty," "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and more. Buy tickets online. For more details call or visit our website. Rosendale Theatre,408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org.

Oct. 15, 16, 22, 13, 29, 30 Volunteer Firemen's Museum: A "little gem of a museum" housed in the 1857 Wiltwyck Fire House. Display of fire engines and firemanic artifacts. Open Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

Oct. 22, 23, 29, 30 Hudson River Maritime Museum Boat Tour- Lantern Cruise: 7:30 p.m. Explore the Hudson River and Rondout Creek by searchlight. Listen to legends and lore of the Hudson River. Tickets hrmm.org. Includes boat ride and general admission to museum, open 11 a.m. to 5 .pm. Information: solar-boattours.org. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

Oct. 22, 13, 29, 30 Friends of Historic Kingston-"Signs of the Times – The Modjeska Sign Studio, Kingston, NY:" Features the signs of many Kingston businesses from the 1920's to the early 1970's. Founded by Gus Modjeska. Open Fri., Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friends of Historic Kingston, 63 Main Street, corner of Wall and Main streets, Kingston. 845-339-0720; fohk.org

Oct. 20-24, 27-31 Hudson River Sightseeing Cruises: Book tickets online for a Leaf Peeping or Music Cruise and explore the Historic Hudson Valley. Music Cruise is scheduled for October 16th – "Lost Cowboys." Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended. Hudson River Cruises, 1 E. Strand St., Kingston. 845-340-4700; hudsonrivercruises.com

Oct., 23, 29, 30 Colony Woodstock: Visit website for complete schedule. Outdoor Beer Garden events available. 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-ROCK (7625); colonywoodstock.com

Oct. 14-19, 21-26, 28-31 Kelder's Farm Fall Harvest Celebration: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (last entry is 5 p.m.) Twenty-plus farm attractions. Corn maze, combine slides, farm animals, games, ice cream, food and drinks. Admission includes pumpkin and apple picking. Purchase online. Admission required for adults and Children ages 3 and up. Kelder's Farm, 5755 US Route 209, Kerhonkson. 845-626-7137; keldersfarm.com

Oct. 23, 24, 30, 31 Seed Song Farm's Farm-Family Fun Events: Weekends in October (good weather). U-pick Pumpkins, Corn Maze, Haunted Trail, live music, food, and refreshments. Admission is on a sliding scale. To guarantee a spot, RSVP. Walkins will be accepted until capacity is met. Information: visit website. Seed Song Farm & Center, 160 Esopus Ave., Kingston. 845-383-1528; seedsongfarm.org

Oct. 23-24, 30-31 Trolley Museum of New York: Trolley rides, exhibits, gift shop, theater, and interactive, hands-on activities for kids. Open noon – 5 p.m. weekends, holidays until late October. Trolley schedule and museum hours may differ depending on events and staff availability. Trolley Museum of New York, 89 East Strand Street, Kingston. 845-331-3399; tmny.org

Oct. 23-24, 30-31 Community Appreciation Weekends at Minard's Family Farm. Oct. 2-3: College Student Appreciation

Weekend; Oct. 16-17: Healthcare Professionals Appreciation Weekend; Oct. 23-24: "Sharing our Love of Fall" – one free small pumpkin per family. Oct. 30-31: Family Appreciation Weekend; 250 Hurds Road, Clintondale. 845-325-0222; minardsfamilyfarms.com

Oct.23, 30 The Hurley Heritage Museum: Now open for Saturday visits and tours. Walking tours of Historic Main Street at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tours cost \$5. Meet in front of the museum; reservations are advised. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays through October 30. Colonel Jonathan Elmendorf House, 52 Main Street, Hurley. 845-338-1661; hurleyheritagesociety.org

Oct. 23, 30 Fine Arts at Old Dutch Church: Uptown fine arts music series. Mid-day break of performances featuring artists in a variety of musical programs. Saturdays, noon- 12:30 p.m. Free. Accessible. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. 845-338-6759; olddutchchurch.org

Oct. 23, 30 Seventh Annual Living History Cemetery Tour, "Boomtown:" Meet seven characters who made Kingston roar in the 1920's. Saturdays, 1 p.m. \$15 Adults; \$10 students and seniors, 12 and under free. Tickets: livinghistoryny.com. Produced by Theatre on the Road, theatreontheroad.com, 845-475-7973. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston. 845-338-6759; old-dutchchurch.org

Oct.2-30 ASK Arts Society of Kingston: "Jose Acosta" and October Member's Show – "It's Music to My Eyes!" – Inspired by music and sound, see, hear, and feel the artwork through this interdisciplinary prompt. Open Tues.-Sun. 1-6 p.m. ask@askforarts.org. ASK, 97 Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-0333, askforarts.org

Oct. 24, 31 High Falls Flea Market: Presented by D&H Canal Museum. Open air market offering a variety of vendors of antiques and collectibles, jewelry, vintage clothing, plants and more. Meets every Sunday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through October 31st. Grady Park, 23 Mohonk Road & Rt. 213 High Falls. For more information visit canalmuseum.org/market

Oct. 19, 26 Outdoor Story Times at Gardiner Library: Ages 2-5 can come to hear stories, sing songs and rhymes, take home craft kits and more. No registration is required; bring a blanket! Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike. Information: 845-255-1255 or visit website. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner. 845-255-1255; gardinerlibrary.org

Oct. 21, 22, 23, 31 Levon Helm Studios: Visit website for complete schedule and ticket prices. Ticket sales are online only. All tickets are for Will Call pickup. (1, 3, 8, 9, 17, 29, 30 are SOLD OUT) Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2744; levonhelm.com

Oct. 21, 28 Gardiner Library Walking Club for Senior: Meets every Thursday, weather permitting, in the upper parking lot of the library. Great way to get some fresh air, meet new people and exercise. 9-9:45 a.m. For more information contact Nicole at nlane@rcls.org. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner. 845-255-1255; gardinerlibrary.org

Oct. 23, 26, 28 DIY Workshops at Watergrasshill B & B: Experience one of our signature workshops in our kitchen studio or barn, as a group or private class. See our schedule & register online. Watergrass Hill Bed & Breakfast, 105 Phillies Bridge Road, New Paltz. 845-419- 2661; watergrasshillny.com

Oct. 8-24 Fourth Annual 2021 Kingston Design Showhouse: Every year, the Kingston Design Showhouse encourages more work to be sourced locally and promotes Hudson Valley design on a national platform. 2021 Kingston Design Showhouse, 174 Hasbrouck Avenue, Kingston. kingstondesignconnection.com

Oct. 23 A Tiny Taste of Terror-Children's Day: Families enjoy a hayride and visit friendly characters along the way. Magic Moon Maze, Haunted Gardens, Witch Hazel's Halloween House and Dinosaur Trail. Rain dates Oct. 10th and 24th. Reservations required; tickets on website. Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; headlesshorseman.com (Contd. Pg. 41)

## **Ulster County Trending**

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Oct. 9-Dec. 11 Woodstock School of Art Exhibition - "Native Stone: The Art of Tomas Penning:" Reveals the life, artistry, and achievement of bluestone sculptor Tomas Penning. Opening reception October 9, 3-5 p.m. October 23rd 2 p.m.; "Tomas Penning's Highwoods Grounds" – Tour of property formerly owned by sculptor. 2470 NY-212, Woodstock. 845-679-2388; woodstockschoolofart.org

Oct. 22, 23, 29, 30, 31 Haunted Huguenot Street: Gertrude Deyo's Ghost Ball: Meet the spirits who inhabit Huguenot Street. Fabulous night of merriment and mischief. Outdoors. Festive mock-tails, fortune-telling games, spectral music and a photo booth. Tickets: \$25 (\$20 with discounted admission). 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Information on website. 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255-1889; huguenotstreet.org

Oct. 21-23 Kingston Kiwanis: Annual musical comedy show "The Godbrother" to fund Kiwanis scholarship program and other youth service projects. 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information visit website. J.W. Bailey School, Merlina Avenue, Kingston.

kingstonkiwanis.org

Oct. 21-Nov. 14 DENIZEN Theatre presents "Apples in Winter:" By Jennifer Fawcett; directed by James P. Rees. Thurs. to Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. A powerhouse one-woman play that will stir your heart and make you laugh out loud. Explores the ideas of mercy, motherhood and madness. DENIZEN Theatre, Water Street Market, 10 Main Street, Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-303-4136; denizentheatre.com

Oct. 22 City and Colour, with opening act Ruby Waters: Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) Rare solo show. "City and Colour (singer, songwriter Dallas Green). Tickets start at \$40. Tickets: call the UPAC box office Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at 845-339-6088; email boxoffice@bardavon.org, or at ticketmaster.com. 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org

Oct. 22-24, 29-31, Nov. 5-7 Shadowland Stages presents "The Niceties:" A black student visits her white professor to discuss her paper on the American Revolution. The polite review of her thesis soon explodes into a high-stakes debate over race, history, power and revolution. Purchase tickets online. The Main Stage at Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandstages.org

Oct. 23 FALLINCIA Fun Day: Scarecrow contest, pumpkin painting, live music, giveaways and more. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information and to enter contests: phoeniciarotaryny@gmail.com. Main Street, Phoenicia. phoenicia.com

Oct. 23 God and Country, Veterans Living History Event: 8:15 a.m.- 3:45 p.m. Slate of exceptional veterans from WWII who will

be sharing unique experiences throughout the day. Dinner. Call to purchase tickets. Best Western Hotel, 503 Washington Ave, Kingston. 845- 629-2864; godandcountryny.com

Oct. 24 Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons: Hear such classic songs as "Walk Like a Man" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$79; call box office Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. email: boxoffice@bardavon.org, or online at ticketmaster.com. Ulster County Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

Oct. 27 Halloween Murder Mystery at The Venue Uptown: Entertainment by Murder Café. Murder mystery three course dinner show. Come in costume, dance, dine and guess whodunit. Limited spaces. Book tickets at murdercafe.net. Ages 12 \$55 per person. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; dinner and show at 7 p.m. The Venue Uptown, 503 Washington Ave. Kingston. 845-802-7007; thevenueuptown.com

Oct. 28 The Barn at Indian Ridge: Harvest Wine Dinner and Masquerade Party. 6 p.m. \$150 pre-paid. 500 Crescent Avenue, Highland. 845- 883-3208; instagram.com/shiptoshorehv/

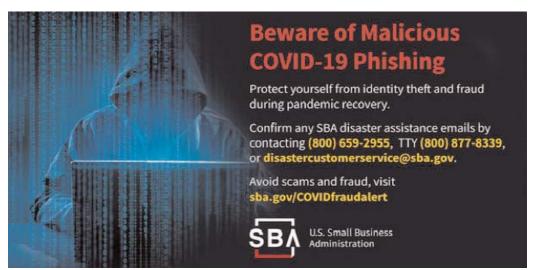
Oct.29 Film: Nosferatu (1922): 7:30 p.m. A chilling performance from Max Schreck as the vampire. Live organ accompaniment. Costume contests, photo booth and more. \$6. Tickets: call box office Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at 845-339-6088; email boxoffice@bardavon.org, or online at ticketmaster.com. Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. upac.org

Oct. 30 Trunk or Treat- Town of Esopus Library: Family friendly Halloween event, cars arrive at 1 p.m., costume parade 2 p.m. and Trick or Treating at 2:15 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to coolest, scariest, and funniest (cars & costumes). RSVP to email programmer@esopuslibrary.org. Town of Esopus Library, 189 Broadway, Port Ewen. 845-338-5580; esopuslibrary.org

Oct. 30 Bat-O-Ween: 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This fun-filled celebration is part of Bat Conservation International's Bat Week to educate folks about the importance of Bats in our environment. Bat crafts, bat education booths, face painting, Haunted House and Costume Contest. Food and vendors. Information: mastergardener2000@gmail.com. 845- 340-1293. Facebook: townofesopus Oct. 30 Rondout National Historic District Walking Tour: Hear how immigrants and entrepreneurs transformed farmland into a thriving maritime village during the era when Rondout was the terminus for the D&H Canal. Some uphill walking. Adults \$10, children under 16 \$5. Departing 11 a.m., gazebo in T.R. Gallo Park, 73 West Strand Street, Kingston. 845-339-0720; fohk.org

Oct. 30 MyKingstonKids Halloween Fest & Parade: 3–8 p.m. Free outdoor event outdoors. Ghostbusters-themed event. Dance Party, children's costume fashion show, vendor trick or treating, live performances, family games/activities, music, food and a special live Ghostbusters Performance. YMCA, 507 Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org

Oct. 30 Ulster Corps' 11th Annual Zombie Escape: Events include a 5k timed trail run, 2k walk and free 1k Fun Run for kids. Socially distanced zombies and other spooky surprises. Awards. \$17 per person if you sign up a team of five or more by October 27th. Registration: 8:45 a.m. Information: email zombies@ulstercorps.org, or call Williams Lake, Rosendale. 845-481-0331; ulstercorps.org



## Statement from Governor Hochul on Commitment to Protecting Vaccine Requirements

"I applaud the Attorney General's challenge of the lower court's decision on the religious exemption to the vaccine requirement. I spoke with the Attorney General this morning, and we had a productive conversation about the importance of protecting this requirement. New York will continue to lead the nation in taking bold action on vaccines, which are our best weapon in defeating this virus.

## Statement from Governor Hochul on Reopening of Canadian Border

"I applaud our federal partners for reopening our borders to Canada, something I have called for since the beginning of the closure. Canada is not only our trade partner, but more importantly, Canadians are our neighbors and our friends. From Western New York to the North Country, I look forward to welcoming our Canadian neighbors back to New York as we continue to rebuild and recover from this pandemic.

## Hochul Announces \$230 Million in Additional Food Assistance for New Yorkers in October

- All SNAP Households to Receive the Maximum Level of Food Benefits
- More Than \$2 Billion in Supplemental Benefits Distributed So Far This Year

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that all New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will receive the maximum allowable level of food benefits for October. All households participating in SNAP - including those already at the maximum level of benefits - will receive a supplemental allotment later this month, which will result in an infusion of about \$230 million in federal funding into the state's economy.

"During this unprecedented time as we continue to battle a public health crisis, we need to make sure every New Yorker does not have to experience hunger and food insecurity," Governor Hochul said. "By supporting food benefits during this difficult time, we are helping to ensure that everyone in this state gets a much-needed helping hand so they can make ends meet, support themselves and their families, and be successful."

The emergency assistance supplement will be provided to households that do not ordinarily receive the maximum allowable benefit per month on SNAP - a federally-funded program administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Those households already near or at the maximum benefit level will receive a supplemental payment of at least \$95.

SNAP households in all counties outside of New York City should see these benefits post starting this week, extending through Oct. 21 Those SNAP households in the five-county New York City region should see their benefits post between Oct. 18 and the end of the month.

As with the prior months, the payments will be delivered directly to recipients' existing Electronic Benefit Transfer account and can be accessed with their existing EBT card. Like regular SNAP benefits, the supplemental benefits can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. Any unused SNAP benefits will be automatically carried over to the following month.



## 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.

Struggling New Yorkers continue to rely heavily on SNAP as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact everyday life. As of August 2021, there were more than 2.79 million SNAP recipients throughout the state.

Every dollar invested in food benefits can generate up to \$1.54 in economic activity, according to a federal study quantifying the impact of SNAP on the U.S. economy. The study also found that an additional \$1 billion invested in new SNAP benefits could support roughly 13,560 jobs nationwide.

OTDA Executive Deputy Commissioner Barbara Guinn said, "In addition to bringing much-needed relief to food-insecure families and individuals throughout the state, these added benefits are providing a welcome boost to our local retailers. We will continue to work with Governor Hochul and the federal government to ensure these benefits continue to help New Yorkers during this time of need."

For more information on the emergency supplemental SNAP benefits, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/New Yorkers can check their eligibility for SNAP and apply online by visiting https://mybenefits.ny.gov

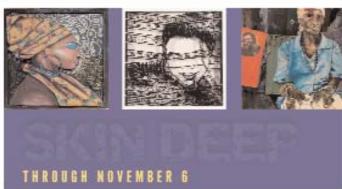
## What's Going On at the Olive Free Library

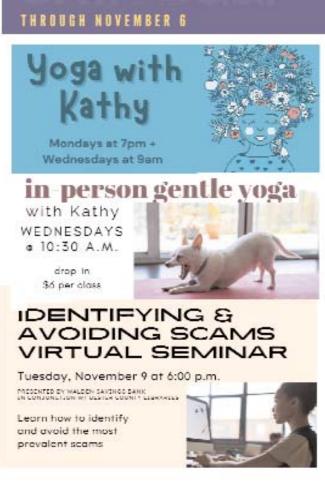
The Olive Free Library is located at 4033 Route 28A
West Shokan, NY 12494
845-657-2482
helpdesk@olivefreelibrary.org

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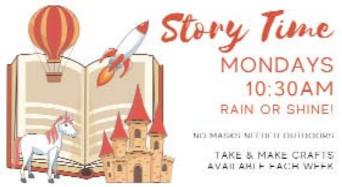
Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.















## \$46 Million Welcome Center at Niagara Falls State Park New 28,000 square-foot facility to open in Spring 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the beginning of construction for a new, \$46 million state-of-the-art visitor center in Niagara Falls State Park. The new facility will be a gateway to adventure along the Niagara River Corridor, greatly improving the visitor experience, complementing nature, and increasing the length of visits within the park in all four seasons. The newly built center will welcome new and returning sightseers, enhancing awareness of regional recreational and cultural offerings.

"Niagara Falls is a wonder of the world unique to Western New York and it's awe-inspiring beauty has been preserved with Niagara Falls State Park, the oldest state park in the United States," Governor Kathy Hochul said. "This new Welcome Center builds on our work to showcase all of the landmark gems that New York State has to offer, attracting visitors from around the world and boosting our tourism economy.

The new 28,000-square-foot visitor center design will open a more seamless pedestrian connection between the Falls and the city's downtown business district begun with the completion the Welcome Plaza last year. Demolition of the 35-year-old original visitor center will create more open views of the American Falls. The facility will include new ticketing and information desks, interpretive museum space including an immersive experience and exhibits on a diversity of topics including natural, industrial and Indigenous American history; provide information for visitors about opportunities unique to the region; new concession spaces; restrooms and associated support spaces.

The glass, steel and concrete facility has been designed to complement nature and include a rooftop solar array, green roof elements and a separate restroom building. Enhanced site amenities include new accessible paths; plantings; outdoor exhibits, and interpretive and wayfinding elements. More than 100 new trees will be planted to replace those removed during construction. The existing 7,000-square-foot regional administration building immediately adjacent to the facility will be adapted to include a multi-purpose community room, regional archives, and offices for Niagara regional interpretive staff.

R.P. Oakhill has been designated as the contractor for the project which is slated to begin immediately and wrap up by Memorial Day of 2023. G.W.W.O a national leader in visitor center development is the architect and Haley Sharpe Design is designing the interior interpretive exhibits. The Center will open in Spring 2023.

The not-for-profit Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, created after the 2014 death of Wilson, the former owner of the Buffalo Bills and a co-founder of the American Football League, will contribute \$8 million toward the project. The Wilson Foundation continues Ralph Wilson's remarkable legacy of support for tourism, parks and outdoor recreation, trail development, and community revitalization in Western New York.

This project will complement the \$150 million revitalization of Niagara Falls State Park landscape. Launched in 2011, the Niagara Falls State Park landscape revitalization plan was a multi-year commitment to renew the park in a manner that better reflects noted park designer Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for the landscape. The plan renovated the park's major viewing areas including Luna Island, Prospect Point, Lower Grove, Three Sisters Islands, North Shoreline Trail, Luna Bridge, and Terrapin Point with new pedestrian walkways, enhanced landscaping, new benches, light posts and railings. The interactive Cave of the Winds pavilion, which highlights the natural and cultural history of Niagara Falls, opened in 2017.

Created in 1885, Niagara Falls State Park is the oldest state park in the nation, attracting over 9 million visitors annually.





CONCERT SERIES LIVE & VIRTUAL

## Music on Market presents: The Chris Earley Group Live and on Zoom

Thursday, October 21 at 7:30 pm

Featuring Matt Finck on guitar, Adam Cote on bass, and Chris Earley on drums. Playing a variety of jazz standards and more!

To reserve your space online hover your phone's camera over the QR code



## Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

# All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



## Sunday, November 21st

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon Adults: \$9 Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available 985-7270

## Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

# All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball Supper



## Saturday, November 27

Serving 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Adults: \$10

Children Ages 5-11: \$6

**Under 5 Yrs. Free** 

Take out is available! (845-985-7270)

## This Week at ASK

### October 19-24, 2021 Lokaspar –a Dance Projects presents: This is For Now

October 22, 23 & 24

Friday and Saturday 8pm and Sunday at 3pm

Tickets: \$17/\$15 members and students

Saturday- Pay what you can

Stillness, silence, light, and time. The study of awareness. This is For Now presents the audience with multiple entry points into these experiences, often defying expectations planted by those words. Journey with the ensemble of five dancers through recently developed material that transports us collectively into this present moment.

Also included in the evening is the US premiere of "Still/Together", a related dance film created this past spring in

collaboration with Leighann Kowalsky.

Click Here to Buy Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lokas-parsa-dance-projects-presents-this-is-for-now-tickets-182159462857

#### IN OUR GALLERIES

Spotlight Exhibition – Jose Acosta

Jose Acosta was born in San Jose, Cuba in 1966. When he was three years old, he immigrated with his family to the United States. His paintings generally depict and reflect his history, as well as his surroundings and experiences, while expressing passion from the heart: the mainspring of life. His artwork is characterized by bright colors, swirling figures, and vibrant energies and are featured in over 500 private and public collections.

The Spotlight Gallery Exhibition: Jose Acosta: Looking for Something in Color will be available to view until Sunday, October 31, at 6pm both at our galleries at 97 Broadway in Kingston and online at askforarts.org. Regular gallery hours are Tue-Sun 1-6pm.

Members Exhibition:

IT'S MUSIC TO MY EYES

ASK's Members Exhibition this month is It's Music to my Eyes! Every month ASK provides a prompt for our members to respond to and this October we've asked our members to create pieces inspired by music and sound.

The Members Exhibition: It's Music to my Eyes will be available to view until Sunday, October 31, at 6pm both at our galleries at 97 Broadway in Kingston and online at askforarts.org. Regular gallery hours are Tue-Sun 1-6pm.

## Former Monticello Police Officer Arrested for Reckless Endangerment and Official Conduct

Thomas Benjamin, 47, of Neversink, was arrested yesterday, October 17, 2021, for Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a felony, and Official Misconduct and Coercion in the Third Degree, misdemeanors. The arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by the Office of the District Attorney and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office following an investigation into events that occurred on September 18, 2021.

The charges allege that Benjamin, who at the time was a police officer, discharged a taser from his moving police car at a moving motorcyclist without legal justification or provocation, causing the motorcyclist to lose control of the vehicle and

crash. The charges further allege that Benjamin then immediately and improperly took actions in an effort to prevent a use of force investigation and potential criminal investigation into his actions.

A taser is a conductive energy device which uses probes to send approximately 50,000 volts of electricity into a person's body for the purpose of immediately causing neuro-muscular incapacitation to a subject in situations prescribed by police

department regulations.

Village of Monticello Police Chief Rob Mir said, "My Department conducted a use of force investigation during which Benjamin was suspended and ultimately tendered his resignation, following which I decertified him as a police officer. My Department fully cooperated with the criminal investigation into this matter and we remain committed to holding those responsible for misconduct accountable and responsible for their actions."

Sheriff Mike Schiff said, "The events surrounding this incident required a transparent and thorough investigation by senior law enforcement leadership, led by the District Attorney, which was appropriately undertaken in this case."

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Benjamin Greenwald, Esq., attorney for the motorcyclist, said, "While I am deeply troubled by the circumstances under which my client was subjected to this treatment, and the actions that immediately followed it, my client and I are pleased with the thorough and transparent criminal investigation into this incident, led by the District Attorney's Office. My client is fully cooperative with this investigation and continues to suffer from the lasting effects of it."

Galligan said, "Sullivan County's law enforcement community has long held its members to the highest standard of policing to ensure not only the safety of the citizens of Sullivan County, but to be worthy of the public's trust. This investigation underscores that commitment."

**REMINDER:** The filing of criminal charges is merely an accusation. All persons are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

# Governor Hochul Directs Flags on All State Buildings Lowered to Half-staff in Honor of General Colin Powell

"I am saddened by the passing of General Colin Powell, a New Yorker and son of immigrants who rose to the height of American public service during a distinguished career. As the first Black person to serve as National Security Adviser, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of State after graduating from the City University of New York, General Powell blazed a path forward for others to follow throughout his decades of service to the United States.

"I am directing flags on all state buildings to be lowered to half-staff until sunset on October 22 in honor of General Powell's memory and his contributions to building a more perfect union. New Yorkers' thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Alma, and his children, Linda, Annemarie and Michael."

General Colin Powell passed away on Monday, October 18, 2021 due to complications from COVID-19.

## New Hope Community Expands Partnership with StationMD To Offer Enhanced Medical Care in All of Its Homes

(LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY – October 19, 2021): New Hope Community, a leading provider of supports and services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), introduced telehealth services provided by StationMD to more than half of its residences late last year, streamlining health services and avoiding unnecessary exposure to COVID-19. Effective this month, the agency announced the expansion of this partnership to offer telehealth services for all of its 42 homes. Now when any of the nearly 240 people supported by New Hope Community need urgent medical care, they can receive it remotely, 24/7, from board certified physicians who specialize in treating people with I/DD.



After a change in Robert's condition, House Manager Leah Behan activates StationMD for a physician assessment.

New Hope Community is the first agency in Sullivan County to offer telehealth through StationMD. Funding from the Statewide Healthcare Facility Transformation Program grant made it possible for New Hope Community to join the program in November 2020, with the initial contract to connect 28 of New Hope Community's homes with the service, starting with those who are most at risk of chronic or serious illness. Within the first six months of implementation, the program resulted in a 90% reduction in visits to the hospital and urgent care facilities for ailments such as rashes, pink eye, minor infections or nausea. It is projected that the program will save an estimated \$30,000 annually in expenses, including additional staff salaries resulting from transportation and emergency room visits.

"Telehealth has revolutionized our clinical services and we are excited to be expanding this partnership with StationMD," says Debra J. McGinness, Chief Executive Officer, New Hope Community. McGinness, who is also a registered nurse, explains, "Now, we can fully ensure that all of the men and women we support have quick access to highly qualified, experienced professionals who understand their needs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," she added.

"People who have I/DD—like those with autism, Down Syndrome, or cerebral palsy—often have complex health conditions and require specialized doctors who can treat them. We're thrilled StationMD is serving all 42 New Hope Community homes, so the individuals in their care can get the medical attention they need, 24/7, from the comfort and safety of home," says Dr. Maulik Trivedi, Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, StationMD.

"A trip to the doctor's office or to the emergency room can be traumatic for anyone but especially for people who may have sensory, communication or mobility issues, and require medical transport with support staff to accompany them," McGinness pointed out. "Streamlining care with new technology often creates a better patient experience and achieves significant cost savings as well," she added.

This February alone, New Hope Community averaged 25 calls a month to StationMD, and over the following six months, 174 individuals had been cared for without the disruption of leaving home and being in an unfamiliar or disturbing setting. Of those cases, 157 were treated without a visit to the emergency room. The service has resolved the need for additional staffing in homes when a staff member accompanies an individual on their trip to the hospital, urgent care or physician's office.

Easy-to-use medical "stations" enable New Hope Community's nurses and staff to electronically connect with StationMD's board certified physicians using tablets. High-tech stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs operate on Bluetooth technology to transmit vital signs in real-time for patient evaluations.

Karen Russell, New Hope Community's Chief Operating Officer who was instrumental in the introduction and implementation of the program, pointed out that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the program produced timely safety benefits. "By having to make fewer visits to hospitals and urgent care centers, telehealth with StationMD has kept the NHC community safer," she said. In addition to using leading-edge technology to transmit important health information, she noted that the partnership relies on the on-site expertise of New Hope Community's staff. "We know our individuals' medical history, what medications they are on, and any symptoms or other illnesses they are prone to, and we work with StationMD to ensure their medical care is streamlined and consistent," Russell explained.

"That means our individuals will not get 'over prescribed' medication or be in a situation where the clinicians do not fully understand their needs," said Karen Kerendian, RN, Director of Health Services at New Hope Community. She explained that diagnosing illness and prescribing

treatment using StationMD can take as little as 15 minutes, and offers wrap-around care including same day or next day prescription fulfillment and appointments for follow up visits.

Assistant House Manager Adrian Trinidad noted that using StationMD "is a much easier process than regular telehealth because we can speak to a doctor right away and get vitals to the medical team using Bluetooth instruments." He commented on the positive patient and staff experience, saying "The staff working in the home are often the ones patients are most familiar with so the individuals stay calm instead of being agitated or fearful. And we do not have to leave the house with them and call in for staff coverage."

StationMD has allowed New Hope Community resident Donna to skip the stressful process of an emergency room visit. "I like this much better. It helps me and the staff, and I can stay home when I don't feel good."



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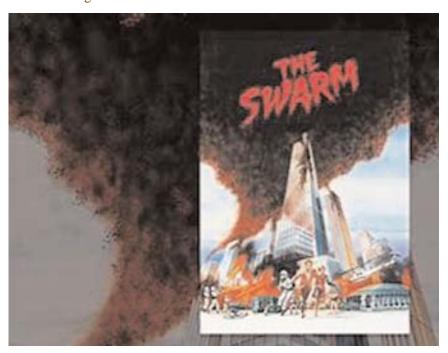


## **ON TCM TUESDAY** OCTOBER 26, 2021 8:30 AM

The Swarm
(1978 / 1h 56m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)

Killer bees that attack without reason descend on Texas. The Swarm is a 1978 American natural horror film directed and produced by Irwin Allen, based on

Arthur Herzog's 1974 novel of the same name.



The film stars an ensemble cast including Michael Caine, Katharine Ross, Richard Widmark, Richard Chamberlain, Olivia de Havilland, Ben Johnson, Lee Grant, José Ferrer, Patty Duke, Slim Pickens, Bradford Dillman and Fred MacMurray.

Directed by Irwin Allen.

A group of soldiers led by Major Baker is ordered to investigate a basement level station which they believed was attacked. After Baker contacts his commander, General Slater, they begin to investigate who drove a civilian van into the base. It is revealed to be owned by a scientist named Dr. Bradford Crane, the only survivor of the attack. Slater orders two helicopters to check ...

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## "KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II" ON TCM WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2021 11:15 AM

## The Pack

(1977 / 1h 30m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-PG)



A cute little loveable, adorable, puppy evolves into a vicious descendant of pet dogs abandoned in a resort called Seal Island. The dogs have reverted to their primal survival mode.



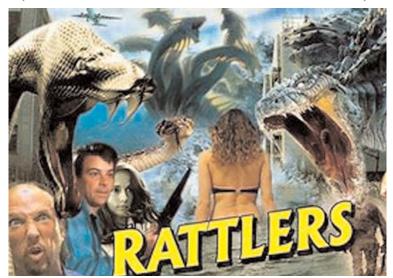
A prelude to the feeling getting us in the spirit of next week's Holloween issue.

Directed by Robert Clouse and starring Richard O'brien, Rob Narke, and Eric Knight

## KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III ON TCM WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2021 1:00 PM

## **Rattlers**

(1976 / 1h 22m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)



A herpetologist links a series of deaths from snake bite to U.S. military testing.



Directed by John Mccauley, and starring Elizabeth Chauvet, Ron Gold and Dan Priest.

Stay safe, and stay well Knarf Odnamoc Gnome