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News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec



Janet and the group are ready to begin

I hope everyone is staying cool as we experience these Hot August Nights here in Neversink! I know that our kayakers who took the challenge to kayak the reservoir last weekend experienced the heat and then the cool waters of Chandler Cove.

The Kayaking Event was a success!!!! Our participants had some in-depth training from our Summer Parks & Rec Director, Janet Carey. She showed them all the right tools and equipment to use, then guided them on how to get into and out of a kayak followed by some "kayaking in the pool" to help them get used to maneuvering their vessel with those oars! (Contd. Pg. 8)

Studio Artists Group at Daniel Pierce Library

Studio Artists Group meets every Wednesday at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville . 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. There is no cost to attend.

On August 10 Chris Parrow led the group in a workshop of contour drawing , color mixing and flower painting.

On August 25 the group will meet to paint and have a pot luck lunch at Pat's home in Claryville.

New members are always welcome. Contact Pat Wellington at 845-985-7156 for more information.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved son: hear him.

St. Luke 9:35

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****August 22, 1951**

Sasebo, Japan - Crossroads of the world: M/Sgt. Joseph Merigliano, Sr. of Headquarters Company, Camp Kokura, had the pleasure recently of greeting his son, Pvt. Joseph Jr., in the office of Lt. Col. Vincent Curl, commanding officer of the Sasebo Replacement Depot, Sasebo, Japan. Private Merigliano, who recently arrived in Japan, had not seen his father in more than six years.

Miss Marjorie Mae Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cole of Claryville, was married Friday, August 17th at 11 am in the Liberty Presbyterian Church to Mr. Leslie Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Morgan Sr. of Liberty.

The County Highway Department is at work on the road from the dugway at Sundown through Greenville up to the town line. The entire strip of road is being resurfaced and it looks like the hill folk will have a pretty good road to travel this winter.

August 23, 1961

Two local men narrowly escaped death in the flaming wreckage of the light plane that crashed Saturday morning west of Sugarloaf Mountain near Sundown Road. Vincent Guntlow and Chandler Curry crawled out of the four-seat Stinson light plane just before the plane burst into flames. They both sustained serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta of Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patsy to Robert Grey, also of Grahamsville. The young couple plan to be married October 28th.

Frederic DuBois, RM3, has been spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois. He will return to base on Wednesday. On the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhynders and daughter, Tracy of Poughkeepsie visited them and on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. James Mentnech and daughter, Bonnie joined the family for a picnic.

Myra H. Dixon, 90, of Warren St., Ellenville, died at her home on Tuesday, August 15th. She was born in Montela, N.Y. on August 5, 1871, the daughter of David and Abigail Sheeley Dixon. She was a member of the Ellenville Meth. Church and the Women's Society for Christian Service.

September 1, 1971

Vincent Zanetti, Asst. Vice President of the Marine Midland Bank's South Fallsburg office, has been promoted to division administrator and will be responsible for twelve bank offices in Dutchess, Orange and Putnam Counties.

Mrs. Katherine Mackey, 78, of Ladleton, died unexpectedly Thursday in Liberty Loomis Hospital. Born in Ladleton on May 28, 1873, she was the daughter of Rinard and Regina Brust Rudolph. She was the widow of J. Arthur Mackey who died in 1959. A life-long resident of Ladleton, she was a retired postmistress of the Ladleton Post Office.

The community was deeply saddened by the vicious attack on our neighbor, Mr. Frank VanKeuren some time on Saturday night. Our wishes are that the assassins will be apprehended and Mr. VanKeuren will have a full recovery.

August 27, 1981

Thomas E. Chase Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Chase Sr. of Grahamsville, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman. Thomas is a security specialist at Pease Air Force Base, N.H., with the 509 Security Squadron.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boncek Jr. of Westfield, N.Y. announce the birth of a daughter, Kecia Adair, born Sunday, Aug. 16, 1981. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hube, Brockport, N.Y. and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boncek Sr. of Grahamsville.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

August 27, 1981

Congratulations to Arthur and Mildred Greenrose who celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on August 20th with Ray and Elise Hornbeck and family and Frank and Linda Comando and family. (Contd. Pg. 3)

According to the Health Insurance Institute hospital room rates have risen faster than any other component of medical care - from an average of \$43 a day for a semi-private room in 1970, to \$143 this year. It's enough to send a patient into shock!

Ralph and Barbara Slater have just returned from three days in Elkhorn, Wisconsin where they attended the Red and White Holstein Show and Sale. They were joined by Barbara's son, Douglas Hamilton and wife, Jona from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Lighting of the Fire Towers 2021

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

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

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

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

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

Red Hill Fire Tower Committee

Household Hint:

Keep out four-legged creatures

Some animals, including cats, deer, dogs, rabbits, and raccoons, can't stand the scent of vinegar even after it has dried. You can keep these unauthorized visitors out of your garden by soaking several recycled rags in white vinegar, and placing them on stakes around your veggies. Resoak the rags about every 7-10 days.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Katydids are Rehearsing Their Farewell to Summer Song

I have had quite a few reports that katydids have been signaling us that the countdown to the end of summer in the Catskills. They have been considered a prophet of weather to come. According to legend, when the katydids first start their song at night it means the first killing frost will occur in ninety days. Later in the summer when the katydid is heard during the day singing from the deep shadows, the first frost is but six weeks away. On the last day before the first hard frost, the katydid will sing its own farewell song. No, summer isn't over yet, but the Katydid is just reminding us that the first killing frost will be in approximately 6 weeks.



Katydids live just about everywhere throughout the Catskills. They are insects of the Tettigoniidae family and are commonly called katydids, bush-crickets or long-horned grasshoppers. They are more closely related to crickets than to grasshoppers.

There are more than 6,400 species of katydids that live in forested areas, thickets and in fields where there are plenty of shrubs and trees. They are often heard and not seen as they usually stay at the tops of the trees where more leaves are available. Most katydids are vegetarians and eat the leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs, especially oaks.

Some Katydids can grow over two inches in length and are a bright leafy green color. They have long oval shaped wings which are held vertically over the body resembling roof shingles. The wings have lots of veins and actually look like leaves. They have very long antennae often extending beyond the tip of the abdomen.

Both male and female katydids make sounds. They rub their front wings together to "sing" to each other. Katydids hear each other with ears that are located on their front legs.

Their breeding season will soon begin in the Catskills during the late summer and early fall. Females will lay eggs on stems of plants. The eggs will hatch the following spring into nymphs that look like katydids, just not fully grown. Katydid nymphs eat and grow, molting their skin several times. Each time the nymph sheds its skin it looks more like an adult. Finally, after its last molt, the nymph will have changed into an adult katydid.

Katydids can fly short distances when threatened, but they prefer to walk and climb. When they do fly, it is more of a downward flutter. If you see a katydid land on the ground, watch it, and it will probably walk to the nearest tree and begin to climb.

Enemies of the katydids are birds, bats, spiders, frogs, snakes, and other insect-eaters.

Their brilliant green color makes katydids attractive to the eye. They don't bite or sting. Best of all katydids bring music to the night, often commanding the chorus of summer evenings for us to enjoy. Songs are composed of broadband notes that are loudest at 3-5 kHz and extend all the way to 20 kHz and beyond. They often form huge choruses. When there are many males in a location, each will join one of two singing groups. The two groups will synchronize and alternate their songs, thus creating a powerful sound.

With the warm summer nights in the Catskills this year, we have the perfect opportunity to leave the windows open during the night and fall asleep to nature's lullaby performed by the neighborhood Katydid choir.

Perhaps you are among the many who savor every thought of summer while trying to convince ourselves the katydids are still only singing during the night. But, we all know, it won't be long and we will hear their song all day long and once the katydid's song is no longer heard in our backyards, we will also know winter will be just around the corner in the Catskills.

BOCES Superintendent Robert M. Dufour Is Elected to Board of Directors of New Hope Community

(LOCK SHELDRAKE, NY - August 13, 2021): New Hope Community is pleased to announce that Robert M. Dufour, Ed.D., District Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer of Sullivan BOCES in Liberty, NY, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. New Hope Community is a not-for-profit organization providing person-centered services and supports for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

"We welcome Dr. Dufour to our leadership team and look forward to the knowledge and insights he brings as an accomplished educator and advocate. His expertise in developing regional partnerships will help us further empower the men and women we support and strengthen our community," said Board Chair, Juliette P. McKerrell.

Dr. Dufour, who resides in Pond Eddy, NY, has worked in Sullivan County for the past 20 years and is committed to academic excellence and the provision of positive educational experiences for local students. Before joining BOCES, he served for seven years as the Superintendent of Schools at the Eldred Central School District in

NY. He is a Board Member of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Sullivan County Rural Health Network and the Sullivan County Opioid Task Force. He also serves on the community advisory board for Sullivan 180, a regional partnership for healthier lifestyles, and on the Board of Directors of the Sullivan County Broadband Local Development Corporation, which strives for greater internet accessibility.



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About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nurs-

ing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS, combined, provide services to over 700 people and employ more than 1,000 staff.

Monticello Man Charged with Arson

On Monday August 2, 2021 at about 1:40 PM, firefighters were called to the scene of a structure fire at 428 Fraser Road, which is across the street from the Kiamesha Bowling Alley in the Town of Thompson. Firefighters that were on the scene evacuated 7 residents from the multiple occupancy dwelling, including an 11 month old child and a 59 year old man who was trapped and suffered burns.

County fire investigators determined that the fire appeared to be intentionally set and requested assistance from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. The investigation by deputies led to the arrest on Wednesday (8/11/21) of Charles James Ellis, 28, of Kiameshia Lake, NY. It is alleged that Ellis, who is a reputed member of the Bloods Street Gang, intentional set the fire to coverup the burglary of a room in the building. The suspect was taken into custody in Liberty with the assistance of village police. Charles Ellis was charged with the felonies of Arson, Burglary, Reckless Endangerment and Assault. He was arraigned in the Town Thompson Court before Judge Sharon Jankiewicz and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail without bail.

Sheriff Mike Schiff said that this was a serious crime that could have resulted in multiple fatalities. It is reported that embers from the fire were falling into the crib of the 11 month old child when firefighters arrived. "The structure was an old rooming house that the fire moved through very quickly", said the Sheriff. "Our firefighters did an outstanding job and saved lives". The 59 year old male resident who suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns was transported to Westchester Medical Center and is expected to recover. The Sheriff acknowledged Deputy Sheriff Corey Dixon who took the lead in the investigation and eventually tracked down the suspect to a residence in Liberty.

The following agencies were on the scene with the Monticello Fire Department on August 2nd:

Rock Hill FD - Wurtsboro FD - Woodridge FD - Liberty FD
Livingston Manor FD - White Sulphur Springs FD - Hurleyville FD
Port Jervis FD - Bethel F.A.S.T. Team
Sullivan County Fire Investigators
Mobile Medic - Hackensack AirMed One
New York State Police



Deputy Sheriff Corey Dixon escorts defendant Charles Ellis into the Sheriff's headquarters on Wednesday

Paper & Blood

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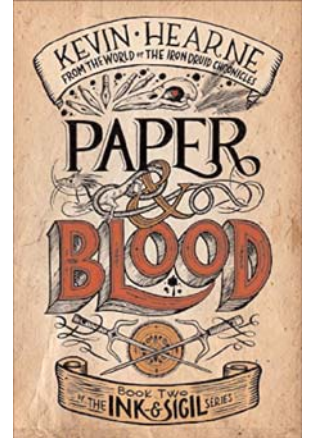
by John Dwaine Mc Kenna



Complete escapism. That's what fantasy author Kevin Hearne has gifted all readers who can suspend their rational beliefs long enough to enter the paranormal world of Al MacBharrais, where science, technology and magic all co-exist with each other under the watchful eyes of six sigil agents who monitor the globe for the comings and goings of the otherworldly—or Fae folk—from the realm of Gods and magic. And now, we're happy to report, the second volume in Mr. Hearne's *Ink and Sigil* series, *Paper & Blood*, (Del Ray, \$27.00, 304 pages, ISBN 978-1-984821-28-7) has just been issued. It takes us to Australia, where two sigil agents

—one from Taipei, the other Australian—have both disappeared while looking into a disturbance in the Dandenong Mountains. MacBharrais and his hobgoblin assistant Buck, join apprentice sigil agent Chen Ya-Ping and the Iron Druid on a hike to where the missing agents disappeared. Along the way, magical booby traps and a series of monsters keep trying to kill them, and only their combined magical and fighting skills allow them to survive. However, they still find time to share campfire stories about their previous adventures along the way. MacBharrais meanwhile, attempts to find the manner and means, as well as the entities who've put twin curses on his head which guarantee that Buck, the scene-stealing and foul-mouthed but endearing little creature, will die within the next year.

Thereafter, it's a rock and roll show with high adventure, close shaves and near misses galore that's sure to please all of Hearne's previous fans and gather legions of new ones. Read this book and forget all about the news and current events and whatever else is bothering you . . . because this is epic adult fantasy at it's best!



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Catskill Center Welcomes Three New Staff Members

Arkville, NY: The Catskill Center welcomes two new full-time staff members to the development side of the organization. Dean Klingler is a seasoned nonprofit fundraising and marketing professional who steps into the newly created role of Donor Relations Manager. Danielle Tucker joins as Annual Giving Manager, also a new position.

"I find it very rewarding to be able to expand the capacity of the Catskill Center to help fulfill its mission. Danielle and Dean each bring unique perspectives and skills to help strengthen the ability of the Catskill Center to grow the resources necessary to protect and preserve the Catskills," said Catskill Center Executive Director Jeff Senterman.

Dean looks forward to advancing the mission of the Catskill Center by fostering long-term relationships with a diverse and engaged community of supporters. He believes the vital work of the Catskill Center will inspire a new generation of donors to help ensure a sustainable future for the Catskills.

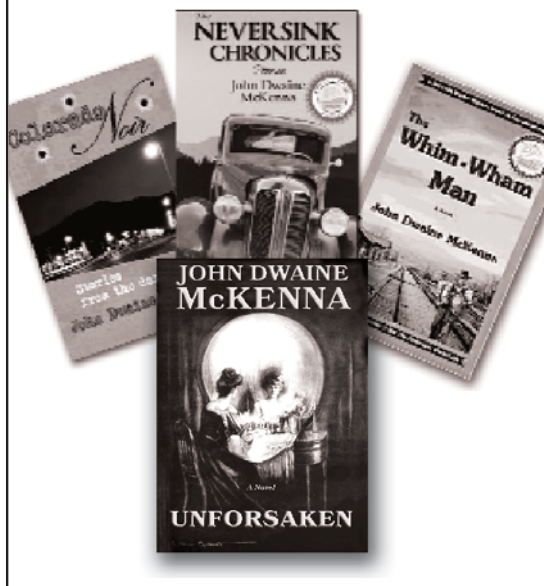
Danielle will be generating additional funding by cultivating membership through the annual giving program. Both have experience in and will be responsible for planning and executing fundraising-related events.

Dean is now a full-time Bearsville, Ulster County resident who most recently worked for MacDowell, a preeminent artist residency program. Danielle, a Catskills native, resides in East Meredith, Delaware County. She joins the Catskill Center after having worked at a local community action agency.

In addition, the Catskill Center welcomes Susan Wixon of Fleischmanns to the team. Susan will serve as a part-time Human Resources Coordinator.

Including Dean, Danielle and Susan, the Catskill Center has brought on four new staff members this year, separate from its seasonal hires of Catskill stewards, invasive species technicians, and summer staff at its Catskills Visitor Center.

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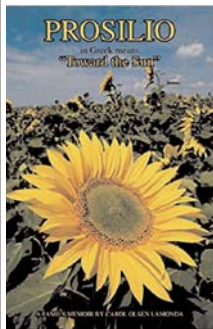
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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Teacher Dreams

At seventy-seven, I realize that I have spent all but nineteen of those years in a school as either a student or teacher. Even after fifteen years of retirement, I can expect those recurring "teacher dreams" to disturb my sleep each August as Labor Day draws near. I am not the only one; my colleagues have shared their dreams which seem to center on some common themes.

First of all, there is that dream about being in college and not going to or missing some required class. For me, that is always math. Then there is the dream about losing your schedule, being late for class, or going to the wrong room. Then there is the nightmare about walking into a classroom where all the students are unruly and you don't know anyone's name.

All of these are founded in that anxiety that comes with each school year which is always different from the previous year. No other profession deals with hundreds of clients simultaneously as does a teacher. (Not to mention their families!) Usually, one manages one client at a time or one case at a time. Not a teacher. A teacher is always "on" making decisions and changes moment to moment as the energy of the class directs.

The product of education is one of those things that cannot be quantified through a test or quality control. Sometimes, the result of a teacher/student relationship cannot be seen until years later. A teacher's influence, good or bad, can have lasting results.

A teacher is a sage, a mentor, a parent figure, a friend, a neighbor, and a salaried worker who answers to students, parents, administrators, colleagues, Board of Education, and state regulations. He/she is in the spotlight for adoration or criticism, and the only time he/she is alone is in the public faculty restroom during a twenty-minute lunch break if not scheduled for recess or lunch duty!

This year, after the Lockdown/Hybrid/Virtual Learning/Covid year, teachers and students face another challenge or trying to go to school with masks and underlying fear of many children too young to be vaccinated. Each school day will be an experiment in flexibility, creativity, and dedication.

I can wake up relieved from my "teacher dreams", but this year teachers will be living in an school year that no one ever dreamed could happen.





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**Audit Indicates
Sullivan County Finances
Are Headed in the
Right Direction
Legislative Majority Decides
to Reduce Portion of
Energy Tax Early**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's independent auditors informed legislators Thursday that County government's financial picture is improving, based on the results of their audit of the 2020 fiscal year.

“2020 was obviously an unorthodox year,” acknowledged Matthew Montalbo of Drescher & Malecki, a Buffalo-based accounting firm. “You did have to significantly reduce your expenditures really to even come close to a balanced budget in 2020.”

“Despite predictions by the State and others that we would be facing a terrible deficit, we did end up better at the end of the year,” County Treasurer Nancy Buck observed. “I credit that to County leaders making a number of hard decisions to stay in the positive amidst huge unknowns.”

The U.S. Department of Treasury estimated Sullivan lost about \$10 million in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020, Montalbo noted, encouraging County leaders to focus on stabilizing the fund balance (surplus), with less reliance on it to maintain cash flow.

The audit, however, did show that the County's revenues outpaced expenses in 2020, the first time in three years.

“I expect that trend to continue,” stated County Manager Josh Potossek after the meeting. “We've carefully monitored spending Countywide and zeroed in on finding revenue wherever we could. I'm pleased to see proof that this conservative approach is leading us toward a stable financial future.”

As a result of the good news, legislators that same day agreed to begin a promised rollback of the County's existing residential Energy Tax. Some wanted to end it ahead of the February 2023 sunset date, but in the end, a 5-4 vote led to the 4% Energy Tax being dropped on oil, bio-fuel, kerosene, natural gas, propane and steam as of September 1, 2021 (applicable only to residential properties). The tax remains - for now - on electricity purchased for home heating purposes.

“This tax was created last year to provide the County with a buffer against the fiscal challenges brought on by the pandemic,” Potossek explained. “While we're not yet out of the woods with COVID-19, our finances are moving toward stabilization, and the Legislature wishes to provide tax relief to the people of Sullivan County as soon as possible.”



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**News from your Town of Neversink
Parks & Rec** (From Pg. 1) After their training, participants had a lunch before heading out to Chandler Cove to see



Janet and the group are ready to begin



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So this is how you get it--Janet, Aiden and Matt showing the way

Rondout Neversink Stream Program. Based on their feedback, a great time was had by all. This is an event that we will definitely look into including as part of our Parks and Recreation program activities next year.

So thank you to everyone for making this a very special day---to Janet for her wisdom and knowledge, to Haley for her enlightening information about the reservoir that is part of our life every day, to Bradley Boat Rentals for supplying the Kayaks, and most of all to our participants who gave us their entire day to "test out" this new event. (Contd. Pg. 9)

how well they learned from their lessons. And I must say they all passed the class with flying colors!

It was amazing to see them all leaving shore to experience the beauty of the reservoir, and to learn some interesting facts about it from Haley Springston, our Watershed Planning Coordinator from our



Off they go!

News from your Town of Neversink

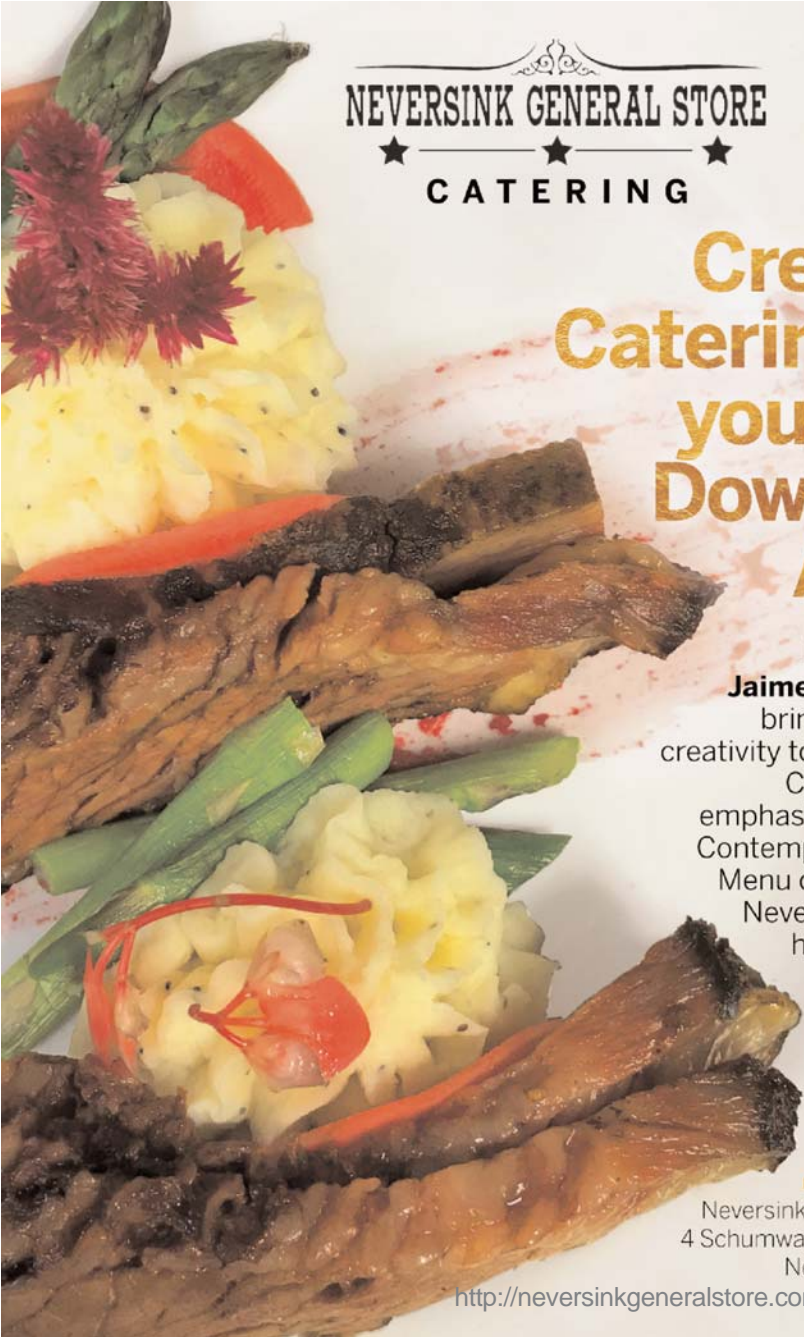
Parks & Rec (From pg 8)

On to other news. Our movie equipment has arrived! We are partnering with Tri-Valley School to show movies at the fairgrounds. As for now, we are planning to show the movies on Friday nights, alternating between PG and PG-13 rated movies. However, first things first---we need to test all the equipment before we have our movie nights. So keep reading your Townsman and check out our Parks & Rec facebook page for the movie schedule. And we are open to any ideas for movies you may want to see. Send your suggestions to cwparksandrec@gmail.com. We can't guarantee that we'll get them all in, but we sure can try. We will also be looking for volunteers to help us run the movies on movie night. If you are willing to spend your Friday night watching a movie (and making sure it plays right!) send me an email at the above email address. Looking forward to a good old-fashioned family movie night at the fairgrounds!

Another big event coming up is the Annual Tractor Show & Swap Meet, sponsored by the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association. Parks & Rec will once again be having the Community Yard Sale during this event. I am working with Association to finalize our plans for the yard sale and possible craft vendor spaces and will be providing details in the upcoming week. If you are interested in a space, let me know via email at:

cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Whether you decide to have a space at the yard sale this year or not, I suggest you come to the event as this year's Tractor Show & Swap Meet is going to be incredible! It will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 9am-5pm and Sunday, September 26th from 9am-4pm. There is a donation of \$3 per car per day. And there will be so much to do and see There will be tractors and farm equipment, old and new. There will antique and classic cars and trucks. You will get to experience shingle mill and sawmill demonstrations. And lets not forget the young family members who will have



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lots of games and activities during the day. And of course, there will be lots and lots of things for the adults to contemplate buying! The Sportsman Flea Market sponsored by the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club will be there to sharpen your knives and help you pick out new hunting and fishing equipment. When the stomach starts growling and your throat gets parched, there will be food and drink-lots of great food including a chicken barbeque-and lots of country music to listen to while you're eating! All of this along with our Community Yard Sale, is going to make for a great couple fun filled days. Look for more info on these events in the pages of this Townsman. And keep an eye out for the details on the yard sale coming very soon! If you have any questions on the Tractor Show contact Hank Samyn @ 985-2548 or Paul Kelly @ 985-0081. For questions on the Yard Sale contact Cher Woehl @ cwparksandrec@gmail.com. This is going to be yet another fun event for our Town of Neversink and I'm looking forward to it!

Lets not forget to mark our calendars for Saturday, August 18 when the Sullivan County Volunteer Fireman's Parade will be here in Neversink---hosted by our Grahamsville Fire Department. This will be a very special event, with volunteer fireman from all over the county parading in their fire trucks through our town. For more information, check the Grahamsville Fire Department website. (Contd. Pg. 10)



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News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

(From Pg. 9)

So, what else is on the horizon for us. Parks & Rec will be sponsoring the Halloween Drive Thru & Trunk or Treat event. I know Halloween seems so far away, but its just around the corner! And this year we want to invite as many organizations and groups to help with this event, having them take on a space to decorate. Your P&R Board will be reaching out to folks this summer to see who wants to be part of our second annual Halloween Drive Thru event.

If you haven't already seen them, check out the new horseshoe courts at the fairgrounds. We've installed 5 new courts available for use. If you are wanting to reserve the courts for an event, please contact our Town Clerk's office to schedule. Otherwise, if just want to toss a shoe or two, the courts are there to use. And a BIG thank you to John Kassay for his vision and hard work to make these courts a reality!

Our Grahamsville Little World's Fair is happening as I am writing this. And it is turning out to be a great year for the Fair and for the Parks & Rec Scavenger Hunt! In next week's Townsman we will share who won our grand prizes of the boys and girls bikes!

That's the news from your Parks & Rec for this week. There will be much more to come as we move forward. So, keep reading your Townsman and checking your Parks & Rec Facebook page for updates on the events and activities. And remember, the Advisory Board and I are always open to ideas, suggestions, and general comments. We welcome them as they help us improve our program and provide you, the community, what you want from your Parks & Recreation. You can send them to our email at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Take care everyone. Be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy.

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Last Wednesday night was certainly an OdD one as it was the one and only performance by THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA this year at their old stomping grounds, BREW in Rock Hill. Ordinarily I've been shying away from indoor spaces, but I couldn't resist.



As difficult as it was for me to go into a closed space, I understand that convincing the band to perform just this once indoors was just as difficult, given the circumstances. Guitar master STEVE SCHWARTZ, keyboardist ERIC NEIS, bassist KENNY WINDHAM and the drummer, (whose name my phone erased), all fully vaccinated, wore their masks the entire night (yes, I stayed until the end). But for singer JOANNA GASS, fully vaccinated as well, masking was just not practical.



Joanna is a powerhouse of a singer with a voice that is theatrical stage quality and with enough professionalism to know how to moderate it and maneuver the microphone to accommodate a small room without sacrificing one bit of that quality. And she's one of the few that can actually make me LIKE standards. When she's not asking for requests ('It's Raining Men' is a favorite request among the mature ladies), she will go flawlessly from 'Misty' into Janis Joplin's 'Bobby McGee'. JOANNA GASS is a treasure and each and every member of THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA has that same level of that professionalism and quality. You can catch them in the area at the SFS STAGE, 1864 NY Route 52, Liberty on September 4 at 4pm on a double bill with SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL. Tickets are \$20 and are available through Evenbrite.com. Bring your own chair.

My contact for LONCON FESTIVAL, which is scheduled for August 27-28 at the ARROWHEAD RANCH in Parksville, to add more 'jam bands' to the lineup: AQUEOUS, CREAMERY STATION, RCA, TRAILHEADS, and HALEY JANE. If you remem-

ber my column from the end of July about this festival, I listed the bands that were booked at that time and that those were well known up and down the East Coast. Everyone performing in this festival is qualified as a 'jam band'.

I can hear you, "What the heck is a 'jam band'? I'm sure many of you are familiar with the term 'jam session'. That's where a bunch of musicians or would-be musicians get together in someone's basement and just play music. A jam band is sort of like that but with one major difference. For decades the music industry dictated practically everything having to do with a song they might handle including the length and content. "This is how you'll do it or you'll never get airplay, you'll never have an audience, you'll never, you'll never, unless you do what we say." And it never occurred to most not to do as they were told.

Then in 1965, a band emerged that was an anomaly. They weren't interested in towing the corporate line. And even though a top ten hit might be nice, it was more important to them to just play their music. They performed wherever they could. No air play, no big record company backing them. Back in the 70s, when I first heard of them when I lived in California, they had devoted fans who followed them to wherever they were playing next. They have devoted fans even today, even though their lead singer died, that faithfully follow the surviving members whether they play together or in new bands they formed. Maybe you've heard of them, THE GRATEFUL DEAD.

This group embodied a principle and could be considered the first jam band. "We are just going to play our music and the fans will find us." Today, that principle has become a symbol of freedom and those bands that are classified as jam bands are still an anomaly and many have become wildly successful.

Several have played Madison Square Garden to sold out crowds on their own dime, where just to rent the space is two million or in that neighborhood. JAM CRUISE pre CoVid, sought out and booked jam bands to entertain, bringing their fans flocking, money in hand for tickets.

So that's what a jam band is. Just because you've never heard songs from the groups at the LONCON FESTIVAL on the radio, don't think for one minute they are nobodies.

Congratulations Sullivan County, New York! On Friday, this county ranked number one in new CoVid 19/Delta Variant cases! All county buildings once again are mandating masks in order to enter. Many businesses are opting to require masks as well to keep their workers safe. Sound familiar?

Stay safe, stay well....and mask up!
Until next time.....



... just for fun!

After a visit to the farmer's market, Jane's cat, *Mags*, dragged out the kale and munched away!

Looks like *Mags* is going vegan.

Either way, *Kitty and Kale* will add a few smiles this week!



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

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

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

DEC Announces Seasonal Closure of Campground and Day Use Area Beaches to Swimming

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the closure of beaches to swimming at DEC-managed campgrounds and day use areas in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. For public safety, beaches remain open to visitors but swimming is prohibited unless a lifeguard is present. Beaches are closed to swimming each year as many lifeguards return to school.

Please refer to the schedule below for swimming closures at these DEC campgrounds and day use areas:

- Aug. 12 - Nicks Lake Campground and Day Use Area
- Aug. 15 - Fish Creek Pond Campground and Day Use Area
- Aug. 15 - Meacham Lake Campground and Day Use Area
- Aug. 20 - Lincoln Pond Campground and Day Use Area
- Aug. 22 - Ausable Point Campground and Day Use Area
- Aug. 29 - North-South Lake Campground and Day Use Area
- Sept. 5 - Moffitt Beach Campground and Day Use Area
- Sept. 6 - Lake George (Million Dollar) Beach and Day Use Area
- Sept. 6 - Northampton Beach Campground and Day Use Area
- Sept. 6 - Rogers Rock Campground and Day Use Area

For additional information on swimming in New York State, visit DEC's website.

Kick-Off of Fallsburg 2021-2022 Football Program

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) first grade teacher Dominick Scanna is passionate about several things-teaching early childhood bi-lingual education, coaching sports and the game of football. He expressed the importance of football on his own life and on the lives of the young people that he has met during his years as modified and varsity football teams at Fallsburg Central School District when he hosted a BBQ on August 7, 2021 for parents and prospective football players at BCES Football Field.

"Football teaches us that we need each other," said Coach Scanna. There are two types of education. One teaches us how



to make a living. The other teaches us how to live. In twenty minutes of encouraging the young kids and their parents to come out for the modified and varsity football programs, Mr. Scanna summoned forth his inner Vince Lombardi and Martin Luther King Jr. He confessed that he was not a focused student in high school, and he admitted that he had to repeat a school year before he reached high school. Once he found football or, rather, football found him, he turned his life around.

He detailed all the things football taught him about teamwork and effort: he learned to develop the ability to adjust and overcome adversity; to worry about only the things we can control; he established the will to succeed; and how to define who we are, where we are going, and how we are going to get there.

You could see that the young people and their families were inspired by the Coach's words and spirit. He then introduced his coaching staff for the upcoming season: Assistant Coach David Mellan in his second season; Modified Head Coach Patrick Sause in his 5th

year, Asst. Coach Johnathan Bruno; his son Jake Scanna in his first season as Assistant Coach; and Coach Athan Zenno in his first season.

Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz was present to support Coach Scanna and talk with parents. When he was a high school student, he discovered wrestling in Monticello High School. He learned many of the same lessons as Scanna, but from an individual and not a team sport.

The **important dates and events** in the FCSD football program are as follows:

- 1st Official practice starts **Monday August 23, 2021** (Monday-Friday 5:30 - 8:00 pm)
- Saturday practice is 8:00-10am
- **IMPORTANT NOT TO MISS** as Players need 12 practices before they can play in a game.
- First game will be Friday September 10th at Morningside Park or Saturday September 11th at the school. We are still working on the details.
- Sports Physicals are **August 25, 2021**
- <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/health-exam-form.pdf> (this is the paperwork that must be completed and signed by primary doctor or school doctor if getting the physical in school)
- **If possible, have your primary doctor complete this form before the August 23rd first practice so your child isn't missing any practice time.**
- Family ID: New paperwork all online:
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- 1. Please Log in and fill this out ASAP

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Once all the information was given, Coach Scanna and his wife Jessica, a speech language pathologist in FCSD, began grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for a delicious cookout for everybody.

For more information on the football program, please contact Coach Scanna by email dscanna@fallsburgcsd.net or cell:(845) 701-3987.

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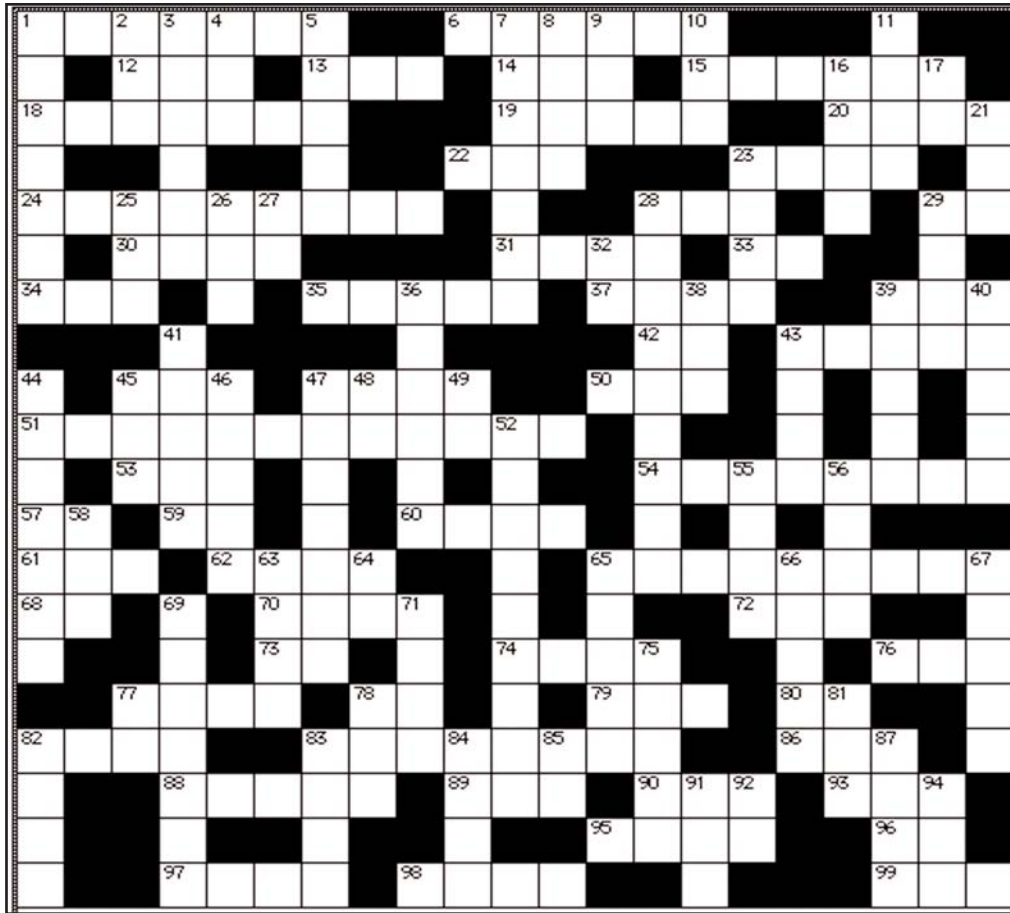
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The Eighth Month ... - L. Comando



- ing vessel
- 58 Carton
- 63 Referring to death
- 64 Transit Authority pass for tolls
- 65 Swathe
- 66 Chivalrous
- 67 Not moving
- 69 Oak tree
- 71 Hills of Jerusalem
- 75 Cut back
- 77 Father
- 78 Edging
- 81 Unit of absorbed dose of radiation
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Quick Garlic Butter Shrimp

- 1/2 pound peeled & clean shrimp (fresh or frozen)
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/8 teaspoon salt o 1/8 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley (optional)

Heat the butter and olive oil in a large skillet over medium until the butter is melted and is beginning to foam.

Add the prepared shrimp to the skillet and cook the shrimp on each side until pink and opaque. It should only take 1-3 minutes on each side, depending on the size of the shrimp.

Add the garlic and lemon juice to the skillet and continue to sauté the shrimp. Cook until the raw edge is cooked out of the garlic. Do not burn the garlic!

Season the shrimp with a little salt, freshly cracked black pepper, and chopped parsley. Toss to combine, then serve.

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 - 12 Point at a target
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 - 14 Moral Rearmament
 - 15 Volkswagen made the last of these on Aug 22, 1984
 - 18 Home of the principal Greek gods
 - 19 Potential
 - 20 Handouts
 - 22 Plant
 - 23 Hollow metal object with a clapper
 - 24 Lasting for a short time
 - 28 In favor of
 - 29 Egyptian sun god
 - 30 Very strong metal
 - 31 Reverberation
 - 33 That thing
 - 34 Pole
 - 35 Belong-ing

- to people
- 37 Proper
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- 42 Tennessee
- 43 Modern prophet _____ Cayce
- 45 U S Uncle
- 47 Series of rapid audible slows
- 50 Earth's closest star
- 51 Study of the movement of celestial bodies
- 53 Basic monetary unit of Japan
- 54 First Roman Emperor
- 57 Citizens' Band
- 59 Street (abbrev)
- 60 Consumes food
- 61 Sizzling
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- 72 Point
- 73 Exists
- 74 Garner
- 76 Combining form of three
- 77 Boggy, acid ground
- 78 Exclamation of surprise
- 79 Fastener
- 80 Chemical element
- 82 Broad shallow crater
- 83 Extend
- 86 Young boy
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- 89 Yes
- 90 Corporate Executive Officer
- 93 Short for doctor
- 95 Fictional '40's Chinese-American detective
- 96 In the direction of

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 - 4 Mischievous child
 - 5 Device that generates an intense beam of monochromatic light
 - 7 Sovereign ruler
 - 8 Large glossy black bird
 - 9 Uncooked
 - 10 Make a mistake
 - 11 Desire
 - 16 Type of eagles at the Grahamsville Eagle Watch
 - 17 Transcendental
 - 21 Ocean

- 23 Peak of a hat
- 25 Out of sight
- 26 Crowd
- 27 Half an em
- 28 Favored by good luck
- 29 Italian for Rome
- 32 Horse Power
- 36 Domain
- 38 Hostel
- 39 Envoy
- 40 The news media
- 41 Nostrils
- 43 Light beige
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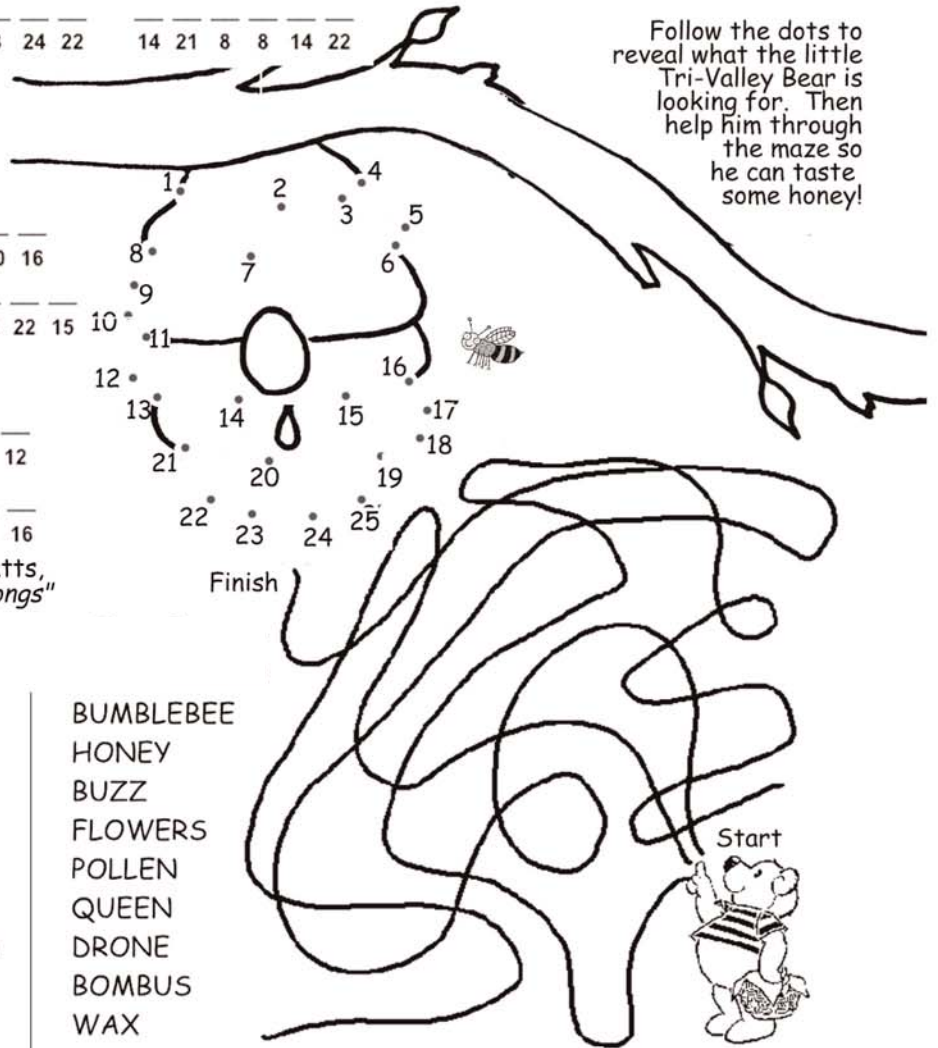
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~Isaac Watts,
"Divine Songs"

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Down by the stream there is a lot of activity this week. What is the difference between the two pictures?

Kids' Summer Fun Page

- L. Comando

Cryptogram Key

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TOWN OF NEVERSINK FALL CLEANUP 2021

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday October 9, 2021, Wednesday October 13, 2021 and Saturday October 16, 2021. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Green 2021 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires per year, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

**Tri-Valley CSD
Board Meeting
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**Fallsburg CSD
Board of Education Meeting
August 25, 2021**

Sullivan County ROAD CLOSURES

Jeffersonville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of **Town Highway 17 (DeWitt Flats Road), in the Town of Callicoon**, to replace County Bridge 241.

County Bridge 241 is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the intersection of State Route 52 and DeWitt Flats Rd and will be closed to all traffic starting 8 a.m. on June 1, 2021, remaining closed for approximately 4 months.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post a detour route using DeWitt Flats Rd, State Route 52, Briscoe Rd. (CR 144), Huff Rd., Hubert Rd. and East Hill Rd.

Please be advised:

The Village of **Monticello Board of Trustees will be holding a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021** at 5:00pm for an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter, prior to their regular scheduled meeting at 6:00pm. Thank you.

Janine Gandy-McKinney
Village Clerk

Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation Enacting the "Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act"

Legislation Allows for the State to Finance the Acquisition and/or Conversion of Distressed Hotels and Commercial Office Properties by Nonprofit Organizations to Increase Affordable Housing

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation (S.5257C/A.6593B), enacting the "Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act," which provides a mechanism for the state to finance the acquisition and/or conversion of distressed hotels and/or commercial office properties by the appropriate nonprofit organizations for the purpose of maintaining or increasing affordable housing.

"Putting empty buildings together with those in need of housing is common sense - there's no better way to revamp unused structures than to turn them into thriving, safe, comfortable homes," Governor Cuomo said. "Providing affordable housing to communities not only serves those living in the homes, but the communities around them. We look forward to all that HONDA will do to serve the people of New York and I am proud to sign it into law."

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Big Eddy Film Fest: *Film & Me* Featuring Bizzy Coy, Greg Triggs, William Fellenberg, Heidi Mollenhauer, and Thomas Cambridge

Join DVAA's Big Eddy Film Festival at Bar Veloce on Wednesday, August 18 at 8 pm for an exciting evening of celebrated local writers reading original compositions on the theme of "Film & Me." Bizzy Coy, Greg Triggs, William Fellenberg, Hedi Mollenhauer, and Thomas Cambridge, will explore the surprising ways that cinema shaped their identity.

Bar Veloce, a modern Italian wine bar with locations throughout New York City, has opened a Narrowsburg location in the former Narrowsburg Motor Sales showroom located at 174 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The rooftop deck features a full bar, high-top tables and chairs, private lounging spaces, and stunning treetop views.

The event is free to attend. A menu of drinks & light fare will be available for purchase.

In celebration of the Big Eddy Film Festival's 10th Anniversary, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is presenting a series of special events throughout the summer, leading up to the expanded four-day festival, September 30 - October 3 in Narrowsburg, NY.

GREG TRIGGS has performed with Disney's Comedy Warehouse, the Brave New Workshop, and Chicago City Limits. A writer/director for Disney, SeaWorld, the NFL, the Tribeca Film Festival, the World Science Festival, and the Scholastic Harry Potter series. Trigg's work on TV includes

BBC, ABC, TLC, Oxygen, the Discovery Channel & Nickelodeon. Greg is the "Narrowsburg News" columnist for The River Reporter. Greg's novel *The Next Happiest Place on Earth* is available at Amazon.com. His next novel will be published in fall of 2021. Learn more at www.GregTriggs.com.

BIZZY COY's short humorous works have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's*, *Vulture*, *The Belladonna*, *The Establishment*, and *Points in Case*. You may have heard her read aloud at *Yarnslingers*, *Deep Water Literary Fest*, *DVAA*, *Bethel Woods*, local libraries, and NYC's long-running *An Evening of Humorous Readings*. Recent honors include a Fulbright scholarship, MacDowell fellowship, Platte Clove Artist Residency, Puffin Foundation grant, and a DVAA individual artist grant. Bizzy received her BA in theater from SUNY Geneseo and her MA in creative writing from Dublin City University. She grew up outside Rochester, NY and lives in Yulan.

WILLIAM YUKIKAZU FELLEBERG, otherwise known as Bill, lives in Tyler Hill, PA, where he writes under the spell of his wife, Donna, and two tuxedo cats, Bella and Carmine. His work has appeared in *The Orchards Poetry Journal*, *Clementine Unbound*, *The Tower Journal*, *The Narrowsburg Literary Gazette*, and other literary publications. He has presented his poetry and stories with the Hudson River Poets and Yarnslingers memoir network at various venues in Upstate New York. Bill is currently at work on a poetry collection, *Reunion Mirage*, and a memoir, *Sayonara Cowboy*, about growing up in Post-War Japan and his family's transition to life in America.

HEIDI MOLLENHAUER is an actress and singer. She is best known for her role as the singing voice of Esmeralda in Disney's 1996 animated film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Before landing the part in the movie, she was a popular singer/waitress at Brandy's Piano Bar on E84th St and *EightyEights* in Greenwich Village, both in New York City. She performs locally with the sketch comedy group "Up and Coming."

THOMAS CAMBRIDGE is an actor, writer, and improviser living in Cohecton, NY. He has studied and performed with the Upright Citizens Brigade in NYC. He claims numerous national television credits for the ID Channel and has also appeared in lead and supporting roles across stage and film. He writes for and is a member of the locally based sketch comedy group *Up & Coming* and is also a performer in the Narrowsburg based *Act Underground Theater Company*. His next project, the Indie thriller film *An Angry Boy*, begins shooting in September 2021. Learn more at ThomasCambridge.com.
About the Big Eddy Film Festival

Since 2012, the Big Eddy Film Festival has been advancing the traditional art of storytelling by screening the newest and best independent films from around the world and our own backyard. Produced by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the annual event draws filmmakers and film lovers to a picturesque Catskill Mountains setting with a unique creative upstate energy.

Each year the BEFF features approximately 30 fiction and non-fiction films, hosts visiting filmmakers, and offers a variety of exciting events. In addition to screenings, the festival hosts panels, workshops, and brunches where filmmakers can share ideas and audiences can glimpse into the creative process behind the films.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

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Attorney General James and U.S. Department of Labor Deliver \$14 Million to Consumers Who Were Denied Mental Health Care Coverage

UnitedHealthcare Unlawfully Denied Coverage to 20,000 New Yorkers for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James and the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) today announced landmark agreements with UnitedHealthcare (United), the nation's largest health insurer, to resolve allegations that United unlawfully denied health care coverage for mental health and substance use disorder treatment for thousands of Americans. As a result of these agreements, United will pay approximately \$14.3 million in restitution to consumers affected by the policies, including \$9 million to more than 20,000 New Yorkers with behavioral health conditions who received denials or reductions in reimbursement. New York and federal law requires health insurance plans to cover mental health and substance use disorder treatment the same way they cover physical health treatment. The agreements - which resolve investigations and litigation - address United's policies that illegally limited coverage of outpatient psychotherapy, hindering access to these vital services for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers for whom United administers behavioral health benefits. In addition to the payment to impacted consumers, United will lift the barriers it imposed and pay more than \$2 million in penalties, with \$1.3 million going to New York state.

"In the shadow of the most devastating year for overdose deaths and in the face of growing mental health concerns due to the pandemic, access to this care is more critical than ever before," said Attorney General James. "United's denial of these vital services was both unlawful and dangerous - putting millions in harm's way during the darkest of times. There must be no barrier for New Yorkers seeking health care of any kind, which is why I will always fight to protect and expand it. I thank Secretary Walsh for his partnership on this important matter."

"Protecting access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment is a priority for the Department of Labor and something I believe in strongly as a person in long-term recovery," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh. "This settlement provides compensation for many people who were denied full benefits and equitable treatment. We appreciate Attorney General James and her office for their partnership in investigating, identifying, and remedying these violations."

New York's behavioral health parity law - originally enacted as "Timothy's Law" in 2006 - and the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) require insurance coverage for mental

health and substance use disorder treatment to be no more restrictive than insurance coverage for physical health conditions. The agreements are the product of the first joint state-federal enforcement of these laws.

The Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) complaint - which parallels USDOL's complaint - was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, along with the agreements. Each complaint describes two practices by United that the agencies allege violated behavioral health parity laws through discriminatory practices that improperly restricted coverage of psychotherapy:

1) Reimbursement Penalty

United penalized thousands of New York members by making them pay more than they should have for psychotherapy with non-physicians, who are the predominant providers of this service. United did so by reducing the allowed amount - which determines reimbursement - by 25 percent for services provided by PhD-level psychologists and by 35 percent for masters-level therapists. This violated parity laws because United applied these reductions to psychotherapy across the board, but for medical treatments it applied similar restrictions only in limited circumstances.

2) Algorithms for Effective Reporting and Treatment (ALERT) program

United employed arbitrary thresholds to trigger utilization review of psychotherapy, which often led to denials of coverage when providers could not justify continued treatment after 20 sessions. Members who received these denials had to choose between figuring out how to pay hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars for continued care, and abruptly ending necessary treatment. United denied thousands of New Yorkers' psychotherapy claims pursuant to ALERT, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. These denials violated parity laws because United subjected all outpatient behavioral health psychotherapy to outlier management, but it employed this treatment limitation only to a handful of medical/surgical services.

United's illegal and discriminatory practices have impeded access to behavioral health services for more than half a million New Yorkers with fully-insured United health plans and many others with self-insured private health plans administered by the company.

Under the agreements, United will stop applying the Reimbursement Penalty and will not employ a new, similar policy in New York for at least two years. United will also discontinue applying the ALERT program - and will cease issuing denials - for psychotherapy in New York, and will not implement a new outlier management program until at least 2023.

This case is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Michael D. Reisman of the Health Care Bureau, which is overseen by Deputy Bureau Chief Leslieann Cachola. The Health Care Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: stpeters/bulletin

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

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Sundown United Methodist Church
Chicken BBQ
Sept. 11, 2021
4 pm - 7 pm
 See page 17 for details
Sept 25

Sundown Ladies Harvest Sale
Sept. 25
 See page 28 for details



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
 The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

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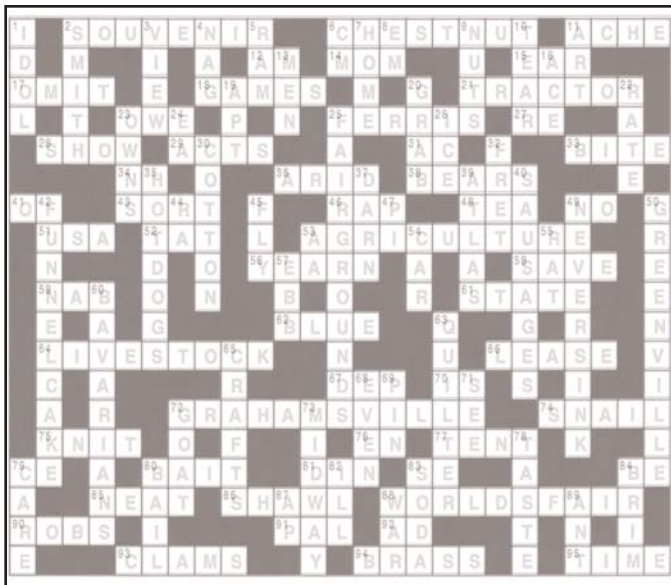
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Ans to last week's Crossword



Community Driver Safety Programs Defensive Driving Classes

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

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

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

SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Fish Stocking Program

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

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VETERANS always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/17/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 8/3/2021
8/19/21	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
8/21/21	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale - 9 am - 12 noon
8/28/21	Claryville Fire Dept Annual CraftFair 10 am - 4 pm
9/1/21	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7pm. Submission date 8/18/2021
9/4/21	Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale 9 am till sold out
9/6/21	Town of Neversink Holiday - LABOR DAY
9/7/21	Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
9/8/21	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
9/11/21	Sundown UMC Annual Chicken BBQ - 4 - 7 pm. See pg. 17 for details
9/14/21	Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
9/21/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 9/7/2021

Save the Date!

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

Oct 2 - 45th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of August 16 - August 20, 2021

Monday, August 16

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, in the Keegan Ales Outdoor Tent, 20 St. James St, Kingston

Tuesday, August 17

o 4:30 PM - Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 5:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 6:15 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 6:15 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Republicans, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 7:00 PM - Public Hearing: On an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the CARES Act, administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 7:05 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearing) - Legislative Session, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston. The meeting is also Available via vimeo Livestream at: <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

Wednesday, August 18

o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 10:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board of Directors, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

Thursday, August 19

o 5:30 PM - Youth Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

Friday, August 20

o 12 Noon - Resolution Deadline

The First Friday of the Month Book Discussion Group

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at the
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DEC Deploys Third Forest Ranger to Assist in Ongoing Efforts to Fight Western Wildland Fires –*Second Dispatched Ranger Returns from Fighting Montana's Alder Creek and Trail Creek Fires*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that a third DEC Forest Ranger is being deployed to assist in ongoing efforts to fight wildland fires in California. In addition, DEC welcomed home Forest Ranger Michael Burkholder at the end of a two-week assignment fighting the Alder Creek and Trail Creek fires in Montana. In July, DEC Forest Ranger Timothy Carpenter returned home after helping battle the Bootleg Fire in Oregon. The Bootleg Fire has burned more than 413,000 acres and is now approximately 96 percent contained.

Commissioner Seggos said, "Whether on the fire line or supervising a team, New York's Forest Rangers are among the very best wildland firefighters. I'm consistently impressed by our Rangers' bravery and willingness to help others. DEC's expert wildland firefighters are ready to volunteer no matter where they're needed and I thank them for their service."

Ranger Burkholder, from Chenango County, began his assignment July 26, when he joined hundreds of federal, state, and local fire agencies battling the Alder Creek Fire in Montana. The Alder Creek Fire started on July 8 about seven miles west of Wise River in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Because of its proximity to hundreds of homes and buildings, this fire was considered the nation's highest wildland firefighting priority. Fire crews are now concentrating their efforts on structure protection for cabins and other sites along the river and Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway. The Alder Creek Fire is currently about 10 percent contained, and fire teams in this area are also managing the 35,000-acre Trail Creek Fire.

This week, DEC is deploying a third Forest Ranger for a two-week assignment to the Dixie Fire in Quincy, California. The Dixie Fire has burned 500,000 acres to-date and is the second largest wildfire in California history. It has destroyed at least 400 structures and threatens thousands of others. Nearly 6,000 firefighters are battling this blaze, which is about 21 percent contained.

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

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

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

DEC Celebrates 75 Years of Conservationist Magazine Past Issues by Decade Featured on DEC's Website

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that August 2021 marks the 75th anniversary of DEC's Conservationist magazine.

"For 75 years, Conservationist magazine has connected readers to nature and, along the way, inspired countless New Yorkers to become environmental stewards themselves," Commissioner Seggos said. "From the very first issue, Conservationist focused on the environment. Today, the magazine is a trusted source of information about wildlife and our natural resources, as well some of the country's most exceptional wildlife photography. Conservationist has also evolved with New York's growing community of environmental stewards. While sustaining its focus on outdoor adventures like hunting and fishing, the magazine now features pressing environmental issues that range from combatting climate change to the inspiring transformation of former industrial sites and innovative ways to address emerging threats to our air, land, and water."

First published in August 1946 by DEC's precursor, the New York State Conservation Department, Conservationist magazine sought to spread its message of stewardship using photography to highlight New York's world-class fishing streams, crystal clear lakes, lush forests, and spectacular high peaks. The magazine's founders understood and appreciated the state's abundant natural resources and New Yorkers' shared responsibility to protect them.

With six issues published each year, there have been a total of 450 issues of Conservationist magazine since its inception. Visit the DEC website to check out the magazine's evolution since its launch in 1946.

Today's Conservationist remains committed to providing readers with information about New York's unmatched outdoor opportunities, such as hunting, fishing, and hiking. It also focuses on the work of DEC's Divisions of Forest Protection (Forest Rangers) and Law Enforcement (Environmental Conservation Police Officers), extremely popular topics with readers. Over the last few decades, the magazine has increased its focus on environmental challenges such as air quality, solid waste, harmful algal blooms, and greenhouse gas emissions, bolstering DEC's ongoing efforts to inform New Yorkers about the critical environmental issues of the day.

In addition, DEC publishes Conservationist for Kids (C4K), specifically designed for children to highlight ways they can enjoy, explore, and learn more about the outdoors. DEC has published 39 issues of C4K since its debut in 2007. Each year, an estimated 280,000 copies of C4K are distributed to fourth-grade classrooms across New York State free of charge, as well as DEC environmental education centers, regional offices, and fish hatcheries, and State Parks' nature centers and other facilities. Recent C4K issues have featured stories about amphibians and reptiles, outdoor safety, and cleaner vehicles.

To encourage new subscribers and in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the magazine, DEC is offering a special \$2 subscription rate for both in-person and online subscribers, including gift subscriptions, to the Conservationist during the upcoming Great New York State Fair, Aug. 20 - Sept. 6, 2021. This special rate will be limited to 7,500 online and in person subscribers.

In addition, in 2021, a law was enacted authorizing DEC to continue to hold sweepstakes and contests intended to stabilize, improve, or otherwise increase the subscriber base of the Conservationist magazine. Visitors to the Conservationist booth at the upcoming New York State Fair can enter a raffle, at no cost, to win a prize valued at \$500.

Conservationist magazine has been published continuously since 1946. To learn more about the magazine or to subscribe, visit DEC's website.

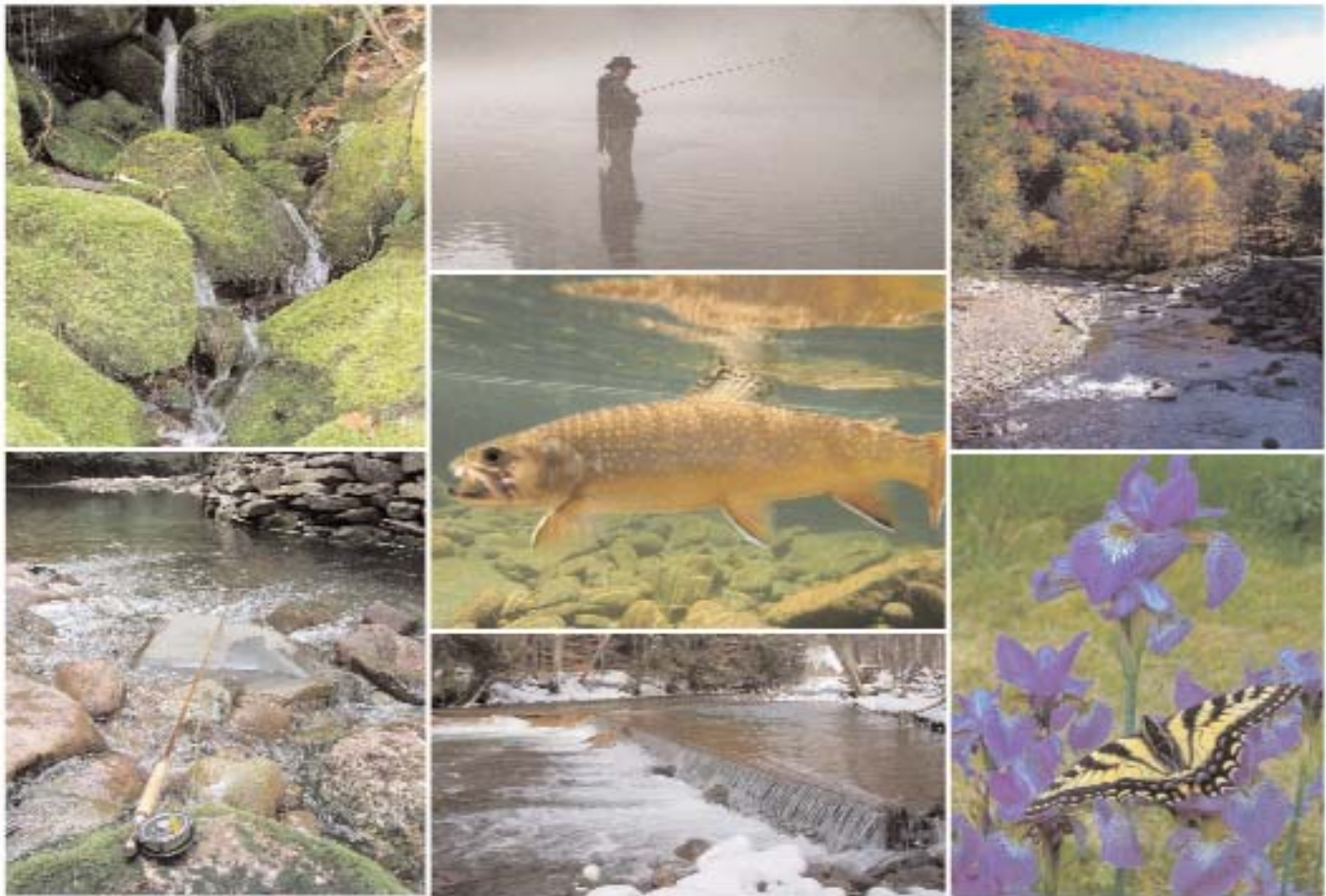
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1. **Tracey Testo**, NYSDEC, will speak on deer browse and forest regeneration (known as AVID)
2. **Update on Neversink River West Branch Stream restoration.**
3. **Update on Neversink River fishing.**

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September 25, 2021

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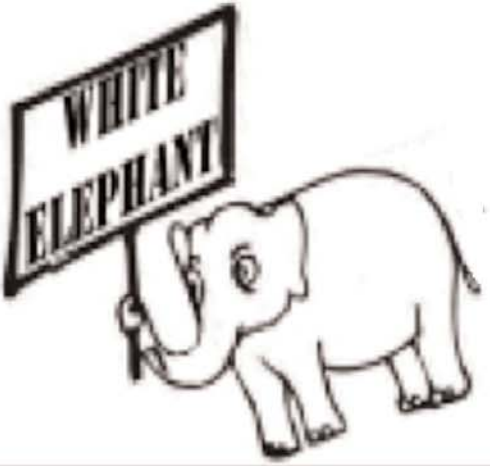
CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS TABLE



baked goods

Jams & Jellies



Sundown Community Hall

Statement on the resignation of Andrew Cuomo

With his resignation, Governor Cuomo has acknowledged that he could no longer effectively lead our State. We are grateful that this sad chapter in our State is coming to a close and we applaud the courage of the women who stepped forward. The Sullivan County Democratic Committee and I personally welcome incoming Governor Kathy Hochul, the first woman to lead our State. She has proven to be an accomplished and effective leader at almost every level of Government. We are confident that on becoming Governor she will lead the way to a brighter, stronger future. We call on all parties and all leaders to coalesce behind Governor Hochul and work together to help our State overcome the challenges we face, both economically and in defeating the pandemic.

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Sullivan County, NY

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Arm of the Sea Theater

THE REJUVENARY RIVER CIRCUS:

A story about the life of a river

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

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

DEP Announced Temporary Closure of Some Recreation Areas at Ashokan Reservoir to Support Upcoming Field Work

DEP continuing analyses for future upgrades to dam and dikes at Ashokan Reservoir

Drilling and inspection will require short-term closures at Ashokan Promenade and Ashokan Rail Trail to ensure safety of the public and workers

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced two temporary closures of recreation areas at Ashokan Reservoir, allowing experts to gather information that will allow the City to design future upgrades to the dam and dikes that form the reservoir. The work will focus on gathering soil, bedrock and structural information needed for the engineering and design of upgrades at several structures around the reservoir. These analyses are connected to the Ashokan Century Program, a comprehensive, multi-year capital program to upgrade the dam, dikes, chambers and other infrastructure at Ashokan Reservoir. The program - which comprises the largest public works project in the Catskills in more than 50 years - was announced in 2017.

DEP's work will require sections of the Ashokan Promenade and Ashokan Rail Trail to be closed for short periods of time in August and September. The following is a description of the work and a schedule for the temporary recreation closures.

Work at the Ashokan Promenade

The Ashokan Promenade is a paved walkway atop the Olivebridge Dam, West Dike and Middle Dike on the south side of Ashokan Reservoir. The walkway is accessed through two parking lots off Route 28A.

DEP will close the westernmost portion of the promenade, atop Olivebridge Dam, on weekdays from Monday, Aug. 23 until Tuesday, Aug. 31. The path will reopen for the weekend. Signs will be posted in the parking lot on Route 28A to make visitors aware of the temporary closure. The closure will allow a specially trained team of inspectors to rappel down the face of Olivebridge Dam to document its condition. This analysis will provide DEP with information necessary to rehabilitate the dam several years from now.

Visitors are encouraged to access the promenade from the Fying Pan parking area off Route 28A, or utilize the Ashokan Rail Trail or Ashokan Quarry Trail for recreation while the dam is closed.

Work at the Ashokan Rail Trail

The Ashokan Rail Trail is an 11.5-mile-long trail that occupies a former railroad corridor on the north side of Ashokan Reservoir. That side of the reservoir includes three impoundments - West Hurley Dike, Woodstock Dike and Glenford Dike. A parking lot for the Ashokan Rail Trail is located alongside Woodstock Dike, and the trail itself runs atop Glenford Dike for approximately one-half mile.

DEP will perform subsurface investigations at Woodstock

Dike in August and early September. This work will not affect the Ashokan Rail Trail. However, a small portion of the parking lot at the Woodstock Dike Trailhead will be closed to accommodate a drill rig that will collect the rock and soil samples. The work area will be cordoned off with fencing and visual barriers.

DEP will perform subsurface investigations at Glenford Dike from Sept. 13-24. That portion of the Ashokan Rail Trail will be closed Monday through Friday to ensure the safety of workers and the public. That stretch of the trail will be re-opened each Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday until the work is completed.

While Glenford Dike is closed, Ashokan Rail Trail visitors are encouraged to use the Ashokan Station Trailhead and the Boiceville Bridge Trailhead to access sections of the trail that will remain open.

The Ashokan Century Program

The Ashokan Century Program is a comprehensive set of projects to upgrade practically all the infrastructure at Ashokan Reservoir, including the dam, dikes, chambers, spillway and the Dividing Weir Bridge. Some of the earliest work is expected to begin in 2023, and the program is expected to stretch well into the 2030s.

The Ashokan Century Program is part of DEP's continuing efforts to upgrade dams and other key facilities that provide 1.1 billion gallons of drinking water every day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. That effort began nearly three decades ago. Beginning in the 1990s, DEP rehabilitated a number of dams that are part of its Croton Water Supply System in Putnam and Westchester counties. In 2014, DEP completed the \$138 million full-scale rehabilitation of Gilboa Dam at Schoharie Reservoir.

About 40 percent of New York City's drinking water passes through Ashokan Reservoir each day. It impounds 125 billion gallons of water at full capacity. The reservoir collects rainwater and melting snow from a 255-square-mile watershed that includes part of 11 towns in Ulster, Greene and Delaware counties. The reservoir conveys that drinking water to New York City through the 92-mile-long Catskill Aqueduct.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$20.1 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

CONSUMER ALERT: Attorney General James Issues Warning to New Yorkers About Scam Targeting Employees During Pandemic “Boss Scam” Targets Employees With Texts and Emails From Fraudsters Posing as Employers Asking for Gift Cards With More Employees Working Remotely Due to COVID-19 Safety Measures, AG James Offers New Yorkers Tips to Protect Themselves

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued an alert to New Yorkers, warning them about the “Boss Scam,” a common text and email scam in which fraudsters pose as a consumer's employer and request gift cards due to a purported work emergency. This scam may be on the rise during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic since many employees are working remotely.

“Due to COVID-19 safety measures, many employees are still working remotely which makes it easier to fall for this common scam,” said Attorney General James. “A legitimate employer will never ask you to purchase gift cards in order to pay clients or for other business purchases. I urge all New Yorkers to be on the alert for this type of fraud, and to protect themselves and their wallets by following our simple tips.”

The scam typically works as follows: An employee receives a text or an email from someone pretending to be their employer who claims there is an urgent matter. The text or email may ‘spoo’ an employer's actual name, phone number, or email address, making it seem legitimate. The ‘employer’ then requests that the employee buy a certain number of Target or other store gift cards in specific denominations and promises to reimburse the employee quickly. The ‘employer’ may ask the employee to scratch off the back of the card to reveal the PIN or claim code - thus making the gift card the equivalent of cash - and send photos of the card to the scammer.

Gift card scams of all types are very prevalent. Most involve some form of imposter scam, such as scammers pretending to be employers, the government, family, or tech support companies. A December 2020 data analysis by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shows that “About one in four [consumers] who lost money to a fraud say they paid with a gift card. In fact, gift cards have topped the list of reported fraud payment methods every year since 2018. During that time, people reported losing a total of nearly \$245 million, with a median indi-

vidual loss of \$840.” According to the FTC, some of the most reported gift and reload card brands consumers mentioned in fraud reports included eBay, Google Play, Target, iTunes, and Amazon.

Attorney General James offers the following tips to protect against the “Boss” gift card scam:

Take a pause. Scammers create a sense of urgency to prey on victims' emotions.

Take a second pause. A legitimate employer will not ask you to handle company business through gift card purchases.

Verify any supposed emergency by reaching out directly to an employer at the number you know. Do not reply to the text or email sent, even if it appears to come from a known email or phone number.

Tips to avoid gift card scams generally:

Be suspicious of anyone who contacts you unexpectedly asking to be sent gift cards.

Never purchase gift cards for the purpose of transferring money. Gift cards are solely for gifts.

Scammers often train their victims to give false information to retail clerks when clerks ask questions about large gift card purchases. If a retail clerk warns you that you may be the victim of a gift card scam, heed their advice and contact law enforcement officials.

New Yorkers who have been targeted by this scam are urged to file a complaint by completing and submitting a Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau online complaint form or by calling (800) 771-7755.

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SBA Reminder to be Aware of Scams

As a reminder, SBA directly communicates from email addresses ending in @sba.gov. SBA also communicates via email updates/notifications using an email marketing platform, (the same one you are receiving this newsletter from). Those emails end in @updates.sba.gov.

If you applied for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant and emailed the SVOG Support Center, you may receive an email back from a zendesk.com account. This is an authorized SBA contractor.

If you are being contacted by someone claiming to be from the SBA who is not using an official SBA email address, you should suspect fraud. To report potential fraud, visit: <http://sba.gov/covidfraudalert>.



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SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

Liberty Museum to Hold Auction from the Jackie "Dirty Dancing" Horner Estate

On Saturday, August 21st, at 2 PM, the Liberty Museum & Arts Center will be holding the first of three auctions of memorabilia and personal effects from the estate of Jackie Horner, the celebrity dancer who was the inspiration for the movie *Dirty Dancing*. Horner, who died last year at 87, performed and taught dance at the iconic Grossinger's Resort for over thirty years. She hobnobbed with the biggest stars of the era, the Golden Age of the Catskills.

This auction is a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring home a piece of Catskill history. Some of Horner's personal effects will include a pair of her dancing shoes and one of her formal gowns. Admission to the auction is free and is part of the Museum's 25th anniversary celebration. (The next two auctions will not be held until 2022.) The auction coincides with the opening reception of the Museum's latest exhibition, the figurative paintings of internationally renowned Tony Canger. The doors will open at 12 noon.

The Museum is located at 46 South Main Street in Liberty. For more information, visit the Museum's website at: <http://www.liberty-museum.com> or call (845) 807-6725 or (845) 292-2394.



Jackie Horner with her husband, Lou "Mr. Simon Sez" Goldstein and comedian Milton Berle.

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, Welcomes Woodstock School of Art to the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, August 21, the Woodstock School of Art will host Plein Air watercolor and drawing demonstrations at the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

On Saturday, August 21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, join the Woodstock School of Art for Plein Air watercolor and drawing demonstrations done by instructor Staats Fasoldt. Staats' paintings are direct interpretations of nature that stress spontaneity as method. He is an exponent of the minimal statement. Staats has an MFA in painting from SUNY New Paltz and has taught at The Woodstock School of Art for 30 Years.

"The Woodstock School of Art brings new inspiration and a new outlook on this historic space," said County Clerk Postupack. "I am so happy to welcome them back and look forward to the unique blending of art and history that they provide."

To learn more about the Woodstock School of Art, visit their website at woodstockschoolofart.org. 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.

Olive Free Library 4th Annual Juried Group Exhibition

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



"A Shift in Reality" by
Diane Christi



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Ted Dixon



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eye to eye

fourth annual juried summer group show

July 24 – September 11, 2021

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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!

DEC Announces New Regulations to Improve Food Scrap Recycling and Prevent Food Waste

Regulations Promote Food Donation and Fight Climate Change by Reducing Emissions Latest Statewide Effort to Reduce Food Insecurity in Communities Statewide

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the adoption of final regulations to implement New York's Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law. The law and implementing regulations are a critical step in addressing contributors to climate change and assisting those in need by supporting the donation of quality food. The regulations require large generators of food scraps to donate wholesome food to the maximum extent practicable, helping New Yorkers struggling with food insecurity by increasing the amount and variety of food available through relief organizations across the State.

Commissioner Seggos said, "Americans currently waste about a quarter of all the food purchased, which directly leads to the creation of methane and other greenhouse gases and negative environmental impacts. These wasted food resources can now be used to help people in need instead of contributing to climate change. The regulations released today are a perfect example of a common-sense approach to promoting food recycling while also helping the hungry and reducing waste to build healthier, environmentally sustainable communities."

Wasted food has significant environmental, social, and economic impacts. Removing organics from landfills is a key recommendation under the Climate Action Council's Waste Panel to help achieve New York's ambitious Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's goals to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and put the State on a path to carbon neutrality economy-wide by 2050.

The regulations implement the 2019 Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law's requirements for all designated food scrap generators to donate excess edible food and send food scraps to an organics recycler if one is available within 25 miles of the generator. The resulting increase in food

donation will help New Yorkers in need and create jobs to assist the not-for-profits that handle food donations. The law also requires generators to recycle food scraps by using organics recyclers (composting facilities, etc.) to reduce the amount of food scraps that would otherwise end up in landfills and ultimately produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Composting facilities and other organics recyclers produce beneficial organic soil conditioners that are needed to improve the quality of poor soils and reduce erosion.

DEC's regulations define a food scrap generator as an entity that generates an annual average of two tons of food scraps or more per week at a single location. These entities include, but are not limited to, supermarkets, food service businesses such as restaurants, higher education institutions, hotels, food processors, correctional facilities, and sports or entertainment venues. New York City, hospitals, nursing homes, adult care facilities, and elementary and secondary schools are exempt.

The regulations also detail requirements to donate excess food and recycle food scraps if an organics facility is available, as well as annual reporting. In addition, the regulations include a temporary waiver provision for generators that demonstrate a need to be excluded from certain requirements, such as a lack of food scraps transporters nearby. The regulations also outline requirements that apply to transporters, transfer facilities, landfills, and combustion facilities to ensure that once the food scraps are separated by the generator, they are ultimately recycled and not disposed.

The full and final regulations can be found on the DEC website. For more information about food waste, go to DEC's website.

New York State has taken decisive action to combat food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the launch of the Nourish New York program statewide and a pilot partnership with HelloFresh to provide fresh meals to veterans, military families, and other residents in New York City, among other initiatives. Last July, Governor Cuomo announced \$1.5 million in funding for Feeding New York State to support its network of 10 regional food banks, as well as local farms to help provide milk and produce to food insecure New Yorkers in response to the increased need for food bank services due to the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant built upon more than \$4.3 million announced by the Governor earlier last year for projects across the state that will help prevent hunger and reduce the disposal of food waste through food donation and recycling.

Peekamoose Blue Hole Permit Updates

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

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





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Congresswoman Tenney Calls on DHS Secretary Mayorkas to Resign Amid Intensifying Border Crisis

Washington D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) released the following statement calling on Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to resign amid the deteriorating situation at the border.

"Secretary Mayorkas' trip to the Southern Border yesterday was more smoke and mirrors.

"This Administration's open border policies have incentivized a record number of illegal crossings into the United States," said Congresswoman Claudia Tenney. "Migrant surges may not be new, but the magnitude of this current crisis is unprecedented. Illegal crossings have soared each month President Biden has been in office, reaching more than 200,000 encounters in July. This is more than three times the population of Utica, and over four times the population of Binghamton. Just as concerning, most illegal immigrants who have been released into our communities are failing to show up to their court dates and others have been released after testing positive for COVID-19. Customs and Border Patrol agents are trying their hardest to protect our country, but they are under resourced, overwhelmed and undermined by an Administration that does not support their basic mission.

"The inability of the Biden Administration to get this unrestrained migrant surge under control is the very definition of failure," Congresswoman Tenney continued. "While the buck ultimately stops with President Biden, his Homeland Security Secretary bears significant responsibility. Since he was confirmed in February, Secretary Mayorkas has failed to secure our border and has instead repeatedly downplayed the crisis. He has attacked anyone, including Members of Congress, who question his ability to do the job. All the while, illegal crossings have topped one million under his watch.

"It's clear Secretary Mayorkas is failing to control the crisis at the border. He has lost the confidence of the American people. I therefore call on Secretary Mayorkas to resign effective immediately. President Biden must appoint someone to this important role who is up to the job of securing our border."

Gillibrand, Colleagues Call for Lower Prescription Drug Costs Reform in Reconciliation Package

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Aging Committee, joined colleagues in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-

VT), and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) urging them to include reforms to lower prescription drug costs in the upcoming reconciliation bill. Specifically, the senators highlighted the need for provisions giving Medicare the authority to negotiate the best drug prices.

In 2020, five of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the U.S. made nearly \$45 billion in profits. That same year, in the midst of a twin public health and economic crisis, drug makers raised the prices of more than 860 prescription drugs by 5%, on average. In 2017, the average annual cost of therapy for widely used specialty drugs was about \$79,000. This is more than twice the median income for people on Medicare and more than three and half times the average Social Security retirement benefit.

"Too many New Yorkers are being forced to choose between paying for their prescription drugs and buying groceries or keeping the lights on. It is unacceptable that many people have had to skip or ration the medications they need to stay healthy, while the largest pharmaceutical companies in the country are making tens of billions of dollars in profits," said Senator Gillibrand. "(Contd. Pg. 40)

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Olive Day 2021

10 a.m. Frog Jump (bring your own frog)

11 a.m. Memorial to Honor 9/11 Heroes

11 a.m. Town of Olive Police Dept. - Bike Safety

12 pm Frog Hop Race 2 pm Egg Toss 3 pm Treasure Hunt

1 p.m. Arm-of-the-Sea Theater Performance

"The Rejuvenary River Circus"

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

September 11, 2021

Olive Day Jason Jones-Kent Reeves Memorial Run

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

Music

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

90 Proof Band
3-6 p.m.

- **Classic Car Show (10- 2)**
- **BB gun shooting range**
- **Penny Social**
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- **Touch-A-Truck**
- **Cornhole Tournament**
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**Davis Park
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Congresswoman Tenney Congratulates Rome Lab on New Quantum Research Designation

Utica, New York - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) released the following statement regarding Rome Lab's designation as the Quantum Information Science Research Center for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force, an exciting new development for our region.

"Rome Lab is truly a world class hub of high-tech research and innovation. The Lab's new designation by the U.S. Air Force as a Quantum Information Science Research Center will open up new federal funding opportunities for Rome and further cement our region's position as a leader in the critically important field of quantum technology," said Congresswoman Tenney. "This win for our community is the result of continued collaboration between federal, state, and local officials who work closely with strong advocates like the CNY Defense Alliance. Together we are laser focused on fighting for Rome, advancing our nation's cyber defenses, and investing in our region."

"Rome Lab's designation as the Quantum Information Science Research Center for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force further solidifies their commitment to groundbreaking research and development in quantum computing technology," said Rome Mayor Jacqueline M. Izzo. "This designation was made possible by the strong collaboration of our federal, state and local officials along with the CNY Defense Alliance. With the introduction of Innovare Advancement Center and the additional funding dedicated for quantum research at AFRL, new partnerships will be forged in cybersecurity to assist our country's defense and further the Air Force's investment in our world class laboratory."

"AFRL Information Directorate has pioneered Quantum Information Science research and development with the strong support provided by the CNY Defense Alliance and federal partners," said Mary Carol Chruscicki, CNY Defense Alliance Executive Director. "Before quantum was in our vocabulary, AFRL recognized it was a game changing technology that will enable capabilities not achievable with today's computers. This designation as the Quantum Information Science Research Center for the U.S. Air Force

and U.S. Space Command is an endorsement of Rome Lab's global leadership in a technical area that is critical to our warfighter and our country."

According to the Air Force, this designation will provide Rome Lab with access to new fiscal year 2020 funds that were granted under the Defense Quantum Information Science Research and Development Program within a previously passed National Defense Authorization Act. The increased federal funding will assist Rome Lab in launching new partnerships to advance its research into quantum science applications.

Gillibrand. Colleagues Call for Lower Prescription Drug Costs Reform in Reconciliation Package

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We have solutions on the table to help people access the medications they need at the prices they can afford. That's why I am strongly urging the inclusion of provisions to empower Medicare to negotiate drug prices and increase the affordability of prescription drugs in the upcoming reconciliation bill."

Under current law, the secretary of HHS is prohibited from negotiating lower drug prices on behalf of Medicare Part D beneficiaries. In contrast, other government programs, like Medicaid and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), are allowed to negotiate. According to a December 2020 report by the Government Accountability Office, Medicare paid twice as much for the same prescription drugs as VA in 2017.

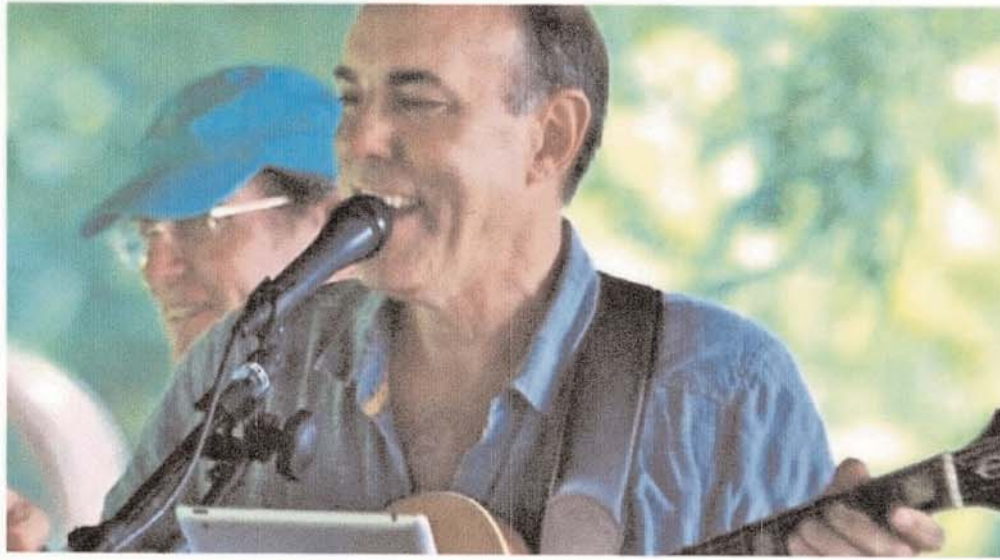
Earlier this year, Gillibrand traveled across the state to announce a package of three bills to help reduce the cost of prescription drugs, and help ensure that everyone can access the medicine they need. Over the years, prescription drug costs have become increasingly unaffordable, particularly for older Americans who rely on Medicare yet still struggle to afford medications on a fixed income. Additionally, many people with disabilities rely on drug therapies to manage chronic conditions but have been overwhelmed by increasing prices. Drug manufacturers continue to spike the price of their drugs despite one in four Americans unable to afford their medications. Nearly a third of adults say they have not taken their medicine as prescribed in the past 12 months due to costs.

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Masks Again Required at All County Buildings

Monticello, NY - With COVID-19 statistics continuing to climb locally and nationally, Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek has issued an Emergency Order reinstating the facial mask-wearing requirement for employees and visitors to all County buildings.

"This measure is designed to limit the spread of coronavirus, the Delta variant of which appears to be significantly driving up infections," Potosek explained. "Due to the limited capacity of our local health systems and our obligation to provide a safe workplace, this Order is necessary."

The Emergency Order takes effect at 8 a.m. this Monday, August 16 and will remain in place until further notice. It applies to everyone, whether vaccinated or not against COVID-19.

"Note that we're not re-implementing locked offices or sign-in procedures at this time. Most of our buildings remain open and welcome to the public," Potosek said. "We'll continue to evaluate as circumstances evolve. In the meantime, I encourage people to not only wear masks whenever they're in close contact with others, but to also get vaccinated."

For more information about COVID-19 and local testing and vaccination sites, visit www.sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus.

Local COVID-19 Transmission 'in the Red' Only 1% of the Fully Vaccinated Are 'Breakthrough' Cases

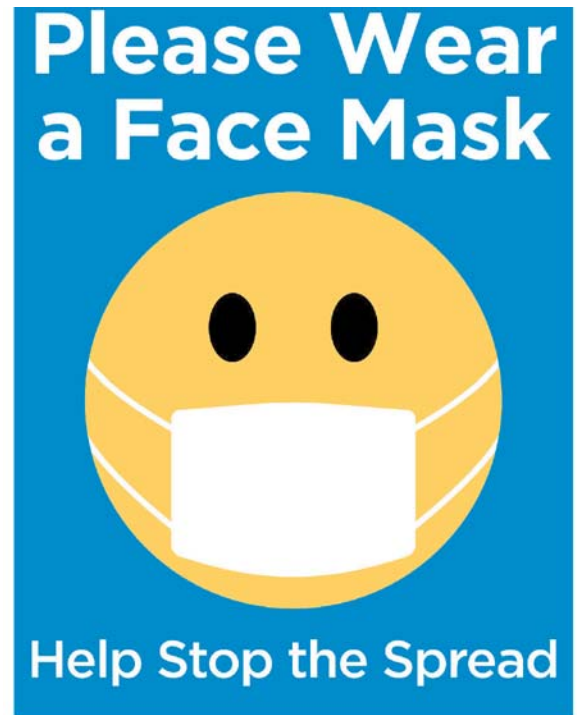
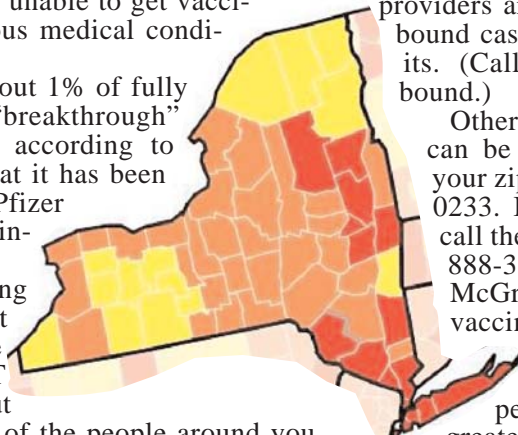
Liberty, NY - While the efforts of Sullivan County Public Health Services and other local providers continue to build a vaccinated population, COVID-19 - and its extremely contagious Delta variant - continues to spread across the County, State and nation.

"We're getting close to having delivered vaccine doses to 39,000 people out of a year-round population of 75,498, but our cases continue to climb, with 132 people known to be infected with coronavirus as of August 10. In the past week alone, there was an 80.5% increase in positive cases (from 72 to 130), and a 108% increase in the number of people in quarantine, from 110 to 229. That's put us in the Federal Centers for Disease Control's 'red' zone - an area of high COVID transmission," Public Health Director Nancy McGraw observed. "For everyone's health and safety, it's imperative that we continue to encourage family and friends to get vaccinated. Children less than 12 years of age are still vulnerable to this virus and are unable to get vaccinated at this time, as are others with various medical conditions."

However, the good news is that only about 1% of fully vaccinated people are dealing with a "breakthrough" COVID-19 infection in Sullivan County, according to McGraw. (Being fully vaccinated means that it has been at least two weeks since the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks past the single-dose J&J vaccine.)

"This shows that the vaccines are doing their job, and if you're concerned about catching coronavirus, think how much more vulnerable and exposed you'll be WITHOUT vaccinating," she remarked. "This is about doing what's right for your health and that of the people around you. The numbers prove conclusively that you're far safer being vaccinated, and if you do still contract COVID, your chances of getting seriously ill or even dying are greatly reduced."

Public Health Services continues to offer free Pfizer doses (ages 12 and older) every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. at its offices at 50



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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.

Community Lane in Liberty. Walk-in or register at www.sullivanyny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics. Local pharmacies and healthcare providers are also offering free shots, and in home-bound cases, Public Health can make personal visits. (Call 845-292-5910 to schedule, if home-bound.)

Other vaccination locations with current stock can be found at www.vaccines.gov, by texting your zip code to 438829 or by calling 1-800-232-0233. If you have questions about COVID-19, call the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

McGraw also strongly encourages everyone - vaccinated or unvaccinated - to wear masks indoors and outdoors where you cannot be at least six feet away from another person, or you are in a large group for greater than 15 minutes.

"We still have a chance to beat this latest outbreak without shutting everything down again. But it's going to take all of us putting up a strong defense," she noted. "COVID-19 will seek out the most vulnerable among us - the unvaccinated and the unmasked. Let's not let that happen!"

Olive Free Library's Exhibition "Skin Deep" September 25 *An exhibition of works by artists of color*

The Olive Free Library Association is very pleased to present the exhibition *Skin Deep* showcasing the works of thirteen regional artists of color. The show, curated by Nathalie Andrews and Elaine Ralston will run from September 25 through November 6, 2021 with an opening on Saturday, September 25 from 3 – 5 pm.

Andrews and Ralston say about this exhibition, "Family, friends, culture, race, faith, relationships, experiences, trials and tribulations...they define who we are. *Skin Deep* explores the ways that these influences exhibit themselves in the work that artists of color create. Spanning sculpture to paintings, collage to prints, the exhibit provides us with some insight into the psyche of artists from a range of races and backgrounds. Last year was one of turmoil and unrest. In some ways it was the stuff of paranoia, in others it was cathartic. The Black Lives Matter movement brought to the surface issues and problems that the nation has buried beneath the surface for decades. *Skin Deep* offers a way to get a glimpse of the fact that although we may look different, these differences are merely skin deep."

The show's participating artists are:

Osi Audu: Osi Audu is a Nigerian American artist whose work has been shown in numerous international exhibitions, including the Kwangju Biennale, South Korea; La Biennale di Venezia; Africa Africa, Tobu Museum, Tokyo; and Museum of the Mind, British Museum, London. His work is in numerous museums and corporate collections, including Newark Museum; The National Museum of African Art – Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.; British Museum, London; Horniman Museum and Gardens, London; Hood Museum of Art, New Hampshire; Mott–Warsh Collection; and Fidelity Corporation Art Collection.

Chee Bravo: Chee Bravo is a multimedia artist and print-maker. Her multimedia art focuses on creating interactive installations where she draws the audience into her personal experiences. She also creates portraits of people in their environments. Chee Bravo grew up in the culturally diverse Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies before immigrating to the U.S. Her prints and paintings can be found in the Trenton City Museum permanent collection, NJ; the FIU permanent collection, FL; the Brooklyn Art Library, NY; Frontline Arts of NJ; and private collections. Isabel Cotarelo: Isabel Cotarelo was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She creates organic wall installations that embrace our own internal nature of synapses, veins, and organs, using plastic, the leading material in the production and packaging of goods and one of the causes of our environmental woes, as a way of recycling, creating a rebirth of a material. Trash represents the remnants of our lives, yet we usually choose to ignore it. This year has brought to light many things that we, as a nation, have been ignoring for so long, such as, systemic racism. Isabel Cotarelo has been showing her work in the Hudson Valley since moving to Kingston in 2017.

Ted Dixon: Ted Dixon is an abstract artist. Born and raised

in New York City and of African American descent, the Hudson Valley has been his home since 1992. His approach to painting is very form-based and often experimental, without a set routine... color and feeling are his primary sources of inspiration. When he paints, he is capturing a moment in time that has a certain feeling and meaning, and he hopes that through his art, the viewer has a sense of what that feeling may have been during that period. Imani Jones: Imani Jones is a visual artist that works in the mediums of painting and drawing, focusing on the body/figure and portraiture. Her work delves into life and its alchemical transformations.

Observing the flow of culture in American society, and often creating work with themes that amalgamate together, womanhood, numerology, desire, Black culture, theology, poetry, everyday life, and eroticism form the core of her work. Born in the upstate inner city of Poughkeepsie, NY, she earned her BFA in Painting from Maine College of Art and Design. Nestor Madalengoitia: Nestor Madalengoitia's work is inspired by the iconography and patterns of different ancient cultures. Since 2018 Nestor has been working on a series of iconographic paintings taking inspiration from the 90+ figures found in "The Paracas Textile", a necropolis tapestry from 100- 300 CE in Nazca, Peru. Nestor's paintings have been seen in numerous exhibitions and collections in New York City, the Hudson Valley, and Peru. His murals can be appreciated in public spaces throughout Poughkeepsie and other localities such as Washington DC, Sussex Canada, the Florida Keys, Lima Peru and Cajabamba Peru. Born in 1959 in Lima Peru, he currently lives and works in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Emmanuel Ofori: Emmanuel Ofori is a hybrid artist on a mission to create beauty from what Western culture has deemed undesirable. Born in Ghana, Manny's art is a cathartic exploration of his personal journey, everyday experiences in both African and American culture. He challenges the limitations imposed by Westernization; working with inexpensive materials traditionally hidden or deemed 'less than' in Western society, such as plywood and broom bristles, Manny is able to reclaim and elevate their place in art. By combining African motifs, symbols, fabrics, and patterns with Western imagery and ideas, Manny illustrates the bridging of the gap between both worlds.

Ransome: Ransome's work is rooted in his African American lineage, which is traced back to sharecroppers of the American South who migrated to Northern cities along the East Coast. His works combine acrylic paint with an array of found, made, and purchased papers. These works construct pictorial narratives that are personal, but whose symbols, patterns, and marks are universal and interplay with larger social, racial, ancestral, economic, and political histories. His influences are many and at turns, his works recall the experimentation of hip hop deejays, the resourcefulness of Quilters of Gee's Bend, or the improvisational playing of Jazz music.

Shiho K. Rice: Shiho K. Rice was born and raised in Kanagawa, Japan. From a very young age, she has been interested in observation and creative visual storytelling. Shiho studied Fine Arts in Toronto, transferred to study Theater and Fine Arts in New York City, and then moved to Washington D.C. where she found Kiri-é (paper cutting) as her art medium in which a single piece of paper is cut by hand. She enjoys every part of creating her imaginative world in her art. Now, she resides in upstate NY. Her artwork has been shown in Japan, Canada, and across the US. (Contd. Pg. 44)

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Julia Santos Solomon: Julia Santos Solomon is a Contemporary Dominican artist creating paintings, sculpture, and digital media for over forty years. Her vision shaped generations of successful LatinX artists as a founding member of Altos de Chavon School of Design, and she taught Fashion Illustration and Design at Parsons School of Design in New York. Her works are represented in permanent collections at Latin Art Museum, Hudson River Museum, Indiana University Museum, Museo de Arte Moderno, and Altos de Chavon Foundation. She is archived at the Smithsonian Archives of American Art and the Dominican Studies Institute at CUNY.

Pablo Shine: Pablo Shine was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico. After studying at the University of Puerto Rico and the Inter American University, he continued his studies in art at SUNY New Paltz. He has had many exhibitions in the Hudson Valley area, New York City, Washington DC, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Pablo has been an art teacher for over 35 years in various educational settings throughout the Hudson Valley, including SUNY Ulster, Woodstock School of Art, Marist College, The Barrett House, SUNY New Paltz, and private instruction from his studio in Kingston, NY.

Renee Zhang: Renee Zhang is an illustrative artist specializing in ink, watercolor, colored pencil, and printmaking media. She focuses on subjects from nature and the natural world, deciding in each instance the degree of accuracy and/or interpretation she wishes to convey. Born in China, Ms. Zhang moved to Woodstock, NY as a child and was introduced to the art world through her artistic family. Renee Zhang's work has been included in various group exhibitions in the Hudson Valley region and in California. Xuewu Zheng: Xuewu Zheng was born in Heilongjiang Province, China, and received his BFA at Harbin Normal University in China, and MFA 2020 in Printmaking at SUNY New Paltz. His work has been included in numerous group exhibitions throughout Asia, Europe, Australia, and United States. He was a Visiting Professor at: Harbin Normal University, China; Appalachian State University; North Carolina University at Chapel Hill; Columbia University; Vassar College; University College Cork, Ireland. Xuewu's work is included in the collections at National Art Museum of China; Kaethe Kollwitz-Museum, Berlin, Germany; Australian Embassy, China; Woo Jae-Gil Art Museum, Gwangju Art Museum, Korea; Ackland Art Museum, Guilford College, The Turchin Center for Visual Arts, United States.

The Olive Free Library has created a platform to show and sell the art of regional artists, both established and emerging. This provides art enthusiasts a way to view, appreciate, and purchase local and regional artworks. The rural town of Olive does not have a cultural center, so the library converted its spacious, light community room into a gallery space. The response from both artists and the community has been overwhelmingly positive. olivefreelibrary.org

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Co-sponsors Bipartisan Bill to Support 9/11 First Responders

Washington D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today announced her support of the 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act. This bipartisan bill addresses funding shortfalls in the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) to make absolutely certain that funding for the program is provided well into the future. Without this legislation, the program risks running out of funds in the coming years. The bill would also permit the WTCHP to conduct research on the impacts of toxic exposure and psychological trauma on the thousands of then-children who attended school or daycare in the New York City disaster area following the attacks.

"Congress made a promise to the police, firefighters, and other first responders who answered the call on September 11 and in the days following. It is vitally important that we keep that promise," said Congresswoman Tenney. "We must ensure the programs Congress created to support 9/11 survivors, first responders, and their families are fully funded. I'm honored to support this legislation to strengthen the World Trade Center Health Program. We must meet the needs of the brave Americans who continue to suffer the trauma and physical pain of that tragic day."

This bipartisan bill was introduced by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and has the support of more than 35 Members of Congress. A companion to the bill has also been introduced in the Senate led by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

Congress passed the bipartisan James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act in 2010. This bill created the WTCHP, which included the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. Congress has acted multiple times - in 2015 and 2019 - to expand funding and authorizations for these programs. Although Congress extended the WTCHP through 2090, the program's current funding needs exceed the current funding formula.



Attorney General James Calls on the U.S. Senate to Strengthen Protections for Working Americans By Passing PRO Act

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James, as part of a coalition of 17 attorneys general, has called on the U.S. Senate to protect hardworking Americans by passing the Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021 (PRO Act). The PRO Act provides protections for workers trying to organize by strengthening and modernizing key parts of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), which enshrines the fundamental rights to organize, unionize, and bargain collectively. In the letter, the multistate coalition highlights the urgent need to pass the PRO Act and urges the U.S. Senate to act to improve the lives of America's working families. "Unionizing is a core American right, and no business should be able to infringe on a worker's ability to organize," said Attorney General James. "Over the past year, we have been reminded of the critical need to protect our workers and ensure they have better pay, benefits, and working conditions. In honor of the late Richard Trumka and all the workers who sacrificed so much over the past year, I stand with my fellow attorneys general in urging the Senate to pass the PRO Act and support working people."

The PRO Act is comprised of commonsense reforms to the NLRA designed to curb worker intimidation, retaliation, and other abusive practices and, more generally, restore the law's original purpose of encouraging unionization. Compared to their non-union counterparts, union members earn 10 to 15 percent higher wages; are more likely to have employer-sponsored benefits, like health insurance, paid sick days, and pensions; experience less wage theft; and are less reliant on public benefits. Today, just 12 percent of American workers are represented by a union - down from 27 percent in 1979.

If enacted, the PRO Act would give the National Labor Relations Board the power to fine companies that retaliate against organizing workers and require arbitration when unionized workers and employers cannot reach agreements on contracts. It would also strengthen the right of workers to strike, ban employer interference and influence in union elections, and prevent employers from using employees' immigration status against them when determining the terms of their employment. Notably, the legislation would override state "right to work" laws, which allow employees to forgo paying dues in unionized workplaces, and would address the "gig" economy by lowering the bar for independent contractors to prove they are "employees" under the Act.

"We thank Attorney General Letitia James for her support on what is the most significant worker empowerment legislation since the Great Depression," said Mario Cilento, president, New York State AFL-CIO. "The reforms included in the PRO Act are necessary to restore some balance to our country's labor laws in the face of the increasingly drastic lengths employers have gone to silence the voices of their workers. New York's Senators Schumer and Gillibrand co-sponsor the bill and we join Attorney General James in calling on their colleagues to follow their lead to increase worker power, rebuild our economy fairly, make workplaces safer, and grow America's labor movement."

"The PRO Act is a once in a generation opportunity to empower working men and women," said Michael Mulgrew, president, United Federation of Teachers. "A union contract is the best tool we have to close racial and gender wage gaps and give working families the support they need."

Joining Attorney General James in sending the letter are the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

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Liberty Museum to Host Exhibit of Tony Canger Paintings



An exhibition of the latest works of internationally renowned artist Tony Canger will open on Saturday, August 21st, from noon until 4pm, at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center. This is the second major event to be held as part of the Museum's 25th anniversary and its post-COVID reopening.

The exhibition will feature Tony Canger's figurative paintings created prior to the pandemic and landscape paintings created over the last 18 months. The exhibition will also feature "The Feast", a 6'x8' painting and an accompanying short film which documents Italian immigrants celebrating the yearly feast day of Saint Michael in Paterson New Jersey during the mid-20th century.

Born in Paterson New Jersey, Tony Canger attended Cooper Union NYC and Seton Hall University. He currently lives in Swan Lake, New York. In the late 1960s Tony moved to Italy studying mural painting, abandoning abstraction, and committed himself to figurative painting. Upon his return from Italy, Tony moved to SoHo in New York City in 1974 and worked there until 1990. He showed his work at Forum Gallery NYC and DFN Gallery NYC. Mr. Canger was awarded grants from the New Jersey Council on the Arts and the Adolph

Gotlieb Foundation in New York City.

A long time supporter and board member of the Liberty Museum & Arts Center, Canger will be on hand to discuss his work. Refreshments will be available and as always admission to the Museum is free, although donations are always welcome and appreciated.

The Museum is located at 46 South Main Street in Liberty. For more information call (845) 292-2394 or (845) 807-6725. Visit the Museum's website at <http://www.libertymuseum.com>

Swan Song Screening at Callicoon

Join DVAA's Big Eddy Film Festival at the Callicoon Theater on Wednesday & Thursday, August 25 & 26 at 7:30 pm for a special screening of the new bittersweet comedy SWAN SONG from local director Todd Stephens.

Udo Kier stars as a hairdresser who rediscovers himself (and looks gorgeous while doing so) in the third and final film in Stephen's Ohio Trilogy (EDGE OF SEVENTEEN, GYPSY 83). Based on a real life hairdresser and drag performer from Stephen's hometown of Sandusky, Ohio, Kier plays Pat Pitsenbarger, who escapes the confines of his nursing home after learning of his former client's dying wish for him to style her final hairdo. Soon, Pat embarks on an odyssey to confront the ghosts of his past-and collect the beauty supplies necessary for the job. The film also stars Jennifer Coolidge, Linda Evans and Michael Urie.

"SWAN SONG is dedicated to all the forgotten flaming florists and hairdressers who built the gay community and blazed the trail for the rights many of us cling to today," says Stephens. "But, above all, for me this film is about learning that it's never too late to live again."

A pre-screening meet and greet with the filmmaker will take place both nights starting at 6:30 pm at the Callicoon Wine Merchant (30 A Dorrer Dr, Callicoon, NY). The screening begins at 7:30 pm at the Callicoon Theater (30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY), followed immediately by a filmmaker Q&A, moderated by Greg Triggs.

Tickets are \$11 (children under 12 and military discount \$8). Masks are required in the lobby and common areas. Once safely distanced and seated you can remove your mask to enjoy concessions.

In celebration of the Big Eddy Film Festival's 10th Anniversary, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is presenting a series of special events throughout the summer, leading up to the expanded four-day festival, September 30 - October 3 in Narrowsburg, NY.

About the Big Eddy Film Festival

Since 2012, the Big Eddy Film Festival has been advancing the traditional art of storytelling by screening the newest and best independent films from around the world and our own backyard. Produced by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the annual event draws filmmakers and film lovers to a picturesque Catskill Mountains setting with a unique creative upstate energy.

Each year the BEFF features approximately 30 fiction and non-fiction films, hosts visiting filmmakers, and offers a variety of exciting events. In addition to screenings, the festival hosts panels, workshops, and brunches where filmmakers can share ideas and audiences can glimpse into the creative process behind the films.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.



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