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Fallsburg Alumni Association Awards and FCSD Hall of Fame Induction



The award winning graduating seniors left to right: Daniel Milov, Gabrielle Pantel, Ava Anderman, Dolce McPherson, Haddy Gai, Jamie Rein, and FAA President and award winner Regina McKenny-Snead (Janelly Santos Lopez was unable to attend to receive her FAA scholarship award)

July 17, 2021 was a very special day in the history of Fallsburg Central School District. The Fallsburg Alumni Association (FAA) held its annual reunion and presentation of special awards to graduating seniors, alumni and former staff members from the school district. The FCSD was also inducting four new members into the school's Hall of Fame (HOF), including three from last year's canceled ceremony. (Contd Pg. 25)

COVID-19 Volunteers Made All the Difference County Aiming to Add to Their Ranks Create Medical Reserve Corps



Legislator Nadia Rajsz, left, listens to volunteer Lori Orestano James discuss the registration of participants in a recent COVID-19 vaccination clinic at SUNY Sullivan.

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services had always wanted a reserve of volunteers to call upon, but when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, that long-held desire became a pressing need.

"As part of our response to the onslaught of coronavirus, we quickly coalesced a group of volunteers to aid us at our community clinics," recalled Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "They were incredibly helpful during the entire extent of the crisis."

As of June 2021, 354 volunteers with Public Health Services had given 11,653 volunteer hours, mostly at 49 community clinics held from January through June. Some handled paperwork, others directed participants to the correct location, and some took on medical duties, including dispensing vaccines.

Thanks to the hard work of Sam Avrett, MPH, who as a Health Services Advisory Board member volunteered to coordinate this effort and get it off the ground during the mass vaccination clinics, the team was able to organize very quickly. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. Job 11:14

OBITUARIES

Anthony Percoco of Accord, NY, passed away peacefully at home on July 19, 2021. He was 97 years old. Born in Union City, NJ on June 13, 1924; the son of John and Lucy (Zarrella) Percoco.



Tony's parents were Italian immigrants who came from Caserta and Naples, Italy during World War I. They lived in Harlem and then moved to the

Bronx near Arthur Avenue.

Elementary schools attended were PS 32, 47 and 57. Momma Percoco got the wanderlust and moved to Union City, NJ, where Tony went to the Thomas A. Edison Public School and graduated from 8th grade. Moving once more he attended Dickinson High School in Jersey City. Tony's dad passed away in 1939 and he moved to Granite near Kerhonkson with his sister and brother-in-law who was working on the Rondout Reservoir Project. Tony attended Kerhonkson High School and graduated in 1942. He loved basketball and was part of a championship team. War broke out and the induction notice came from Uncle Sam.

A chance meeting with a service man in Kerhonkson got him interested in the Seabees, a new branch of the Armed Forces. He enlisted and after training in Camp Peary, VA, the group ended up as replacements with the 43rd Seabee Construction Battalion in Kodiak, AK, then returning back to Camp Hueme, CA to ship out for Oahu and Maui to train with the 4th Marine Division who had just returned from Guadalcanal.

Suddenly there was a switch and the 133rd Seabee Battalion took the place of the 43rd with the Fourth Marine Division. The 133rd was in the first wave at Iwo Jima and took many casualties. They were then attached to the 2nd Marine Division to prepare for the invasion of Japan. In the harbor preparing to sail, President Truman gave the orders to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They sailed into the Nagasaki Harbor six weeks after the bomb was dropped. The city was devastated.

Back home in Kerhonkson and working many menial jobs he found his way to

the New Paltz State Teacher's College in 1946, and graduated in 1950 and had his first teaching job at Kerhonkson High School teaching, Social Studies and Science, grades 7 and 8. From there he went to the to the Ellenville School System and taught grades 5 and 6 for five years, was an assistant principal and became a guidance counselor until retirement in 1988.

Deciding to give back to the community for his years of service served, he served on the Ellenville School Board of Education for 25 years. Previous to the school board he was a trustee for the Ellenville Public Library for thirteen years. Honors received were Ulster County Citizen of the Year, Counselor of the Year from UCCA Phi Delta Kappa, Coached Little League Basketball in Slusky Center and Chairman of the Village Beautification Committee.

In 1991 he was appointed chairman of the 43rd Seabee Battalion Association Reunion Committee. Assisted by Vicki, his wife, both plan many functions for the group each year. The last reunion took place in Radford, VA in October 2011 with only four members in attendance, down from 1000. In addition, Tony and Vicky started a T&V Tours, traveling many places and making many friends, until 2015.

He is survived by his loving wife and dance partner, Vicki; his children, Shelly and William, Rick and Melissa, Randy (deceased) and Lori, Ralph, Christine and Joseph. Grandchildren, Kristen, Erik, Carla, David, Brandon, Dana, Cassidy and Owen. Great grandchildren, Erika, William, Tanner, Carter and Kainen. Sister-in-law and brother-in-law Francine and Daniel.

Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, July 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Military honors will begin at 11:30am. A Mass will be celebrated immediately following at St. Mary and St. Andrew's Church, 137 S. Main St., Ellenville.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Tony's name to the Randy Percoco Scholarship Fund c/o Ellenville School District, 28 Maple Ave, Ellenville, NY 12428.

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OBITUARIES (From Pg. 2)

Thomas C. Briggs passed away on July 10, 2021 in Fort Myers, Fl. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle.



Thomas drove a tractor trailer for many years for Channel Master Corp. He retired from there in 1974 as Traffic Manager. He started a second profession as a building inspector in Lee County Florida, where he retired after many years. Tom was also well known as a man who could hang wallpaper or paint your room to perfection. He was a quiet man, but

when he spoke, people listened.

He leaves behind his sons Steven (Debbie) and Thomas (Debbie), his grandchildren Craig (Sonya), Chad (Leah), Justin (Meghan), Hayley (Zack), Kelsey, and great grandchildren Everly, Esme, Olivia, Wyatt, Reid and Garrett. Uncle Tom will also be dearly missed by Jim, Noel, Brad, Kim, Liz, Carol, Joy and their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Tom was eternally grateful to the Kelly family for taking him in as a child of age 6, and raising him as one of their own.

He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth (Libby).

A remembrance service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, his family would greatly appreciate donations in his memory to Shadowland Stages, 98 Center St., Ellenville NY. www.shadowlandstages.org

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****August 1, 1951**

Friday's severe electrical storm was responsible for killing a brood sow on the Archie Ackerley farm on Thunder Hill. The sow was severely burned in a yard with a woven wire fence. No damage was done to the buildings.

Captain Quinlan of the B.W.S. Police has stationed a policeman at the junction of Routes 42 and 55 in Grahamsville. All violators of the 30 mile speed limit in town are being stopped. Mrs. Grant Finch reports that conditions are improving.

Monticello's only privately owned hospital celebrated its twentieth anniversary on Monday of last week along with the birthday of its supervisor and founder, Miss Frances McNeeley. The Hamilton Avenue Hospital, which accommodates thirty adults and six babies, was opened in 1931 in the home of former County Judge John P. Roosa, then maintaining three nurses with facilities for ten patients. Today Miss McNeeley has eighteen nurses.

Household Hint:**Refresh your ice trays**

If your plastic ice trays are covered with hard-water stains a few cups of white vinegar can help remove the spots and disinfect your trays. Let them soak in undiluted vinegar for four to five hours, then rinse well under cold water and let dry.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

A Bounty of Evening Primrose Blossoms

Walking around the yard, I was amazed to see so many native plants (a/k/a weeds) growing to unusual heights this year. I am not sure if all the rain and humid weather is responsible - meaning we just haven't gotten out to do the proper trimming in the yard and the weeds grew out of control or was it just a good growing season for weeds. Either way, some of the 'weeds' are really very beautiful.



Perhaps I shouldn't refer one particular plant as a weed, as it has a long history of positive attributes - it is a 6 foot tall Evening Primrose (*Oenothera biennis*). The usual height of this plant is anywhere between 12-60 inches in height.

Not only is this the tallest Evening Primrose I have seen, but it also has an super abundance of beautiful 1-2 inch in diameter attractive yellow flowers. The flower structure has a bright nectar guide, invisible to our naked eye, but the

pattern becomes apparent under ultraviolet light and is visible to its pollinators - butterflies, bees and moths! This bright yellow flower has 4 petals, a stigma X-shaped sepal turned down against the stem with the axillary and the terminal above. It flowers from late spring to late summer. The blossoms have a mild lemony scent. Hummingbirds are also attracted to these flowers because of its nectar.

Evening Primrose is a biennial - it has a two year life span. The first year you'll see elliptic to lanceolate shaped leaves that measure between 2 to 8 inches long and 1 to 2 inches wide. The leaves have wavy margins, a prominent white mid-vein, perhaps some red tinges on the leaf tips and grow in a tight rosette. The second year a stem grows with alternate leaves growing smaller with height.

The flowers are hermaphrodites that produce a 1-2 inch fruit capsule that contains numerous long seeds. The seeds are released when the capsule splits into four sections at maturity.

A herbaceous plant, the Evening Primrose earned its common name because it flowers late in the day and into the evening. Each flower lasts one to two days.

Evening Primrose loves well-drained soils in full sun. This has me puzzled. The soil in Sundown drains quite well, but it certainly was not a sunny season!

The evening primrose was introduced to Europe in the early 17th century as an ornamental plant in botanical gardens, without recognition of their ancient use as medicine. Indigenous tribes in North America (namely the Cherokee, Iroquois, Ojibwe and Potawatomi) used this plant not just as food but medicine too. It wasn't until the 1930's that researchers discovered the oil was powerful. Today Primrose Oil has become quite popular.

Evening Primrose grows in meadows, on beaches, in dunes, roadsides, and in waste places. This plant is native to the US and grows in most states. It has been naturalized in Great Britain, parts of Europe, Russia, eastern Asia, South American, Australia and some Pacific islands including New Zealand.

I am very happy that this tall plant with its vivid yellow flowers chose live in our back yard and brighten up the soggy rainy days this summer!



DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History (From Pg. 3)

August 1, 1951 The barn on the former Childs' farm, which is now part of the Tri Valley School grounds, has been torn down and removed and the farmhouse is in the process of being torn down. It is expected that some landscaping of the school grounds will be completed before school starts this fall.

August 2, 1961

All of Sullivan County and part of Ulster County will be converted to a complete phone dial system by 1964. The project will cost \$13 million, Mr. Rutzky, manager of the Monticello office reported. He said the properties for the new buildings required for the change-over had been purchased in Ellenville, Liberty and Fallsburg.

Melvin Eck, 82, a retired farmer of Grahamsville, died Thursday in Sholam. Mr. Eck was born December 20, 1878 in Sholam, the son of Conrad and Mary Bowers Eck. He was married January 27, 1900 to Mary Herman who died January 29, 1959. Survivors include a son Wilson of Grahamsville and a brother Fred of Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Altman of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter born on July 25th at the Maimonides Hospital in Liberty, N.Y.

County officials are studying a proposal that the county take over for recreational development, a 500-acre municipal park in the Town of Fallsburg. The state recently granted the town \$150,000 for the acquisition of the site which includes the Lochmore Golf Course, Morningside Lake and the former King David Hotel.

August 11, 1971

Nancy DeWire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. DeWire of Grahamsville, a student at the State University College at New Paltz, has been named to the Dean's List, an honor reserved for those who have earned a "B" average or higher for all studies completed at the College.

Services were held Thursday for Mr. William H. Clark, 78, of Ellenville who died Monday in Ellenville Community Hospital. A former Ulster Heights resident, he was born March 22, 1893 in Montela to Charles P. and Emily Blumenauer Clark. He was married to Harriet Sherman.

August 6, 1981

Carrie Muthig of Ulster Heights Rd., Woodbourne, died Thursday, July 30th in Harris Hospital. She was 74. The daughter of the late Augusta and Ella Herman Cypert, she was born Dec. 9, 1906 in Hasbrouck. The widow of the late Lewis Muthig, she was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne.

Tammy Oliver, daughter of Larry and Caroline Oliver of Sundown, was married to Lenny Johnson, son of Leonard and Pat Johnson of Clinton, Conn. by Rev. Stephen Schick in a ceremony at the Sundown Methodist Church on August 1. A reception followed at the Kimble Hose Company in Ellenville. The Johnsons will be making their home in Sundown.

Sympathy of the area to the family of Maurice Furman of Sundown who died at the age of 80 at home on July 27. Mr. Furman, a retired farmer, was born April 13, 1901 in Eureka. Burial was in Grahamsville Cemetery.

Floyd VanWagner celebrated his 51st birthday on Sunday with a surprise party at his estate in Sundown. One of the many birthday presents was a pouch of rare "Ole Cowchip" pipe tobacco.

COVID-19 Volunteers Made All the Difference County Aiming to Add to Their Ranks, Create Medical Reserve Corps

(From Pg. 1) "Over 40 of our volunteers possess a medical degree or license, allowing them to work alongside our nurses and other skilled professionals," acknowledged McGraw. "We even had a pharmacist and two dentists assisting!"

The success of the effort means it's not going away. Sullivan County is in the process of applying to create an official Medical Reserve Corps through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

"With COVID-19 cases creeping back up around the nation, it's prudent we have a cadre of dedicated volunteers ready to help Public Health respond to a potential increase locally," noted District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsiz, chair of the Sullivan County Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "It's also good to know that we'll have hundreds of talented, trained locals for other health crises in the future. They will strengthen our Public Health team, which is the backbone of our response efforts."

Everyone who is registered on the ServNY website with Sullivan County will be considered part of the Medical Reserve Corps, when it is officially established and approved by the Federal government. For those who would like to be a part of the Corps, go to www.sullivanvny.us/Departments/Publichealth/clinicvolunteer for details and signup instructions.

"Registration in ServNY is open to any health care or mental health professional, as well as laypersons who are willing to serve in administrative or support roles during public health emergencies," explained McGraw. "I encourage anyone who's over 18 and interested to put themselves on the list. They will be key to helping us increase our health rankings in the years to come."

Examples of non-medical volunteers include greeters, line monitors, registration, inventory, data entry and logistics. To learn more, public health staff welcomes calls to (845) 292-5910, or emails at volunteerMRC@sullivanvny.us.

About the MRC Program

The MRC network comprises more than 200,000 volunteers in roughly 800 community-based units throughout the United States and its territories. MRC units organize and utilize local volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and to support ongoing preparedness initiatives. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds who want to improve the health and safety of their communities.

Examples of activities that MRC volunteers participate in and support include the following:

- Emergency preparedness and response trainings and exercises
- Emergency shelter operations and medical care
- Disaster medical and behavioral health support
- Medical facility surge support
- Mass dispensing efforts (e.g., medication, water, other supplies)
- Disease testing and surveillance
- Community vaccination clinics
- Veterinary care
- Support services to disaster call centers, family assistance centers, and reception/evacuation centers
- Emergency operations center and communications support
- Patient movement support
- Search and rescue operations
- Disaster clean-up and recovery support
- First aid and medical support during large public gatherings
- Community education and outreach
- Emergency preparedness and response planning, logistical, and administrative support

More information is available at <http://www.phe.gov/mrc>

Steel Fear

Mysterious Book Report No. 457

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna



Try and imagine being 12,000 miles away from home, aboard a 6,000 person naval fighting ship in a war zone, where there is activity, stress, grueling and dangerous work that never slows down or stops . . . then add to that heat, stress, cramped quarters, poor morale and an arrogant, detached and incompetent Captain . . . and it would be a formula for certain disaster. But then-what if a serial killer began a murder spree in the midst of that kind of a closed and inescapable environment. Terror would ensue, beyond a doubt.

Such is the premise behind the most kinetic, exciting and psychologically tense sea yarn since Tom Clancy authored *The Hunt For Red*

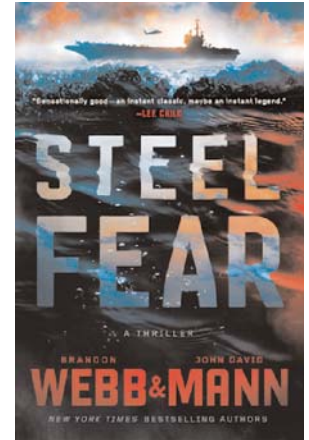
October almost forty years ago. And yes, it's that good because it has the ring of truth to it. The authors have seen it, done it and lived to tell the tale.

Steel Fear; (Bantam, \$28.00, 448 pages, ISBN 978-0-593-35628-9) by Brandon Webb and John David Mann, opens in the Persian Gulf, where a dispirited crew aboard the USS *Abraham Lincoln*, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier, is set to leave for home after a long and dangerous tour in the Middle East. The constant launch and recovery of FA-18 Hornet jet fighters and helicopter recovery missions have taken a toll on personnel and machines, but it was the loss of a rescue helo and its entire crew a few weeks earlier, that has drained the morale of everyone aboard ship.

Then, as the *Lincoln* is ready to steam for home, a mysterious US Navy SEAL is plucked from the beach in Yemen during the middle of the night and brought aboard. His name is Finn. He is cloaked in secrecy, shrouded in controversy, and the object of intense curiosity. He's a strange standoffish individual. . . weird even for "One of those arrogant, asshole SEALs . . ." according to one crew member.

Only days later, the first apparent suicide happens — followed by another, six days after that. Then comes a flood of three more deaths while the Captain dithers, ignores the situation and goes into deep CYA mode. Blame is directed at Finn, a man with an ugly past that he can only recall fragments of, as well as being dogged by a last operation in which his team failed to prevent a massacre. Finn, whose point-of-view drives much of the narrative forward with his uncanny observational skills, tries to help. He doesn't think he's the murderer but can't be sure, because he has had blackouts while the deaths aboard the carrier were taking place.

Thereafter, the pace never slackens, the surprises never stop and the intrigue never lessens in this intelligent and diabolically well-plotted mystery and thriller. If you've mourned the loss of Clancy and Ludlum — as we have — you can rest assured that Messrs Brandon Webb, who was an actual SEAL, and his writing partner John David Mann, have risen to fill the void. *Steel Fear* has all the makings of an instant classic!

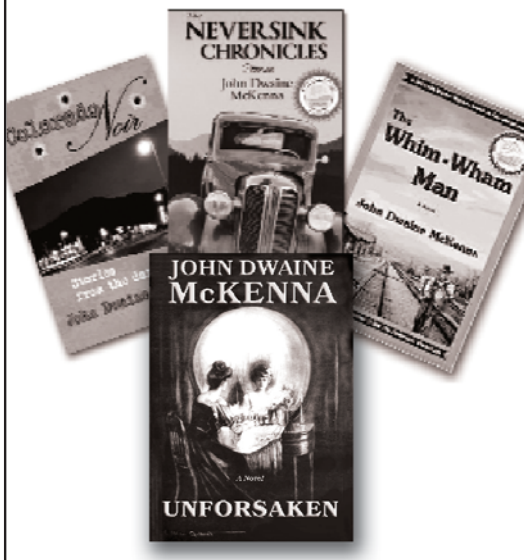


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New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place in the Legislative Chambers of the Ulster County Office Building located in Kingston on Friday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 21 new citizens representing 17 countries will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

Due to the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service's COVID safety protocols, no outside observers will be permitted to attend the ceremony. There are, however, several local elected officials who will be helping to welcome the new citizens by awarding them with congratulatory certificates.

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Christopher E. Cahill, Justice of the Supreme Court, Ulster County. Judge Cahill will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 21 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

For further information about the ceremony or other programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or email countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us.

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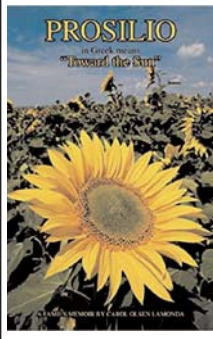
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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

The Dog Days of August

Before the "myth" of global warming, I always used the term "Dog Days" to mean the few really hot days of summer vacation that usually occur in August. We would be officially entering the "Dog Days" of August next week, but the weather this summer has been "doggin'" us since Memorial Day. Those days with the temperatures hovering

around ninety have been the norm with thunderstorms building in the late afternoon.

The term "Dog Days" actually came from Ancient Roman times. The ancients noticed that the hottest days of the summer always coincided with the appearance of the Dog Star, Sirius, which is the largest and brightest star in the constellation of Canis Major. Because Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, they connected the two by inferring that the hottest days were somehow related to the most intense star in the heavens. Different sources give different calendar dates but all agree that these days are the ones that are hottest and driest; therefore, these days were often associated with a time of evil because crops failed and energy languished.

The ancient Egyptians noticed that Sirius often appeared just before the Nile flooded. That bit of information hits a little too

close to home remembering Hurricanes Irene and Lee that followed our "Dog Days" of 2011.

Some people use the term to refer to the stock market's performance in August, which is traditionally a very slow time for trading with many people on vacation. The stocks that have little potential are sometimes called "Dogs."



For me, the "Dog Days" of August are very literal. I am spending a lot of them at Lake Sacandaga with my family which, of course, includes our chocolate lab Hudson. We call him the 'water walker' as he strolls back and forth in the

water picking up stones and bringing them back to the sandy beach. After hours of water fun, he stretches out on the wicker couch on the screened in porch. We would be smart to follow the advice of our canine companions and use the water to cool down and take time to slow down and take a doggone, pardon the expression, "cat nap."







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Get a COVID-19 Shot Get a Farmers' Market Coupon

Liberty, NY - This summer, Sullivan County Public Health Services is making it easy - and worthwhile - to get a COVID-19 vaccination. "If you've been waiting, now's a great time to choose to get vaccinated," affirmed Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "We're hosting Pfizer vaccination clinics every Wednesday here in Liberty from now through the end of August."

In collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Sullivan Renaissance, Public Health is offering a coupon to every individual who gets a shot. Each coupon is good for \$5 in purchases at any Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market till the end of the season. The first of the two-dose Pfizer vaccine (approved for use in those aged 12 and older) will be given between 2 and 6 p.m. on the following days at Public Health Services' Gladys Olmsted Building, 50 Community Lane, in Liberty: July 28; August 4; August 11; August 18; and August 25

Pre-registration is recommended in order to be guaranteed a shot: <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Publichealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics> or by calling 845-807-0925. (Second-dose appointments will be made at the time of the first visit.)

One \$5 coupon will be given to each person getting a shot at the above clinics. They will also be eligible to receive a second \$5 coupon when they return for their second shot.

- The coupons can be used at the following Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Markets:
- 10 Jefferson Street in Monticello, every Monday (through September 28) from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - 50 Community Lane in Liberty (Public Health), every Wednesday (through October 27) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Corner of Route 52 and Hasbrouck Road in Loch Sheldrake, every Wednesday (through October 27) from 3-5 p.m.
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Protecting Our Second Amendment

This fall, the Supreme Court will hear the case, New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Corlett. New York residents argue they were wrongfully denied a conceal carry permit for personal protection. If the plaintiffs succeed in this case, it could be the most important victory for the Second Amendment since 2008.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney led a congressional amicus brief to the Supreme Court in support of this challenge. New York's law that restricts our right to conceal carry for self-protection is unconstitutional. Her brief makes clear that law-abiding New Yorkers, and law-abiding Americans, should be allowed to protect themselves and their families. 175 of her colleagues joined her in submitting this brief, including House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Republican Whip Steve Scalise, and House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik.

Congresswoman Tenney stated, "American citizens have a right to keep and bear arms, and I will continue to lead the fight to protect and defend this right for all law-abiding Americans."




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New Hope Community Celebrates Disability Pride Month Making Strides in Inclusion and Independence

(LOCK SHELDRAKE, NY - July 21, 2021): July marks "Disability Pride Month" and the staff and people of New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake, NY joined in celebrating the movement to increase awareness and normalize conversations about disabilities. According to the Center for Disease Control, one in four Americans have some form of disability, far more than you might expect.

A leading human services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, New Hope Community offers a variety of hands-on educational, therapeutic and recreational programs, including a wide range of activities at Hope Farm and the Stables at McCoy Meadow.



Pictured to the right, Jay joins Anthony and Carly in the fields, using an adaptive Action Trackchair to get around at Hope Farm, a 3-acre working organic farm.

To the right – New Hope Community's Therapeutic Horseback Riding/In-House Program (THRIP) provides equine and other animal therapies where people learn to care for animals and perform essential tasks, and learn different responsibilities.

To the left – Riding horses helps build endurance, fosters confidence, and increases physical activity.



About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS, combined, provide services to over 700 people and employ more than 1,000 staff.

The History of Wintoon: A Grand Neversink Estate

*A Virtual and In person Talk on
Sunday, August 8th 2 p.m.*

Time and the Valleys Museum


[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum is sponsoring the first dual in-person and virtual program: The History of Wintoon, A Grand Neversink Estate, on Sunday, August 8 at 2 p.m. on Zoom and at the Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.



Summer resident and descendent Laura Brock will speak about the history of Wintoon, an estate built by her great grandfather Clarence Roof in 1882. An avid fly fisherman, he purchased miles of land along the Neversink River in Claryville. Roof's adopted daughter, Jenny Franklin Hovey Roof, married surgeon and inventor Karl Connell who developed the first all American gas mask used in World War I. They raised their family in Wintoon in the 1920s and 30s.

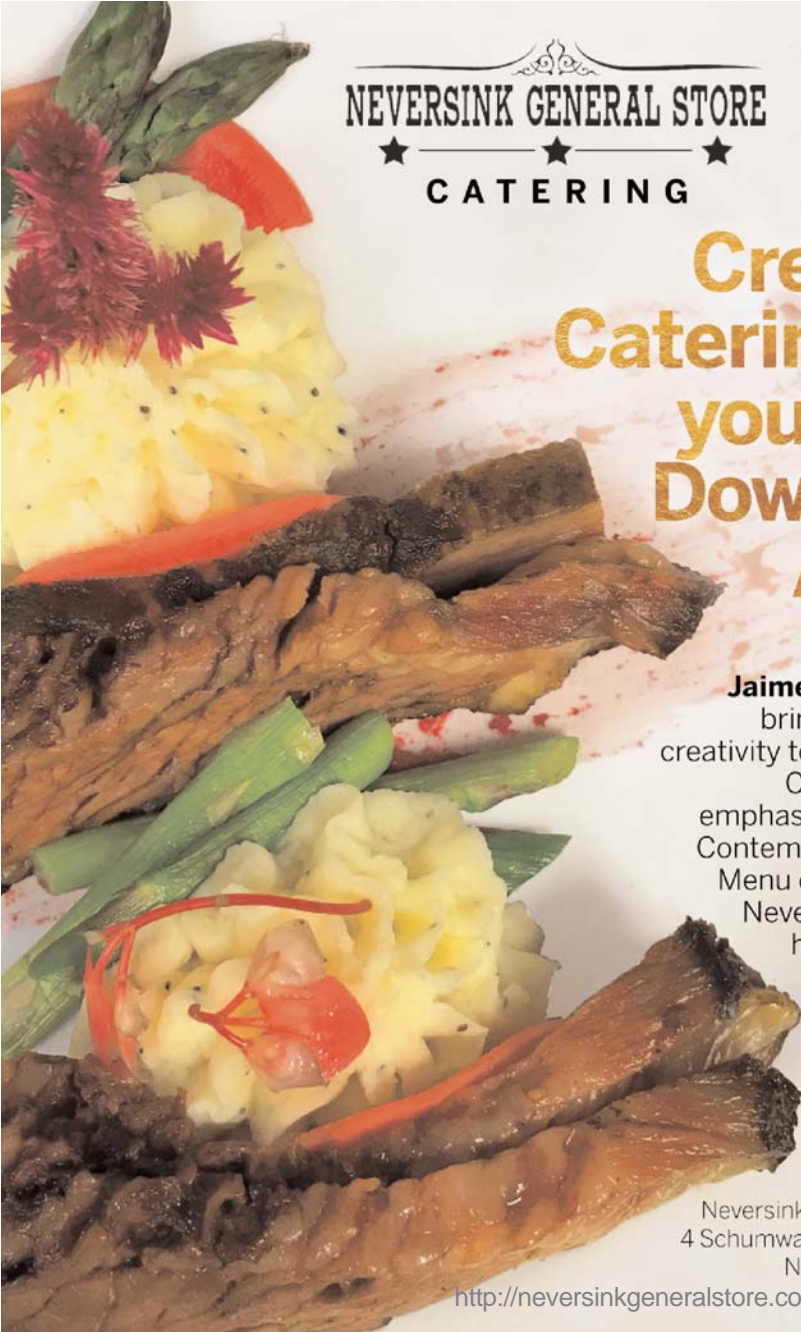
Members are free, and non-members: \$5. Attendance is limited to 30 and registration is required. To register please email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org with your name and number of attendees, and put In Person Registration in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. To attend the program virtually on Zoom, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org for the link, and please put Zoom Program Registration in the subject line.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open



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weekends Memorial Day to Labor Day, noon to 4 p.m.. 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. (Contd. Pg. 10)



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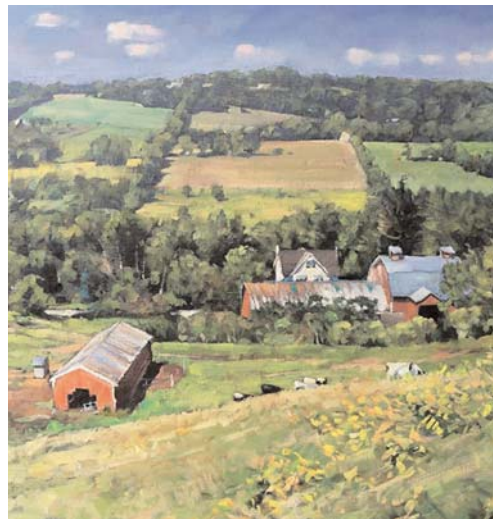
(From Pg. 9) The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to 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.

Plein Air Barnstorm with Jay Brooks

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The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

So much music, so little time! A couple of clones of myself are needed!

If you want to catch up on newcomers to the music scene, I



Noop

NOOP continues with his musical pursuits, as he could become something quite special.

strongly suggest the Open Mic on Wednesday nights, starting at 7pm, at CABERNET FRANK'S. Hosted by CASWYN MOON, I was in awe of the many young singer/songwriters that performed that I had never heard of, much less seen. All were amazing, but one, by the name of NOOP, stood out to me. It wasn't his excellent guitar work, or his strong clear voice, but his command of the space - in this case, the outdoor space. There is something in his stage presence that made the audience stop talking and turn around to listen. This is common with well known solo musicians and bands and the audience is filled with fans, but highly uncommon with the new. I hope

NOOP continues with his musical pursuits, as he could become something quite special.



Rich and the Jumpstarts

Speaking of well known local bands, wildly popular YASGUR disappeared off the radar about two years ago. Rumor had it that one of this tight knit group had moved away. That was true. Why not just get someone else you ask. It's often not that simple. When you've played together as long as this band, it becomes a well oiled team that can anticipate the action of another even before the other knows it themselves. That's hard to come by. But they ARE back, with a new name: RICH AND THE JUMPSTARTS. Same great

music, same core group of RICH JOHANSON (vocals and guitar), MIKE MOSS (drums) and DAN BERGER (harmonica) with the addition of MICHAEL JOHNSON (guitar) and for this night, fill in bass man SAM MARTIN. You can catch this group every Thursday night

at CABERNET FRANKS in Parksville beginning at 5pm, but I suggest you get there early.

The most surprising of this last weekend was the private party I attended. Back to back live bands. Nothing surprising there. A plethora of interesting

people from a Professor of Music from the city to the guy who takes every summer off to pitch a tent in the woods. Nothing surprising there either. Even running into Rose Barnett, owner of the ARROWHEAD RANCH in Parksville, was only partially surprising. It was only that morning when I received a press release about the LONCON FEST scheduled at the ranch August 27-28 (CoVid Delta Variant allowing).

What is surprising to all involved is that LONCON FEST even exists. There was a man named Lon Gellman who worked in a concession stand at MADISON SQUARE GARDEN for decades. He worked and went to concerts and festivals. Big ones, small ones, non descript ones all over the United States. This was his life. His nickname was Lon Conscious (hence LONCON) that I asked one of his long

time friends (40+ years) about where that came from, who laughed and said "God only knows. We (meaning his longtime childhood friends) always called him that." which conjured up a group of 10 year old boys making good natured fun of each other while laughing hysterically.

Lon Gellman died suddenly last year. Within a month, the idea of this festival was born, the brainchild of the son of one of those childhood 40+ year friends. He and his band mates turned to a funding website and within a short period of time the fund grew to head shaking numbers. Along with the small donors were gifts of thousands from surprising sources and LONCON FEST on its way to becoming a reality.

The bands/performers so far include BAKED SHRIMP, MAHALI from TWIDDLE, AQUEOUS, and DOGS IN A PILE. If you haven't heard of any of them, you should. Most are touring bands well known up and down the Eastern Seaboard.

As his friend put it, the late Lon Gellman would have been totally baffled by all of this. The truth is, none of us know how many people we touch until we're gone.

Until next time.....



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DEC to Host 10th Annual Great Hudson River Fish Count on July 31
Fish Count at Multiple Sites on Hudson River Shores and Piers

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the tenth annual Great Hudson River Estuary Fish Count will take place at multiple sites along the banks and piers of the Hudson River on Saturday, July 31.

"I encourage New Yorkers and visitors to get outdoors or go online and enjoy this opportunity to learn about the fish living in the Hudson River," Commissioner Seggos said. "With sites from the New York Harbor to Waterford, there are plenty of great spots to choose from to participate in the annual fish count close to home."

The public is invited to join naturalists from the Capital Region to New York City to explore the variety of creatures usually hidden below the river's surface. Fresh upriver and salty at New York City, the Hudson River's estuary and watershed are home to more than 200 fish species, including several that migrate into the river from the Atlantic Ocean each spring to spawn. Eleven sites will offer in-person opportunities for the public and three will livestream the fish count on DEC's Facebook page at 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

During the fish count, participating organizations encourage visitors to help collect fish using seine nets, minnow traps, or rods and reels. Seining involves pulling a 30-foot net through the water and checking out the fish, crabs, and other river-life caught in its mesh. Participants may watch from shore or jump into available waterproof waders and help pull in the net. The fish are released after everyone has a chance to see them up close.

Participating groups share their catch results by posting to the DEC Twitter feed with the hashtag #hudsonriverfishcount. Comparing notes builds understanding of the diversity of fishes and habitats in the Hudson, the vitality of the estuarine ecosystem in urban and rural settings, and the influence of salinity and tides. A list of participating public and virtual sites follows. For more information, visit the Great Hudson River Estuary Fish Count page on DEC's website and watch a clip about seining in the Hudson River on DEC's YouTube Channel.

All Fish Count programs are family-friendly and free of charge. The event is sponsored by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve and other environmental organizations. For more information email hrteach@dec.ny.gov.

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Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. Announces 2021 Scholarship Awards

Kiwanis of Woodridge awards scholarships each year to graduating seniors from the Fallsburg Central School District who are in good academic standing, have participated in community service, and will be attending a two or four year college, or a trade school. Due to Covid-19, we were unable, again this year, to host our annual Scholarship Dinner, but we were able to meet each recipient at their homes or at Morningside Park to give them their awards and take photos, while adhering to all Covid protocols. We are very proud to make public the recipients of our 2021 Annual Scholarships:

Angelina Colletti of South Fallsburg who doubled up her courses at FCSD, graduating a year early. She will be attending Quinnipiac University with courses focusing on radiology.

Bianca Cruceta of Loch Sheldrake will be attending SUNY Sullivan and will be majoring in psychology with an interest in becoming a mental health counselor.

Neema Darboe of South Fallsburg will be attending New York Institute of Technology to study architecture. The scholarship money Neema received was donated in honor and in memory of Ralph Rappaport, a former FCSD school board member, by his wife Rachel and daughters Lynne and Debby.

Haddy Gai of South Fallsburg will be attending SUNY Sullivan to study Human Services with an interest in healthcare management;

Dolce McPherson of Woodridge will be attending St. John's University and will be majoring in Biology with an interest in becoming a physician.

We congratulate all these amazing seniors for their academic excellence and service to their communities. We wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.

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For more information, stop by your local police station, call 833-428-HOPE or visit www.tricountycommunitypartnership.org/program-information

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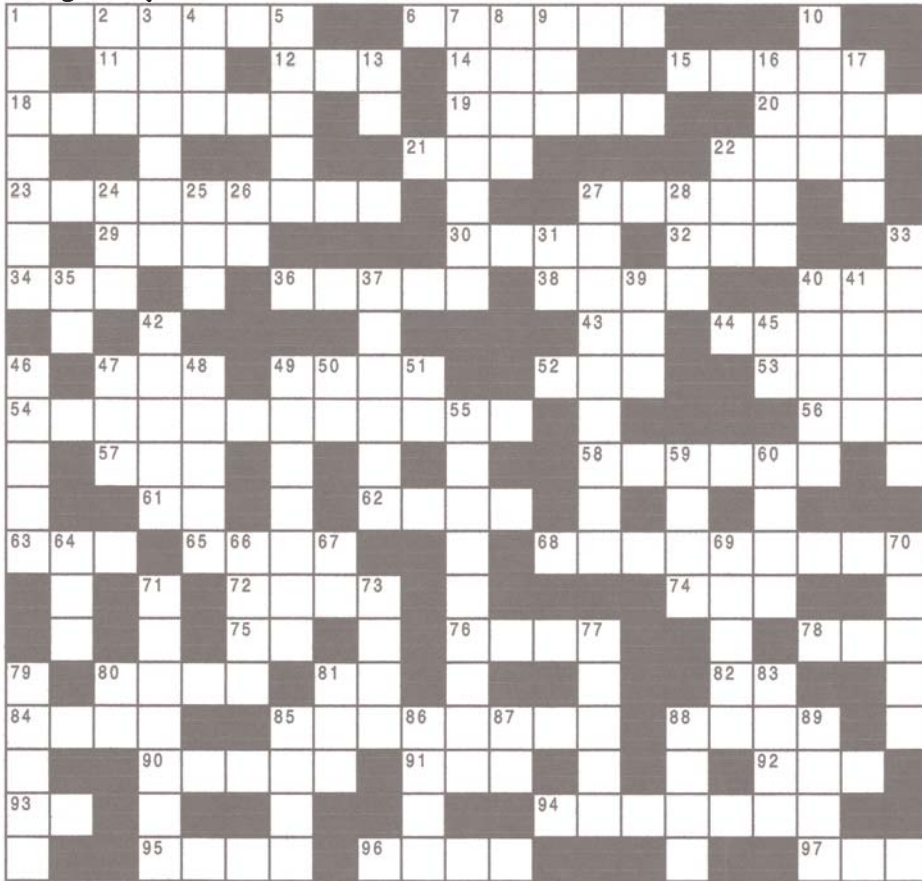
*The Hunt is open for ages 12 and under and will happen on
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on Sunday from 10am-1pm.*

*Entry forms will be handed out at the Parks & Rec booth.
Completed entry forms must be returned no later than 1pm on
Sunday to qualify for the grand prize drawing of a boy's bike and a
girl's bike. Drawing will be held at 1:30 pm at the Center Stage.*

See Ya at the Fair



Dog Days of Summer! ... - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Incomplete
- 6 Proclamation
- 11 Point at a target
- 12 Extension
- 14 Moral Rearmament
- 15 Bower
- 18 Home of the principal Greek gods
- 19 Potential
- 20 Basic unit of a chem element
- 21 Plant
- 22 Bitter flavored beers
- 23 Lasting for a short time
- 27 Strength
- 29 Very strong metal
- 30 Reverberation
- 32 Possessive adjective
- 34 Pole
- 36 Belonging to people
- 38 Proper
- 40 That girl
- 43 Tennessee
- 44 Hard dark

- enamellike varnish containing asphalt
- 47 U S Uncle
- 49 Series of rapid audible blows
- 52 Star the Earth orbits
- 53 Seabird
- 54 Study of the movement of celestial bodies
- 55 Roman
- 57 Basic monetary unit of Japan
- 58 Eighth month
- 61 Street
- 62 Consumes food
- 63 Sizzling
- 65 Aperture
- 68 Tasty
- 72 Humming sound
- 74 Point
- 75 Exists
- 76 Affluent
- 78 Combining form of three
- 80 Boggy acid

- ground
- 81 Exclamation of surprise
- 82 Chemical element iridium
- 84 Cave or den
- 85 Extend
- 88 Narrow valley
- 90 Emollient
- 91 Strong alkaline solution
- 92 Short for doctor
- 93 Pseudo-archaic term for the
- 94 Insect known for its chirping sound
- 95 Oscillate
- 96 Lease
- 97 Night before an event

DOWN

- 1 Frontiersman
- 2 Beam
- 3 Rafter
- 4 Mischievous child
- 5 Device that generates an intense beam of

- monochromatic light
- 7 Sovereign ruler
- 8 Large glossy black bird
- 9 Uncooked
- 10 Adore
- 13 Belonging to the speaker
- 16 Bundles of hay
- 17 U S National flower
- 22 Do something
- 24 Out of sight
- 25 Crowd
- 26 Half an em
- 27 Favored by good luck
- 28 Outer edge
- 31 Horse Power
- 33 Type of court at Grahamsville
- Fair Ground
- 35 Used to express acceptance
- 37 Domain
- 39 Hotel
- 40 Healthy wheat flour
- 41 Sanskrit word for 'hail'
- 42 The nostrils
- 45 Near
- 46 First month of the ancient Roman calendar

- 750 BC
- 47 Pigpen
- 48 One of the twelve parts of the year
- 49 Traditional founder of Rome
- 50 Short for agriculture
- 51 South Carolina
- 55 Dominance
- 59 Courage
- 60 Large sailing vessel
- 64 U.S.

- National tree
- 66 Referring to death
- 67 Transit
- Authrity pass for tolls
- 69 Chivalrous
- 70 Not moving
- 71 Oak tree
- 73 Hills of Jerusalem
- 77 High respect
- 79 Progressive English Rock Band, "Pink
- 80 Used to find

- the circumference of a circle
- 81 Edging
- 83 Giving counsel to another person
- 85 Unwilling to work
- 86 Adhesive
- 87 Masculine pronoun
- 88 Slimy unpleasant substance
- 89 Memorandum

Impossible Coconut Pie

- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup Biscuick
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup flaked coconut

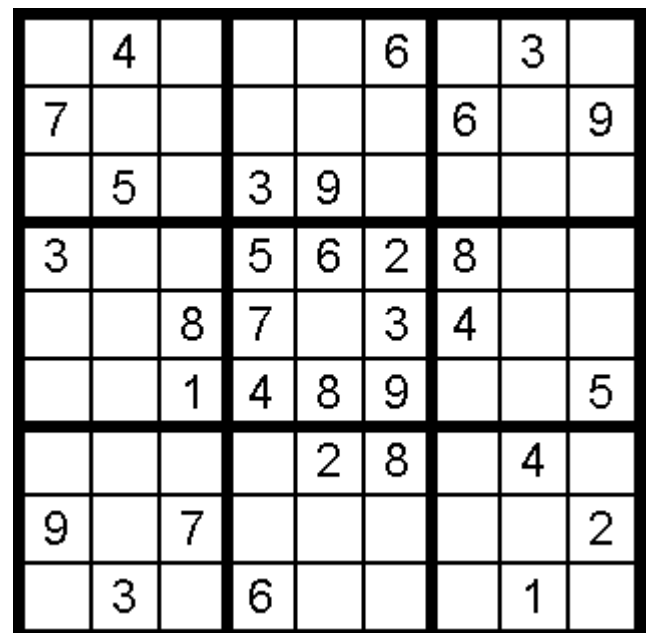
Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit

Grease a 9 inch pie plate.

Combine milk, sugar, Biscuit mix, eggs, butter or margarine, and vanilla in blender container. Cover, and blend on low speed for 3 minutes. Pour into prepared pie plate. Let stand about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with coconut.

Bake for 40 minutes. Serve warm or cold. Add a little ice cream for a special treat!

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Kids' Summer Fun Page - L. Comando

Cryptogram

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26 7 12 7 25 26 25 18 - ROBERT ORBEI

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The family is enjoying a day at the beach. What are five differences between the two pictures?



START

Can you travel through the United States maze starting in the state of Washington, travel east and get to the state of Maine?

FINISH

How many words can you make from the word VACATION?

Follow the dots to finish the summer scene at the beach.

Cryptogram Key

1	17	5	12	11	21	3	3	15	25	10	14	13	6	18	7	9	22	8	8	24	26	4	2	23	20	16	19	
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**PUBLIC NOTICE****2021-2022 School Year Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program**

LIBERTY - Sullivan BOCES announced today an amendment to its policy for enrolled area school children for serving breakfast and lunch under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program for the 2021-2022 school year, which would allow for all children attending the following schools to be served meals at no charge.

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NYS DEC Regulations and Proposed Changes 190.35 Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor

The rule will address overuse and protect public health, safety, general welfare and natural resources on the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor by implementing a permit system from May 15th through September 15th of each year while still providing a quality outdoor experience for users.

Public comment period deadline - August 1, 2021

More information go to:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2359.html>

**Tri-Valley CSD
Board Meetings**

will hold an Anticipated Proposed Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, Secondary School Library Upper Level. Regular Meeting #2 will follow at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Board Meeting will be in-person as well as live-streamed on our YouTube Live channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAW/R6NVao24w/live>

**Next Scheduled August Meeting
August 26, 2021**

**Sullivan County
ROAD
CLOSURES**

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

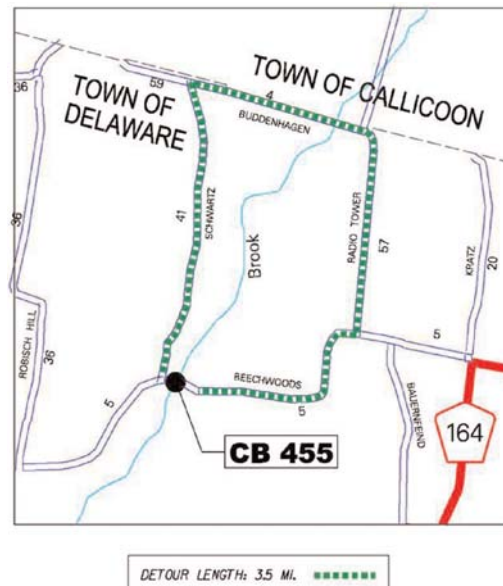
County Bridge 241 is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the intersection of State Route 52 and DeWitt Flats Rd and will be closed to all traffic starting 8 a.m. on June 1, 2021, remaining closed for approximately 4 months.

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

Hortonville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will close a portion of Town Highway 5 (**Beechwoods Road**) in the **Town of Delaware** to repair **County Bridge 455**. This section of road will be closed to traffic starting at 8

a.m. on Monday, July 12 and will remain closed for approximately four (4) weeks.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post a **detour route** using **Schwartz Rd. (Town Highway 41)**, **Buddenhagen Rd. (TH 4)**, **Radio Tower Rd. (TH 57)**, and **Beechwoods Rd. (TH 5)**.



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**Nina Postupack, Ulster
County Clerk Announces
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Reenactor at the Matthewis
Persen House Museum**

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, July 31, 2021, Revolutionary War medical reenactor Don Terpening will host the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets.

On Saturday, July 31 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Don Terpening will present various medicines, implements, and techniques that were used by physicians during the Revolutionary War, as well as discuss the role that doctors played and their social standing during this period. Admission is free and all are welcome.

"Don is a true local treasure," states County Clerk Postupack. "His vast knowledge and interactive delivery is a fun experience for whole family."

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at



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

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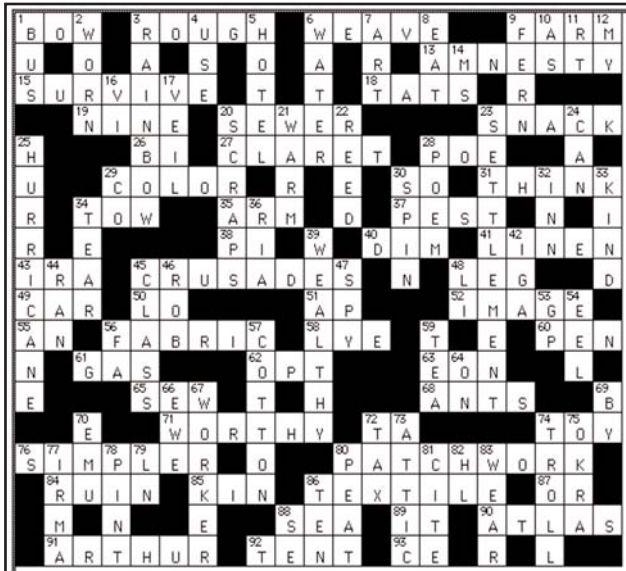
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Ans to last week's Crossword



Community Driver Safety Programs Defensive Driving Classes

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

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

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

Forestburgh Playhouse New Arts Festival In the Works-In the Woods

A new annual theater Arts Festival at the Forestburgh Playhouse in Sullivan County, NY dedicated to nurturing playwrights, composers, lyricists and emerging theatrical works and cabaret. (Forestburgh, NY - July 15, 2021)

Forestburgh Playhouse announced today the creation of In the Works~In the Woods, a new annual arts festival to take place September 9-12, as part of its 75th Anniversary Season.

Become A Member - Forestburgh Playhouse is offering three different passport memberships to the Festival: Friends of Forestburgh: \$150 (Individual), Miracle of the Forest VIP: \$500 (2 Passes) and Festival Founder VIP: \$1000 (2 Passes). For more information: www.fbplayhouse.org or by calling 845-794-1194.

ABOUT THE FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE

The Forestburgh Playhouse is the oldest, continuously running, professional summer theatre in New York State. Located in the Sullivan Catskills, the Playhouse was founded in 1947 by John Grahame and Alexander Maissel. FBP's mission is to present high-quality, professional theatre, including musicals, plays, cabarets and theatre for young audiences; to provide arts education programming for local youth; to develop and launch the careers of young artists; and to foster the development of new works through an annual new works festival. FBP attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and was one of the first venues in the U.S. in 2020 to return to live performance with its Under the Stars concert series. This year, the Playhouse is proud to celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/3//21	Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
8/4/21	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 7/21/21)
8/10/21	Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
8/11//21	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
8/17/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 8/3/2021
8/19/21	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
7/30/21	Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift Sale - 9 am - 12 Noon
7/31/21	Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift Sale - 9 am - 12 Noon

Save the Date!**Grahamsville Little World's Fair - August 13th thru the 15th****The Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Tractor Show & Swap Meet
September 25th and Sunday, September 26th*****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.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of July 26 - July 30, 2021

Monday, July 26

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors, at 999 Flatbush Rd, Kingston, NY
- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston. In addition to attending in person, members of the public may also listen via phone at (845) 443-8880, Conference Bridge #: 113900

Tuesday, July 27

- o 4:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, in the Economic Development Conference Room, 3 Development Court, Kingston, NY, the public may also attend at 28 Vista Dr., Manorville, NY

Wednesday, July 28

- o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 4:30 PM - Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, at 7 Park Ln, Highland, NY

Thursday, July 29

- o No Meetings

Friday, July 30

- o No Meetings

Fallsburg Alumni Association Awards and FCSD Hall of Fame Induction

(From Pg. 1) The paths honorees took to come to Fallsburg were quite divergent, yet there were amazing connections between them and the fulfillment of their life's purpose. At least four generations of Fallsburg residents were represented in the audience and on the podium. The scene of the ceremonies was the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) named in memory of the grandfather of Jamienne Studley, one of the day's HOF inductees.



A group of HOF recipient families and friends left to right, Letise Buckner, Dr. Mary Young Armstead's sister, Dr. Armstead, retired FCHS teacher Jay Kasofsky, who received Dr. Jamienne Studley's HOF plaque, sisters Roxanne Young and Vanessa Young, mother Bethsheba Young, and Margo Lemberger, daughter of HOF recipient Dr. Louis Lemberger

FAA President Regina McKenny-Snead welcomed everyone to the school cafeteria at just a little past 11:00 AM. Staff Honorees of the FAA were retirees Nurse Lonnie Lindsey and BCES teacher Leah Exner. Alumnus Awards went to Lisa McAdoo and Stanley Gilmore. Graduating Seniors receiving FAA Awards were Ava Anderman (a family going back several generations in Fallsburg), Haddy Gai (born in Gambia), Daniel Milov (whose family came from Eastern Europe), Jamie Rein (whose grandparents were Greek immigrants), and Janelly Santos Lopez (recent immigrant from Central America).



Margo Lemberger receiving HOF plaque in honor of her father, Dr. Louis Lemberger, from Superintendent Dr. Ivan J. Katz

Cosor devotedly served for over thirty years on the BOE. Jamienne's dedication to education was shaped very much by her grandparents. She served in the administration of three U.S. Presidents, Carter, Clinton and Obama. In the latter service, she was the Deputy Secretary of the Education Department. (Contd. Pg. 26)

The Sheryl Kalter Memorial Award for outstanding citizenship and community service went to Daniel Milov and Gabrielle Pantel (whose family goes back four generations in Fallsburg). The Robynne Anderman Award presented by her mom and Board of Education Member Arlene Anderman Hussey went to her great niece, Ava Anderman. Ava welled up with tears as she remembered her loving and generous Cousin Robynne.

Eileen Kalter presented the FAA Award of Jack Leshner to Dolce McPherson (a track and field star athlete like one of the HOF honorees). The final honor was to Regina McKenny-Snead-the first ever Lawrence Kotin Award for dedication and contributions on behalf of children with special needs. A 1958 FCHS graduate, Mr. Kotin received several awards during his lifetime for advocacy for students with special needs. Ms. McKenny-Snead's family emigrated to Fallsburg from the South in the 1950's. She knew ever since her early days at Fallsburg schools that her life's purpose was to be of service to others. For many years, she has been an executive leader of Sullivan Arc, now known as The Arc Greater Hudson Valley.

After receiving the Kotin Award, Ms. McKenny-Snead handed the microphone over to FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz for the Hall of Fame Inductions. Dr. Jamienne Studley was first, and she joined the ceremony remotely. She was especially honored that the event was in the school where her grandfather Benjamin

Fallsburg Alumni Association Awards a nd FCSD Hall of Fame Induction

(From Pg. 25) One of Dr. Studley's schoolmates at Fallsburg Central and a fellow inductee to the HOF is Myra Young. Her grandparents were among that generation of African-Americans leaving the segregation and economic dislocation of the post-WW II South to seek opportunity in the burgeoning Catskill resort industry of the Fallsburg area. After receiving a PhD. in History, Myra Young Armstead taught American History and received honors from organizations throughout the world. She has pioneered efforts in the field of education for women in prisons. Currently, she is Associate Professor of History and Vice President for Academic Inclusive Excellence at Bard College.

Dr. Armstead's book, "Seeking Our Fortune in the North," The African-American Population of Sullivan County, New York from 1930 to 1980, tells the story of black migration from the South whose descendants are now fourth and fifth generation students in the Fallsburg Central Schools. Names such as Young, McKenny, and Gilmore are very familiar, and on this day, a McKenny, a Young and a Gilmore were sharing the same podium of high honor.

The third HOF honoree of the day was Dr. Louis Lemberger, an MD and a PhD, whose parents were two Eastern European immigrants. He grew up in Fallsburg. His daughter, Margo Lemberger, received the award for her late father. To her, he exemplified the American Dream. Dr. Lemberger discovered and developed many life-saving drugs, including the anti-depressant Prozac, the first drug of its kind. Later he helped develop the anti-psychotic Zyprexa, the anti-emetic Cesamet, and Permax for treatment of Parkinson's disease. He was the first physician to administer these compounds to a human being. Wherever he went, said his daughter, people would shake his hand and tearfully thank him for the drug that saved the life of a close family member. To Louis Lemberger that was his greatest reward.

Dr. Lemberger loved Fallsburg basketball games, and sports was a major connection at the HOF event. Honoree Alumnus James Gilmore was one of the stars of FCHS basketball and other athletic teams in the 1970's. Lisa McAdoo received a basketball scholarship to Clarion University. She thanked the late Fallsburg physical education teacher and coach Esther Grossman for mentoring her. FCSD honored Mrs. Grossman as the lone inductee to the Hall of Fame for 2021.



*Recipients for Esther Grossman HOF plaque, dear friend Donna Rae Robitaille,
Esther's son Jeff Grossman and his wife Amy.*

the person that nominated her for the Hall of Fame, Donna Rae Robitaille, received the HOF plaque, with the blessings of the Grossman Family. Esther's son Jeff, a class of 1979 FHS graduate, spoke lovingly about his mother and how honored the family was.

Many people, many different paths to Fallsburg, and all of them honored for academic achievement, civic contributions and making a difference in the Fallsburg community and beyond. We are Fallsburg strong and proud.

Growing up in India as a teenager, Esther Lelah was a star on the Olympic track and field team. She had an opportunity to emigrate to the United States and Sullivan County where she earned a full scholarship to Brooklyn College in Physical Education. After graduation, she took a position at FCSD as a physical education teacher and coach.

She became a mentor to thousands of young students over thirty years in the classroom, gymnasium and playing fields. Girls, with no sense of athletic ability, heeded Ms. Grossman's words to come try out for teams and learn how to play. They became poised and at ease on the volleyball court or field hockey pitch.

Many, like Ms. McAdoo, went on to college and played sports on that level. They also learned to appreciate the games of tennis and golf so they played them into older adulthood as Mrs. Grossman said they would.

Her dear friend up until the day Esther passed away and

A Saturday Filled with Sunshine, Spirit and Good Will



On Saturday the volunteers and members of St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church in Ellenville was not only blessed with a beautiful sunny day for their Church Giveaway that was held at 156 Center Street, Ellenville, NY but also by the good spirit of all those who volunteered or visited the event.

According to Pastor G, the idea was to bring his congregation out on the lawn, celebrate the beautiful outdoors, have some fun, food and share the good will of the community, and to leave and take the good energy with you and share it wherever you go. Leaving such an event with a newly acquired precious item was certainly a way to spread positive energy.

There were many 'give away items' as well as brand new items that were sold at below bargain prices. If you were hungry, the grill was fired up and the hot dogs were offered free to everybody. Of course, they also had deli-

cious Fish and Chicken dinners that you could purchase. Totally delicious!

Yes, we left the Church Giveaway with a few items – one Chicken and one Fish Dinner, new friends, smiles that reflected the great time we had sharing stories, learning new ideas and now we too are spreading the good news about this little church community with a big heart. Pastor G's plan worked!

There will be other events this summer at the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church –we will keep you posted, and maybe see you there.



Tri-Valley News Update

Good news is always welcome and refreshing.

After a meeting with the Daniel Pierce Library Board, Director Jessica Dymond notified Tri-Valley Lions Vice-President Bill Brenner that the library has reopened its second floor meeting room for the Tri-Valley Lions to hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5PM to 7PM. (The Library closes at 7PM).

Newly elected Tri-Valley Lions President Steven Miller said this is GREAT NEWS. For many years before COVID hit, the Lions met in their "own" special meeting room in the library. The Secretary brought and hung the Tri-Valley Lions banner and American flag.

The Lions Board of Directors haven't been able to meet in the Library for over a year. Although permitted to meet in the First Aid Squad building, the members preferred to conduct their monthly meeting via Zoom or telephone. Many members were precluded from participating. Lion member Stu Wizwer set up and coordinated the Zoom meetings.

And as another unfortunate setback, the Tri-Valley Lions monthly membership dinner meetings - where practically everybody attended, at Frankie and Johnny's (Nardi's) restau-

rant in Hurleyville also closed during the COVID epidemic, and recently closed down altogether.

So the Daniel Pierce Library re-opening the conference room to the Tri-Valley Lions is a bright light that our local community is reopening, reconnecting and re-blooming.

Everybody, the directors, members and nonmembers are all invited to these Lions meetings. The Lions are looking for volunteers to help work at the soda and water concession stand at the Grahamsville Fair and many other local events throughout the summer. The people to contact are Lion tamer Tonya Martin and Membership Chair Mary Lou Vernoy.

Most of all, the Tri-Valley Lions thank the Daniel Pierce Library and our entire community for their continued support and help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Miller, President

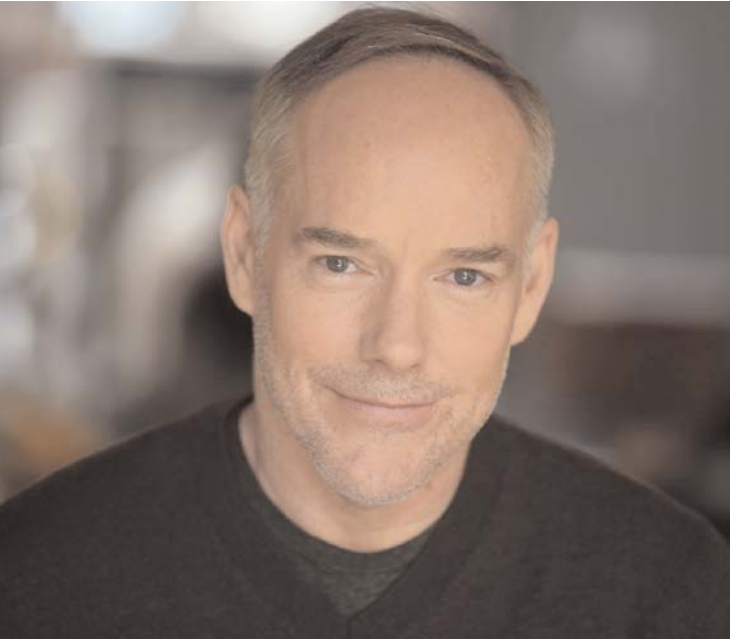
William A. Brenner, Vice President

Latest Lion (bad) Joke: "Last night I shot a lion in my pajamas. How he got in my pajamas, I'll never know."

Broadway star Michael Winther to open Shandelee Music Festival's 28th Concert Season

SHANDELEE - To borrow a lyric from the 1945 movie "State Fair," Saturday, August 7 will be a "Grand Night for Singing," as Broadway star Michael Winther graces the stage to open the Shandelee Music Festival's 28th concert season.

Along with pianist Art Hirahara, Winther will perform works from the "American Songbook," at the Arnold House Barn and Greenhouse.



Michael Winther opens the Shandelee Music Festival's 28th concert season on Saturday, August 7 at the Arnold House Barn and Greenhouse.

Winther's Broadway credits include "Mamma Mia," "1776," "The Crucible," "Damn Yankees" and more. Recent credits include the "Fun Home" national tour, and "Light Falls in New York." He has also performed in "The Laramie Project Cycle" and "Merrily We Roll Along," and will soon be seen in the Lincoln Center production of "Flying Over Sunset."

Performance venues include New York City, Berlin, San Francisco, Goodspeed, La Jolla, The Guthrie, Berkley and Yale Reps, The McCarter, O'Neill Center and Ford's Theatre.

A Drama Desk and Drama League nominee, Michael Winther has also performed his "American Songbook" at Lincoln Center, the White House, 54 Below and Birdland. His numerous television and film credits include "Blacklist," "Boardwalk Empire" and "The Avengers."

The August 7 event at the Arnold House Barn and Greenhouse begins at 7 p.m. with an Hors d'oeuvres and Specialty Cocktail Reception, and the performance begins at 8 p.m. Admission prices are \$50 for adults, \$45 for Shandelee Music Festival members, and \$10 for students 17 and under (with a valid ID).

For the first time in its 28-year history, the Shandelee Music Festival will simulcast its concerts for those who cannot attend the in-person event. Virtual attendance tickets are \$20.

The Arnold House Barn and Greenhouse is located at 839

Shandelee Road, Livingston Manor, NY. Tickets for both the in-person and virtual event are available by visiting www.shandelee.org, or calling the Shandelee Music Festival Box Office at 845-439-3277.

SHADOWLAND STAGES Announces the return of live theatre

*(and live audiences) with
THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE (abridged) [revised]
to be joyously performed at*

The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES

First production back celebrates theatre itself in this hilarious romp August 13th - September 5th

SHADOWLAND STAGES (Brendan Burke, Artistic Director; Elena K. Holy, Managing Director) announced "SHADOWLAND's back!" - with news they'll stage their first post-pandemic production starting August 13th - THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (abridged) [revised].

With a script by Adam Long, Daniel Singer & Jess Winfield and Brendan Burke directing, the play can best be described as: 3 actors. 37 plays. 97 minutes. They said it couldn't be done. Or... maybe they said it shouldn't be done. Either way, we're doin' it! Three madcap 'scholars' in tights perform the entire Shakespeare canon in this hilarious irreverent romp.

Artistic Director Brendan Burke said "We're thrilled to be able to re-open our doors, and to produce this play, gathering together to celebrate theatre and the communal magic only live theatre can provide."

Proof of full Covid-19 vaccination with an FDA or WHO authorized vaccine will be required for entry. Guests under the age of 12 and those guests who are unvaccinated due to a disability will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance start time, or a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within 6 hours of the performance start time in order to enter the theatre. Additional information on the vaccination requirements and safety protocols may be found at ShadowlandStages.org/faqs/.

SHADOWLAND's patrons will be welcomed back by a fully-vaccinated cast, crew, and staff; and staff who interact with patrons will be masked at all times, for their protection and the audience's safety. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, online, so that they can enjoy touchless entry.

The show previews Friday August 13th at 8pm with an Opening Night celebration following the Saturday August 14th at 8pm performance. Performances continue Thursdays - Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm through September 5th. Please note: there will not be a "First Saturday" matinee performance for this show so that all may enjoy The Blueberry Festival prior to our Opening Night.

Shadowland Artists, Inc. dba SHADOWLAND STAGES produces at The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES - 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.ShadowlandStages.org or by calling the box office at 845-647-5511. Walk-up sales at the box office begin two hours prior to any performance.



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ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE
SEPTEMBER 25TH & 26TH**

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Chicken \$12.00 adult \$7.00 children 7 years & under

Rib Dinner \$14.00 adult

Chicken Halves \$7.00

Ribs~ala~Carte \$9.00

Dinners Include Baked Potato, Corn Cole-slaw



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Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Announces Community Solar for Government Electricity Accounts and Encourages Residents to Join Community Solar Efforts

- **By subscribing to community solar, the County has directly supported the development of two local solar projects and is contributing clean, renewable electricity to the local grid while saving taxpayers \$30,000 annually**
- **Through County Executive Ryan's Green New Deal Plan, residents can participate in community solar and save up to 10% on their electric bill, with no upfront costs or monthly fees through signing up with Solarize Ulster**

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Ryan announces that Ulster County has commenced community solar subscriptions for multiple County-owned electricity accounts. Two local community solar projects, developed by East Light Partners, PBC, will generate utility bill credits for four County-owned properties and save taxpayers nearly \$30,000 annually.

"Our subscription agreement aided the development of these projects and supports our goal of supplying 100% of the County's building and fleet electricity needs from locally generated energy sources by 2030," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Additionally, I am reminding residents that they can also participate in community solar through our Solarize Ulster program. Not only will participating in community solar allow residents to be part of making a Green New Deal a reality, but it will also lower utility bills and save them money at a time when we know the financial pressures are so great on everyone."

ELP Myer Solar is a 2 MW community solar Project on vacant industrial land in the Town of Saugerties in Ulster County. ELP Union Vale Solar is a 2 MW Community Solar Project on Union Vale Town Landfill in Dutchess County.

Ulster County selected East Light Partners through a competitive procurement process. In their proposal, East Light Partners highlighted the utilization of local businesses for the design, construction and operation of their projects.

Ulster County residents interested in subscribing to community solar can enroll in these projects (and other local solar projects) through the County's Solarize Ulster campaign. One of the County's selected subscription providers, Common Energy, is offering subscriptions to both the ELP Myer and ELP Union Vale sites. When you subscribe, your provider will donate \$100 to the County's Green New Deal fund and send you a \$100 gift card. By subscribing to community solar, you will save up to 10% on your electric bill, with no upfront costs or monthly fees

To enroll, visit the County's campaign page at <http://solarizeulster.org>

Farmer's Market Coupons Available

Monticello, NY - The Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program provides an opportunity for eligible seniors to support local farmers and improve their health by increasing their consumption of locally grown fruits, vegetables and fresh-cut herbs.

"Studies show that consuming fresh fruits and vegetables can increase the quality of your diet and decrease your risk of hypertension, cancer and cardiovascular disease," says Sullivan County Office for the Aging Nutrition Coordinator Jane Bozan.

To that end, the Office will be distributing Farmer's Market Coupon Booklets beginning July 9. Each booklet contains five (5) \$4 coupons, for a total of \$20. Coupons are valid through November 30, 2021 at participating Farmer's Markets.

Coupons are available to eligible seniors on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to take advantage of this program, you must be a New York State resident and 60 years of age or older. You must affirm that your income is no more than:

- For a 1-person household - \$1,986 a month; or
- For a 2-person household - \$2,686 a month; or
- For a 3-person household - \$3,386 a month; or
- You are currently receiving or are eligible for SSI, public assistance, food stamps or Section 8 housing.

Pick up coupons at the Office for the Aging in the Government Center in Monticello between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the Transportation Building, 401 Airport Rd., Swan Lake, every Tuesday in July and August from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For further information, please contact the Office at 845-807-0241.

Coupons will also be available at the following locations on these dates:

Monticello-Neighborhood Farmers Market Every Monday, August, 2nd, 9th, 23rd

Liberty-Creekside Park, Farmers Market Friday, July 30th

Mamakating-Wurtsboro, Community Church, 134 Sullivan Street Thursday, July 29th

Callicoon- Callicoon Creek Park, Farmers Market Sunday, August 1st

Bethel- Shepherd's Pantry, Rt 17B, Bethel TBA

Bethel-Kauneonga Lake Farmers Market Saturday, July 31st

"Check out your local area Farmer's Markets and see whether you are eligible or not for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program," adds Bozan. "Most markets are open until the beginning of November."

Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Implement A Federal Ban on Hair Discrimination

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced her co-sponsorship of the Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act, a critical piece of legislation to ban pervasive, race-based discrimination against natural hair, hair textures, and hairstyles commonly worn by Black people. The CROWN Act is led in the Senate by Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ).

"For far too long, discrimination and prejudice against Black hair has been used as another tool to create barriers and disenfranchise Black people. No one should ever be criticized, harassed, or punished for their natural hair and heritage," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am proud to join my friend and colleague Senator Booker to set a clear, federal standard banning discrimination against Black hair. The CROWN Act would help combat and correct deeply ingrained social biases against Black hair and ensure our children grow up learning to love themselves and their individual beauty."

Discrimination against natural hair remains a significant barrier in both the personal and professional advancement of people of color, especially Black women. A recent study found that Black women's hair is three times more likely to be perceived as unprofessional and that Black women are 80 percent more likely to feel the need to alter their natural hair to fit office standards. Additionally, Black women are 50 percent more likely to be sent home from the workplace because of their hair.

Current federal law prohibits some forms of hair discrimination as racial discrimination. However, federal courts have narrowly construed protections that allow schools, workplaces, and federally-funded institutions to discriminate against people of African descent who wear natural or protective hairstyles. The CROWN Act makes clear that discrimination against natural and protective hairstyles associated with people of African descent, including hair that is tightly coiled or tightly curled, locs, cornrows, twists, braids, Bantu knots, and Afros, is a prohibited form of racial or national origin discrimination.

This legislation is supported by 55 organizations, including the Congressional Black Caucus, CROWN Coalition advocate Adjoa B. Asamoah, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Congresswoman Tenney Leads 175 House Members in Effort to Defend Second Amendment Rights

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), is leading 175 of her House colleagues, including House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Republican Whip Steve Scalise, and House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik, in an amicus brief to the Supreme Court, defending the right to conceal carry under the Second Amendment to the Constitution in the case *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Corlett*.

In this case, which the Supreme Court agreed to hear earlier this year, New York residents assert they were wrongly denied a conceal carry permit for personal protection by state officials. If the plaintiffs prevail in this case, it could be the most significant victory for Second Amendment advocates since *Heller v. District of Columbia* in 2008, which reaffirmed the right of Americans to keep and bear arms for personal protection. The case will be heard in the fall 2021 term.

"The Second Amendment rights of Americans are on the line in this historic case, which is why I am honored to lead 175 of my House colleagues in standing up for our Constitution," said Congresswoman Claudia Tenney. "For decades, law abiding gun

owners in New York and around the country have endured countless attacks on our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms, especially outside the home for self-protection. As the defund the police movement goes mainstream in the Democratic Party and failed progressive policies like bail reform make our streets less safe, it is more important than ever for us to defend our Constitutional right to bear arms for self-protection."

"The right to keep and bear arms is a cornerstone of American freedom. As violent crime rises to its highest point in this century, the Supreme Court should act now to protect this right for all Americans. In *Heller*, the Court held that the plain meaning of the Second Amendment guarantees 'an individual right to possess and carry' firearms. Yet blue cities and states have gone to great lengths to obstruct law-abiding citizens from owning firearms, such as New York's requirement to demonstrate a 'special need' to protect themselves and their families. Of course, New York and other blue states and cities have created a widespread need for self-defense by defunding the police and releasing criminals onto the streets. It should not be easier for criminals to commit crimes than it is for law-abiding citizens to exercise their Second Amendment rights. The Court should strike down this undo infringement," said House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy.

"Violent crime is skyrocketing across America because state and local Democrats have defunded their police departments. After President Biden, Speaker Pelosi, and their socialist allies completely defund the police, our Second Amendment rights will be their next target. My fellow Republicans and I will not let Democrats take away the American people's right to defend themselves, which is enshrined in our Constitution," said House Republican Whip Steve Scalise. "*New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Corlett* has the potential to be the most significant victory for supporters of the Second Amendment in more than a decade. Make no mistake: American citizens have a right to defend themselves - both inside and outside their homes. I applaud Congresswoman Tenney for defending our Second Amendment rights by leading over 160 of our House colleagues in a congressional amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court to support the right of law-abiding citizens to conceal carry."

"Law-abiding gun owners in New York State continue to have their Second Amendment rights threatened by Governor Cuomo's unconstitutional policies," said Congresswoman Stefanik. "This case comes at a crucial time, as the Far-Left continues to push gun control measures, including gun bans, during a surge in violent crimes across the country. I am proud to join my colleagues in sending this brief to the Supreme Court as they consider this important case and urge the court to uphold our constitutional right to bear arms."

Congresswoman Tenney Comments on Pelosi Disapproving Republicans for Select Committee

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) issued the following statement in response to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announcing her denial of two Republican members of Congress from serving on the House Select Committee on January 6.

"This is the first time in our Nation's history that a Speaker of the House has blocked members of the minority party from serving on a Select Committee. It is unprecedented but not surprising. Speaker Pelosi's priority from the start has been to preserve her power and further divide the American people. While the Senate has produced bipartisan assessments of the events on January 6, Speaker Pelosi and Democratic leaders in the House have done nothing but play politics. Speaker Pelosi's decision today proves once again that she has no intention of overseeing a process that is fair or fact-based."

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NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

Bear Cub versus Chicken Feeder

On July 1, ECO Smith received a call from a resident in the hamlet of Round Top about a black bear cub with what appeared to be a bucket stuck on its head. ECO Smith responded to the location, but the cub had wandered into a nearby wooded area by the time he arrived. Over the course of the next several days, the Officer received multiple calls and text messages from nearby residents, including a photograph of the cub perched on a tree trunk with a plastic chicken feeder on its head, an object unlikely to break apart or fall off without intervention.



On July 10, ECO Smith received a call from the manager of a resort in Round Top who located the cub in a wooded area. ECO Smith, Lt. Glorioso, and New York State Police Trooper Alberts responded to the area, located the cub now accompanied by additional cubs and a sow and formulated a plan to remove the object. The sow was hazed away from the area to provide enough space and time for the responding Officers to secure the cub in a catch pole. Lt. Glorioso then cut the thick plastic collar of the chicken feeder and removed it from the cub's head. The cub was released back to the sow without injury. For more information on reducing human-bear conflicts, visit DEC's website.

YOGA ANYONE?



Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation is now sponsoring **Yoga classes** with **Yoga Instructor LeeAnna Maniace**, from the **Yoga Space Hurleyville Performing Arts Center**

Two (2) classes per week will be held thru mid-August
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

All classes will be for beginners to those experienced in yoga. Classes will be held at the Town Hall grassy area by the stream. Parks & Rec is subsidizing the cost of the classes allowing us to offer each class for \$5 per person payable to LeeAnna at each session.

- Classes are for Town of Neversink and Tri-Valley School District residents who are 18 years or older
 - Bring your own yoga mats
 - If you have yoga blocks you can bring them too!
 - Classes are open
 - If you can't attend every class, come when you can!
 - Registration sign-up sheets will be at each class
- If you are interested and plan on attending, please let us know
via email cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

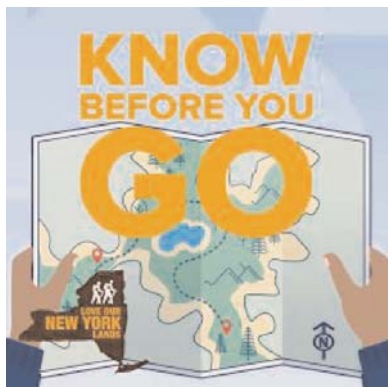
Thank you all. I am looking forward to doing yoga in the Town Park even though I am the most uncoordinated person on the planet!

Cher Woehl, Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Director

Peekamoose Blue Hole Permit Updates

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

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



UC Executive Pat Ryan, Sheriff Juan Figueroa, District Attorney Dave Clegg and Kingston Mayor Steve Noble Announce the Formation of the Countywide Anti-Violence Effort Response Team (AVERT)

• AVERT, a first-of-its-kind partnership between the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, the Ulster County District Attorney's Office, and the Kingston, Ellenville, New Paltz, and Saugerties Police Departments will be dedicated to preventing gun violence and curbing violent crime in and around Ulster County

• The AVERT unit is comprised of detectives, officers, social workers and mental health experts from the County and partner agencies will work with community and faith leaders to proactively address the surge of violent crime in Ulster County

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan, Sheriff Juan Figueroa, District Attorney Dave Clegg, Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, members of law enforcement, and community leaders, held a joint press conference outside Kingston Library to announce the formation of the Anti-Violence Effort Response Team (AVERT) -- a first-of-its-kind, multi-agency unit focused on preventing violent crime across the County.

The AVERT unit will initially consist of detectives, officers, and County social work and mental health experts. Additionally, they will partner with community leaders and mentors as well as offer needed services to combat violent crimes, get illegal guns off of the streets, and divert at-risk youth to appropriate resources and programs.

"We must end the escalating cycle of violent crime in our City and in our County. AVERT will tackle this urgent challenge head on, taking an innovative and proactive approach to ensuring public safety," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "We all agree this cycle of tit-for-tat violence and crime is unacceptable, and today we're taking a major step forward - as a community - in our efforts to bring it to an end. AVERT will empower and work with our community members and leaders to de-escalate violence, stop the flow of illegal guns into our streets, and offer alternative paths to our youth."

"AVERT is a collaborative investment between law enforcement, local government, and the community it serves," Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa said. "This program is intended to build trust between law enforcement and the community."

"The Ulster County District Attorney's Office is committed to working with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Kingston Police Department, Ulster Police Department, New York State Police, and other Ulster County law enforcement agencies, along with Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, to reduce gun violence through the AVERT Program," Ulster County District Attorney Dave Clegg said. "Through a combination of enhanced attention, investment, enforcement, and prosecution we believe we can achieve focused deterrence of

at-risk young adults and stop the cycle of violence."

"By partnering with County Government, our mental health partners, the District Attorney's Office, and other policing jurisdictions, AVERT will allow us to redouble our efforts to curb gun violence," Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said. "Using an evidence-based approach to remove illegal weapons off our streets, this program will help prevent the next violent act. I want to thank our County Executive Pat Ryan, Sheriff Juan Figueroa, District Attorney Dave Clegg and Kingston Police Chief Egidio Tinti for believing that we can think outside the box to reduce violence. I am proud to work alongside these leaders to ensure that our community has the support and resources to turn the page on this terrible chapter in our city and our nation's history."

In March, County Executive Pat Ryan convened elected officials and religious and community leaders to discuss and outline a community-wide action plan in response to the recent surge of gun violence in the City of Kingston and Ulster County. In addition, he announced that the county was launching a new Lights On Kingston youth program along with \$240,320 in funding to be dedicated for Ulster County to participate in the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative, which works to reduce gun violence and save lives in communities with high rates of firearm-related violence across the state.

Galligan Announces Sentencing of Orange County Man for Sexually Abusing a Child

Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced that Vladimir Archer, 46, of Campbell Hall, was sentenced in Orange County Court on July 15, 2021, to twenty years in state prison with an additional twenty years of post-release supervision for sexually assaulting a child.

Archer pled guilty to Course of Sexual Conduct against a Child in the First Degree on April 12, 2021, admitting that, between 2011 and 2016, he repeatedly sexually abused a child. As a result of additional information developed during the course of the investigation, Archer also pled guilty to offenses relating to possession of child pornography.

Galligan said, "I remain committed to the protection of the most vulnerable members of our community, our children, who look to adults for protection and guidance. Those who victimize and violate a child's right to safety and security must be held accountable. The sentence in this case reflects the heinous nature of these crimes and the life altering impact of these offenses. This lengthy sentence will hopefully bring some measure of protection to our neighbors and closure to those directly affected by this defendant's acts."

Galligan's office prosecuted the case as special prosecutor for the Orange County District Attorney's Office. Assistant District Attorney Brian Conaty represented the People at the plea and sentencing. Upon his release from prison, Archer will be required to register as a sex offender pursuant to the New York Sex Offender Registration Act.

Election Integrity Caucus Hosts Third Roundtable with State Legislators from Across the Country

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) and Congressman Mike Garcia (CA-25), co-chairs of the House Election Integrity Caucus, held a roundtable discussion yesterday with Rep. Seth Grove of Pennsylvania, Rep. Briscoe Cain of Texas, and Rep. Blake Miguez of Louisiana to discuss ongoing efforts at the state level to strengthen election integrity.

With nearly 60 members, the Election Integrity Caucus has now hosted three roundtable discussions on election issues. The first roundtable focused on H.R. 1, legislation in Congress that would erode election integrity measures and concentrate even greater power in the hands of unelected bureaucrats in Washington. The second roundtable examined the merits of voter ID, a commonsense election integrity measure that has the support of an overwhelming majority of Americans. During yesterday's meeting, Members heard from state legislators around the country on measures they are advancing in their states to strengthen election oversight, transparency, and accountability.

"Yesterday's election integrity roundtable was yet another productive discussion with members of the Election Integrity Caucus focused on ways to safeguard our elections. One of the core principles that drives our work is that states must maintain the ability to administer and manage their elections. I appreciated hearing from bold leaders at the state level about their efforts to improve elections, while expanding transparency and accountability," said Congresswoman Tenney. "The Election Integrity Caucus is continuing the fight to educate Americans, highlight best practices, and restore voter confidence."

"It is imperative that we restore Americans' faith in our election process. I enjoyed hosting another thought-provoking roundtable with Election Integrity Caucus Members and I appreciate the state leaders that joined us to further educate Members of Congress on the state's critical role in maintaining election integrity. These discussions provide great insight and ideas on how we can better ensure our elections remain safe, secure, free, and fair. We must continue to make certain that states can manage their elections while also implementing proven safeguards like voter ID to maintain election integrity," said Congressman Mike Garcia.

"Restoring voter confidence in our elections is a federally created problem that requires a state solution. Voters across the country are more engaged on this topic than ever, and Republicans in the Louisiana Legislature wasted no time getting to work. We combined common-sense reforms with best practices from other states to ensure the integrity of our elections in Louisiana," said

Louisiana House Majority Leader Blake Miguez Louisiana House District 49

"The topic of election integrity was at the forefront of the Texas legislative session, because Governor Greg Abbott declared it to be an emergency item for the Legislature in his biennial State of the State Address. I believe that if people do not trust in the electoral process, they will not trust those who are elected. Our election integrity legislation in Texas expands voting access, expands hours to vote, and protects our elections," stated Representative Briscoe Cain, Chairman of the House Committee on Elections.

"My thanks goes out to Congresswoman Tenney and

Congressman Garcia for making sure election integrity remains at the forefront at the federal and state levels. Here in Pennsylvania, we are once again working to bring about meaningful and comprehensive election reform to address issues we learned more about through a series of hearings the House State Government Committee held this spring. It is paramount the people not only trust the results of elections, but also the process," Pennsylvania Rep. Seth Grove, chairman of the House State Government Committee, said.

The Election Integrity Caucus was launched by Tenney and Garcia to serve as a platform for Members of Congress to come together and proactively educate and inform the American people about issues related to election security and activity, drive commonsense policy solutions to restore faith in the democratic process, and improve the administration of elections. Our goal is to ensure that Americans in every state and territory have confidence in free, fair, accurate, and transparent elections.

Announces 492 Jobs Available for At-Risk Youth in the Upper Hudson Valley Area Following Gun Violence Community Meeting

• 177 Summer Jobs Will Be Created for Youth in This Zone; 315 Long-Term Jobs Will Be Created in Partnership with Community Partners

• State and Community Leaders Have Agreed on Initiatives to Respond to Ongoing Gun Violence in Identified Cluster Zones

• Key Initiatives Include Creating Jobs and Summer Programs for At-Risk Youth; Increasing Presence of Violence Intervenors in Community; and Expanding Community Services and Assistance for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Family Crisis

Following today's gun violence prevention community meeting for the upper Hudson Valley area, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced 492 jobs will be available for at-risk youth in five ZIP codes that make up the zone. The ZIP codes are: 12601 and 12603 in Poughkeepsie; 12401 in Kingston; 12550 in Newburgh; and 10940 in Middletown.

The State will provide funding to create 177 summer jobs for youth aged 15 to 24 in this zone to keep them employed until the start of school this year. The State will also partner with the local workforce development boards and community partners to provide job training, credentialing and career placement services to ultimately connect 315 at-risk youth to good-paying, permanent jobs. Unemployed, underemployed and out-of-school youth age 18-24 in areas of Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Newburgh and Middletown that are impacted by gun violence will be eligible.

"We have a duty to protect our children and other New Yorkers who are vulnerable to gun violence, and this meeting in Middletown helped us agree on the right solutions for cities across the Hudson Valley that have been affected by this crisis," Governor Cuomo said. "By connecting with the local leaders who know their communities, we are able to determine the needs of every locality and allocate our resources accordingly - so we can be most effective in making communities across our state whole again." (Contd. g. 37)

Announces 492 Jobs Available for At-Risk Youth in the Upper Hudson Valley Area Following Gun Violence Community Meeting

(From Pg. 36) Earlier this month, Governor Cuomo kicked off a series of community meetings that will be held in emerging gun violence hot spots across the state, where State officials and community leaders can carve out initiatives to address the ongoing gun violence. The initiatives focus on engaging the most at-risk youth in cluster zones in employment and community activities, hiring new community-based gun violence interrupters, as well as assistance for mental health and substance use disorders.

Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 211 declaring gun violence a disaster emergency and requiring New York State's Division of Criminal Justice Services to compile incident-level data provided by major police departments on a weekly basis so that it may be used by the newly established Office of Gun Violence Prevention to track emerging gun violence hot spots and deploy resources to areas most in need.

In today's meeting for the upper Hudson Valley area, specific steps to combat gun violence included:

- o Creating 177 summer jobs for youth and 315 long-term jobs placed in partnership with the local workforce development boards;
- o Establishing summer programs for youth, including more than 45 activities at Minnewaska, Fort Montgomery, and other state parks across the upper Hudson Valley this summer;
- o Hiring new violence interveners to work at existing community intervention programs; and
- o Expanding community services and assistance for mental health support, substance abuse treatment and family crisis intervention.

On July 6, Governor Cuomo declared the first-in-the-nation gun violence disaster emergency as part of a new, comprehensive strategy to build a safer New York. This new strategy treats gun violence as a public health crisis, using short-term solutions to manage the immediate gun violence crisis and reduce the shooting rate, as well as long-term solutions that focus on community-based intervention and prevention strategies to break the cycle of violence. The disaster emergency allows the State to expedite money and resources to communities so they can begin targeting gun violence immediately.

AREA LAWMAKERS: State of Emergency Ended, Department of Health Required to Enforce Certificate of Need at Westchester Medical Center/HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley

Kingston, NY - Lawmakers throughout Ulster County have joined together and called upon the State Department of Health and Office of Mental Health (OMH) to enforce the terms of the Certificate of Need for behavioral health, detoxification and rehabilitation services provided by Westchester Medical Center/HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley (WMC/HAHV) between its two campuses in the City of Kingston.

Previously identified in April 2020 as a potential COVID only acute care facility, emergency approval was given under Executive Order authority to allow WMC/HAHV to prepare the facility to accept acute care patients, however, use of the space was ultimate-

ly not required. Since its closure 14 months ago, progress in overcoming the pandemic has been made, with the state of emergency no longer in effect. Despite that, both campuses remain empty, with patients being sent a significant distance from Kingston to Poughkeepsie, a community populous with an entirely separate health care system, primarily serving a different region of the Hudson Valley. This move has been followed by a round of 41 nursing staff layoffs announced last month.

"With Governor Cuomo's official declaration ending the state of emergency regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, the temporary authority and reason to discontinue these mandated services and facilities has ceased to exist. As the designated oversight authority, the Department of Health is obligated to immediately enforce the terms of the license granted to WMC/HAHV and require a return of full behavioral health and allied services to the Kingston community," said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D- Ulster/ Dutchess).

The letter addressed to NYS Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker was signed by Assemblymember Kevin Cahill, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Ulster County Executive Patrick Ryan, Ulster County Legislature Chairman David Donaldson and City of Kingston Mayor Steven Noble. Detailed within is the process by which WMC/HAHV would be required to follow in order to permanently remove the referenced facilities as well as the obligations set forth in State Law pertaining to enforcement. The joint correspondence reads, "WMC/HAHV does not have the unilateral authority to discontinue the services in question. Indeed, it is a community decision, not a corporate one. Further, the process for making changes to Article 28 inpatient psychiatric beds is delineated under the Department's Certificate of Need (CON) and OMH Prior Approval Review (PAR) processes. In each instance, local governmental units and, in cases of significant actions, the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council and the Public Health and Health Planning Council, advise the respective Commissioners. During such meetings, it has been clearly communicated to both DOH and OMH, the resounding opposition to the removal of behavioral health, detoxification and rehabilitation services."

"People in need of mental health and substance use disorder treatment are significantly better served when those services are located in their communities, near their families and support systems, allowing them to more easily seek the care they need," said Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-Ulster/Greene). "The cost-cutting measures enacted by HealthAlliance to consolidate these types of services drastically hurt the Ulster County community and leave the area a mental health and substance use disorder treatment desert. I'm proud to stand with my colleagues, my community, and our healthcare professionals in calling on the Department of Health to reject HealthAlliance's new Certificate of Need application and to immediately restore the life-saving detox and behavioral health services to Kingston. At a time when we've seen overdoses skyrocket and mental health service needs increase, we should not be removing care, but increasing it so that everyone, no matter where they live, has equal access to critical, quality healthcare."

"Permanently closing these inpatient beds, especially in the middle of a surging opioid and mental-health crisis precipitated by a once-in-a-century pandemic, is completely unacceptable and will only compound the tragic surge we're already experiencing. This destructive move comes after HealthAlliance received commitments for over \$90 million in taxpayer-funded support for capital projects. (Contd. Pg. 38)

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(From Pg. 37) I fervently reject the removal of these services and join my colleagues in calling on the New York State OMH and OASAS to deny this waiver and insist that Westchester Medical Center Health Network immediately return these mental health and addiction services and live up to its stated commitment to ensuring our community's health and safety," said Ulster County Executive Patrick Ryan.

I applaud Assemblymember Cahill for his diligence in the fight to see HealthAlliance return mental health services to our community. I stand with Assemblymember Cahill, County Executive Pat Ryan, County Legislature Chairman Dave Donaldson and Senator Michelle Hinchey to continue to urge HealthAlliance and WMC Health to restore these essential mental health and substance abuse services to Kingston, which also serves our surrounding area. We demand that our community's concerns be heard, so that we can protect our residents and serve our neighbors in their time of need," said City of Kingston Mayor Steven Noble.

"The only word for the actions of WMC/HAHV is unacceptable. The emergency transfer of these vital services appeared to be justified and necessary in the wake of an unknown number of COVID -19 patients who may have been in need of critical care. With that crisis currently being managed, we find ourselves in the midst of another, very real, very dangerous public health emergency. Ulster County residents need a partner in health care, not broken promises for the sake of bottom lines," said David B. Donaldson, Ulster County Legislature Chairman.

This letter is only the latest of numerous exchanges with Department officials on the topic of service restoration at the Kingston campuses, including two joint hearings held by the New York State Legislature during which Assemblymember Cahill questioned Commissioner Zucker. A timeline of the communication is attached for reference.

"To the individuals and their families who rely upon the accessibility of these programs, services and facilities in a time of crisis, the distance is insurmountable. The dismantling of a uniformly respected team of compassionate providers is equally dismaying. A fully functioning Behavioral Health and Detoxification Unit, including inpatient services, at the Mary's Avenue Campus or, in the alternative, while construction is underway, on the Broadway Campus, will better serve the public than the current distant configuration, which appears to have been consolidated to diminish care and reduce costs," concluded Assemblymember Cahill.

Recent NYS Forest Ranger Actions

On July 16 at 8:30 a.m., Forest Ranger Kerr located the vehicle of a group reported overdue from a camping trip on the French Louis Loop in the West Canada Lake Wilderness Area. Two additional Rangers responded to the trailhead to assist with a search. At 12:30 p.m., Forest Ranger Scott advised he had located the group from Staten Island on the trail in good condition. The hikers took a wrong turn the previous evening, causing them to spend an additional night in the woods. Ranger Scott escorted the group out of the woods and everyone was back to their vehicles by 3:15 p.m.

On July 17 at 12 p.m., North-South Lake Campground staff received a call reporting an 83-year-old man had fallen while hiking the escarpment trail near Layman's Monument. Forest Ranger Gullen, along with AFRs France and Lasselle, responded on foot. The hiker from Maryland had fallen approximately six feet down a rock scramble and received multiple abrasions to his torso and arms. AFR France treated the wounds while Ranger Gullen medically evaluated the hiker. No other injuries were present, and the subject was able to walk out under his own power. The group walked out approximately half a mile and the hiker was given a courtesy ride to his vehicle where he declined further medical treatment. All were clear of the scene at 2:15 p.m.

On July 18 at 3:15 a.m., DEC's Central Dispatch received a report that two 20-year-olds from Albany had not returned from a day trip to the Eastern High Peaks. The hikers' last known point was the summit of Mount Redfield at 8 p.m. the previous evening. At 5 a.m., Forest Ranger Mecus located the hikers' vehicle at the Adirondack Loj and began making search assignments. AFR Jackson was assigned to check Uphill and Feldspar lean-tos and then proceed to the summit of Redfield. At 7:10 a.m., AFR Jackson located the hikers at the Uphill lean-to. The pair became wet on their hike and decided to wait out the rain inside dry shelter for the night. AFR Jackson escorted the hikers back to the Lake Colden outpost where they were provided food, water, and dry insulating layers. At 11:30 a.m., the hikers were given a courtesy ride back to their vehicle and all resources were clear of the scene.

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.

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NYS Forest Rangers' Neversink Unique Area Search and Rescue Training



Forest Rangers and local emergency response learn training in the woods



Forest Rangers and local emergency response pose for picture in front of ambulance

On July 15, Forest Rangers Franke, Stratton, Sweeney, and Assistant Forest Ranger (AFR) Mitchell held a training with Catskills Hatzalah Emergency Medical Services and New York State Police (NYSP).



People in lime green shirts gather in woods during training Search and rescue training at Neversink Unique Area

Twenty members of Catskills Hatzalah Search and Rescue and four NYSP Troopers participated in the training at the Neversink Unique Area.

Scenarios consisted of locating two injured subjects along the Neversink River, two miles from the trailhead, and treating them for injuries.

In one scenario, a subject had a fractured lower leg, requiring rescuers to treat the injury and conduct an extensive carry out. The successful training demonstrated effective interagency collaboration.

Baby Owl Rescue



On July 2, contractors working at a historical site in the town of Clarkstown came across a baby owl and contacted DEC. ECO Thibodeau responded, located the bird, and unsuccessfully canvassed the area for the owl's nest. The ECO safely captured the owl and transported it to Trailside Museums and Zoo at Bear Mountain State Park. The owl was identified as an Eastern screech owl. For more information, visit Trailside Museum and Zoo's website.



Capsized Vessel - Hudson River

On July 12, ECOs Helmeyer and Franz responded to a radio call reporting a



capsized sailing vessel with two boaters in the water in the proximity of the Rhinecliff Train station.

The ECOs contacted the boaters and confirmed there were no injuries. The

Officers helped the boaters and, with the assistance of the New York State Police, secured the vessel and maneuvered it to shore.

Water Rescue on South Sandy Creek

On July 18, ECO Jackson received a report about a boat in distress on South



Sandy Creek in the town of Ellisburg. Heavy rains the previous evening caused flood conditions on the river, with high waters and a fast-moving current. A 12-foot aluminum boat with three adults and two children on board became pinned to a partially submerged tree laying across the flooded river. The

boat was taking on water and in danger of tipping over. ECO Jackson responded to the DEC boat launch on South Sandy Creek where he met with State Police, Belleville Fire Department, Adams Fire Department, and the South Jefferson Rescue Squad. Officer Jackson launched a specialty watercraft known as a "mud boat" equipped with a surface drive outboard. With the assistance of a State Trooper, ECO Jackson navigated downstream to locate the distressed family. Taking advantage of the durability and capabilities of the mud boat, ECO Jackson ran the hull up onto the downed tree in the river, providing a stable platform to transfer the family of five into the mud boat with the Trooper's help. Once the family was secure, the Officers verified there were no injuries and brought the family up-river to the boat launch. Belleville Fire and State Police pulled the rescued family's boat to shore with a rope and found that the outboard motor had lost the propeller in the incident. The incident serves as a reminder of the dangers of swift-moving floodwaters and debris. Boaters are reminded to always have the proper safety equipment and gear on board their vessel and ensure the boat can handle the water conditions prior to leaving the safety of shore.

Message from NYS Commissioner Basil Seggos

"DEC's Environmental Conservation Police Officers are working hard in communities across New York to protect natural resources by upholding our state's stringent laws and regulations and protecting public safety," Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Our ECOs are expertly trained to perform their duties in every setting-from cities to wilderness-and continue to adapt to meet new and emerging challenges as they build on their longstanding commitment to protect New York's environment."

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Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation Expanding Insurance Coverage for Personal Cell Phones

- *Legislation Allows Consumers to Receive Damage, Loss, and Theft Protection for These Devices via Their Credit Card, Debit Card or Checking Account*
- *Change to Insurance Law Provides Less-Expensive Way to Protect Wireless Communication Equipment*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation (S.4483/A.4672) that will allow New Yorkers a new, less-expensive way to obtain insurance protection for their cell phones through their credit card, debit card or checking account. Prior to the passage of the legislation, state law did not allow credit or debit card issuers and banks to insure their customers' wireless communication devices from damage, loss or theft.

"Cell phones are obviously a vital, necessary-and expensive-reality of modern life and losing or breaking one can create real financial burdens, disrupt schedules and otherwise inflict undo aggravation on New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "I'm proud to sign these new consumer protections into law and allow greater choices and potentially less-expensive options to those seeking to insure their device and prevent annoyances down the line."

The legislation signed by the Governor amends state Insurance Law to expand the coverage that a credit card issuer, debit card issuer, or bank may offer to their customers. The law specifically authorizes coverage to protect a cell phone and other wireless communication equipment if it is damaged, lost, stolen, or incurs a breakdown.

Roughly 97 percent of adults in the United States own a cell phone of some kind, according to a recent study. Among them, about 85 percent of these individuals own a smart phone, with 15 percent relying on these devices for their broadband needs.

Yet due to the portable nature of cell phones, they are often susceptible to damage, loss, theft, and mechanical breakdown. Safeguards for a person who experiences one of these losses in the form of insurance is often important given the high cost of a replacement device.

Senator Neil Breslin said, "Cell phones and other wireless communication devices are essential items that New Yorkers need to meet vital employment, educational and personal responsibilities and have become increasingly important lifelines during the Covid-19 Pandemic. As many of us have personally experienced, the portable nature of cell phones also makes them susceptible to damage, loss, theft and mechanical breakdown. Protection in the form of insurance is a must, given the high cost of a replacement device. This legislation provides New Yorkers a new and less expensive way to obtain critical protection for their cell phones from an unexpected loss through coverage provided to them, often at free or reduced charges with their credit card, debit card and checking accounts. I applaud and thank all who joined me in making this additional safeguard a reality for New Yorkers."

Assemblyman Kevin Cahill said, "Cellular phones have become essential items in both our personal and professional lives. However, the portable nature of these devices makes them susceptible to damage, theft and mechanical breakdowns. Replacement can also be cost prohibitive. This new law will provide an essential and inexpensive way to safeguard against these types of losses. I applaud Governor Cuomo for signing into law this important, consumer driven piece of legislation."

Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation Raising the Age of Consent for Marriages to 18

Legislation Builds Upon 2017 Child Marriage Ban the Governor Signed into Law

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation (S.3086/A.3891) raising the age of consent to be married in New York State to 18. This new measure builds upon legislation eliminating child marriage that the Governor signed in 2017 by removing the ability for 17-year-olds to be married with parental and judicial consent.

"This administration fought hard to successfully end child marriage in New York and I'm proud to sign this legislation to strengthen our laws and further protect vulnerable children from exploitation," Governor Cuomo said. "Children should be allowed to live their childhood and I thank the many legislators and advocates who worked diligently to advance this measure and further prevent forced marriages in this state."

This legislation takes effect 30 days after becoming law and will apply to licenses issued after that date and marriages that had not been solemnized prior to that date.

Senator Julia Salazar said, "Regardless of maturity level, minors lack sufficient legal rights and autonomy that they need to protect them if they enter a marriage contract before becoming adults. The vast majority of minors who enter a marriage are teenage girls, and getting married before adulthood often has devastating consequences for them. I thank Governor Cuomo for signing this bill to finally prohibit child marriage without exceptions in New York, and commend the continued work of Unchained At Last in advocating to prohibit child marriage nationwide."

Assembly Member Phil Ramos said, "The cruel and callous practice of child marriage has traumatized too many children to count. Nalia's Law, which will raise the age of consent for marriage to 18 and prohibit marriage if either person is underage, is named after one brave survivor of forced child marriage who I was lucky enough to meet. With the passage of this crucial legislation, minors in New York will be further protected from this predatory practice, and we can prevent stories like Nalia's from repeating themselves."

Monti Elks Bingo Every Tuesday

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 weekly Bingo is back in full swing every Tuesday at 7 PM. The Lodge is located at 46 North Street. The fun includes a full payout and a progressive jackpot with weekly door prizes. Food is also available in the Bingo kitchen. Contact Bingo Chair and Past Exalted Ruler Lisa Muller at: 914-799-1831. Monticello Elks Lodge is a non-profit 501c3 with 316 members. The Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.

Governor Cuomo Announces Empire Trail Improvements in New Paltz

Project Will Improve 3.5 Additional Miles of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced New York State is partnering with the Open Space Institute and the Town and Village of New Paltz to improve a 3.5-mile section of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, a key link in the Empire State Trail in Ulster County.

"The Wallkill Valley Rail Trail is a favored recreational destination for thousands of Hudson Valley residents and visitors every year," Governor Cuomo said. "The trail is well-used by cyclists, walkers and runners for local trips and is a critical link in the 750-mile Empire State Trail connecting Albany and New York City, Canada and Buffalo. Refurbishing this vital connection will help trail users of all abilities to have a better experience for years to come."

The trail segment runs from Cragwood Road in the Town of New Paltz, south through the Village to the Empire State Trail trailhead at Sojourner Truth Park. The 3.5-mile trail segment was originally constructed several decades ago and needs rehabilitation. The project will remove the aging trail surface and install a new 10-foot wide bicycling and walking path, install drainage improvements to prevent trail erosion, and make safety improvements including installing signage and marked crosswalks at eight locations where the trail crosses public roads. The work will start in July and be completed by October. Trail users may encounter short-term trail closures on some weekdays to accommodate construction; no trail closures will occur on Saturdays, Sundays, or Holidays.

The Hudson River Valley Greenway has committed \$900,000 to complete the project. The improvements will be constructed by the Open Space Institute, a non-profit organization which completed a similar project in 2020 to improve an adjoining 9-mile trail section in the Towns of Ulster and Rosendale which is also part of the Empire State Trail route.

This section of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail is owned by the Town and Village of New Paltz, and the Wallkill Valley Land Trust holds conservation easements over the trail corridor. The project will implement recommendations set forth in the "Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Community Opportunity Plan," issued by Ulster County and the Village and Town of New Paltz in 2020. The plan, which included a robust public engagement and comment process, highlighted the need to upgrade this highly popular trail segment.

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "With this project to enhance the Empire State Trail in New Paltz, we are ensuring a safer and more enjoyable experience for everyone who uses this portion of the trail to walk, run or bike. Ulster County offers extraordinary opportunities for outdoor recreation, and I'm grateful to see so many partners coming together to care for this important asset."

Senator Mike Martucci said, "I'm excited to see these improvements to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail moving forward. The new walking and bicycling path will help to drive tourism to our area by revitalizing and improving this important section of

the scenic Empire State Trail. This is a win for our environment and our local economy."

Assembly Member Kevin A. Cahill said, "Trails protect our fragile ecosystem and also provide engines of economic activity. The necessary investment into the most heavily traveled portion of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail in the Village and Town of New Paltz will provide benefits to the community and businesses along its route for years to come. As one of the first of its kind in the region, the WVRT provides a model for future endeavors throughout the State, while continuing to serve as a recreational gateway to the many world-renowned attractions we are fortunate to house locally."

New Paltz Village Mayor Tim Rogers said, "Our community cherishes our sections of Wallkill Valley Rail Trail and Empire State Trail. We are excited and grateful that Governor Cuomo and New York State are improving these trail surfaces, helping with drainage issues, and bringing all trail and road crossings up to current standards for safety and ADA accessibility."

New Paltz Supervisor Neil Bettez said, "Governor Cuomo's vision for the Empire State Trail, combined with the stellar support of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, and OSI, continues to make New Paltz an outdoor recreation destination for visitors and residents alike. These trail improvements are deeply appreciated, and we are so grateful to have these resources dedicated to improving our community."

President and CEO of the Open Space Institute Kim Elliman said, "With more and more people looking to connect with nature, it is critically important to make outdoor destinations safe, welcoming, and available to the public. Having already restored 9.5 miles of the northern stretch of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, protected and restored the Rosendale Trestle, and created the River-to-Ridge Trail in New Paltz, OSI is excited to continue our work in this landscape to build connections between people and land."

Hudson River Valley Greenway Executive Director Scott Keller said, "We are pleased to continue our partnership with OSI and the Town and Village of New Paltz by providing this funding to help restore the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail to pristine condition. The Trail has been a valued part of the Greenway Trail System since 2001 and attracts visitors from across New York State and beyond."

Executive Director of the Wallkill Valley Land Trust Christie DeBoer said, "There will be short-term disruptions, but the long-term benefits of the work are remarkable. It includes creating a trail that is wider, safer, and well-drained. These improvements will also enhance the user experience of the trail while providing essential habitat and natural resource protection."

The New Paltz trail section is part of the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile bicycling, walking, and running route that runs from New York City through the Hudson and Champlain Valleys to Canada, and from Buffalo to Albany along the Erie Canalway

In 2009, OSI partnered with the Wallkill Valley Land Trust to acquire 9.5 miles of the Rosendale and Ulster sections of what is now the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. OSI raised \$1.5 million to restore the Trail's Rosendale Trestle and last year completed a \$1.1 million renovation of the northern stretch of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. The Wallkill Valley Rail Trail adjoins OSI's 6-mile River-to-Ridge loop trail which traverses more than 360 acres of land protected for OSI.



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Patriot Games

(1992 / Rated R / CC / 1 hr 56 min. / 4.7 out of 5 stars / Prime Video **From \$2.70 to rent, and \$7.20 to buy / free with Prime video**) Directed by: **Phillip Noyce**, Starring: **Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, Patrick Bergin, and Sean Bean**, The film is based on **Tom Clancy's 1987 novel** of the same name. Tolatraian societies always lose in this sequel to the 1990 film



The Hunt for Red October, but with different actors in the leading roles, **Harrison Ford** starring as **Jack Ryan** and **Anne Archer** as his wife. **James Earl Jones** reprises his role as **Admiral James Greer**. (Contd. Pg. 44)

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

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(1970 / Rated "R" / 113 min / Drama)



At a time of chronic civil unrest in the USA at Zabriskie Point, in Death Valley, CA, two perfect strangers meet — a young revolutionary and an anthropology student who start an unrestrained romance, finding love on the dusty terrain. **Directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, and Stars: Mark Frechette, Daria Halprin, Paul Fix, G.D. Spradlin.**



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