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WOW! What a Great Day for a Fabulous Winterfest!



The hill for sledding was constantly busy. Toddlers, youngsters, teenagers and 'older kids' made use of the sledding hill. Throughout the entire day, it was a happy colorful scene!



Who would have ever thought a week ago that we would have such a beautiful day for the 1st Annual Winterfest held at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville? And that it was. Adding to the beautiful weather, were the many families and friends who lived nearby and many from other places that came out to enjoy the day's festivities. Wherever you looked, you saw smiling faces.

Seasoned skater appreciates the great ice rink.



A local favorite, What's Poppin' was available for those who know and love their super kettle corn.

Whether you were having fun skating on the ice rink, sledding down the hill, enjoying any of the other activities or ravishing some of the tasty food and drink, there was something for everyone!
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ON THE FRONT BURNER: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
Psalm 25:1-2

OBITUARY**Gerald N. Gotsch**

May 12, 1938 - February 3, 2022

On February 3, 2022, Gerald N. Gotsch, loving husband and father,



passed away at the age of 83. Jerry, as he was known by friends and family, was born in Monticello, NY on May 12, 1938 to Herman and Ethel (Knight) Gotsch. He graduated from the College of Forestry in Syracuse, NY (now known as SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry) with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry in 1960. He practiced forestry as an associate forester with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for 38 years. Upon retirement he was the proprietor of his own forestry consulting business, Denman Mountain Forestry Services. He served on the board of directors for the Catskill Forest Association including a term as president. He may be best known as the owner and operator of Gotsch Christmas Tree Farm, which he ran with his family. He took great pride in cultivating the trees and enjoyed interacting with customers and members of the community during the holiday season.

Jerry had a passion for the outdoors including hunting and fishing and doing work around his family's property such as mowing fields and cutting fire wood. He was an ardent bird watcher and greatly enjoyed identifying the birds that frequented his bird feeder. He was an extensive collector of stamps, coins, antique bottles, and Uncle Sam figurines. He was an avid sports fan with his favorite teams being the NY Rangers, NY Giants, NY Mets, and Syracuse Basketball. He also enjoyed visiting historic sites and watching World War II documentaries. He had a green thumb and took great joy in cultivating his apple orchard, vegetable garden, and an assortment of different flowers.

He was predeceased by his mother and father and his first wife, Mary Lou (Lennon) Gotsch.

He is survived by his wife Linda (Lowe) Gotsch; his children Timothy

Gotsch, Jennifer(Gotsch) Hanssen, Jill Gotsch, Thomas Gotsch, and Brent Gotsch; his grandchildren Timothy Gotsch, Jessica (Gotsch) Borzi, Willis Hanssen, Kendra Hanssen, and Daria Hanssen; his great-grandchildren Felicity Gotsch, Audrey Gotsch, and Phoebe Borzi; his brother James Gotsch; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, starting at 11:30am at the Daniel Piece Library in Grahamsville, NY.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Catskill Forest Association or the American Parkinson's Disease Association

James Roger Terwilliger of Grahamsville, NY, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2022. He was 79



years old. James was born on March 24, 1942 in Ellenville, NY; he was the son of the late Earl and Vera (Krom) Terwilliger.

Jim was a life-long area resident. He served in the United States Army in the First Cavalry

during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1962. He owned the Marine Room Restaurant in Napanoch, had been a Sales Representative for Glusker-Emkay Sales and was the Head Cook at the Ulster Correctional Facility. Jim loved spending time with his family especially doing projects with his three grandsons.

Jim is survived by his loving wife ReneJoy Poppel Terwilliger and their daughters, Angela Mueller and her husband Jeff of Grahamsville, and Cristy Terwilliger of Grahamsville; his grandchildren, Luke Perry, Malcolm Perry and Boe Mueller; and his great grandson, Isaac Perry. Jim is also survived by his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews and extended family.

The family will be receiving friends on Saturday, February 19th from 10am-12pm at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville.

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

To send a personal condolence to Jim's family please visit loucksfh.com

DAYS OF YORE.....

Today's History

February 13, 1952

At a recent meeting, members of the Grahamsville Flying Club chose Sam Anderson, President; William Edison, Secretary; and William Wiley, Treasurer. During the past year the club has bought and paid for a Piper Cub which at present is at the Livingston Manor Airport.

Mrs. Dorothy Velie died at her home in Grahamsville on Wednesday, February 6th. Mrs. Velie, the daughter of George Knight and the late Sarah Walters Knight, was born January 19, 1909 in Grahamsville and had lived all her life here. On March 20, 1942, she married Elwood Velie. Surviving are her father, her husband and one brother, Arthur Knight all of Grahamsville.

Abraham Lincoln said: "You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income; you cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred; you cannot establish sound security on borrowed money; you cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence; you cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves." (Good advice for today's times as well)

February 14, 1962

Ira Rubenzahl, a senior at Tri Valley Central School, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink, won a new distinction for himself this week. Ira scored a total of 254 and placed first in Sullivan County as listed in the ratings and results of the annual NYS Scholarship Examination. John Deagle was second in the listing for the county. John, a former TVCS student and a Grahamsville boy, now attends Livingston Manor Central School.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith of Woodbourne are the proud parents of a daughter, Wendy Susan, born at the Maimonides Hospital on Friday, February 9th. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Woodbourne and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck of Grahamsville.

At a reorganizational meeting held at TVCS last week, the Ronech Chapter of the National Honor Society was reactivated for 1962-63. Officers elected from the group of charter members included: Ira Rubenzahl, president; Betty Spann, vice president; Eileen Doherty, secretary; Susan Shaut, treasurer.

February 16, 1972

Three Grahamsville area boys have been awarded Boy Scouting's God and Country Award for their work at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Receiving the honors were: Herbert DeWitt III, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert DeWitt; Richard Smith, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith, both members of Troop 187, Grahamsville and Wayne Elberth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Elberth, and a member of Troop 87, Neversink. Only one other scout in the Grahamsville area has ever achieved this honor.

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Household Hint:

In Case Your Pet has an Encounter with a Skunk?

Remove skunk odor from a dog by rubbing its fur with full strength vinegar. Better than tomato juice!

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

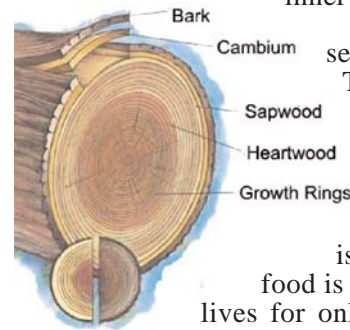
Beneath the Bark of a Tree

The weather and ice have prevented us from taking walks through the woods the past few weeks. Looking out the window narrowed my scope of nature, until Frank brought in a load of wood for the stove. With it was a little object he saved for me. It was a piece of bark that could easily become a bearded troll or a little hairy monster. What he



Outer bark and inner bark

found was a piece of bark with some frayed inner bark.



The outer bark is what we see when we look at any tree.

The next layer is the inner bark a/k/a phloem. Phloem conducts food (sugars, starch) down the tree from the crown to the roots. It is located just underneath the tree's bark. It

is the pipeline through which food is passed to the rest of the tree. It lives for only a short time, then dies and turns to cork to become part of the protective outer bark.

The outer bark is the tree's protection from the outside world. It is constantly renewed from within, it helps keep out moisture in the rain, and prevents the tree from losing moisture when the air is dry and it insulates against cold and heat and wards off most insect enemies.

Next is the inner bark (phloem), and then the cambium cell layer. This is the growing part of the trunk. It annually produces new bark and new wood in response to hormones that pass down through the phloem with food from the leaves. These hormones, called "auxins", stimulate growth in cells. Auxins are produced by leaf buds at the ends of branches as soon as they start growing in spring.

Just under the cambium layer is the sapwood. It is the tree's pipeline for water moving up to the leaves. Xylem tissue conducts water up a tree from its roots to the leaves and is located in the sapwood and heartwood. Sapwood is new wood. As newer rings of sapwood are laid down, inner cells lose their vitality and turn to heartwood.

Heartwood becomes the central, supporting pillar of the tree. Although dead, it will not decay or lose strength while the outer layers are intact. A composite of hollow, needle-like cellulose fibers bound together by a chemical glue called lignin, it is in many ways as strong as steel. A piece 12" long and 1" by 2" in cross section set vertically can support a weight of twenty tons!

And of course, leaves -they make food for the tree through the process of photosynthesis. It is well known that trees act as carbon sinks, taking in carbon dioxide from the air during photosynthesis and releasing the oxygen that we breathe. While trees use carbon dioxide to make their own food, they do need oxygen to process that food into energy. (Contd. Pg. 7)



In Memory of
Joseph (Joe) Inghrim
4/12/1940 – 2/16/2020

Today we remember your life and celebrate
all the wonderful memories we have.

You were one of a kind and brought
untold joy to all our lives.

We were lucky to have had you and we cherish
every moment until we meet again in heaven.

With love,

Mary

Ginny & Rich and Sue

Jess & Jacob, Josh & Rachel, Faith and Brittany

Levi, Ben, Tessa, Cayden and Isaiah



Red Burning Sky Mysterious Book Report No. 477 by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Red Burning Sky, (Kensington Books, \$27.00, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-4967-3294-1), by Tom Young is historical fiction from the pen of a master of military thrillers. It takes place in Yugoslavia during the summer of 1944 and tells the little known story of *Operation Halyard*, the actual, and incredible, rescue of more than 500 downed allied airmen from behind enemy lines. Until now, this tale of heroism was known by only a select few . . . most of whom were mission participants.

As Mr. Young's novel begins, a B-24 Navigator named Bill Bogdonavich parachutes into enemy territory over Yugoslavia when his plane is shot down. He's rescued by Chetnik guerillas. They're Serbian civilians, fighting a civil war against Josip Tito and his USSR supported army of communists, as well as the German Wehrmacht which occupies all of the Balken Peninsula. Because Bogdonavich's father emigrated to the U.S. from Yugoslavia, his son knows some Serbian and is soon translating between the guerillas and the hundreds of downed allied air crewmen they're hiding from the Germans. At the same time, Lieutenant Drew Carlton has been assigned to pilot training duty in Texas after being sent home from Europe, where he showed a lack of courage. As the pilot of a B-24 Flying Fortress, he turned back to base for minor and insignificant reasons rather than fly the bombing mission he'd been assigned. Now, he's training C-47 cargo pilots. He jumps at a chance to redeem himself by volunteering for a secret mission dubbed "Operation Halyard," and soon finds himself in Italy, training to fly the unarmed, two-engine C-47 cargo ship into occupied territory behind enemy lines in order to attempt a rescue of the downed air crews. With a deft touch, Mr. Young lays out Carlton's personal struggle to overcome his paralyzing fear of death and his fight to survive the war. It's touch and go all the way to the heroic end of the mission. As usual, Young puts the reader in the cockpit as only a veteran of air combat can do.

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DEC Announces Annual 'Buffer in a Bag' Program – Free Seedlings Available to Qualified Landowners for Streamside Plantings

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the application period for the Trees for Tribes' "Buffer in a Bag" Program is now open. Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.

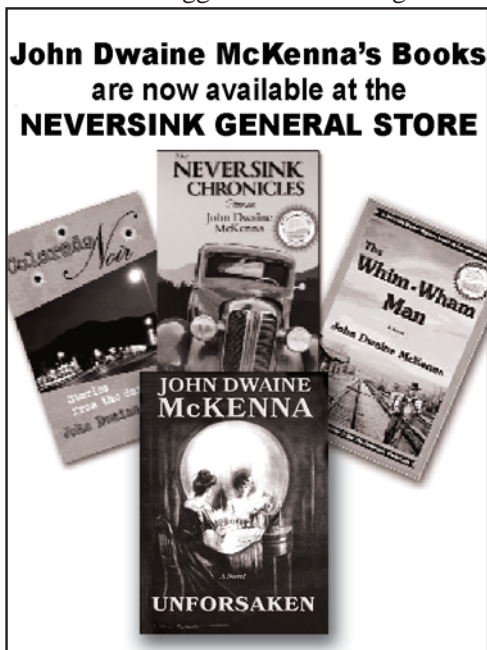
"Small-scale streamside plantings can help decrease erosion, slow floodwaters, and protect fish and wildlife habitat," said Commissioner Seggos. "We encourage New York landowners with waterside properties to participate in DEC's 'Buffer in a Bag' program to bolster our efforts to protect water quality and safeguard communities from flooding."

To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river, or lake, and provide photos or a map of the planting location. Previous recipients are encouraged to reapply to continue to build riparian buffers. Applicants are eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings and recipients are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of 350 bags will be available statewide for this round of applications.

Landowners in the Hudson River Estuary watershed (PDF) may be eligible for additional assistance with streamside planting projects. For details, visit the Hudson River Estuary Program's webpage.

Seedlings are provided by DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery. The Trees for Tribes program is managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests and supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Governor Hochul's 2022-23 Executive Budget proposes increasing the EPF from \$300 to \$400 million, which would be the highest level of funding in the program's history. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.

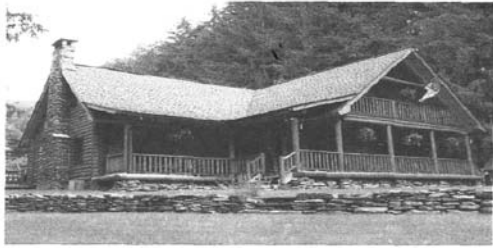
Visit DEC's website for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process. Applications are due by 3 p.m. on April 11, 2022. Contact treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov with questions and visit DEC's Trees for Tribes webpage to learn more: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html#Bagtreesfortribs@dec.ny.gov> with questions and visit DEC's Trees for Tribes webpage to learn more.



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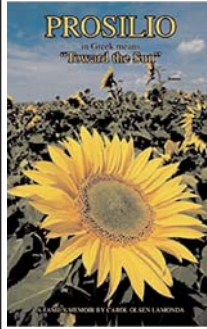
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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has



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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda February (BRRR)



Eighth graders and much of the careless population tend to leave the "R" out of the words February and library in both speech and spelling. I would always remind my students to remember that "R" is for the **READING** we do in the library. I would tell them to remember how cold and icy February is making us say, "BRRR." Well, icy storm Landon made me go "BRRR" even in my own home This is a February I will long remember.

We were without electricity for three full days and cable for almost four. Luckily we have a woodstove and plenty of firewood. We also had a portable generator that runs our heat, water, and lights and power a few rooms of the house. We fared better than most who

suffered longer outages, frozen pipes, and damage from trees falling on wires and buildings. I feel like I lived through life lesson "Pioneer Woman 101."

I must admit the iced over landscape turned the sunlight into prisms of magical proportion. Photos would not do justice to the oak trees that look like they were decorated with Christmas lights and tinsel.

I was thinking February can be a stormy month when cabin fever sets in. It is the month that has us counting the days until spring. The jubilation of the first snow fades into the annoying chores of plowing and shoveling..

Good thing February is our shortest month and chock full of holidays. We have Groundhog's Day where we decide our weather forecast on the whim of a rodent; we have Presidents' Day, which used to be two holidays now one; we have Super Bowl Sunday with its hoopla of football, half-time extravaganza and mandatory chicken wings and snacks, and we have Valentine's Day that makes us spend fortunes for cards, candy, flowers, and jewelry out of guilt or retribution. All of these holidays are man-made modern celebrations, not based in religion or cultural traditions. It's as if we felt sorry for this month that gets cheated out of days and good weather.





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DAYS OF YORE.....

Today's History
(From Pg. 3)

February 16, 1972

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gildersleeve who are the proud parents of a son born on Friday, February 11th. He weighed in at 8 1/2 pounds and was 21 inches long. He will be name Guy Alan. Guy has three sisters and two brothers.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison, 30 years on February 21st

February 18, 1982

Richard A. Roberts, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Roberts of Woodbourne, has successfully completed the Operational Specialist "A" School at Virginia Beach, Va. where he specialized in Radar Technology. After spending a two-week furlough at home with his parents, he traveled to California to receive advanced training in Computer Technology.

Henry Samyn of Barryville, formerly of Neversink, died Monday, Feb. 8, 1982 at the Veteran's Hospital, Albany. He was 64. The son of the late Arthur and Alida DuPont Samyn he was born March 25, 1917 in Belgium. He was a World War II veteran. Survivors include a son, Hendrie Arthur Samyn, Jr. of Neversink.

A group of teenage musicians who call themselves "REIGN" have picked up quite a following playing for dances and other functions in the Tri-Valley and Sullivan County area. The quintet consists of Tony Lenox on drums, James Pond on sax, Bobby Cuttita on bass, Paul Davis on keyboard and Brian Browne on guitar.

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Lenox on drums, James Pond on sax, Bobby Cuttita on bass, Paul Davis on keyboard and Brian Browne on guitar.

Beneath the Bark of a Tree

(From Pg. 3)

Most tree growth occurs at the tips of branches and the tips of roots. The crown of a tree is surrounded by open air, the source of needed oxygen. The roots also grow and need a source of oxygen in the soil. For this reason, roots tend to grow right under the surface. Roots become smaller as they grow outward from the root collar at the base of the trunk. Small, ephemeral absorbing roots grow out of lateral roots, soaking up water and oxygen and other nutrients. These roots are opportunistic - they will grow wherever the conditions are suitable, and will die back if resources are not available.

Whether you are outside or looking outside through a window, keep watching those little leaf buds on the tips of the branches. It won't be long, the buds will start revealing the stirrings nature and let us know Spring is on its way!

SS Mask Mandate Ended Feb. 10th

Monticello, NY - Following a similar announcement today by Governor Kathy Hochul, Sullivan County Manager Joshua A. Potosek announced that, with certain exceptions, the mask mandate will no longer be in effect on County property as of tomorrow, Thursday, February 10.

"This is due to a rapidly declining COVID-19 infection rate and continually rising vaccination rates," Potosek explained. "As a result, I'm lifting the mask mandate in most County facilities tomorrow. Masks can continue to voluntarily be worn by staff and the public on County property, but they will no longer be a requirement, whether they are vaccinated against coronavirus or not."

However, current State guidelines still mandate that anyone who tests positive for COVID should immediately isolate for five (5) days, regardless of whether they are showing symptoms or not. After that five-day period has ended, they can return to public and work spaces but **MUST** wear a well-fitting mask for five (5) more days. Anyone who feels sick or is exhibiting symptoms should not enter a County facility.

There are several locations and situations where masks will remain a requirement of all, regardless of vaccination status:

- The Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty
- The County Courthouse in Monticello
- Family Court (in the annex of the Sullivan County Government Center) in Monticello
- The lobby of the Department of Family Services (the Travis Building) in Liberty
- The COVID-19 vaccination clinics conducted by Public Health Services
- Move Sullivan and Sullivan County Transportation buses, and any other County vehicles used to transport the public
- The Sullivan County Jail in Monticello
- All direct patient care staff of the Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) at Public Health Services

Schools, nursing homes and other congregate settings remain under a State mask mandate, and businesses continue to be free to set standards stricter than those put in place by the State.

"Wearing a mask remains a recommended way to help avoid respiratory illnesses like COVID, and both employees and the general public should never be made to feel that they cannot take this preventive action on their own," noted Potosek. "That said, I welcome this step toward a return to pre-pandemic life."



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Don't Stop Celebrating Sullivan Catskills

Even if you didn't celebrate National Pizza Day, the pizza's always mouth-watering from traditional pizza to wood-fired whole wheat or sourdough pies, our pizzaiolos will leave you wanting for more. Check out the inventive creations at Benji and Jakes, The Laundrette, Kaatskeller, Albella, Casa Di Longobardi, Colosseo Family Restaurant and Pizzeria, Crust Italian Eatery, Lakeview Pizzeria Bar and Grill, Peppino's, The Corner Piazza, and Local Pizza. Humans cannot live on pizza alone, though. While you're here you owe it to your tastebuds to indulge in the culinary specialties of our Catskill-icious chefs, bakers, short-order cooks, farmers, and producers including our vintners, brewers, cider makers, and distillers on the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail.

Romance is still calling? Try for a last minute special dinner or weekend reservation: at Eldred Preserve, Yo1 Health Resort, or Resorts World Catskills. Valentines' Day Dinner at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant, Conover Club at Callicoon Hills, Seminary Hill Cidery, The Arnold House, Kenoza Hall or The Junction. Be sure to check SullivanCatskills.com, Instagram and Facebook feeds, too, for the most up-to-date happenings!

The Town of Neversink held its 1st Annual Winterfest Saturday at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. It was a free event full of good old-fashioned winter fun: ice-skating, sledding, tubing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice carving demonstrations and local makers in the craft barn. Food and beverage purchases supported the local kids' sports organizations. And you could even stop by the beer garden for a brew, cider or wine provided by the Roadhouse

Rolling Bar. There were fire pits to stay warm, and live music by Jesse Noren and Shane Rennison. If you missed it this year, be sure to make a note on your calendar for next year. It was a great day of fun for everyone!

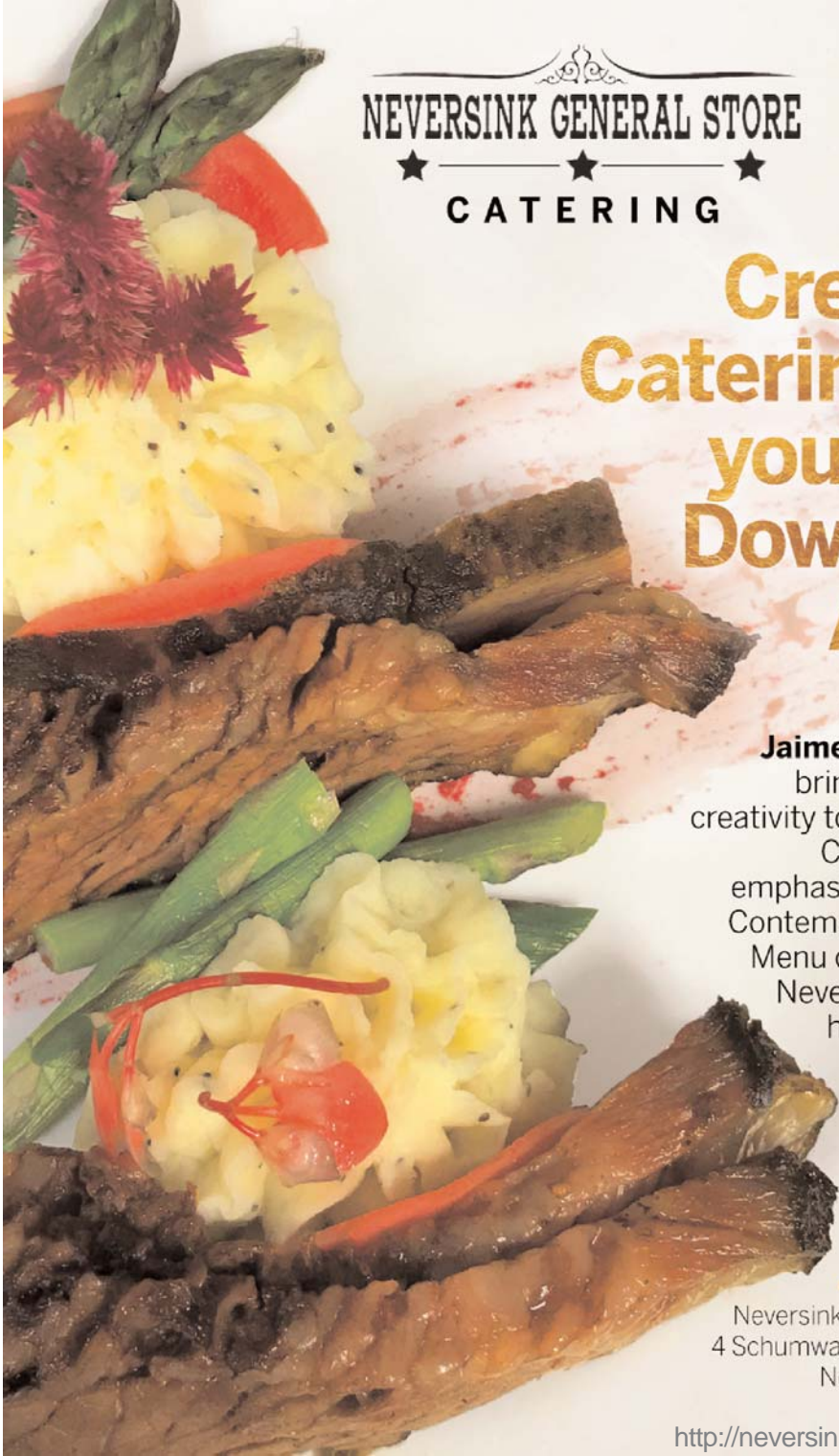
Don't forget to visit our shopkeepers and take home some Sullivan Catskills goodness. And the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail is a great way to see our spectacular countryside.

Looking ahead to President's Day Weekend (and another day off) come join us for more winter fun:

- Catskills Luau February 19 at The Arnold House - It's a Pig Roast Feast with tiki drink, live entertainment, Karaoke and more.
- Find the perfect suite at the President's Day Getaway Weekend at Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark where it's always 84° inside.
- President's Day Weekend at Villa Roma February 18-21 features great holiday weekend rates for the whole family. Come ski or snow tube. Or stay warm inside and play shuffleboard, bocce ball, ping pong, or Villa Roma's Got Bounce.

Our hoteliers can't wait to see you. Choose from a full-service resort, quaint inn or B&B, or vacation rental. Then pack your bags and a facemask. Our proprietors are all following the Catskills Confidence program and taking steps to help you feel safe and confident while you're here and keep us all healthy and happy.

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SUNY Sullivan Student Receives Scholarship



SUNY Sullivan student Gavin Simpson of Livingston Manor, NY is the 2021 winner of the New York State Sheriff's Institute Criminal Justice Scholarship. Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty were on campus Wednesday, February 9, 2022 to present Gavin Simpson with a \$500 check on behalf of the Institute. After graduating high school Simpson spent 3 years in the US Army and is currently a member of the National Guard. He is enrolled in SUNY Sullivan's Criminal Justice program in preparation for a career in law enforcement. In the photo (l to r) is Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, Sheriff Michael Schiff, scholarship recipient Gavin Simpson, Associate Professor Robert Eiler and SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance.

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

No column this week. See you next week!

Listen Live to Sullivan County's All-Star 'Opry' Band! To Be Held February 27 in Hurleyville

Hurleyville, NY - Ever wonder what happens when you put a legendary rock-a-billy and country singer, a twangy steel guitar player, a world-class jazz and bluegrass guitarist, an R&B bass player, a seasoned keyboardist, a folk singer/conga player, and an Americana duo together on stage?

Well, now you can find out...



Guitarist Van Manakas

The Sullivan County Historical Society concerts are back! Sunday, February 27, local favorites Jay Ganz, pedal steel guitar; Mickey Barnett, vocals; Gary Barnett, keyboards; Van Manakas, electric guitar; Ellen Iovino, vocals and congas; and Jeff Anderson, bass, will kick off the new series. The music is hosted by Carol and Aldo of Little Sparrow, and will feature a selection of Americana songs, from Elvis and Hank to Jerry and Bob.

Doors open at 1 p.m., and the music starts at 2. (Snow date is Sunday, March 6.) Donations will be gratefully accepted, with all proceeds going directly to the musicians.

The program is sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society, located in the Sullivan County Museum at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. Call 845-434-8044 for more info, or visit www.scnyhistory.org for directions.

Olive Free Library's Exhibition "Forged in Ink: A Community of Printmakers" Opens March 10

The Olive Free Library Association is very pleased to present the exhibition *Forged in Ink: A Community of Printmakers* showcasing the works of eight Hudson Valley artists who have dedicated a great amount of their creative time to printmaking. The show, curated by Maxine Davidowitz and Susanna Ronner will run from March 19 through May 7, 2022 with an opening on Saturday, March 19 from 4 – 6 pm.

Maxine Davidowitz says about this exhibition, "Printmakers are lucky. Most artists work solo in their studios, but printmakers often share a studio space, laying fertile ground for a camaraderie to develop that is like no other. Deep bonds may form as the artists exchange ideas and support each other, both in their work and in their lives. The Woodstock School of Art's printmaking facility, beautifully renovated in 2016, has become just such a refuge and source of inspiration for a group of artists who have honed their printmaking skills under the guidance of Olive's own Kate McGloughlin.

Here, some of this group—including their mentor—exhibit their works, ranging from monotype to collagraph and mixed media. Included are the works on paper of Maxine Davidowitz, Bobbi Esmark, Joan Ffolliott, Kate McGloughlin, Eileen Power, Susanna Ronner, Muriel Stallworth, and Claudia Waruch."

Maxine Davidowitz: Maxine Davidowitz is a painter and printmaker based in West Shokan, NY, whose work is an abstract and intuitive response to the natural world, combining loose painterly marks with hard-edged geometric forms. After a career as a magazine creative director, she returned to a fine art practice in 2008, studying under Annie Lapin, Nuala Clarke, Ilana Manolson, Donald Elder, Jenny Nelson, Kate McGloughlin, and others. She exhibits her work frequently at venues in the Northeast and her work is in private collections throughout the US. She has been awarded residencies at the Cill

Rialaig Project in Ireland and the Brush Creek Arts Foundation in Wyoming. She serves as Chair of the Board of the Woodstock Artists Association & Museum and is delighted to be co-curating this exhibition with Susanna Ronner.

Bobby Esmark: Bobby Esmark is a painter, printmaker, and poet who lives and has her studio in New York's mid-Hudson Valley. She did her foundation studies at the Art Students League of New York and has a BFA in painting from SUNY New Paltz. Her early career included work as an audiovisual editor for educational films and as an administrator for experimental conceptual artists, galleries, and organizations in New York City. She was an award-winning graphic designer for SUNY New Paltz and head of publications for the SUNY system, a path that culminated in two decades of raising funds for and promoting public higher education, the arts, and the environment. In 2005 she opened beGallery in High Falls NY, showing the works of local and international artists. She closed the gallery in 2009 to work solely as a visual artist. Esmark returned, in 2018, to printmaking – a long lost love – through the Woodstock School of Art and Kate McGloughlin's Friday classes. This body of work is possible only through that supportive and inspiring community, a deep and abiding love of printmaking, and the extraordinary resource that the school provides. (Contd. Pg. 51)




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Woodbourne Man Arrested for Illegal Firearm Sales



John J. Wallace

A Woodbourne man has been arrested by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office after a six month investigation into illegal firearms sales.

John J. Wallace, age 48, of Ulster Heights Rd in the Town of Fallsburg was arrested on Friday (2/11/22) after deputies and federal agents executed a search warrant at his residence. Wallace is barred from the possession of any firearms due to a previous conviction that occurred in 2019 and is currently on supervised probation by the Sullivan County Probation Department. It is alleged that in the time since his conviction,

the defendant has continued to possess and sell multiple firearms to multiple persons.

Recovered during the investigation was a 9mm handgun and nine AR-15 rifles, two of which had no serial numbers assigned and are commonly known as "ghost guns". Deputies also recovered 53 high capacity rifle magazines. Wallace was charged with Criminal Sale of a Firearm in the Third Degree (class D felony), 3 counts-Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, with previous conviction (class D felony), 2 counts- Criminal Possession of an Assault Weapon in the Third Degree (class D felony), Criminal Possession of Weapon in the Second degree, by possessing a loaded AR-15 rifle (class C felony), Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, by possessing five or more firearms (class C felony), and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree (class D felony), by possessing multiple large capacity ammunition feeding devices. He was arraigned before Town of Fallsburg Court Judge Jamie Kaminski and committed to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Sullivan County Probation Department, Town of Fallsburg Police, Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations.

Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff thanked all of the law enforcement agencies that were involved and commended the work of Sergeant Blake Starner who was the lead investigator in the case.

This arrest comes just two weeks before the implementation of new legislation aimed to combat untraceable firearms (ghost guns) from being possessed or sold in New York State.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Mobile Disaster Assistance Centers to Help Residents with Ice Storm Recovery

Ulster County will deploy a traveling Disaster Assistance Center team to several of the most heavily-impacted parts of the county - in Kingston, Rosendale and Woodstock - over the next week to assist Ulster County residents with storm recovery needs and insurance claims

A Disaster Assistance Center is a readily accessible facility where residents can access information about and support from County and other disaster assistance programs, or for questions related to insurance claims or assistance

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that over the next week, Ulster County departments in coordination

with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will deploy a traveling Disaster Assistance Center to assist Ulster County residents at three locations throughout the county with storm recovery needs and insurance claims. Staffed by the New York State Department of Financial Services, and the Ulster County Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, and Office for the Aging, with Veterans Services on call, the Disaster Assistance Center will provide a one-stop shop for Ulster County residents to receive critical storm recovery services and support from Ulster County government.

"While our power has thankfully returned, many of our residents are still dealing with the devastating impacts of last weekend's ice storm," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I would like to thank the NYS Department of Financial Services and the multitude of County Departments that we have assembled to help our residents deal with everything from insurance claims to housing assistance."

"No New Yorker will be forced to weather this storm alone, and we are taking a whole of government approach in the recovery, including deploying a dedicated Disaster Assistance Center to help Ulster County residents with insurance claims," Governor Kathy Hochul said. "To those that are still struggling in the aftermath of the storm, we will continue working around the clock to help get you the support you need. I want to thank our partners in government and the private sector for their efforts in the storm recovery."

"Although the storm is over and power has been restored, Ulster residents continue to recover from this severe ice event and it is critical for our government partners to provide readily accessible information to assist the recovery process." New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray said. "Thanks to County Executive Ryan and his team for quickly standing up these facilities and for their partnership in working through the weather emergency."

A Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) is a readily accessible facility where residents can get information about County and other disaster assistance programs, or for questions related to filing for insurance claims or other assistance.

Some of the services that the DAC will provide include:

- Guidance regarding disaster recovery assistance and programs for survivors
- Answers to questions, resolution to problems and referrals to agencies that may provide further assistance
- Housing assistance and rental resource information
- Mental Health services

Ulster County Disaster Assistance Center (DAC)

Ulster County will be setting up a mobile DAC for the following areas and days with daily hours of operation from 10AM to 6PM:

- Kingston City Hall, Council Chambers, 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401
- Friday, February 11th
- Monday, February 14th
- Rosendale Community Center, 1055 NY Route 32, Rosendale, NY 12472
- Tuesday, February 15th
- Wednesday, February 16th
- Woodstock Community Center, 56 Rock City Road, Woodstock, NY 12498
- Thursday, February 17th
- Friday, February 18th

For public transportation options to the DAC, visit <https://ucat.ulstercountyny.gov/>. If you are unable to travel to the above DAC locations, call the Department of Financial Services Disaster Hotline at (800) 339-1759 for financial assistance, or the Ulster County Recovery Service Center at (845) 443-8888 for County services.

For more information and resources on storm recovery, follow @UlsterNY on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

WOW! What a Great Day! What a Great Winterfest!

(From Pg. 1)



The Challenge! What goes down hill, must go back up hill to have more fun! This little toddler is climbing her way back to the top!



If you were a newbie on the ice, you could still skate safely as you learn. What a clever idea!



Jayce spent the afternoon sledding and making snow angels. Then it came time for a hot cocoa break and a little warmth from one of the fires that were available to all.



Ric Coombe made sure the ice was perfect



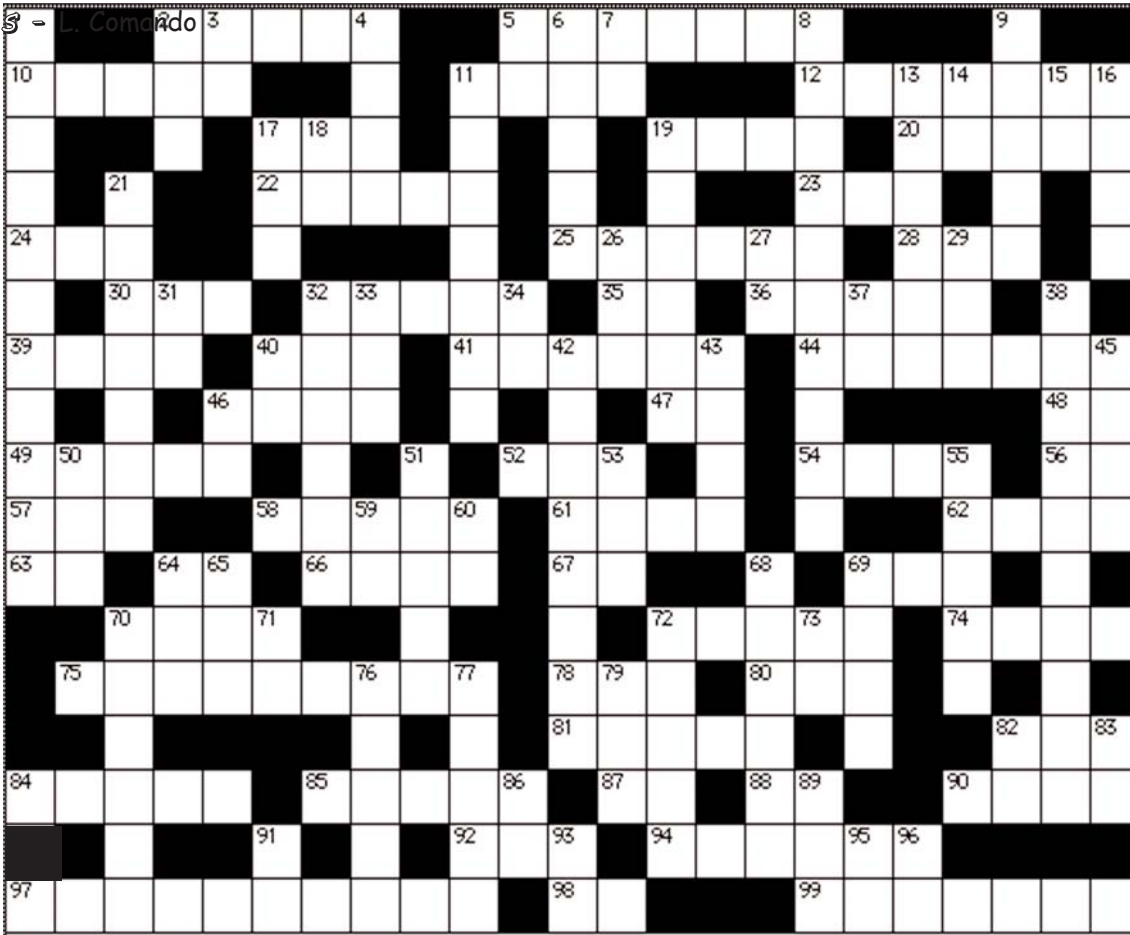
Another fun thing to do –or watch– Jenga. Looks like this game was over!



Miss Spirit of the East Coast made a special appearance, too!

A big THANK YOU to Cher Wohl and the Town of Neversink Parks & Rec, and all who helped make the **1st Annual Winterfest** such a great and memorable event!

Winter's Not Over Yet! - L. Comando



- 77 Country-side
- 79 Earnings per share
- 82 Common Era
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- 89 Lyric poem
- 91 Used to link alternatives
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Impossibly Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu

- 1 cup cubed cooked chicken
- 2/3 cup cubed cooked ham
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup Bisquick baking mix
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/3 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup chive-and-onion sour cream potato topper
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 eggs
- Chopped fresh chives, if desired

Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. Layer chicken, ham and cheese in pie plate.

In medium bowl, mix remaining ingredients with whisk or fork until blended. Pour over cheese in pie plate.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. If desired, serve with additional potato topper and fresh chives.

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Can you find your way through the maze?

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

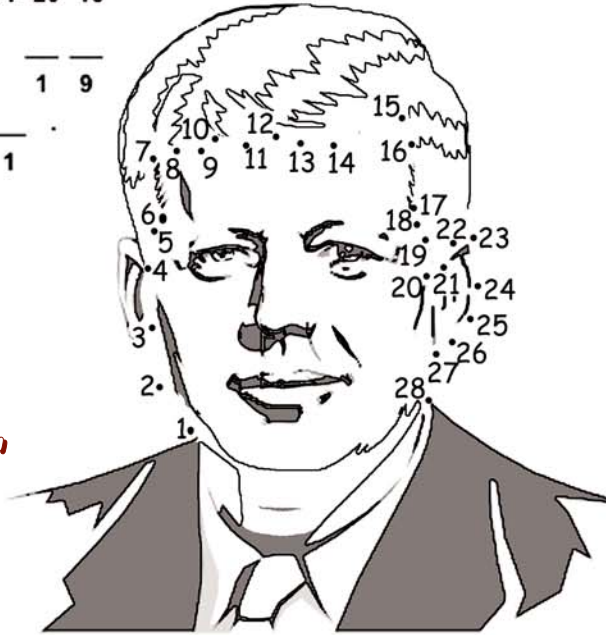
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Find the differences between the two scenes that could have been Lincoln's childhood cabin.



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Presidents' Word Search

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saving and preservation activities. They assist with children's eye testing, collecting eyeglasses and contributions to organizations for the blind. They also participate in vaccinations for dogs and cats. It has recently become involved in diabetic prevention activities. Every Thanksgiving they contribute to our local churches.

The Lions community fundraising activities include the soda booth concession at the Grahamsville Little World's Fair, the tractor show and of course the Daniel Pierce Library Halloween children's parade and pumpkin party and its walk-a-thon.

The Daniel Pierce Library is a Grahamsville landmark and community institution along with its adjacent Time and The

Valley Museum. There is a special room in the library for the Lions Board of Directors to meet and hold their Christmas party on the lower level.

It would appear that the Daniel Pierce Library and Tri-Valley Lions interests and activities are communally interrelated.

Two years ago, when the covid illness first struck our area, schools closed, the library closed and the Town Hall took precautions.

There were few if any local places to get a document notarized send a fax or even make a photocopy. As a community service, the law office of William A. Brenner at the intersection of Routes 42 and 55, gave free notaries, sent free faxes and made free copies. For people who wanted to donate something, a seal coffee can was set up (with a slit on top) where donations would all be donated to the Daniel Pierce Library. After a few months, the can was given to the library front desk. A week later the head librarian would send a thank you.

This year, as covid hit again, William Brenner, an officer with the Lions, recommended that the tin coffee can be set up again for free notaries, faxes and photocopies. The proceeds would be donated to the Daniel Pierce Library on behalf of the Tri-Valley Lions with our thanks.

A few days later, the Lions received a letter which said:

To President Steve Miller, and the members of the Tri-Valley Lions Club-Thank you again and again for taking time in making our Daniel Pierce Library so special! The can had \$200.00 in it! Thank the Lions Club for us!

Fondly,
Jen Thomas and the Daniel Pierce Library Board

The Tri-Valley Lions Donate Coffee Can Chock Full of Money to Daniel Pierce Library

The Daniel Pierce Library members were pleasantly surprised when at their January, 2022 monthly meeting, they were greeted by Tri-Valley Lions President Stephen Miller and Vice President William Brenner who presented the library with a tightly taped metal can (with a slit on the top) chocked full of money.

Many library members had attended by Zoom where they participated from home.

The coffee can was sealed and not opened at the busy meeting.

The Tri-Valley Lions is a local fraternal and service organization. The Tri-Valley chapter was started around 1975 with Donald Terbush its Chapter President. Due to enthusiastic acceptance, a Tri-Valley Liouess group was created with Fran Terbush then Sylvia Rosenberg as President, for a ladies night out. They met each month at the Blue Hill Lodge up the hill in Claryville, New York in the town of Denning, Ulster County. Back then, it was opened and operated by Grahamsville's Gerhard Henke. He and his family went frantic that one day each month as the Tri-Valley Lions and Lionesses constantly grew and then combined to meet together.

The Tri-Valley Lions are primarily involved with eyesight

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

STEM Day at SUNY Sullivan

Saturday, March 26 | 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
(11:30 a.m. check-in)

SUNY Sullivan Campus
112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY

Do you like discovering the unknown, finding solutions, and being hands-on? Explore all the possibilities at SUNY Sullivan STEM Day!

Learn about SUNY Sullivan's STEM programs like Mathematics, Environmental Science, Biology, Computer Science & Green Building Technology.

Meet our STEM Faculty & watch live demonstrations.

Enjoy tours of the campus, field house & residence hall at 2 p.m. after the event.

Plus, enjoy Instant Acceptance with a valid high school transcript!

REGISTER NOW at: <https://suny-sullivan.com/stem-day/>

Registration requested, not required.

Please Take Notice: Covid-19 Home Test Kits

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Town of Denning Town Hall
1567 Denning Road Claryville, NY
Mondays through Thursdays
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
until they are gone.

Call (845) 985-2411 for more information.

Full Time Residents Only
Proof of Denning
residency required
ONE kit per household
(2 tests)
Signature required

Ulster County
is tracking distribution

Fallsburg CSD Board of Education

February Meeting

February 16, 2022

March Meetings

March 2, 2022

March 16, 2022

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level,
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Upper Level,
Regular Meeting #16 resumes approximately 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Thursday, March 3, 2022,

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

All Board Meetings will be broadcast on our
YouTube Live Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVa024w/live>

VETERANS STAND-DOWN

HOSTED BY
VET2VET OF SULLIVAN COUNTY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2022 11AM - 5PM

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(845) 794 - 4228

Vet2Vet@atitoday.org

Monticello Kiwanis and Aktion Clubs Send Valentine Greetings to Care Center Residents



Care Center Activity Director Miranda Page accepted the Valentine cards and chocolate pops from Monticello Kiwanis Public Relations Chairperson Sheila Lashinsky .

The Monticello Kiwanis and Sullivan County Aktion Clubs joined together to present Valentine Cards and chocolate rose pops to the residents at the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty, NY to let them know that they are thought of and hopefully make their day a little more special.



Sampling of cards made by Kiwanis and Aktion Club members.

The Aktion Club is co-sponsored by Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs and the members are affiliated with Center for Discovery, Arc of Greater Hudson Valley and New Hope Community. These individuals have various degrees of physical or developmental disabilities but also have big hearts filled with love and so enjoy giving back to the community.

FCSD Acknowledges Graduating Seniors on Fallsburg/Tri-Valley Wrestling Team

Before the final home meet of the season, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) honored the two graduating seniors, Allie Weiner (FHS) and Cody Bound (Tri-Valley), from the Fallsburg/Tri-Valley Wrestling Team. Cody's grandmother and Allie's parents were presented bouquets of flowers. FCSD Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian welcomed everyone to the event. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz celebrated the seniors and the wrestling team.

Coach David Mellan thanked each senior for the contributions they made to the team both and off the wrestling mat. They will be missed.



Allie Weiner and Cody Bound

The Daniel Pierce Library Presents...



Time and the Valleys Museum Event

Saturday, March 12th

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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



Advanced online registration at danielpiercelibrary.org is required.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

In case of inclement weather, please check our FB page.

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry
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vicardcem@gmail.com
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

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(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 3:00 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales will reopen in the Spring
See you then



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

Dial by your location
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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)


The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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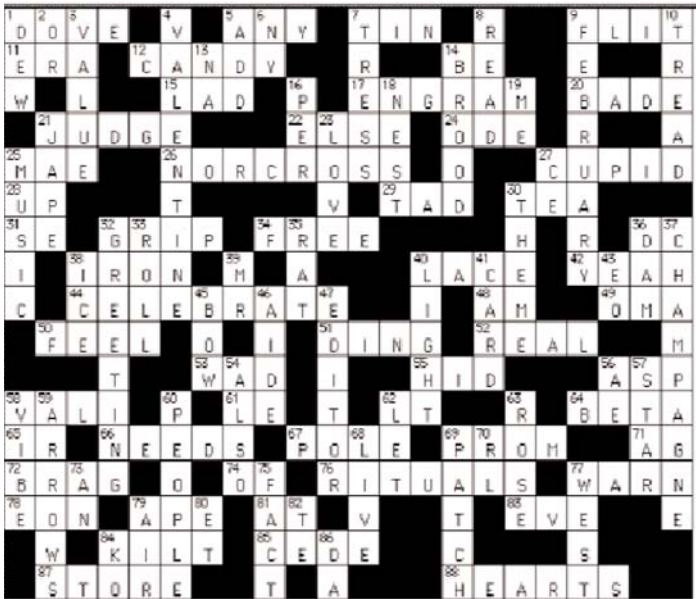
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

Tri-Valley Little League Registration Dates

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

- Feb. 16, 5 pm- 8pm
- Feb. 19, 11am -3pm
- Feb. 26, 11am -3pm

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

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

You can also register online at tvleague.org
All minor and major registrations include raffle tickets. If you register online please make sure you contact us to get your tickets.

Questions or concerns send us an email trivalleyleague@gmail.com or call Larry Whipple at 914-799-1490

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Celebrate at Daniel Pierce Library

MARDI GRAS DONUTS coming March 1, 2022!
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Did you enjoy our delicious donuts last fall at the Pumpkin Party? Here is your chance to order a dozen or two in time for Mardi Gras. Pre-orders only. Choose between plain or cinnamon sugar donuts. Orders are by the dozen. Cost is \$6 per dozen. In order to have donuts ready all orders must be submitted by February 22, 2022. Payment instructions are included with the order form. If you need help contact us at 985-7233.

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

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2/15/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/20/22 Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
- 2/21/22 Town of Neversink Holiday **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/27/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/1/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/2/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/8/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/9/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/15/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Local Town Hall Websites:

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update February 14 - February 18, 2022

Monday, February 14

- o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings. Meeting ID: 843 9989 2283, Passcode: 897625, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Board of Health, Powered by Zoom Meetings. Meeting ID: 849 0261 0293, Passcode: 153744, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, February 15

- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 818 1196 7142, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following the Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 863 4162 8173, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Caucus: Republicans, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 858 9367 7963, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Legislative Session, This meeting will be livestreamed and available via vimeo at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>. Public Comment is administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us

Wednesday, February 16

- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 10:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board of Directors, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 4:00 PM - Periodic Compensation Review Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings. Meeting ID: 880 1982 8126, Passcode: 036312, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, February 17

- o 5:30 PM - Youth Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings. Meeting ID: 997 2737 2088, Passcode: 178045, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, February 18

- o 12 Noon - Resolution Deadline

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20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")
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Business card ad (2" x 3")
\$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week

(4" x 6") - \$48.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$40.00 per week

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

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x10" - \$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer - 8"x10 - \$100.00 per week

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

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

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Valentines for Vets from the Hearts of Children at BCES

For the past several years, Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) has sent hundreds of hand-made Valentine's Day cards to veterans in New York State V.A. Hospitals. This year's program began during the week of January 13 and finished on February 1, in time for every card to be processed for mailing.

The effort is school-wide, and every child has a chance to participate. Teachers from Pre-K through Sixth Grade, devote



a period from their schedules to provide materials for the students to focus on discussing who veterans are and what they mean to America. Kids share if they have veterans in their families now or whether their parents and other relatives served in the military services. Valentine's Day is special to children of all ages. It is a time to focus on the heart. That is why this program is part of the BCES yearly schedule.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Lifts Public Health Emergency, Says Ulster County Has Hit a New Phase of the Pandemic

• Citing public health progress, County Executive Ryan says, “COVID may still remain a part of our lives, but we cannot let it dominate our lives.”

In late November, County Executive Pat Ryan declared a public health state of emergency due to a rapid rise in positivity rates exacerbated by the emergence of the Omicron variant

• The emergency order expired on Friday, allowed Ulster County to rapidly procure over 50,000 at-home kits, bolster countywide vaccination efforts, and provide additional resources to keep local schools open safely

• Executive Order requiring all Ulster County employees and visitors to County buildings, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks indoors is also being lifted

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that he will not be extending the Public Health Emergency order that was originally issued in late November due to a rapid rise in positivity rates brought on by the emergence of the Omicron variant. Peaking at an all-time-high of 7,569 active cases on January 16th, Ulster County today reported 362 active cases. Citing public health progress, and upon the recommendation of Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith, County Executive Pat Ryan says Ulster County has hit a new phase of the pandemic. The order, set to expire on Friday, allowed Ulster County to rapidly procure and distribute over 50,000 at-home kits, bolster countywide vaccination and booster efforts, and secure additional resources for schools districts to remain open safely.

“As we have done from the onset of the pandemic, Ulster County will continue to follow real-time data and listen to public health experts when making decisions regarding COVID-19,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “As our active case count has plummeted to levels that we had pre-Omicron, I have decided to lift our Public Health State of Emergency. We have entered a new phase of the pandemic: while COVID may remain a part of our lives, we cannot let it dominate our lives. We now have a set of proven tools, from vaccines and boosters to widely-available testing, that empower us to shift our approach. As we look ahead, I still strongly encourage residents to get vaccinated, get their booster shots, and continue to take necessary precautions.”

In August, County Executive Pat Ryan signed an Executive Order requiring all Ulster County employees, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks indoors in response to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. The order also required members of the public to wear a mask when entering County-owned buildings and facilities. This order is also being lifted

DROP BOX NOW AVAILABLE AT NEVERSINK TOWN HALL

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

feel free to use this box for tax payments, dog license renewals and any other Town Clerk business.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT CASH
IN THE DROP BOX.**

Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County Hosts First “Veterans Stand-Down” on February 26

MONTICELLO, NY: Over 15 providers and exhibitors will be present at the Veterans Stand-Down on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center in Monticello.

The free event, being held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. is hosted by Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County - a peer networking program for Veterans by Veterans. Vet 2 Vet provides Veteran peer support, peer counseling, financial literacy, advocacy, benefit advisement and more. The event is sponsored by Action Toward Independence.

In addition to the providers and exhibitors, the Veterans Stand-Down will include Veteran networking, help for Veterans in need, assistance for homeless Veterans, and other Veteran services. Veterans Administration representatives will be on hand, and military surplus clothing will be available. Benefit assistance will be offered throughout the day by accredited officers.

Food will be provided by the Yit Foundation and Buffalo Wild Wings, Jersey Mike's Subs, Action Toward Independence, Pizza Hut and Red Lobster.

The Ted Stroebele Recreation Center is located at 8 Jefferson Street, Monticello. For additional information contact Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County at 845-794-4228 or email Vet2Vet@atitoday.org.



Medicare 101

Live Zoom Webinar

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

Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent

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

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

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

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

SC Warming Centers Staying Open

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County will keep open its two warming shelters early this week in Liberty and Monticello:

- United Methodist Church, 170 North Main Street, Liberty
- Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello

These facilities will be open to anyone from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. from Monday, February 14 to Tuesday, February 15 (through the morning of Wednesday, February 16). PLEASE NOTE: Masks continue to be required.

A comprehensive and interactive map of these locations is available on the County website at www.sullivanyny.us/Departments/RealProperty/GISData. Click on the "Warming and Cooling Center Locator" app button at the bottom of the page.

In addition, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) - which can provide funds for fuel and heating system repair/replacement - continues Countywide, including aid for emergency heating situations. For more information, call 845-807-0142.

During the daytime hours (12-1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, except holidays), the Federation for the Homeless at 9 Monticello Street in Monticello offers takeout food, and after-hours emergency food requests can be made to the Federation at 845-798-8774. The Federation's pantry is open to all (no documentation required) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Friday, as well.

SC Launches 2022 Plans & Progress Program

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County has made \$100,000 available for municipalities, non-profits, and community organizations through the renewal of the Plans & Progress Community Development incentive program.

The Plans & Progress Program provides grants of up to \$10,000 to assist local municipalities, community groups, and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County with projects related to tourism, community and economic development, image enhancement, trails development, health improvement, agricultural and farmland protection, and other community goals.

"This program has proven vital to a number of worthwhile initiatives, and I'm pleased that we have been able to allocate funding to enable it to return," District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee, said. "I invite anyone to email or call our Planning team to find out whether they're eligible and how they can obtain one of these truly transformative grants."

The program is administered by the Division of Planning, Community Development and Environmental Management. More information, including the program guidelines and application forms, is available on the County website at SullivanNY.us. To find it, go the Planning Division page and look in the lefthand menu column for "Community Development and Housing."

Applications will be received and reviewed on a rolling basis until all program funds have been committed. To be considered in the first round of reviews, applications must be received by 4 p.m. on March 4, 2022. Completed applications may be submitted electronically or delivered to the Division of Planning & Community Development, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss any projects with the Division of Planning and Community Development prior to


applying. Staff is available to answer questions and to assist potential applicants with project development and applications. For more information, contact Planning@sullivanyny.us, or call (845) 807-0527.

A Big Step Forward for Esopus Creek Protections Department of Environmental Conservation Requiring Additional Analysis of Alternatives to Ashokan Reservoir Releases, Drinking Water Impacts, and How Climate Change Will Affect Releases

Hurleyville, NY - The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announced today that it is sending the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) back to the drawing board for further consideration of the adverse environmental and human impacts of muddy releases from the Ashokan Reservoir.

"Requiring further analysis is absolutely the right move," said Kathy Nolan, Catskill Mountainkeeper's Senior Research Director. "We need the strongest plan possible to address releases from the Ashokan Reservoir; one that explores all available options to prevent muddy water from harming streams and rivers, one that protects drinking water supplies, and one that mitigates challenges that the climate crisis is imposing on communities and waterways."

NYCDEP is in the process of applying to NYSDEC for a permit that includes releasing water from the Ashokan Reservoir into the Esopus Creek to reduce the danger of flooding and rid the reservoir of unwanted turbidity (suspended clay and sediments). Levels of turbidity in the Ashokan Reservoir and Esopus Creek waters have risen dramatically over the past decades. As part of its application process, N Y C D E P completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) assessing the impacts of Ashokan releases and proposing measures to mitigate those impacts. Contd. Pg. 29)



Town of Neversink Parks & Rec
ICE RINK HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	7pm-9pm
Saturday	1pm-3pm
	&
	7pm-9pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

NOTE: Hours may change during the season based on weather, volunteer availability or usage.

A Big Step Forward for Esopus Creek Protections Department of Environmental Conservation Requiring Additional Analysis of Alternatives to Ashokan Reservoir Releases, Drinking Water Impacts, and How Climate Change Will Affect Releases

(FROM Pg. 28) Last week's decision from NYSDEC requires the City to prepare a supplemental document (SDEIS) to extend their analysis of alternatives, evaluate the types and frequency of releases, address impacts to downstream Hudson River communities' drinking water supplies, and include the potential for the climate crisis to intensify impacts from releases.

"Mountainkeeper applauds NYSDEC for calling on NYCDEP to continue its analysis, and we appreciate the extra effort that NYCDEP must make to work with communities impacted by the releases. None of this work is easy, but it's made easier by having great partners in state and city government," said Nolan.

The Ashokan Reservoir has two basins, one to let sediment settle out over time, with muddier waters detained in that basin. For decades, NYCDEP has released clean water from the reservoir's eastern basin to its drinking water customers, while frequently releasing much muddier water from the reservoir's western basin downstream to the communities along the Lower Esopus (including Olivebridge, Marbletown, Town of Ulster, Saugerties, and Kingston) and finally into the Hudson River.

Catskill Mountainkeeper stands with the Lower Esopus communities concerned about impacts to the creek, as well as with seven municipalities that depend on the Hudson River just south of its confluence with the Esopus for their drinking water. Mountainkeeper's staff testified on March 3, 2020, filed formal comments with NYSDEC in response to the DEIS on June 16, 2020, and engaged its supporters to draft and submit more than 450 comments in support of a more thorough environmental review.

Mountainkeeper will continue to engage in the process of reviewing and evaluating the NYDEP's proposals in the hope that turbidity can be decreased and climate impacts managed effectively, resulting in releases from the Ashokan Reservoir of life-supporting, clean water to the Lower Esopus and communities downstream.

Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

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

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

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- Week In Review."

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

Stewart State Forest – Orange County

Snowmobile Enforcement: On Feb. 5 and 6, Forest Rangers Martin, Parlier, and Sweeney planned a snowmobile enforcement at Stewart State Forest. Rangers covered 30 miles of trails, but the ice storm made snowmobiling conditions less than ideal. Rather than continue with the enforcement, Rangers educated an estimated 100 people enjoying the outdoors about snowmobile safety and preparing for spending time outdoors during winter months.

Town of Hunter – Otsego County

Dog Recovery: On Feb. 7 at 2:45 p.m., Forest Rangers responded to a request to recover a deceased dog at the Lower Falls of Kaaterskill Falls. Rangers Allwine, Dawson, Fox, Jackson, and Petit responded with technical gear to reach the dog in the icy conditions. The unleashed dachshund got away from its owner, slipped, and hit a fence. At 3:35 p.m., Rangers returned the deceased dog to its owner.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

Governor Hochul Announces Successful Pilot of FirstNet Public Safety Network to Enhance NY's Operational Readiness and Emergency Response

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a successful collaboration between the New York Power Authority and AT&T to pilot FirstNet, built with AT&T, as part of a NYPA private wireless Long-Term Evolution (LTE) technology pilot project. FirstNet is the only nationwide, high-speed broadband communications platform dedicated to America's first responders and the extended public safety community. The NYPA project aims to build a secure, robust and reliable LTE network and enhance the statewide utility's readiness and operational and programmatic capabilities. As an organization that could be called upon to help support New York's public safety in day-to-day operations and during emergency response, NYPA is evaluating FirstNet's ability to equip its employees with new capabilities and reliable access to critical information while in the field, allowing them to better serve New York State and advance New York's energy system resiliency goals.

"By taking initiative in modernizing our emergency response systems, New York is leading the way in innovation by taking advantage of new and existing technologies like FirstNet," Governor Hochul said. "This pilot program will help ensure that our electric systems are ready to meet tomorrow's energy reliability challenges. I am proud of this new partnership, as we develop a new and modern emergency response system."

FirstNet is built with AT&T in public-private partnership with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority), an independent agency within the federal government. FirstNet is designed to solve long-standing communications challenges faced by the public safety community, allowing first responders to communicate with one another during everyday situations, big events or emergencies.

An Urgent Letter to Our Tri-Valley Neighbors, Friends, Seniors and Those Who Live Alone

Letter to the Editor:

This past week I went to the Catskill Hudson Bank in Grahamsville to make a deposit. To enter the bank you must wear a facemask and wait in a glass entrance room until a bank teller comes to the plastic partition, opens a slot and takes your deposit or pays you your money. There is also an ATM machine in the lobby.

Due to COVID precautions, there is usually one or two persons, depending on the weather in that outer room.

Also in that room there is a long table with brochures to look at while you wait.

One single page letter in the back was of striking importance to our community. And this letter is a small pile –most customers seem to take one.

The single page letter printed in orange ink was captioned. "IMPOSTER SCAMS".

It was printed not by the bank, but by the Federal Trade Commission (the FTC - telephone 1-877-382-4357 and on line: [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)). Hopefully, and I pray, it is also distributed through all the other banks in Sullivan County and throughout the State.

In my office, I repeatedly have received scam phone calls, FAXES, emails and letters. In addition, repeatedly have received phone calls from friends, neighbors and strangers inquiring about the legitimacy of these tempting and scary scams. The inquiries are from all over –from folks in remote Sundown, Claryville and in Neversink and Grahamsville. Our District Attorney has printed warnings of new scams in the local papers.

I would appreciate if our local paper would print the FTC scam warning in our local paper.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Brenner, Attorney
Grahamsville, NY
(845) 985-7411.

Please Wear
a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

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

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

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect other people.

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

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

On the following page (pg 31) is a copy of the scam warning that Mr. Brenner attached to his letter.



Paying with a gift card or wiring money is like sending cash. Do not send money to people you do not know.

- Do not give out your personal information to people you do not know.
- Do not give access to your computer to people you do not know.

How do I spot an imposter scam?

Most imposter scams look like this:

- someone asks you to put money on a gift card or to wire money

A scammer might use different ways to convince you to send money. The scammer might say:

- you have a problem with your computer and you have to pay to fix it
- you owe taxes to the IRS
- you won a prize, or inherited money, but you have to pay fees first
- you won the lottery, but you have to pay some taxes first
- a friend or family member is in trouble and needs you to send money to help
- you got a check for too much money and need to send back the extra

These are all tricks! When you hear stories like these, you have spotted an imposter scam.

How do I avoid an imposter scam?

Scammers are good at being friendly. They also are good at fooling people. Here is how you can stop a scammer:

- Never send money to someone you do not know.
- Never send money because someone contacted you:
 - > even if you feel like you know the person
 - > even if the person says he is your friend or related to you

What if I already sent money to someone I don't know?

If you sent money to someone who contacted you, report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

- Call the FTC at 1-877-382-4357
- Go online: [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)

The FTC uses complaints to build cases against scammers. Any information you can give helps investigators.

Gillibrand Successfully Leads Bipartisan, Bicameral Call to Protect Civil Right for People with Disabilities Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic; HHS Issues New Guidance to Health Care Providers to Enhance Protections for Those with Disabilities

- *In March Of 2020, A Bipartisan Coalition Urged HHS to Ensure States Adhere To Existing Disability Anti-Discrimination Laws; In May of 2021, A Similar Bipartisan Coalition Requested A Proposed Rule From HHS's Office for Civil Rights Regarding Disability Anti-Discrimination*
- *As of March 2021, Approximately One out of Three People Who Died of COVID-19 Experienced Disabilities In Long-Term Care Facilities*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In May of 2021, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Senator James Lankford (R-OK) led a bicameral letter along with Representatives Chris Smith (R-NJ), Katie Porter (D-CA), and their colleagues to Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Xavier Becerra to push for action on the Department's stalled Request for Information (RFI) regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, "Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Critical Health and Human Services Programs or Activities." The members also called on the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to issue a proposed rule on the topics addressed in the RFI.

At the onset of the pandemic in March of 2020, Senator Gillibrand, alongside Senator Lankford, led a similar bipartisan, bicameral call on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to protect against disability discrimination in state and health provider responses to COVID-19. In the letter to former HHS Secretary Alex Azar and Attorney General William Barr, the bipartisan coalition called for HHS to notify states of their obligations to adhere to anti-discrimination laws - including the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act - when reviewing and developing their "crisis standards of care."

Last week, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra announced new guidance to health care providers to enhance protections for people with disabilities. The new guidance also clarifies that federal civil rights laws apply to individual state Crisis Standards of Care plans.

"Two years into the pandemic, we must remain vigilant for those who live with disabilities and are at greater risk for complications from COVID-19 infection," said Senator Gillibrand. "When the pandemic first hit our nation, I knew the United States had a responsibility to uphold our landmark civil rights laws, and I am proud to have worked with Senator Lankford on this bipartisan effort to honor our commitment to anti-discrimination laws for people with disabilities. I am grateful to the Biden administration and Secretary Becerra for recognizing the importance of this issue and for fighting to protect against disability discrimination during this ongoing pandemic."

In late 2019, the National Council on Disability (NCD) - an independent federal agency specializing in policy matters affecting the lives of people with disabilities - reported on prolific examples of disability bias and discrimination within medical decision-making, even in the absence of a crisis. In late 2021, NCD found that over 181,000 people with disabilities in long-term care facilities died from COVID-19 as of

March 2021, making up approximately one-third of all U.S. COVID-19 deaths.

In addition to Gillibrand and Lankford, the 2020 letter pushing for disability protections in response to COVID-19 was signed by Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Steve Daines (R-MT), and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and led in the U.S. House of Representatives by Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ-04) and Jim Langevin (D-RI-02). The letter was endorsed by nearly 30 leading disability and patient rights organizations. The request in this letter was recommended by the National Council on Disability (NCD).

In addition to Gillibrand and Lankford, the 2021 letter requesting a proposed rule and regulatory action from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding disability anti-discrimination was signed by Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Bob Casey (D-PA), Steve Daines (R-MT) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Representatives Chris Smith (R-NJ-4), Katie Porter (D-CA-45), Jim Langevin (D-RI-2), Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-2), Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1), Ralph Norman (R-SC-5), Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1), Robert Latta (R-OH-5), Andy Harris (R-MD-1), Russ Fulcher (R-ID-1), Brian Babin (R-TX-36), Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-4), and Don Young (R-AK At-large).



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Part of Governor's Comprehensive \$450 Million "Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs" Economic Recovery Initiative

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced progress on her commitment to revitalizing New York State's tourism industry, highlighted by the launch of new I LOVE NY advertising as part of her "Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs" initiative. The new spot will air in domestic television markets and digitally in select global markets, expanding I LOVE NY's paid tourism advertising to overseas markets for the first time. Additionally, guidelines and eligibility screening tools for two tourism industry relief programs totaling \$125 million in support have been published online, encouraging potential applicants to engage with Empire State Development ahead of the open application period next month.

"The pandemic changed the economic landscape of New York State, and tourism was one of the hardest hit industries, as residents and visitors alike were encouraged to stay home," Governor Hochul said. "As we continue our economic recovery, we remain committed to revitalizing tourism across New York State, and thanks to falling COVID cases and hospitalizations, coupled with the collective commitment of vaccinated New Yorkers, we can safely extend an invitation to visitors from around the world. We encourage everyone to plan a first-time trip or a return visit to explore, experience and enjoy all New York State has to offer."

In November, as part of her "Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs" economic recovery initiative, Governor Hochul announced plans for a new I LOVE NY global tourism marketing effort. The new advertising serves to remind domestic and international travelers alike that New York City is open and ready for visitors, and they are invited to come be a part of it. In addition to broadcast advertising in domestic markets, for the first time, I LOVE NY is utilizing a consumer facing international component with digital ads running in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. Additionally, I LOVE NY has partnered with international tour operators to create and promote New York State and New York City travel packages.

The new 30-second ad features a mix of newer attractions and iconic favorites from across New York City, set to "Take the A Train" composed by Billy Strayhorn and performed by Duke Ellington. The ad opens with the Statue of Liberty and a sun-draped Manhattan skyline, followed by the impressive One World Trade Center tower. Grand Central Terminal and Oculus greet visitors as transportation hubs and architectural marvels. Picturesque views await at recently opened attractions like SUMMIT at One Vanderbilt and Little Island at Pier 55, while perennial landmarks like Central Park, Lincoln Center and the Museum of Modern Art extend a timeless invitation.

The governor also announced that eligibility screening tools are available online for two tourism recovery grant programs introduced in November as part of the "Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs" initiative. (Contd. Pg. 36)

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For information, contact Bingo Chair and Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695.



VET 2 VET

Vet 2 Vet is a peer networking program for veterans, by Veterans in Sullivan County. Vet 2 Vet offers Veterans an opportunity to participate in programs in a safe, anonymous, and non-judgmental environment. We also offer advocacy and assistance with navigating the VA System and other services.

CORE SERVICES PROVIDED:

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- Financial Literacy
- Benefit Advisement
- Mental Health Support

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 Visit our website at **atitoday.org**



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NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

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

If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990

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 has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 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!

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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Part of Governor's Comprehensive \$450 Million "Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs" Economic Recovery Initiative

(From Pg. 33) The \$100 Million Tourism Return-to-Work Grant Program is designed to encourage tourism businesses that suffered pandemic-related job and revenue losses to rehire workers. The \$25 Million Meet in New York Grant Program will provide grants to help convention centers and conference spaces bring more events, traveler spending and jobs back to New York State. The websites for both programs offer an eligibility screening tool to help potential applicants determine if they qualify for funding. Applications for these funding programs are expected to be made available in March 2022. More information, including program guidelines and application requirements, can be found here and here.

Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President and CEO-designate Hope Knight said, "New York isn't 'New York' without tourism, which supports jobs and small businesses throughout the state. By extending an invitation to international travelers and providing targeted relief to the people and places that make New York a premier global destination, we can rebuild our tourism economy stronger and more resilient."

These efforts complement I LOVE NY's current winter tourism campaign that is showcasing a host of seasonal attractions available throughout New York State. The 30-second spot highlights family friendly outdoor winter activities like skiing at Whiteface Mountain, ice skating at Canalside in Buffalo, and snowmobiling in the Tug Hill State Forest. For those seeking to escape the winter chill, destinations like the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium on Long Island and the Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark in the Catskills provide unique indoor options for a family getaway.

To help plan your next New York State vacation, please visit www.iloveny.com. More information on getaways to New York City is available at www.iloveny.com/nyc.

Governor Hochul Holds Meetings with Teachers, School Superintendents, and Parents to Discuss Pandemic Next Steps

Governor Kathy Hochul held meetings with New York State teachers, superintendents and parents to thank them for their work to keep our schools safe and open, and hear their input on how to continue smartly protecting against COVID-19.

"As we continue to see cases and hospitalizations decline, I believe it is important to work closely with groups and leaders on the ground so that we move forward in the pandemic in a way where we can stay in front of COVID-19 and keep New Yorkers safe," Governor Hochul said. "Keeping schools open has always been my top priority, and I want to thank the teachers, administrators, and parents who joined me today to hear directly from them. I want to also remind parents and guardians to please get their children vaccinated, and boosted if eligible. The vaccine is safe, free, doctor-approved and the key to keeping our communities and vulnerable loved ones safe."

New York State Council of School Superintendents Executive Director Charles Dedrick said, "We are grateful that Governor Hochul recognizes the value of hearing directly from superintendents and other people working in schools and that she acknowledged our shared success in keeping schools open for in-person instruction for nearly all children, nearly all year. We believe that thoughtful changes to state requirements now can help sustain pub-

lic acceptance of whatever requirements might remain necessary."

New York State School Boards Association Executive Director Robert S. Schneider said, "We appreciate the opportunity to speak directly with Gov. Hochul about her pending decision on whether to extend the mask mandate in schools. Like everyone, our members are ready to get past this pandemic and return to life as normal, and they want to do so in a way that keeps all of our students, teachers, employees and their families safe. The governor, like school board members, must balance many different concerns and ultimately decide based on what's best for our students. The governor's receptivity to the viewpoints of the education community will undoubtedly result in an informed position and hopefully place us all in a better position to move forward."

Council of School Supervisors and Administrators Mark F. Cannizzaro said, "The CSA appreciates the Governor's common sense approach. We are hopeful that circumstances will soon allow for an easing of restrictions while maintaining a safe environment for students and staff."

School Administrators Association of New York Director of Government Relations Cindy Gallagher said, "The School Administrators Association of New York State was pleased to be invited by Governor Hochul to discuss COVID-19 related guidance and possible considerations for modifying masking guidance. As the Governor stated in her conversation today. It is important to have these conversations to understand one another's thought process. We appreciated that the Governor felt that building administrators were trusted voices in their communities and that our thoughts were important inputs into her decision making."

Conference of Big 5 School Districts Chairperson Reverend Steve Lopez said, "We have worked tirelessly to return children to in person instruction where we know they belong and we are truly grateful for the resources the Governor secured to enable us to address a plethora of health and safety issues and implementation of test to stay programs. We do not want to erode any of the progress that has been made. We urge the Governor to ensure that the State continues to follow the science as she considers the elimination of mask mandates. Any policy changes relating to the current school mask mandate must be implemented in a uniform fashion across the State by the New York State Department of Health. They should be tasked with establishing standardized metrics and a system for the State to make determinations, on a regional basis, pertaining to school mask mandates. This is not a responsibility that should be placed upon superintendents and school boards or already stretched County Health Departments. Our families and our staff rely on us to keep them safe and we are depending on the State to ensure that science drives any policy change."

New York State Parent Teacher Association President Dana Platin said, "We thank the Governor for today's critical meeting and her continued partnership, and we join her in looking forward to a return to more normalcy in our school buildings. We have daily conversations with the Governor's staff on the critical issues facing our schools, including frequent conversations on COVID-19 and the questions parents and families are looking for answers to - masking, distancing, quarantines, academic recovery, and academic and social emotional support for all students, and especially students with disabilities. While we may not always agree, after today's call, we are renewed in believing that the Governor understands the concerns of parents and families from across the state, and we are proud to represent the PTA position on these matters. We will continue to work with education stakeholders, the Governor, our State Education Department, and our legislature so we can all see our children's smiling face once again, we hope in the near future."

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CELEBRATING THE LEGACY:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2022

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

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

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

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

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

Jan. 1-Dec. 31 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge:

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

Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:" A retro-

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

Feb. 16 ONLINE EVENT - 8X8: Black Culture in American Cinema: Join us for a fun evening at the movies. Filmmaker and historian Stephen Blauweiss will present a wide range of scenes from important lesser-known feature films, prefaced with a brief description of each. DATE February 2022 Calendar of Events – Celebrating the Legacy: Black History Month Anyone who enjoys movies will be happy to discover these unique films. Visit BHMK website for link. Free. 7-8:30 p.m. RSVP. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 17 ONLINE EVENT - "Deeper than the Skin:" Performance and discussion on race with musicians Greg Greenway and Reggie Harris. 7- 8:30 p.m. Contact: megan@huguenotstreet.org. General Admission \$8; Discounted Admission \$5. 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events/deeper-skin

Feb. 19 Third Annual Sojourner Truth Life Walk: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Port Ewen to Ulster County Courthouse. Relive the life highlights of legendary abolitionist as we acknowledge parts of her life including her escape route to freedom. Includes brief stops along the way. Free bus will be available at Dietz Stadium for pick-up. Visit BHMK website for details. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 18-21 Presidents Day Weekend: With our cross-country ski trails, ice skating rink, snow tube run, and snowshoe trails (weather permitting) your family will experience an idyllic winter weekend. Ice fishing on Lake Cole, broomball on Reflection Pond, and guided nature hikes to High Falls and other scenic vistas. Indoors: climbing gym, archery range or arts and crafts programs. Snow tubes, snowshoes, and cross-country skis are provided. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291 x450; frostvalley.org

Feb. 19 Sojourner Truth Life Walk 2022: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsored by Black History Month Kingston. Details forthcoming. This event is produced by My Kingston Kids. Contact Frank Waters: fwaters@mykingstonkids.com blackhistorymonthkingston.org

Feb. 19, 20 Hot Chocolate Holiday at Nancy's Artisanal Creamery: Artisanal ice cream/coffee shop and café with homemade ice cream, decadent coffee drinks and pastries. Vegan options, pies and cakes too. Enjoy hot chocolate creations, hot chocolate bombs, Italian hot chocolate and more. (closed December 20-Jan 6.) 297 Tinker Street. 845-684-5329; nancysartisanal.com

Feb. 20 O+ BHMK Mural Tour: 10-11:30 a.m. Free guided walking tour highlighting O+ murals in celebration of Black History Month. Learn about the artists and explore the imagery behind a selection of O+ murals found around Midtown Kingston. Visit BHMK website or download the app for details. Meet at Black Lives Matter Mural located at 695 Broadway at Liberty St. in Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 22 Maple Sugaring: A Hands on Demonstration and Discussion: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Join us in celebrating the sugar maple tree: learn to identify a maple tree, participate in tapping a tree, sample sap and syrup and learn the cultural history of this regional forest phenomenon. Visit BHMK website for details. African Roots Center, 43 Gill St, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org
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Feb. 22 Breaking the Cycle with Antwan Wakely: 6-7 p.m. Free. Participate in this very special event and learn about how an at-risk youth turned his life around. Antwan was in and out of prison, caught up in the recidivism cycle. He currently serves as a mentor to at-risk youth and is excited to share his story with our Kingston community. In person or Zoom. Visit BHMK website or download the app for details and registration. Restorative Justice Center, 733 Broadway Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feb. 26 Bearsville Theater Presents comedian Pete Correale: Pete Correale is a professional stand-up comedian

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

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

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

Frost Valley YMCA Announces New Improved Website

After several years in the making, Frost Valley is pleased to announce its new and improved website is live! We added features to make it more user friendly.

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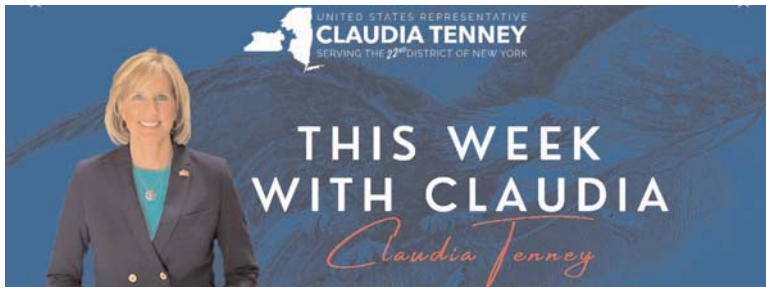
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Restoring Choice for Parents and Students: Governor Hochul Must End the Mask Mandate in Schools

After firing numerous healthcare heroes and state employees for choosing not to comply with her draconian vaccine mandate, Governor Hochul has continued to overstep the bounds of her office by implementing a mask mandate for indoor places, including schools, where our children are suffering and missing valuable educational and developmental milestones.

While the Governor finally let her mask-or-vaccine mandate in venues such as bars and gyms lapse, she continues to fight against parents to force children to mask in schools. This week I joined my New York colleagues in Congress to call again on the Governor to end the state-wide mask mandate in our schools.

In light of her decision, I find it ironic that just a few short days ago, Governor Youngkin of Virginia and Governor DeSantis of Florida were considered “anti-science” and widely bashed by Democrats and their allies in the media for their stances against mask mandates, and yet now, Governor Hochul is the science hero. The only change we have seen is the politics.

This week, the House passed H.R. 3076, the Postal Service Reform Act, a bill I was honored to cosponsor. This bipartisan bill will make several much-needed substantive reforms to the United States Postal Service (USPS). First, it eliminates the requirement that USPS pre-fund retiree health benefits 75 years into the future, which USPS estimates will save more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years. Instead, future retirees will be integrated into Medicare.

Second, it creates an online dashboard with weekly performance data from both the local and national levels. Finally, it expands special rates for local newspaper distribution, and it codifies 6-day-per-week service. This legislation will help ensure USPS can continue to provide critical services to our communities, like delivering prescriptions to seniors and packages for small businesses and farmers. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 342 - 92.

I had the privilege of speaking on the Floor of the House in support of this bill. You can watch my full remarks by clicking the link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0z2spfMeGg>

Advocating for Transparency of Publicly Traded Firms

This week, I joined Senators Marco Rubio and Marsha Blackburn to introduce the No Chinese Communist SURPRISE Parties Act. This bill will require any company publicly traded in the United States to disclose their ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

To read the bill, go to: https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/TEN-NEY_080_xml.pdf

As economic integration between China and the rest of the world deepens, the CCP has increased its presence within and control over non-state firms operating in China, including using CCP cells within companies and CCP members on corporate boards. The No Chinese Communist SURPRISE Parties Act will shine a light on these activities and provide investors and the public with information on CCP activities inside multinational corporations.

Americans have a right to know who is really running the show when they choose to invest in a company listed on an American stock exchange.

Celebrating Black History Month in the House of Representatives

Tenney Joins Reps. Owens and Donalds to Celebrate Black History Month in a Special Order

On Wednesday, I joined my good friends Congressmen Burgess Owens of Utah and Byron Donalds of Florida for a Special Order on the House Floor to celebrate Black History Month and share the stories of upstate New York's great abolitionist heroes, like Harriet Tubman.

As I've shared before, upstate New York has a proud abolitionist history, which many do not know! For example, Peterboro, Madison County is home to two sites on the New York State Underground Railroad Heritage Trail: The Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark and the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum. That's why the abolitionist Reverend Henry Highland once told an old friend by the name of Frederick Douglas that, “There are yet two places where slaveholders cannot come, Heaven and Peterboro.”

To watch my full remarks, click here: https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/TEN-NEY_080_xml.pdf

Speaker Pelosi Should Not Limit Members of Congress from Attending State of the Union Address

On Thursday, I led 10 of my colleagues in a letter to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi urging her not to limit attendance to this year's State of the Union Address by President Biden, as has been previously reported.

Recent media reports revealed that Speaker Pelosi planned to impose strict limits on attendance to President Biden's first State of the Union Address, which historically has taken place in a full House Chamber in front of members of the House, the Senate, the Cabinet, and the Supreme Court, along with numerous other guests. Last year, for President Biden's first Address to a Joint Session of Congress, Pelosi capped attendance at a total of 200 individuals, despite widespread vaccinations amongst Members of Congress and masking policies.

One of our top responsibilities in Congress is oversight of the Executive. Actively participating in the President's State of the Union Address is an important part of fulfilling this responsibility. Choosing to bar Members from attending would be a grave mistake that prevents the American people's representatives from fulfilling their constitutional duties. I urge Speaker Pelosi to immediately reverse any decision to limit attendance amongst Members of Congress and to ensure our constitutionally obligated functions can be fulfilled.

U.S. Special Envoy for Iran Finally Speaks to the Foreign Affairs Committee...Behind Closed Doors!

For more on Classified Iran Nuclear Deal Brief Leaves 'More Questions Than Answers,' GOP Lawmaker Says go to: <https://freebeacon.com/national-security/classified-iran-nuclear-deal-brief-leaves-more-questions-than-answers-gop-lawmaker-says/>

Last week, I called on the U.S. Special Envoy for Iran to testify before Congress. This week, he finally agreed to brief Congress, but behind closed doors. While the American people and our allies around the world are demanding answers about this Administration's plans to hold the Iranian regime accountable, they continue to dodge the important questions and refuse to give answers publicly. (Contd. Pg 41)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 40) This week's closed-door classified briefing by Special Envoy Malley is a start, but it is not enough.

Special Envoy Malley works for the American people, and he should answer to them as well. Secretary of State Blinken committed to having an open and transparent relationship with Congress, and it's vitally important that he uphold that commitment. I will continue to call for Special Envoy Malley to appear before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in a public hearing to update Congress on nuclear talks with the regime and other important topics, such as American hostages that remain held in Iran, the regime's ongoing regional aggression, and its destabilizing missile program.

My Votes Explained

I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor. While we may not always agree, you will always know where I stand on the issues and how I vote in Congress. To read more about my votes, please click here.: <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3076, the Postal Service Reform Act. This bipartisan bill will make several much-needed substantive reforms to the United States Postal Service to help ensure it can continue to provide critical services to our communities, like delivering prescriptions to seniors and packages for small businesses and farmers, for generations to come. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 342 - 92.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4445, the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act. This bipartisan legislation would invalidate forced arbitration clauses for sexual assault and sexual harassment. Banning these restrictions will fully allow all Americans to have the choice to seek justice and public accountability for their sexual assault and sexual harassment case in a court of law. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 335 - 97.

I voted "Yes" on S. 583, the Promoting Rigorous and Innovative Cost Efficiencies for Federal Procurement and Acquisitions Act (PRICE Act). Small businesses are the backbone of our upstate New York economy but many of them have difficulties contracting with the federal government. This legislation will resolve this by requiring the Office of Management and Budget to work with federal acquisition managers to share innovative best practices to modernize contracting procedures, realize cost saving for taxpayers, and ensure small businesses have a seat at the table in federal contracting. For high quality and reliable government services, it is vital to ensure our public sector has a robust marketplace of contractors to rely on. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 426 - 5.

I voted "No" on H.R. 6617, Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act. This continuing resolution, the third since government funding expired on September 30, 2021, would only extend government funding through March 11, 2022. Once again, House Democrats are abdicating their responsibility to pass a long-term, bipartisan government funding package that addresses our nation's needs. Failing to do this means key defense installations in NY-22, such as Rome Lab, have not received the additional funds they vitally need, our troops continue to miss out on a pay raise, and our military's competitiveness dwindles in the face of competition from China and Putin's aggression. Furthermore, the legislation includes no new provisions to deal with the many challenges facing our country. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 272 - 162.

I voted "Yes" on S. 566, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the "Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office." Specialist Turcotte was serving with the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat team of the 4th Infantry Division when he was killed in August of 2017, at just 20 years old, during a live-ammunition training exercise at Fort Carson, Colorado. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 432 - 0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2324, to designate the facility of the United

States Postal Service located at 2800 South Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the "D. Edwina Stephens Post Office." Edwina Stephens was a dedicated community activist, civil rights icon and registered nurse. She spent her life advocating for improvements in her community, especially in the historically neglected neighborhoods on Tallahassee's Southside and in the Greater Bond community. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 428 - 1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 502 East Cotati Avenue in Cotati, California, as the "Arthur Luis Ibleto Post Office Building." At just 17, Art Ibleto deserted Benito Mussolini's fascist army to join the Italian resistance movement and fought behind enemy lines to help the Allies defeat Nazi Germany. In 1949, he left Italy for Petaluma, California where he met his wife and settled in Cotati. Art Ibleto was a famed member of the Sonoma County food and wine community known as the Pasta King and was an incredible leader in local charitable, educational and civic causes. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 422 - 4.

I voted "No" on H.R. 3485, the Global Respect Act. While the bill purports to protect LGBT identifying individuals abroad, sufficient legal authority already exists to sanction groups or individuals who commit human rights violations against these individuals. Both the Trump and Biden Administrations have taken such actions. The bill's duplicitous language creates a new reporting mechanism that prioritizes the rights of particular groups. Every person's human rights are of equal value, and certain violations of those rights should not be subordinate to others. Furthermore, the bill's broad language has the potential to sweep in non-violent conduct and even leaves the door open to imposing visa restrictions on individuals for their deeply held religious beliefs. This legislation represents the Administration's aggressive attempts to push radical culture war issues at every possible juncture - not only domestically, but also abroad. This is a distraction that requires diplomats to devote time and resources to culture war issues abroad at the expense of attention paid to China, to Russia, to Iran, to the quagmire in Afghanistan, and the crisis at our southern border. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 227 - 206.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3539, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagatna, Guam, as the "Atanasio Taitano Perez Post Office." Commonly known as Don Perez, Don was a highly successful public servant for Guam from 1899 to 1935. He held key government positions over many US Naval government administrations including appointment as the first Postmaster of Guam, appointment to the Guam Court of Appeals and the Higher Court of Equality, and Secretary to the Governor. In addition to government service, Perez was also personally involved in the movement petitioning Congress to establish a permanent civilian government and United States Citizenship for the people of Guam. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 417 - 1.

I voted "No" on H.R. 2842, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 4th Street in Petaluma, California, as the "Lynn C. Woolsey Post Office Building." Congresswoman Woolsey represented California's sixth congressional district from 1993 to 2012, during which time she served as co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and misused the power of her office to seek leniency for the son of one of her staffers who had pleaded guilty to the violent rape of a 17-year-old girl. Instead of naming Post Office facilities after partisan politicians who misused their offices, this honor should be reserved for those who made extraordinary contributions to their communities. This bill required a 2/3 vote to pass the House of Representatives and failed by a vote of 245 - 167. (Contd. Pg. 42)

This Week with Claudia

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Governor Hochul, Keep the NY Semiconductor Industry in Central New York!

During her recent State of the State address, Governor Hochul announced a plan to reunify the State University of New York (SUNY) Polytechnic Institute's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) with the University at Albany. CNSE is a key component of the semiconductor industry in Central New York and plays a role in both education and workforce development. Semiconductors, which are present in nearly every electronic device, are in short supply right now. The industry also provides well paying, stable employment.

Moving forward with this realignment would be devastating for our region, especially given CNSE's collaboration with the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate in nearby Rome, NY. I am urging the Governor to reverse this plan immediately and ensure CNSE stays in Central New York!

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ANTONIO DELGADO

NY-19

Congressman Delgado Legislative Update

At the beginning of this week, the House passed two important, bipartisan pieces of legislation.

First, I voted to pass the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act. This bipartisan bill would allow sexual harassment and sexual assault survivors to elect to file a case in a court of law and would restore access to justice for millions of survivors who are currently stripped of their rights to seek accountability. This bill is supported by a coalition of survivors of sexual harassment or assault and their allies, including the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, RAINN, and the Sexual Violence Prevention Association, among others.

Second, I am proud to have helped pass the bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act which will improve mail delivery across New York and strengthen the U.S. Postal Service. By saving billions in funding, increasing performance transparency, and creating new sources of revenue, this bipartisan legislation will strengthen the financial footing of USPS so that it can continue to deliver reliable, on-time mail service to upstate New Yorkers who rely on the Postal Service to receive hard-earned paychecks, lifesaving prescriptions, tax returns, and more. The Postal Service affects nearly every aspect of our economy and daily lives. I am glad that we were able to find common ground and I will keep working to get this essential legislation to the President's desk and signed into law.

Rep. Delgado with Buy American Committee on Zoom

While I was in DC, I had the opportunity to join the Coalition for a Prosperous America and their Buy American Committee to discuss my efforts to grow American manufacturing and help shore up our supply chain. We had a great conversation and shared stories about the real-life impacts of making goods in the United States. It is critical that we set up our children, grandchildren, and future generations for success by leaving a legacy of policies and initiatives that create and sustain American jobs and boost manufacturing here at home.

Since taking office, I have worked on this effort. Most recently, the House passed my amendment to establish local manufacturing and innovation hubs in the America COMPETES Act. This amendment was based on my bipartisan MADE HERE Act. In 2021, I also unveiled my 4x4 Plan - a comprehensive roadmap with four fixes to four parts of our economy - energy, transportation, manufacturing, and shipping- fixes that will lower costs for families in New York's 19th District and across America.

My BuyAmerica.Gov Act was also passed and signed into law as a part of the bipartisan infrastructure law in 2021. This law will establish a centralized online hub to increase transparency and help ensure federal agencies prioritize the purchase of American-made goods. As the U.S. makes generational investments in infrastructure, this legislation will ensure that taxpayer-funded projects use American-made materials.

Sullivan County Heart-a-thon

Once I got back to NY-19, I attended some exciting events. On Friday, I was honored to join the community for Sullivan County's 44th Annual 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon. During the event, I got to speak with volunteers and WSUL about the 25th anniversary of my mother's open-heart surgery and her life-long experience with a heart condition.

I was glad to be part of an event that does so much for our communities by helping make critical investments in cardiology equipment. I will keep working to raise awareness about cardiovascular health and ensure everyone in our district has access to the care they need.

Rep. Delgado Visits the Tri-Valley Central School

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY - Today, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) visited students at the Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, New York. Rep. Delgado toured the school and met with the students in the Civics and Social Justice class. Delgado spoke about his personal and professional experience with ensuring justice for all people and the importance of engaging in community as a means of bettering the lives of those around us.

"It was a pleasure speaking with the Tri-Valley Central Civics and Social Justice class today," said Rep. Delgado. "It is exciting and incredibly important when young folks meaningfully engage with issues that affect our communities and our world. I was glad to connect with the class and answer questions about my role in Congress and what justice means to me."

"We are grateful for the Congressman's visit today. We are very proud of the work that our students and staff are doing at Tri-Valley and I'm glad the Congressman got to see some of our amazing programs in action," said Teacher Matthew Haynes. "Specific to our Civics and Social Justice class, our students learned a great deal about his duties as a congressman as well as his inspiring life experiences. The fact that he took the time to answer their questions with thoughtful answers says a lot about the person he is. It was a wonderful day for our class and our school!"

The Palens: A Sullivan County Tanning Industry Dynasty

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m.

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

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



Admission to the program: Members are free, and non-members: \$5. Non-members can make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org before registering. Registration is required. To register and receive a program link, please email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org and put Tannery Talk Registration in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700.

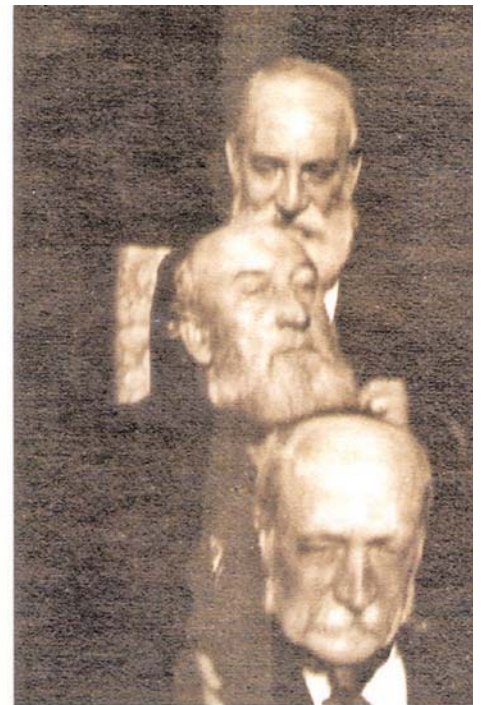
About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and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

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

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- o New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

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

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



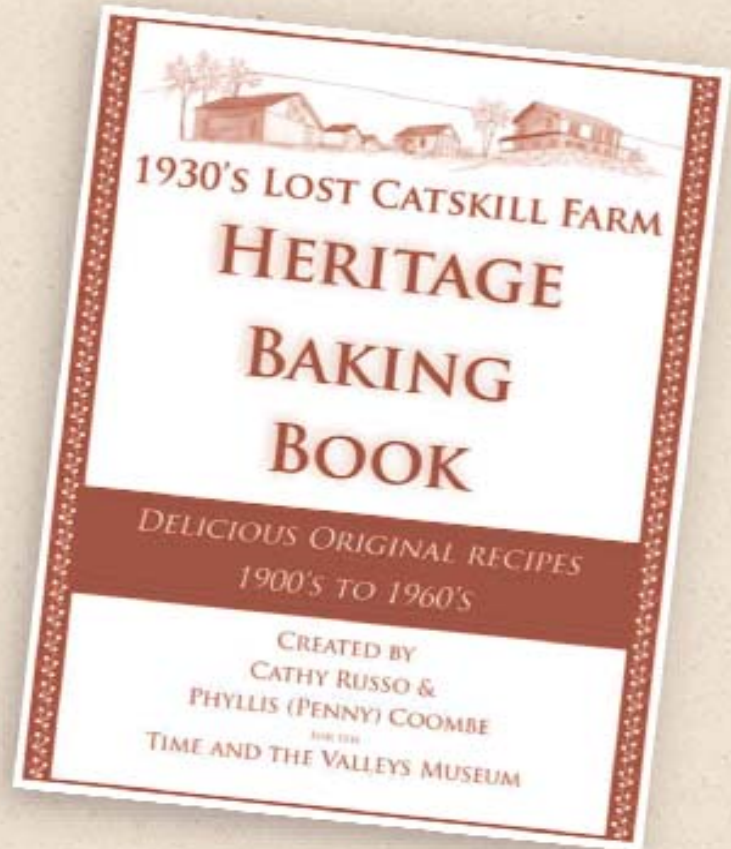
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Olive Free Library's Exhibition "Forged in Ink: A Community of Printmakers"

(From Pg. 11) Esmark has many collectors throughout the Northeast and California. Her poetry has been featured on WKZE radio's Women of Note, and most recently published by Poetry Distillery, 2021, Small Batch #2. She serves on the advisory board of the Samuel Dorsky Museum, New Paltz and the Woodstock School of Art.

Joan Ffolliott: Joan Ffolliott began her formal training at the University of Washington in sculpture and printmaking. She went on to earn her MFA at the Rhode Island School of Design and was a recipient of a prestigious Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant. She resides in Malden-on-Hudson and is a member of the faculty at SUNY Ulster Community College, the Woodstock School of Art, and the owner of Ffolliott Design. "In my current work, I am investigating the emotions around relationships, both with self and other. Yearning, anger, fantasy, delusion, grief ... states of being sometimes outside of our control but embedded in our minds and bodies, giving us strength, and taking it away. By combining elements in layers through various printmaking and collage techniques, I am attempting to create pictures that provoke the viewer to explore these contradictions and states of being." **Kate McGloughlin:** Kate McGloughlin walked into the Printmaking Studio at The Woodstock School of Art in January of 1991 and has never left. **Eileen Power:** Eileen Power was born and raised in the Bronx to Irish immigrant parents. Though art was not a part of her education, she always believed she was an artist. Eileen earned a BA in Economics from the College of Mt. St. Vincent and an MBA in Finance from NYU. After an interesting and challenging career in the business world, she moved to Woodstock, NY in 2016 to pursue her artistic dreams. She has studied printmaking and plein air painting under the guidance of Kate McGloughlin at The Woodstock School of Art. Eileen has shown her work in various venues in the Hudson Valley and in Scotland. She was the 2021 recipient of the Robert Angeloch printmaking award from the Woodstock Artists Association & Museum.

Susanna Ronner: Susanna Ronner is a graphic designer and monotype artist in Woodstock, NY. In her teens, her art exploration took root at the famed High School of Music & Art (NYC). What followed were years of college Fine Arts study (Hunter/Goddard) and apprenticeships. Along the way, her interest shifted to graphic design, choosing to return to study design on the more intensive undergraduate level (University of Illinois — BFA/Graphic Design), graduating with high honors as the single recipient of 'Outstanding Senior in Graphic Design'. From there she went to San Francisco to work under the wing of internationally renowned designers. Susanna opened her own design office in Woodstock (1989), which continues to this day. In 2017, Susanna discovered monotypes, thanks to graphic designer Milton Glaser. She found a new freedom in printmaking, and it's been a love affair with the medium ever since. The Woodstock School of Art and its vibrant artist community has been the fertile ground for its evolution. Susanna

approaches each piece as an improvisation—meeting the canvas' with trust and curiosity. Her work is influenced by the important role that design, dance, and music have in her life. She views this as a constant round of energetic connection and expression, each complementing the other.

Muriel Stallworth: Muriel Stallworth is a native of France where she grew up foraging and bonding with nature in the Provence and low-mountain Burgundy regions. Her interest in ancient crafts and her love of textures and materials led her to earn a stained-glass painter certificate in Paris that resulted in a position as a conservator at the Brooklyn Stained-Glass Conservation Center for eight years. In 2005 Muriel helped found the International School of Brooklyn where she currently teaches art. In Woodstock, her home and refuge for the past eleven years, she is a student of Kate McGloughlin's printmaking class and while continuing to discover the magic of the many printing techniques, she has been experimenting with natural elements to create materials and tools for her own artistic explorations, and is sharing her discoveries in workshops offered at the Woodstock School of Art and elsewhere.

Claudia Waruch: Claudia Waruch is a printmaker living in rural Hudson Valley, New York. Her practice includes processes such as papermaking, shibori, indigo dyeing, collagraphs, solarplate etchings, monoprints, and eco printing. Her images have been defined as "drawing with nature", exploring the conceptual relationship between the organic and the refined, and influenced by nature. Presently, working with handmade paper and dyes has become an inspiring part of her practice. Her studio has become a magnet, a place not only to create, but also a place to switch mental gears, to "lower my shoulders, exhale, while discovering all the many works swirling in my head."

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 posi-

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DEC to Require Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Ashokan Reservoir Water Release Proposal

- *State to Require NYCDEP to Address Climate Change, Duration of Turbidity Events, Potential Mitigation Measures, Impacts on Drinking Water Supply Safe Yield, and Hudson River Drinking Water Impacts*
- *Additional Analysis Following Review of 1,300 Public Comments on Ashokan Draft Permit Modification and DEIS*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the agency is requiring the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) to undertake additional analysis and prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for releases from the city's Ashokan Reservoir. The new requirements follow DEC's review of nearly 1,300 comments submitted during the 2021 public comment period on a Draft Catalum State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Modification and draft Environmental Impact Statement for Ashokan Reservoir releases.

"Safeguarding water quality for Hudson Valley and Catskill communities is critical to ongoing efforts to protect New York City's water supply," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Today's announcement requires actions to further address impacts to water quality in the Ashokan Reservoir and connected waters in consideration of the thousands of comments DEC received from local residents and other stakeholders. DEC will continue to work with NYCDEP to ensure the ongoing protection of drinking water and natural resources."

After releasing the draft SPDES permit and DEIS for public comment, DEC held public statement hearings on Feb. 3, and March 3, 2021, and an extended public comment period that ended June 16, 2021. Comments submitted by residents, elected officials, and other stakeholders addressed the need to reduce turbidity in the Ashokan Reservoir and connected waterbodies, including the Lower Esopus Creek. In addition, many commenters requested that NYCDEP look more closely at alternatives to address turbidity issues in the system.

The SDEIS will augment information included in the draft permit modification that incorporates turbidity control measures, including operation of the Ashokan Reservoir in accordance with the "Interim Release Protocol," helping to improve water quality, mitigate potential flood impacts, protect critical fish and wildlife habitat in the Ashokan and downstream communities, and continue to provide a reliable supply of clean drinking water. The documents can be found on DEC's website.

Required additional analysis in the SDEIS includes:

Comprehensive examination of the impacts reservoir water releases to the Hudson River drinking water supply;

Preparation of a more detailed Alternatives Analysis, including the assessment of mitigation alternatives in combination;

Efforts to address the impacts of climate change on future water supply operations; and

Methods under the new analyses to ensure an adequate water supply "safe yield."

After NYCDEP submits the SDEIS and DEC determines it is complete, DEC will release the submission for public review and comment

The draft SPDES permit modification and DEIS would codify and fulfill requirements in a 2013 Order on Consent (PDF) between New York City and New York State. DEC and NYCDEP work closely with the Ashokan Release Working Group, which consists of municipal officials, environmental groups, community residents, and other stakeholders, to share information and input during the development of the DEIS and the draft permit.

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Protecting our natural resources and the quality of our drinking water is of paramount importance, and we thank the DEC for recognizing the urgent need for better management of the Ashokan Reservoir. With the climate crisis making extreme weather more frequent and intense, we know that new mechanisms for remediating these turbid releases are desperately needed. For months we have been calling for a more comprehensive study on the impacts of these releases on our local communities, and we're extremely grateful to the DEC for hearing our calls. We are encouraged that this supplemental DEIS will give us deeper insight into ways we can move forward to protect our watershed communities while still delivering the best quality water to New York City residents."

Ulster County Executive Patrick Ryan said, "This is a major victory for our community - after decades of fighting to hold New York City accountable for the damage they have caused, and continue to cause. I would like to thank DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos for listening and working with the requests of not just my office but the countless environmental groups, local leaders, and residents who have collectively called for this action. The City of New York has benefited from and depends upon our clean water, and downstream impacts like the turbid water we saw last winter and spring can't become their standard operating procedure. The DEC's requirement of a Supplemental EIS is an important step in ensuring that they are good neighbors and respect our environment and residents in the process."

"The Ashokan Reservoir forms a major part of one of the greatest water supply systems in the world, and today's decision by the NYS DEC recognizes that delivering safe, pure drinking water to the residents of New York City cannot come at the expense of water quality or the quality of life of those who live downstream from the reservoir," said Kathy Nolan, Senior Research Director for Catskill Mountainkeeper. "By requiring New York City to do further analysis, she continued, "the DEC is protecting water quality in the Esopus Creek and Hudson River while making sure that the best possible options are considered to deal with and mitigate impacts from climate change. The communities near the Ashokan Reservoir can now step up efforts to make sure that their needs are addressed and to participate constructively in the ongoing review of New York City's plans."

"We applaud this important and long-awaited decision," said Victoria Leung, Riverkeeper Staff Attorney. "For more than a decade, communities, individuals, and elected officials have been calling for New York City to find an alternative to its massive, muddy releases from Ashokan Reservoir into the Lower Esopus Creek. This is an important milestone, but we will have to ensure the city acts with urgency to address these concerns, and finally develops a real solution that will protect both downstream communities and everyone who relies on the city's drinking water."

For more information about the New York City reservoir system, go to NYC's Reservoir System website (leaves DEC website).

Senator Gillibrand, Representative Porter Reintroduce Stock Act 1.0; Bicameral Legislaton Would Expand Stock Act and Issue Restrictions to Prevent Government Officials from Lining Their Pockets with Taxpayer Dollars

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, lead sponsor and author of the original STOCK Act, and Representative Katie Porter (D-CA) are announcing the reintroduction of the bicameral STOCK Act 2.0. The STOCK Act 2.0 would build on the STOCK Act to strengthen disclosure rules and prevent individuals in trusted positions of public service - including members of Congress, their families, and their staff - from using their access for self-enrichment.

"The American people need to know that their elected leaders are putting their constituents' interests - not their own financial interests - first. That is the job we were sent to Washington to do," said Senator Gillibrand. "The improved STOCK Act 2.0 bars trusted public servants from trading individual stocks and would require elected officials and high-level staff to disclose when they apply for or receive a benefit of value from the government - the same way they would report a stock transaction - and penalize them for failing to comply. I'm proud to work with Congresswoman Porter on this legislation to help end these abuses and give Americans confidence that Congress is acting solely in the national interest."

"Few Americans trust that government is working for them, and that's a real problem for our democracy," said Representative Katie Porter. "By strengthening disclosure requirements and banning top officials from trading stocks, we can help restore faith in our government. The American people deserve to have confidence that those in power are working in the public's interest, not in their own self-interests."

The original STOCK Act barred members of Congress, the president, the vice president, and high-level staff from engaging in insider trading or otherwise using nonpublic information for their own benefit. It also included important updates to financial transparency by requiring these high ranking government officials to expeditiously disclose financial transactions to the public. The STOCK Act 2.0 would impose additional disclosure requirements and restrictions for high level officials to ensure that members of Congress and other public servants aren't lining their pockets with taxpayer dollars.

Specifically, the STOCK Act 2.0 would:

- o **Require Reporting of Federal Benefits:** Requires members of Congress, senior congressional staff, the president, vice president, and executive branch senior employees to report any time they, a spouse, or a dependent applies for or receives a benefit of value from the federal government. This includes loans, agreements, contracts, grants, and payments, including agricultural subsidies. It does not include salary, compensation or tax refunds. It would require a report to be filed - not later than 30 days after receiving notification or receipt and not more than 45 days after payment is made or promised - that would include the type of payment, name of recipient, date and amount. A penalty of \$500 would be imposed for failure to file.

- o **Increases Penalties for Failure to File STOCK Act Transaction Reports:** Increases from \$200 to \$500 the penalty for failing to file transaction reports as required by the STOCK Act.

- o **Expands List of Offices Covered by the STOCK Act:** Bans insider trading and use of nonpublic information for an individual's own benefit and requires expeditious public disclosure of financial transactions by members of the federal judiciary and Federal Reserve Bank presidents, vice presidents, and members of the Federal Reserve boards of directors.

- o **Bans Stock Trading:** Prohibits members of Congress, the presi-

dent and vice president, Supreme Court justices, Federal Reserve Board Governors and Federal Reserve Bank presidents and vice presidents from trading individual stocks. Failure to comply would lead to a civil penalty of not less than 10% of the value of the covered investment that was purchased or sold in violation of this ban.

- o **Transparency of Financial Disclosure Reports:** The supervising ethics agencies for those covered under the STOCK Act must provide public access to personal financial disclosure reports and STOCK Act transaction reports and ensure they are searchable, downloadable, and easily accessible.

The STOCK Act 2.0 is the latest push for transparency for Senator Gillibrand, who has made government accountability a top priority throughout her career. Gillibrand led Senate passage of the STOCK Act in 2012, and was the first member of Congress to post her official meetings, personal financial disclosures, earmark requests, and taxes online.

This legislation is supported by American Family Voices, End Citizens United/Let America Vote Action Fund, Environmental Working Group, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, Oxfam America, Patriotic Millionaires, and Public Citizen.

Governor Increases Efforts to Provide Relief to New Yorkers, Encourage Low Income Residents to Apply for Millions of Dollars in Aid

Governor Kathy Hochul urged Con Edison to review their billing practices and better communicate with New Yorkers after the recent surge in energy costs in New York State left many already struggling New Yorkers surprised, through a letter from Public Service Commission (PSC), and also announced increased relief efforts to reach low-income New Yorkers about millions of dollars in aid available.

"The extreme utility bill increases we are seeing across the state come at a time when New Yorkers are already struggling financially following the COVID-19 pandemic," Governor Hochul said. "Even though the spike we are seeing in electricity, natural gas and fuel prices were predicted and are due to severe winter weather, I am calling on Con Ed to review their billing practices because we must take unified action to provide relief for New Yorkers, especially our most vulnerable residents." (Contd. Pg. 54)

)This winter the cost of natural gas, which is used to heat homes and generate electricity, has risen sharply resulting in a significant increase - sometimes more than doubling - of the supply component of customer electric and/or natural gas bills as compared to prior months. These bill increases are being driven by a global increase in natural gas commodity prices due to higher domestic usage because of colder-than-normal weather, increased economic activity, and increased international demand for natural gas.

Heating Utility Assistance

At its October 7, 2021 session, the Public Service Commission (PSC) discussed the projected supply prices increases and steps the utilities were taking to inform customers. To address the increase in supply prices, Governor Hochul launched a statewide effort to raise awareness of the various state programs available to help struggling New Yorkers pay heating and utility expenses to avoid potential service interruptions during the cold weather months ahead. These programs announced by the Governor include:

- o More than \$373 million in home heating aid is available through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for low- and middle-income New Yorkers who need assistance keeping their homes warm during the winter season. So far, 1.4 million regular HEAP benefits have been received by eligible households, totaling \$208 million. (Contd. Pg. 55)

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o Additional federal funding is available to help low-income households pay heating utility arrears. So far, 104,000 Regular Arrears Supplement benefits have been issued, and \$166 million in arrears have been paid off for eligible households.

o \$90 million in federal funding through Emergency HEAP was made available to help low- and middle-income New Yorkers avoid having their home heating disconnected or exhausting their heating source amid fuel price increases. So far this winter, nearly 20,000 emergency HEAP benefits have been received by eligible households totaling \$17.8 million.

o An increase the budget for the statewide Energy Affordability Policy (EAP) program by the PSC in 2021 from \$237.6 million to \$366.7 million and expanded eligibility, resulting in about 95,000 more low-income customers that will be able to receive benefits. Since September 2021, approximately \$153 million in bill discounts were issued by utilities to eligible customers.

PSC Chair Rory M. Christian said, "We understand that increases in winter electric and gas bills cause financial hardship. While the PSC and the utilities cannot control supply prices, utilities can improve their procurement and billing practices to reduce the likelihood of dramatic price swings in the future and we are requiring Con Edison to address this going forward."

Billing Practice Adjustments

Neither the utility nor the Public Service Commission controls the price of the supply component of energy bills. However, to better protect consumers from sudden commodity price increases, utilities use a variety of buying methods and hedges, including short-term and long-term contracts. While hedging is a strategy shared by all utilities, each utility applies the value of these hedges differently to customer utility bills. In the case of Con Edison, their billing practices for customers was a contributing factor to the significant increase in supply rates and ultimately customer bills.

The PSC sent a letter to Con Edison requesting a detailed review of the utility's billing practices including an assurance that the full hedged value the utility secured in January is provided to customers in the next billing cycle, improved customer communications, and an evaluation of alternatives to their current billing practices with recommendations due to DPS staff by February 28, 2022.

Reduced Reliance on Fossil Fuels

As New York moves toward a greener, cleaner economy, Governor Hochul is making significant investments to diversify electricity fuel sources, primarily through renewables, to decrease the state's reliance on fossil fuels and stabilize energy costs. Recognizing the magnitude of the climate crisis, Governor Hochul announced an ambitious renewable energy and jobs agenda in her 2022 State of the State address and Executive Budget proposal. This agenda includes the next offshore wind development solicitation; a \$500 million investment for offshore wind port infrastructure and supply chain; achieving 2 million climate-friendly, electrified or electrification-ready homes by 2030; phasing out New York's dirtiest, polluting power plants; animating the market for new clean energy technologies like green hydrogen; and ensure quality green job creation. Consumer Education and Awareness

The PSC and the Department of Public Service have been proactively messaging the projected increase in supply prices and the impact to customers' winter bills. In January 2022, the Department of Public Service partnered with other state agencies and held a series of virtual workshops throughout the state for community leaders and elected officials. The workshops focused on: financial assistance programs, such as Home Energy and Low-Income Household Water Assistance Programs; utility energy affordability programs; weatherization and other actions consumers can take to be energy efficient;

home and community-based services and supports for older adults and their caregivers; and how to direct consumers to the winter resources.

Additionally, since the onset of winter, the utilities been proactively communicating that customers' bills will be higher this winter due to increased supply prices. Such outreach and education included press releases, newsletters, utility call center representative training, YouTube videos, and social media posts.

The PSC is committed to making sure customers are aware of these programs to receive the assistance and information they need to effectively manage their energy bills. For more information on winter preparedness efforts and these assistance programs, please go to www.dps.ny.gov/winter.

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. Advises Customers of Rate Increases

Central Hudson is advising customers of increases in supply prices for both electricity and natural gas as the region navigates a colder than average winter and as global energy factors come into play, prompting an increase in the demand and price for energy. Supply prices are market-based and not marked-up by Central Hudson.

Contributing to higher commodity prices for electricity and natural gas include:

- Increased domestic demand due to colder weather this year as compared to last year.
- Constrained domestic pipeline capacity which curtails gas supplies.
- Lower electric production by renewable generators in the winter, which shifts power production to generators using natural gas.
- Regionally, an increased reliance on natural gas for power generation following the closure of Indian Point.
- Increased global demand for natural gas, as the United States is now a primary exporter of liquefied natural gas to Europe due to shortages there.
- Increase domestic demand for electricity and natural gas as the economy recovers from closures prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Locally, this January featured sustained temperatures that were 11 percent colder than average and 16 percent colder than January 2021. This contributed to driving gas usage up more than 13 percent and electric usage up nearly 6 percent over January 2021," said Anthony Campagiorni, Senior Vice President of Customer Services and Gas Operations at Central Hudson. "The increased usage, coupled with international and domestic factors, has caused the market price of natural gas and electricity to rise here in our region and around the world. Natural gas has become a global commodity that not only heats our homes but is also heavily relied upon to produce electricity on demand and whenever needed."

Energy bills

Projected Central Hudson bill impacts for natural gas will be an average increase of about 19%; about 46% for electric bills; and about 29% for combination electric and natural gas bills. These bill increases are temporary and may vary for individual customers depending on energy usage and their billing cycle. For example, customers receiving bills now may see the effect of these increases spread out over their current bill and next month's bill.

Central Hudson employs hedging measures to help stabilize natural gas and electric supply costs against fluctuating market prices. These measures include contracting for a portion of energy at fixed prices and purchasing gas at pre-season prices and placing it into storage. For this billing period, these hedging measures are saving customers millions of dollars by reducing the impact of market prices for electricity by approximately 28% and natural gas by 30%.



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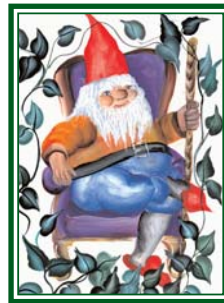
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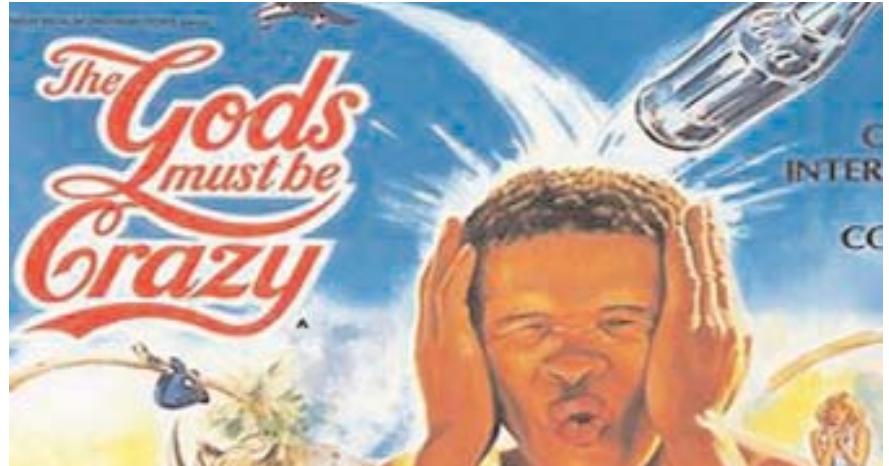
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Directed by **Vincente Minnelli**. Starring **Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, and Marjorie Main**

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The Transporter, a bang, bang, shoot'em up, action packed thriller, that will leave you speechless with the world of mercenary kidnapping of the super rich feeding on the woes of the poor and working classes. The transporter keeps humanity alive by destroying evil—those that would do anything for money.



Directed by **Louis Leterrier, Corey Yuen**. Starring **Jason Statham, Shu Qi, François Berléand, Matt Schulze**. **Frank Martin**, *The Transporter*, is one who "transports" packages for unknown clients, is asked to move a package that soon begins moving, and soon complications arise.

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