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8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Twelfth Annual Poetry Slam

On March 23, 2022, the twelfth annual 8th Grade Poetry Slam took place at Tri-Valley Central School. Forty-five 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in the event. The evening event was watched by a crowd made up of parents, students, teachers, staff, and administrators.

A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. But perhaps the best part of the night was witnessing the kids come together as one to support and encourage each other throughout the event. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Left to right): back row: Jordan Dymond (2nd Place); Emily Lucak (2nd Place); Natalie Moore (2022 Poetry Slam Champion); Logan Weyant (3rd Place); front row: Aaliyah Valdez-Ramos (Performance Award); Devin Miller (Performance Award); Lucas Campos (Performance Award); Antonio Walsh (Performance Award)

Great News! Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Departments' Pancake Breakfast is Back!



Photo by *The Townsman*

This year's annual Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Department was held this past Sunday from 7 am to noon. It was awesome!

After not being able to host the breakfast for the past two years, it was a delightful and powerful way to not only welcome spring on a Sunday morning, but a sign that our community is alive and well and ready to partake in those activities that we so often took for granted prior to COVID.

Helping to make the morning's event such a success was our local Boy Scout Troop 87 who joined in with the volunteers.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! Oh Lord we beseech you, give us success
Psalm 118:23-34

OBITUARY

Patricia (Patsy) Ann Marshalek, 87, of Woodbourne, NY, left this world on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, into the waiting arms of Jesus.

Patsy was the third child of Charles L. and Ann J. Sullivan Bennett. She was a graduate of Liberty High School, Class of 1951; then attended Cortland State Teachers College before marrying in November 1952. Her husband was in the military service, and she traveled with him to Topeka, KS, Newmarket, England, and El Paso, TX. She then moved to her beautiful home in November of 1957 where she lived for 65 years.

Patsy's career consisted of 15 years at her family business. Then at Sullivan County Division of Family Services and at the Public Health Nursing Service from which she retired in 2002 after 25 years of service.

Patsy had a long career of community service and volunteerism. She was a life member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Woodbourne. She was also a member of the Sullivan County Historical Society, the Cragmoor Historical Society, a longtime volunteer at the Castle Point VA Hospital, and a charter member of the Time and Valleys Museum in Grahamsville, NY. She was a member of the WWII Museum and the Prime Timers Club at the Temple Sholom in Monticello, NY. Later in life, she was a volunteer for the RSVP of the Sullivan County Office of the Aging. In 2005, she was named Senior Citizen of the Year for the Town of Fallsburg. She supported the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Wilderstein Preservation, The Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation, The Honors Flights for Veterans, and returned bottles and cans for the People to People Foundation for 20 years.

Her favorite pastime was tending her beautiful yard. Every summer it was a wonder to behold, and she took great joy in her labors.

Patsy is survived by her nephews, Brian Litts of Lake George, NY, Keith Litts and his wife Debbie and their daughter Emaline of Rutland, VT; her godchildren, Mark Koval of Los Angeles, CA; Carol Anne Gordon Arriago of Dayton, NJ; and her constant companion, Kate.

She felt most fortunate to have a second family consisting of Pamela Thomas, Susan and Fred Van Wagner, John Thayer, Gail Jonas Lewis, her fresh air child, and Carmen Salvemini.

Patsy was predeceased by her sister Jackie Litts; her brother-in-law, Roy Litts; her brother, Charles Warren Bennet; her niece, Marlene Fishman; her best friend, Liza Salvemini; and her companion Justine.

Memorial services were held March 30, 2022 at Harris Funeral Home with graveside services and burial will following at the Hillside Cemetery in Woodbourne, NY.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to ERVK, PO Box 225, Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com

Julianne Nash, of Neversink, passed away at home on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. She was 79.

Julianne was born on March 30, 1942 in Liberty, NY to Vincent Nash and Julia Beda Hegardt. After graduating from Tri-Valley High School, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from SUNY Cortland. She went on to become a dedicated and beloved educator and coach who taught at Margaretville School District for 40 years.

Julianne is survived by her brothers, James "Jim" Nash and his wife Sue, John Nash, and Frederick "Fred" Nash and his wife Mary; her many nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother, Thomas "Tom" Nash and his wife Kim Nash and her brother George. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A graveside service will be held at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking donations be made to either the Tri-Valley Little League, PO Box 521, Neversink, NY 12765 or Tri-Valley CAST Booster Club, PO Box 346, Grahamsville, NY 12740..

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY. For additional information, contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the website at www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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We would like to thank everyone who sent us their condolences, prayers, hugs, cards, food, flowers and donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital on the passing of our beloved Shirley Currey. We appreciate you all!

God bless you,

Hank Currey and family &
Evelyn Skidmore and family

DAYS OF YORE...Today's History

March 26, 1952

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands will visit Kingston on April 5th to commemorate the birth of the Hudson Valley community in 1652. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will accompany the Queen when she makes her informal address.

Vail Curry celebrated his 80th birthday last Wednesday. He was born at the old homestead in Halls Mills and has lived practically all of his life in this vicinity.

The local FFA chapter departed March 16th to spend two days at Cornell. They were going to attend the 41st Farm and Home Week. Mr. Strangeway, the Vo-Ag teacher drove the Tri Valley school bus and Mrs. Strangeway drove their car so that the entire chapter might make the trip. The boys who went were Ozzie Brown, Raymond Deriman, Pete Furman, Franklin Smith, Milton Friedman, Chris Holmes, Bill Schulte and John McCoy.

March 28, 1962

1st Lieut. Charles N. Nielsen, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Nielsen of Neversink, was featured in the service newspaper at March Air Force Base in California for a performance that made some of the "old timers at the base sit up and take notice. He had just scored two dead center bomb hits from 30,000 feet during a training mission.

Mrs. Adelia Costa, 66, a resident of Grahamsville for the past 26 years, died Thursday at the Albany Medical Center after a long illness. She was born in Portugal May 15, 1895, the daughter of Luis and Euphenia Gonzales. In 1927 she married Anthony Costa of Bridgeport, Conn. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception R.C. Church of Woodbourne. Mrs. Costa is survived by her husband; three sons, Fernando and James of Grahamsville and Mario of Brattleboro, Vt.; a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Almedia of Newburgh; three sisters and, three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Demming Krum of Youngsville are the parents of a daughter born March 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards of Neversink are the parents of a daughter born March 17th at the Maimonides Hospital in Liberty.

April 5, 1972

Benjamin H. Davis, Sr., a retired woodcutter, of State Road, Grahamsville, died Sunday at Ellenville Community Hospital. Born in Hazel, the son of Elmer and Jane Swarouth Davis and was married to the former Marion Grant. He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Marion Probst of Grahamsville and Mrs. Agnes Lamborghini of Sagamore, Mass; two sons, Benjamin H. Davis II of Wawarsing and Albert E. of Kripplebush; a sister; Mrs. Florence Baack of Walden.

Services were held Thursday for Mrs. Nellie G. Muthig, 77, of RD 1, Clarksville, who died Monday, March 27th at Miami Beach, Fla., after a short illness. Mrs. Muthig was born Dec. 11, 1894 in Neversink to Elmer and Lizzie LeRoy Grant. She married Jerome Muthig Sept. 30, 1914 and was a lifelong Sullivan County resident. She is survived by her husband; five daughters and six sons as well as other extended family.

April 1, 1982

Charlie and Ruth Cross attended a 45th wedding anniversary celebration on March 27th for Dutch and Nellie Asthalter of Neversink which was held at the home of daughter, Mrs. Mike Dean, also of Neversink. The surprise celebration, planned by their two daughters, was attended by 35 people. It's interesting to note that Ruth met a woman at the party whom she had not seen since 1933...On Sunday, March 28, Ruth and Charlie Cross also celebrated their 45th anniversary by dining out with Ruth's brother, Joe Green of Monticello.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Holland of Bradley are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Michelle on February 20, 1982 at Community General Hospital, Harris. She weighed in at 8 pounds. Mrs. Holland is the former Roberta Kyrk. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Marie Kyrk of Bradley; paternal grandparents are Pat and James Holland of Clovis, New Mexico

Household Hint:

Clear away crayon stains

You can easily remove stains from crayons by rubbing them with a recycled toothbrush soaked in undiluted vinegar before washing them.

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

Fable of the Phoebe's Call

-a poem by Pauline Rose

A phoebe bird, a gullible thing
Believed an early thaw was spring.
To the North he flew, and sent his call...
And noticed not the clouds at all.
Nor yet, the wind that came so fast.
Screeching, screaming it hurtled past.
Snuffed out the sun - and in the air
Left snow-flakes falling everywhere.
And soon each tree, each field was snow..
Poor phoebe knew not where to go
And later when spring came in truth
His comrades search each nook, each roof...
Then sadly changed their melody
To call, and call, PHOEBE, PHOEBE
They call him still, but vainly for
He perished in that early
thaw

Because of its familiar bond with humans and their development, there is a long history of tales, such as Pauline Rose's Fable of the Phoebe's Call that are based on observational notes of the Eastern Phoebe.



The phoebe is one of the earliest to migrant back to the Catskills, sometimes in late winter. The phoebe was the first bird to be banded in North America. In 1804, John James Audubon tied a small circle of silver thread to the legs of nesting phoebes. He discovered and documented that a pair of phoebes returned to the same nesting site each year. The unique character and scarcity of the phoebe's nest sites at that time, promoted strong site-attachment.

The Eastern Phoebe is a plump medium sized songbird with a medium-length tail. The length of the adult is between 4 and 5 inches. The head appears large for a bird of its size and often appears flat on top. Phoebes sometimes raise the feathers up into a peak. Like most small flycatchers, they have short, thin bills used for catching insects.

The Eastern Phoebe is brownish-gray above and off-white below, with a dusky wash to the sides of the breast. The head is typically the darkest part of the upperparts. Birds in fresh fall plumage show faint yellow on the belly and whitish edging on the folded wing feathers.

Despite its plain appearance, this flycatcher is often a favorite among eastern birdwatchers. Seemingly quite tame, when perched, Eastern Phoebes wag their tails down and up. That habit, along with its soft fee-bee song make the Phoebe easy to identify.

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Great News! Neversink and Grahamsville Fire Departments' Pancake Breakfast is Back!

(From Pg. 1) The turnout was spectacular, the food, as in the past was plentiful and delicious and the service superior!

Thank you to all the volunteers who prepared and served the food, not only providing a favorite venue of the past, but also restoring our faith in a community that serves all.

We cannot for a moment forget, that while we may have missed the tasty breakfasts during the COVID crisis, our volunteer fireman remained vigilant and continued to serve and protect the residents in the Neversink and Grahamsville Fire Districts.

Kudos to everyone who helped put this event together and a special praise to all of the Neversink and Grahamsville Fire Departments for always being there.

8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Twelfth Annual Poetry Slam

(From Pg. 1) Natalie Moore was crowned 2022 Poetry Slam champion for her poem "Just Kids." Jordan Dymond and Emily Lucak were the runners-up with their poem "On Wednesdays We Wear Pink." Logan Weyant finished in third place with his poem "How to Deal With Hate." Finally, Lucas Campos and Devin Miller and their poem "8th Grade English Class," Aaliyah Valdez-Ramos and her poem "This One Girl," and Antonio Walsh and his poem "Humanity" shared the Performance Award.

The event was hosted by 9th grade student Adam Olsen, last year's Performance Award winner. Ms. Bethany Hamilton-Tri-Valley English teacher-served as the event's guest poet. She performed her poem titled "I Don't Know How to Write Poetry."

Judges for the Poetry Slam included 2021 Poetry Slam 3rd Place finisher, Katelyn Sauer; 2021 Poetry Slam 2nd Place finisher, Tabitha Mulholland; 2021 Poetry Slam Champion Jenna Carmody; 2020 Poetry Slam Champion Lily Siciliano; 2019 Poetry Slam Champion Anna Streimer; 2012 Poetry Slam Champion Bryan Lowe; and 2011 Poetry Slam Champion Bridget Kackos.

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam is run by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes. Mr. Haynes has overseen the Poetry Slam for all twelve years of its existence. Deb Swett, middle school special education teacher, also plays a large part in organizing the event.

Overall, the event was a huge success and it couldn't have brought more pride to all of those involved. Congratulations again to all of the participating 8th graders-hopefully it's something they won't soon forget

Fable of the Phoebe's Call

(From Pg. 3) Phoebes like open woods such as yards, parks, woodlands, and woodland edges. Phoebes usually breed around buildings or bridges on which they construct their nests under the protection of an eave or ledge. Their population increased as buildings and bridges provided many more potential nesting sites.

Phoebes feed on worms, insects and other invertebrate. They consume vast quantities of flying insects. When insects are scarce, phoebes will eat small fruits and berries.

Phoebes are social monogamists - that is after the male establishes a territory, courts a female, the pair will then build or find a nest, copulate, the female will incubate their eggs, they will feed each other and their nestlings, and eventually, if all goes well, the young fledglings will be ready to fly in

about 16 days. The departure of the young completes a breeding cycle, at which point the paired birds may stay together and produce another brood, or they might seek other mates and start the cycle anew. This is known as breeding cycle monogamy - one male, one female together for as long as it takes for a nest of baby birds to make it to independence.

To that end, both the male and female of a socially monogamous couple may copulate with multiple other partners. The female will add eggs fertilized by another male to the eggs she tends to with her steady partner.

As for long-term pair bonds and faithfulness, that kind of fidelity just isn't part of the phoebe's world, but rather it is the outcome of site fidelity - meaning the birds will return to the same site where they successfully nested the year before.

In recent times, researchers have discovered that, because of this commitment to place, sometimes the same male and the same female that jointly raised a brood or two the year before will find each other again.

When all is said and done, nothing about the change of the phoebes' mating habits will stop the fact, as the snow melts and the air warms, we will see the phoebes' return, some with deep devotion to their old homes and others, fickle or not, to a new nesting site. Either way, like many birdwatchers, conceivably they consider the spring return of the phoebe (and not the Robin or the Red-winged Blackbird) to be the most reliable sign of spring's arrival.

NY Assembly Acts to Ensure Utility Storm Preparedness

(Albany, NY) - This afternoon Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced the passage of A.7541 (Otis) which requires electric utilities to develop and submit emergency weather event response plans to the Public Service Commission, including staffing procedures as well as catalogue restoration after 24 hour periods.

"Here in the Hudson Valley, the topic of storm preparedness has become significant for many," stated Assemblymember Cahill. "When a utility provides power to consumers, it is the responsibility of that company to take every measure to ensure that those services are maintained through extreme weather to the best of their ability and reconnected as early as possible in the event of an outage."

The ice storm that struck the Hudson Valley on February 4 caused nearly 50,000 Ulster County outages, some of which lasted five days. This delay in response and questions regarding when exactly the request for assistance was made to mutual aid partners has left the community asking if the provider adequately prepared for the storm. At the insistence of Assemblymember Cahill, community members and ratepayer advocacy organizations, the Public Service Commission opened an investigation into Central Hudson seeking answers to these questions.

"In passing this legislation, the Assembly has taken another step to hold utility providers accountable for fulfilling their obligation to provide prompt and reliable service, a responsibility that has come into serious question in our communities of late," concluded Cahill.

This legislation has been sent to the State Senate where it is being considered by the Energy and Communications Committee of that house. Those with issues regarding utility providers should call the Office of Assemblymember Cahill for assistance at 845-338-9610. They can also begin the process to directly file a complaint through the Public Service Commission by calling 800-342-3377.



The Heights

Mysterious Book Report No. 483

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

The Heights, (Atria, PB, \$17.00, 416 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-7412-5), by internationally acclaimed and best-selling British author Louise Candlish, puts the reader right into the mind of a controlling, obsessed, and grieving woman named Ellen Saint . . . whose only son, nineteen year-old Lucas, was killed in an automobile accident. The car was being driven by his best friend Kieran Watts . . . a young man who has never been forgiven by the ironically named mother of the dead teen, Ellen Saint.

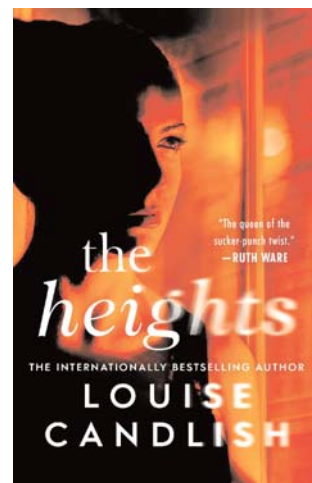
As the novel begins, Saint —a pricey interior lighting designer with a morbid fear of heights—is at work with a client in a high-end London apartment building near the river Thames. But as she looks up to the penthouse of the building next door and sees someone she could swear was Kieran Watts . . . the very same person that Saint had had murdered, two years earlier.

She calls her ex, Vic Gordon, who corroborated with her to hire the anonymous Albanian hit-man who supposedly did the deed, and together, they set out to redo their earlier assassination attempt. Saint is unable to let go of the past and blames Kieran, who she thinks is a monster, for leading her perfect son astray, into drugs and ultimately, to his death. She is the unsympathetic, unreliable and unhinged narrator of this taut and well-constructed psychological thriller. Read it for yourself and see why author Candlish has been called “The queen of the sucker punch thriller.” You won't be disappointed!

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Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County!

Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1st through June 30th

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck is set for **April 1 through June 30, 2022**. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee will be waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

“This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we start a new tourism season,” Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty notes. “One of the first impressions we make on visitors is the state of our roads. Frankly, we all feel better when our roads look better, and this is an opportunity to work on a project we all agree about.”

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, on or after March 21 at their town or village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email scparks@sullivanny.org.

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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Creativity Vs. Maintenance



Life has two aspects: the maintenance side and the creative side. Maintenance involves the mundane daily tasks that must be done; creativity is the spin we can put on the humdrum of our everyday lives.

For example, a visit to the dentist for a check-up, cleaning, and x-rays is dental maintenance; having one's teeth whitened and brightened is creative. One is the status quo; the other is an improvement or embellishment.

I love the creative part of gardening: the planting and the watching nature grow. What I do not enjoy is the raking and weeding. I hate dusting and vacuuming, but I can really get into redecorating and rearranging, refurbishing and restoring.

Mending clothes is maintenance; quilting is creative. Making dinner is necessary; trying a gourmet recipe for artichokes involves creativity.

Our lives need that step beyond what must be done to what could be done. We need that creative side to push us forward. We need to put a little of ourselves into the litany of tasks we must repeat day after day.

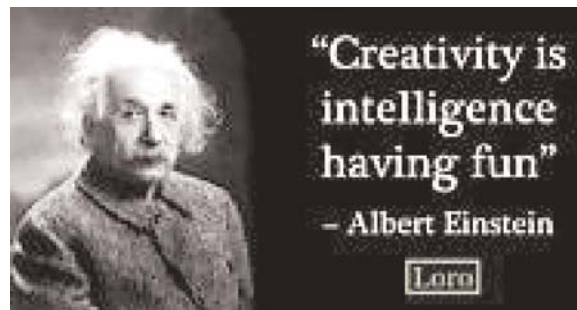
We need to move beyond writing grocery lists and checks to pay bills. We need to let the words and feelings that exist within us to combine to make poetry. According to Thomas Gray, "Poetry is thoughts that breathe and words that burn."

Virginia Woolf said, "My brain hums with scraps of poetry and madness." We all have that poem, that picture, that music, or those vibrations within us. This is the time to let them out.

We need to paint a landscape as well as a bathroom wall.

I challenge you to write a poem, sketch a bird, hum a new tune, and sweep to the music you hear in your soul.

"If you feel something calling you to dance or write or paint or sing, please refuse to worry about whether you're good enough. Just to it." Glennon Doyle





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UC Executive Pat Ryan Partners with Legislature on Plan to Cut County Gas Tax by 50% During Record High Price Increases

County Executive Ryan and the Legislature have worked to develop a resolution which would cut the County share of sales tax on fuel in half • Ulster County Legislators Kevin Roberts and Brian Cahill are sponsoring legislation to be considered at the Legislature's next meeting in April

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that he is partnering with the Legislature to enact a new plan that would cut county gas taxes temporarily by 50%. County Executive Ryan will work with the Ulster County Legislature to cap the amount of county sales tax collected on each gallon of retail motor fuel to only \$.08. The proposal, coming at a time of record fuel prices, will be considered at the Ulster County Legislature's April session.

"We're all feeling the pain at the pump, and I've spoken with countless residents who are struggling due to historic rises in gas prices and inflation. That is why we are taking urgent and aggressive action to provide direct relief to our residents at the pump," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "We must do all that we can to help our residents during these unprecedented times. I look forward to partnering with the Ulster County Legislature to ensure that we can provide this much needed relief as quickly as possible."

"I am proud to sponsor this resolution that will provide much needed relief for our residents paying higher prices at the gas pump," Legislator Kevin Roberts said. "As a legislator, I believe we should do whatever we can to assist our residents during these turbulent economic times. I am also grateful for the support of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the County Executive for their support in this effort."

"With projected sales tax collections coming in higher than anticipated, cutting taxes at the pump will allow our residents to keep money in their pockets," Legislator Brian Cahill said. "With record rising gas prices, I'm proud that we can do our part to help the residents of Ulster County."

If adopted in April, the law would take effect on June 1, 2022 and would expire on December 1, 2022. By law, local sales tax changes can only take effect on March, June, September or December 1st of any year.

Superheroes Enjoy Special Breakfast in Fallsburg

The March Superheroes at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) received their honors in the School Cafeteria on March 10, 2022 with a special breakfast prepared by the cafeteria staff.

The following students exhibited the monthly trait of Be Kind and earned the approval of their teachers and staff: Jason Padilla Orellana, Faith Kehlenbeck, Leah Forgione, Alexis Gold, Dominic Bush, Layla Cruz, Hayden Gibson, Jalen Anthony, Josue Mora Ceron, Jase Loncto, Dalila Koljenovic, Elijah Castro, Alisson Lagos, Penelope Anziani, Aaron Cubias, Kaylin Cumming, Bubacarr Kassama, Giada Evangelista, Ashley Hernandez Merino, Kelvin Giron Garcia, Joel Montalvo, Surey Delgado, Olivia Lucido, Isabella Postell, Kristty Izaguirre, Bryan Lopez Romero, Madison Maldonado, Jaime Giron Paredes, Leo Bonilla Urbina, Samantha Saciolo, Giovanni Anthony, Fernando Turcios Garcia, Camdyn Hoefling, Naavah McJunkin, Jocelyn Zempoaltecatl, Ariel Payne, Jax Pillius, Layla Herman, Brady Romero Arriaza, Aubree VanWolde, Jaysi Nicanor-Perez, Wilmer Mateo Garcia, Fressia Carcamo, and Keyrin Tercero.

Special thanks go out to the PBIS Team Coordinators, Nicole Cortes and Brittany Davis, their entire team, and the cafeteria staff for decorating, preparing and serving the delicious food.



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On the far right, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz, honored the children

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Come make a weekend (or more) of it. Start with some outdoor adventure. Take a hike and marvel at our mighty rivers and streams as they flow with fury through the landscape and shake off winter. As dusk approaches, listen for the cacophony of the evening peepers. There are so many places for you to wander through our great outdoors. From flat rails to trails routes, to more wooded and mountainous locations, there's a path perfect for you.

Our proprietors will awaken your soul and help you indulge in the goodness of life. If you're looking to make some seasonal changes in your home or lifestyle, consider spending some time at our local shops in Callicoon, Mountandale, Narrowsburg, or Livingston Manor. David and Lori at Spruce Home Goods offer a lovely collection of fresh spring linens and David is a master of the Victorian Sponge Cake and other tasty Catskill-icious treats. Try the famous deviled eggs at The Heron in Narrowsburg or the vegetarian Rueben at Main Street Farm in Livingston Manor. In Mountandale, New York Makers at Forage and Gather offered a variety of soaps, candles, ceramics and more. Add some warm weather wines to your collection at Upstream Wine and Spirits, Narrowsburg Fine Wine and Spirits, Willow and Post or Cocheton Spirits. Speaking of wine, your time here will be well spent when you visit the brewers, distillers, cider makers and vintners on our Good Taste Beverage Trail. Many of these makers craft award-winning beverages. Please drink responsibly.

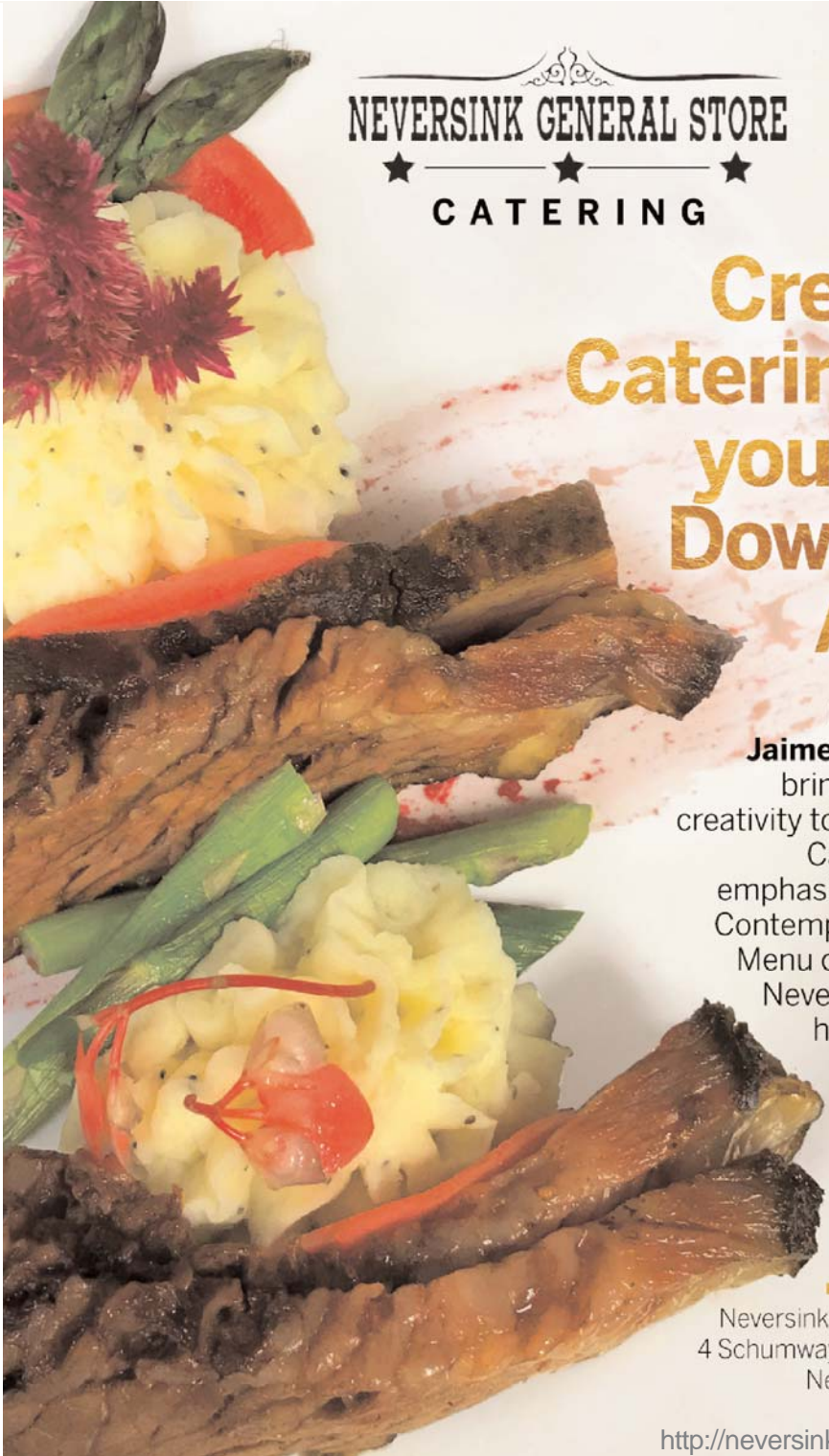
There's always more shopping and adventure worth checking out. And the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail is always fun! Check SullivanCatskills.com, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok feeds, too, for the most up-to-date happenings!

Jump into spring and stay awhile. We have lots of places where you can have a sleepover at a full-service resort, charming inn, or B&B, or book your own vacation rental. Families love Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark and Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center. At Kartrite it's summer all year and if you book today, you can receive 10% off a one night stay and 20% off two or more! At Villa Roma midweeks offer great discounts and you can choose from the All-Inclusive Fun or the Choose Your Own Fun Stay package. Kenoza Hall and The DeBruce are both perfect spots for couples and both are offering a 20% discount on select March and April stays.

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Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee will be holding its annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Saturday, April 8, 2022** at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea.

There will be 4 seatings: 4pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm and 6:15pm. Take out orders are encouraged. Reservations are required. Call 845 647-5963 or email joecath69@hotmail.com

Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration, including an historic parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person, children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent. The Elks Lodge is located on Route 55 in Napanoch.

There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Getting out a lot more during this Covid lull is easily said. This last weekend was immensely satisfying and exhausting for this lady, who has spent so much time sitting!



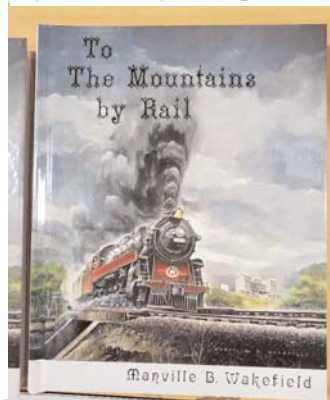
Friday night was THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. It was just the 'feel good' music I needed after spending a good portion of the day in a space that never seems to get warm. Plus, I had come into a very special night, as there was a surprise birthday party scheduled for ED SCHUTTE of TREESTALKERS TREE CARE LLC. I had never met this gentleman (mainly because I live in an apartment and have no need of 'tree services') but I was introduced peripherally by what can only be described as glowing recommendations of his competence. So not only did I get to hear my favorites from Dylan to Elvis to old timey Country and Bluegrass but met the Birthday guy with the best smile ever.



Saturday afternoon found me at the HURLEYVILLE GENERAL STORE for a talk by Sullivan County Historian JOHN CONWAY and MYRON GITTELL, the man instrumental in the publishing of Wakefield's TO THE MOUNTAINS BY RAIL in this beautiful, glossy edition. As you may remember from previous writings, this book captured me when I read most of it in my first few years up here and



how thrilled I was when it was reprinted and could obtain a copy for my very own. Let me just say here that I have attended a few talks by JOHN CONWAY and I always come away with bits of history that I didn't know. This was no exception. I was



not aware that Manville B Wakefield was the Sullivan County Historian in the 1960's, which all by itself lends more credence to this book. I was also not aware that there are times in Sullivan County history that are tagged as the SILVER AGE and the GOLDEN AGE. I could actually devote an entire column or more to just the new things I learned during this.



The second part of the talk was by MYRON GITTELL and involved the difficulty and successes of publishing this volume. The easy part was getting Mansfield's widow to agree to allowing the publication. After that, it's not as easy as copying a page, changing the size and calling it a day!

And then on Sunday afternoon, off to what became an emotional tribute to NICKY RED by friends at CABERNET FRANK'S. Organized by guitarist GREG HATTAN, it became an all star review attracting some of the best names in the Sullivan County music scene. The weather, of course, did not co-operate. While in Parksville, there were only snow showers, in other parts that afternoon full on frequent snow squalls kept some away. Many of his friends and I agreed that this was Nicky. He would have hated this, hated the attention. And it was interesting that the snow flurries would stop when certain people took the stage and would start again immediately when the stage was turned over to someone else. I was not the only one to notice this. Approval and disapproval from beyond?

The 'group sing' which served as the transition between the Tribute to the Open Mic was KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR, not I SHALL BE RELEASED as went out on the advertising. Not sure why that was but it worked. The gentleman next to me, nudged me and asked me why I wasn't joining in. The answer was simple: Nicky heard me sing once after I told him I couldn't. He had leaned over to me and said "Don't sing". It was a joke between us.

On stage providing the music and voices for the sing: D RAZZ (on accordion) DAVE WALTON, DAVID ROSENBERG, DEBBIE FISHER, SARAH HULSE, DEE DEE, KEN LIPSCHITZ (on upright bass), JOHNNY JULES (on guitar) SIMON EPHRAN (on drums) and CECIL ALLEN (on guitar in the shadows). Many good friends, much catching up.

This week and beyond (so far)

Saturday, April 2nd

B.J. HENDRICKSON at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 8pm

Sunday April 3rd

OPEN MIC at DEFILLIPI'S in Monticello; 11am to 1-ish

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM in Hurleyville: A TRIBUTE TO JERRY GARCIA led by LITTLE SPARROW with special guests ELLEN IOVINO, VAN MANAKAS and JEFF ANDERSON; 2pm-4

Monday, April 4th

Open Mic at the TANGO CAFÉ in Hurleyville (behind the park next to the HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTER); 7pm

Wednesday, April 6th

Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 7pm

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• Plus! Agnes Van Put's Soup in Welcome Center + 10% off gift shop purchases!

New Hewitt Exhibit Now On View!

Now on display, a rare collection of Edward R. Hewitt's personal fly fishing tackle including Mr. Hewitt's personal Garrison rod, Hewitt hand-crafted reel #11 of 24, Hewitt handtied flies, books & more. Please visit the museum to view this historic collection!

Welcome to the Catskills Spring Trail

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/120094.html>
Catskills Visitor Center

The Catskills Visitor Center is open every day except Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. with all new interactive exhibits. Stop by for a visit before your next adventure. Have your questions answered, get trip planning advice, or pick up maps and local information and more!

Contact the Catskills Visitor Center for more information: 845.688.3369 or info@catskillcenter.org.

For local trail conditions, visit the Catskills Visitor Center Trail Conditions webpage.

Catskill Outdoor Recreation Bulletin provides only the most recent notices. Check the Catskill Backcountry Information webpage for more detailed information on access, outdoor recreation infrastructure, and conditions. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/108207.html>

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Hike Smart by packing the proper gear. See our recommended packing list and safety tips for the spring season. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/113437.html>

Annual Book Fair at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School



The BCES PTA hosted the Annual Book Fair at the school from March 21 through March 25, 2022. The event has been a special event for many years. Teachers from all grades bring individual classes to the exhibit in the alcove just past the Library throughout the week. Children look at books separated by topics such as mystery, favorite characters, and picture books. Titles are organized by age-level as well. This year there was an entire section of books in Spanish to serve the large Hispanic population and bilingual students at Fallsburg.



shows Bi-lingual first grade teacher Dominick Scanna explaining to his class how to select and order books for purchase.

Many teachers find new titles that they can order for their classes to read. It's special to watch the children pointing out books to each other, laughing and enjoying the moment together.

A popular feature of the Fair are an assortment of educational gadgets and assorted school supplies to purchase. The PTA coordinates the books and set-up with the Scholastic Book Fairs Corporation. Various members of the organization monitor the Fair on different days of the week. On Tuesday, President Randa Moustafa and long-term member Andrea Hook were in charge of sales. The Book Fair is always a big hit with the students, teachers and parents.



PTA President Randa Moustafa, PTA Member Andrea Hook at the cash register, with a student from BCES;

New York-Led Multi-Agency Consortium Announces Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Jersey to Join Dozens of Corporations and Universities, Demonstrating Shared Regional Vision for Long-Term Success

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that New York has signed a multi-state agreement, including with an initial group of 40 hydrogen ecosystem partners, to develop a proposal to become one of at least four regional clean energy hydrogen hubs designated through the federal Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs program included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The New York-led consortium includes Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Jersey - longstanding leaders in hydrogen and fuel cell innovation, and key neighbors on the I-95 corridor - as the first out-of-state partners to join the regional effort, opening the door for future state additions. Today's announcement advances each States' leadership in clean hydrogen infrastructure deployment and research and development, and supports New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 85 percent by 2050. Today's announcement is a critical step in implementing Governor Hochul's directive in her 2022 State of the State address to make New York State a green hydrogen hub.

"New York is proud to lead the way in forming bold partnerships to combat the existential threat of climate change," Governor Hochul said. "Expanding the hydrogen market is critical to New York's aggressive pursuit of clean-energy alternatives that will supercharge our economy and advance our climate goals. Coalitions like this one serve as a model to the nation on the collaboration that is required to meet this moment and bring us closer to a carbon-neutral future, and I thank Governors Lamont, Baker and Murphy for their partnership."

"Connecticut has long been a leader in addressing the climate crisis and in researching and developing innovative technologies, and this exciting partnership unites both of those key leadership areas," said Governor Ned Lamont. "We're proud to share a commitment to climate leadership, fuel cell innovation, and clean energy jobs with our neighboring states, which will position us competitively to bring federal investment in clean hydrogen to our region."

"The urgency of climate change and the implementation of our net-zero by 2050 strategy requires a comprehensive approach, which includes the research and deployment of technologies that will allow more cost-effective clean energy in the future," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Today's announcement is a critical step for regional collaboration in integrating this clean energy resource into our existing climate strategy, and Massachusetts looks forward to working with our state partners on this initiative."

"Clean hydrogen has the promise to expand New Jersey's diverse clean energy portfolio," said Governor Phil Murphy. "Clean hydrogen technology has the potential to improve net greenhouse gas emissions and harmful air pollutant impacts. Joining together with our regional partners will allow us to build a strong coalition for the development of clean hydrogen technology and cultivate economic growth and opportunity for New Jersey."

Consortium partners have committed to collaborate with

NYSERDA, NYPA, and ESD on proposal development to advance hydrogen projects. Partnering states will also coordinate with their respective state entities to help align the consortium's efforts with each state's climate and clean energy goals. These include Connecticut's Global Warming Solutions Act goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050, Massachusetts' goal to be carbon neutral by 2050 and New Jersey's Global Warming Response Act goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050.

The consortium will also work to develop a proposal in response to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Funding Opportunity Announcement, anticipated to launch in May 2022 with \$8 billion in funding available.

By forming this partnership, New York presents a coordinated, multi-state approach to a hydrogen hub that connects the entire value chain of hydrogen producers, users, technology and equipment manufacturers, and the research and development community including national labs and universities.

In addition to Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Jersey, the partners include:

- o Alliance Energy Group LLC
 - o Alternative Aviation Fuels LLC
 - o BAE Systems
 - o Bloom Energy Corporation
 - o CALSTART
 - o Climate Jobs NY
 - o Columbia University
 - o Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
 - o Cornell University
 - o Cummins, Inc.
 - o Daroga Power
 - o Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc.
 - o Ecoelectro, Inc.
 - o Empire State Development (ESD)
 - o FuelCell Energy
 - o Invenergy Hydrogen LLC
 - o Liberty Utilities (St. Lawrence Gas) Corp.
 - o Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)
 - o National Grid
 - o National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium
 - o New York Battery and Energy Storage Technology (NY-BEST)
 - o New York Power Authority (NYPA)
 - o New York University
 - o Next Hydrogen Corporation
 - o Nucor Steel Auburn, Inc.
 - o Ohmium International
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 - o Plug Power Inc.
 - o Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
 - o Standard Hydrogen Corporation
 - o Stony Brook University / Advanced Energy Center (AERTC)
 - o The City College of New York (CUNY)
 - o The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
 - o University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
 - o Vermont Gas Systems (VGS)
 - o WATT Fuel Cell Corporation
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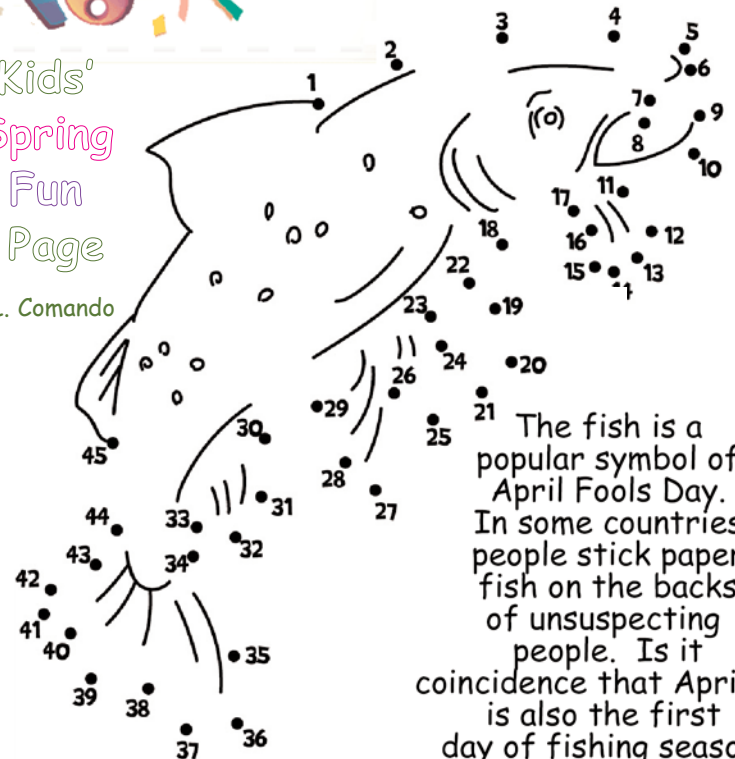


April Fool's Day

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Kids' Spring Fun Page

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The fish is a popular symbol of April Fools Day. In some countries people stick paper fish on the backs of unsuspecting people. Is it coincidence that April 1st is also the first day of fishing season?

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New York-Led Multi-Agency Consortium Announces Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Jersey to Join Dozens of Corporations and Universities, Demonstrating Shared Regional Vision for Long-Term Success

(From Pg. 14)

With the execution of these agreements, the partners will work together to:

- o Define the shared vision and plans for the regional hydrogen hub that can advance safe green hydrogen energy innovation and investment to address climate change, while improving the health, resiliency, and economic development of the region's residents.

- o Advance a Hub proposal that makes climate and environmental justice central to its strategy, which will deliver opportunities and improved quality of life to under resourced areas across the region.

- o Perform research and analysis necessary to support the hub proposal and align on approach to quantifying greenhouse gas emissions reductions as a result of deploying this technology.

- o Develop a framework to ensure the ecosystem for innovation, production, infrastructure, and related workforce development is shared across all partner states.

- o Support environmentally responsible opportunities to develop hydrogen, in accordance with participating states' policies.

New York and its partner states continue to seek additional public and private partners in the region and focus on coordinating the regional fuel cell innovation ecosystem. The coalition will seek to integrate offshore wind and solar PV into hydrogen production and deploy hydrogen for use in transportation, including for medium and heavy-duty vehicles, heavy industry, power generation and maritime applications or other appropriate uses consistent with decarbonization efforts.

Future consortium partners may include utilities, electrolyzer suppliers, fuel cell solution providers, transportation, fueling infrastructure and industrial partners, government agencies, community organizations, institutes of higher education, community colleges, vocational schools and non-profit organizations.

Samadhi Center, Inc. Announces New Location for Community Outreach and Mindfulness-Based Recovery Activities

Services include harm reduction and wellness promoting activities, featuring a full range of peer support opportunities

Town of Ulster, NY-Samadhi Center, Inc., a nonprofit peer-led organization offering a wide range of mindfulness-based recovery services in Kingston and Ulster County, has moved its operations to 150 Sawkill in the Town of Ulster.

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Samadhi was founded in Kingston in 2018 and since that time has led efforts in Kingston and Ulster County to limit harms from the use of narcotic and other addictive drugs through mindfulness based recovery approaches, trainings in the use of Narcan, and a broad range of peer support services. Recovery classes, meditation sessions, and wellness classes are offered free of charge, and trained peer advocates are available to work with anyone seeking assistance with housing, insurance, and other issues related to or complicated by drug use or a history of drug use.

Samadhi has been operating at 368 Broadway in Kingston since February 1, 2022, and is now shifting all its community outreach services to the new location at 150 Sawkill. The new site will also serve as a center for local efforts to address gun violence and will continue educating peer advocates both locally and from across New York State. Samadhi will maintain administrative offices at 368 Broadway and is applying for certification from New York State to offer outpatient clinical services at that location.

"We are very excited to open our doors to the public at 150 Sawkill," said Samadhi's Executive Director, David McNamara. "Our new location offers us space and an environment that will support our efforts to help people who are seeking assistance with recovery and often have no other place to turn."

Samadhi is open at its new location as of March 28, 2022, and will host an open house at the site later this spring.

For more information, please contact David McNamara, Executive Director, Samadhi Center, Inc., at david@samadhiny.org or 917-783-9382 or Kathy Nolan, President, Samadhi Center, Inc at kathyolan@earthlink.net or 845-417-6489.

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Application ID: 3-5120-00140/00001

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance
1 - Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification

Project is located: in DENNING in ULSTER COUNTY

Project Description:

The applicant proposes to undertake a stream restoration project to stabilize the streambanks and channel, reduce flood risk, and improve aquatic habitat along approximately 880 feet of the East Branch Neversink Creek (Water Index #: D-1-82, Class C(T)). A total area of disturbance within the stream channel of approximately 122,600 square feet (sf) or 2.8 acres is proposed in order to regrade and shift the stream channel and install stream and streambank stabilization measures. Newly constructed floodplains will be covered with topsoil, seeded, and planted with native vegetation.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeological Assessment Form or other information has concluded that the proposed activity will not impact registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 04/14/2022 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person

ELLEN M HART
NYSDEC
21 S Putt Corners Rd
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3051

3/31/2022

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

The Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education

will hold
**SPECIAL MEETING #7 -
BUDGET WORKSHOP -**
on Thursday, March 31, 2022
at 5:00 p.m.
in the Secondary School Library
Lower Level

This BUDGET WORKSHOP
will be conducted/streamed and recorded
via YouTube Live,
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

On Thursday, March 24, 2022,
the Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education
anticipates a proposed Executive Session
for personnel
Meeting opening call to order 5:30 p.m.
Room 50
Anticipated Proposed
Executive Session 5:30 p.m. Room 50

Fallsburg CSD Board of Education Meetings

April 12, 2022
(Tuesday: BOCES vote)

May 4, 2022

Please Take Notice:

Covid-19 Home Test Kits

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

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Full Time Residents Only
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Signature required

Ulster County
is tracking distribution

ATTENTION:

Please be aware that the **2021 Sullivan County Annual Report** has been delivered to the Legislature, per County law, and is now available for public review at: <https://sullivanny.us/sites/default/files/departments/CMGR/AnnualReports/2021/2021%20Annual%20Report.pdf>. A quick link has been provided on the County website as well: <http://www.sullivanny.us>.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level,
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Upper Level,
Regular Meeting #19 resumes approximately 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Musical Theater Returns to Fallsburg High School

The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Drama Club will perform the musical, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, on April 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m. Based on the comic strip, "Peanuts," by Charles M. Schultz, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* was written by Clark Gesner. The show opened on Broadway in 1967 and won two Drama Desk-Vernon Rice Awards for Director and Performer, and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Production.



You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown explores life through the eyes of Charlie Brown (played by Cecelia Norris-Yanes) and his friends, as they play baseball, struggle with homework, send Valentines, sing songs, and share friendship. The series of vignettes and songs features Lucy van Pelt (played by Hayden-Marie Herrera) as Charlie Brown's strong-minded friend, who analyzes his character in "The Doctor Is In." Lucy dominates over her younger brother, Linus (played by Adam Mednick), but shares a special bond with him as well, as she instructs him in her view of life in "Little Known Facts." For his part, Linus is a child prodigy in philosophy, calmly delivering wisdom and support to Charlie Brown, while also clinging to his blanket as he sings, "My Blanket and Me."

Lucy sings "Schroeder" to her heartthrob, the musician Schroeder (played by Nicholas Muscia), who rarely looks up from his piano long enough to notice her. Patty (played by Olga Flores-Bonilla); the little redhead girl Heather (played by Elisheva Sudranski) and Sally (played by Sanaya Aquil) round out the group of friends. Charlie Brown's dog Snoopy (played by Adira Greer-Padilla & Jalysa Poindexter) & Woodstock (played by Bella Muscia) steal the spotlight in the production number, "Supertime." The entire cast highlights some of childhood's simple joys in the finale, "Happiness," a beloved classic from the show.

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown is directed by Tobi Magnetico (stage) and Danna Clear (music). The stage designer and costume designer is Kim Flynn. Lighting design by Amanni Sitz, sound design by Jim Schmidt, choreography by Danna Clear, and stage manager is Megan Kappes. Student stage managers are Michael Storms and Catherine Pena. The stage crew consists of Danielle Olsen, Danica Morris & Anngeleenna Bruno.

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the show. Pricing is \$7, children under 5 years old are free. Doors open at 6:30pm. The Drama Club hopes to see you there!



Experience Spring's Renewal

Whether it's a full crew or a trip for two, spring in Ulster County is the escape you need.

April showers bring ...waterfalls, and flowers, and plenty of room to restore your spirits. Whether its family time, friend time or alone time Ulster County has the food, fun and tranquility for the perfect spring renewal escape.

Spring Thaw -Chasing Waterfalls

As temperatures warm and the snow melts water can be found pouring over the rocks at some of our most scenic spots. At Minnewaska State Park Preserve, you'll find five waterfalls and hikes in varying lengths and difficulty. But trust us, they all lead to an Instagram worthy shot!

Insider's Tip: now is the best time to hike to Verkeederkill Falls, in the Sam's Point section of the Preserve and the highest waterfall in the Shawangunk Mountains. Starting April 1 parking at Sam's Point will be limited to three-hour timed ticketed entrance only Friday through Sunday. To reserve your spot, click here.

And, if you prefer chasing waterfalls with a farm to table dinner and craft cocktail in your hand, your best bet is hitting the deck at Diamond Mills Tavern, in Saugerties.

Feel the Romance Bloom

You and your partner will find a wealth of opportunities to grow closer and renew the romance in Ulster County. Be it a luxury experience in the heart of Uptown Kingston at Hotel Kinsley, or a quiet retreat at Hasbrouck House. Between delicious farm-to-table dining and craft beverage tasting, catch music that ranges from American to country, folk and rock at Bearsville Theater or take in the majestic beauty of art and earthwork sculpture at Opus 40 while listening to jazz. Most importantly, relax together in a private, beautiful setting for an amazing spring renewal.

Family Time Refresh

Hit the trails with the whole family as the weather gets warmer! Hiking for all levels can be found at Mohonk Preserve. Or take your family to the Ashokan Rail Trail. This 11.5-mile trail, framed by the Catskills, runs along the shore of the Ashokan Reservoir. When you're finished hit Bread Alone's new Boiceville café and the country's first carbon neutral baker.

Or explore the County wilds with Rail Explorers, cruising the historic Ulster & Delaware Railroad in your own peddle assisted rail car - no hiking necessary. Book early as these sell out quickly.

For those families who would rather ride, check out the trolley ride at the Trolley Museum of New York and the Catskill Mountain Railroad featuring the Easter Bunny Express and Spring Flier, in April.

More family fun can be found on horseback at Rocking Horse Ranch where horseback rides happen twice daily. When you're ready for downtime with loved ones, relax at a cozy, beautifully historic lodge like Skandaken Inn - with prime Catskill hiking in the backyard for whenever you need a stroll.

Renew With Your Crew

Relive the good times and make new memories with your best friend group over flights of local brews at a distillery, brewery, winery or a farm-to-table restaurant. For your girl group or best friends, spend the day sipping wine in style at Nostrano Vineyard or enjoying craft on the deck of Hudson House, a 100-year-old monastery sitting on the banks of the Hudson River. World-class spa treatments at Emerson

Resort & Spa or Mohonk Mountain House. When you need more downtime, Hutton Brickyards offers elevated, cozy cabins and indoor/outdoor lounge spaces perfect for relaxed **SPRING INTO THE CATSKILLS**

April

23 Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale
24 38th Annual Kiwanis Kingston Classic

May

Begins on the 25th HITS-on-the-Hudson Spring Series
27, 28, 29 Field + Supply
28, 29, 30 41st Annual Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair

As you plan your spring vacation, be sure to stay apprised of weather conditions and always double-check hours and availability of businesses.

Find more inspiration for your Ulster County getaway visit: https://ulstercountyalive.com/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=winter

The Spring, Summer, Fall Gardening Series Begins

“Spring Clean Up & Planning New Gardens” kicks off the series at 6pm via zoom. This workshop will focus on early season gardening tasks to prepare for the season or plan a new garden.

The series continues on June 1 with tips for how to plant the perfect garden; and the “thriller, filler spiller” technique of planting containers that will be last the season.

On September 7 the discussion continues with “Planning for Fall and Planting Bulbs.” Maintenance tips will shared throughout the series.

For more information contact Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager at 845.295.2445.

Register for the Garden Series at: <https://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/events-seminars>.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

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Sundown United Methodist Church

**Covered Dish Supper
April 2**

**Bake Sale April
16th 9 - 12**

**Easter Breakfast
April 17th - 9:30**
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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The Little Church with the Big Heart
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Fred VanWagner

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For information contact:
The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide
Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry
PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY
vicardcem@gmail.com
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

First Thrift Sale of the Season!

**April 9th
9 am-12 noon**

Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches House Worship Plan

Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

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

Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



Clip & Save

Grahamsville United Methodist Church



356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
Grahamsville, NY 12740
Thrift Sale Schedule 2022
All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April - 9th and 23rd **August - 13th and 27th**
May - 7th and 21st **Sept - 10th and 24th**
June - 4th and 18th **October - 8th and 22nd**
July - 9th and 23rd **Nov - 5th and 19th**

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays
from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Lee (985-3128) or Ruth (985-7222).

<http://grahamsvilleumc.org> • grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

9	6	7	5	8	4	2	1	3
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7	5	4	1	6	9	8	3	2
6	8	3	7	5	2	1	4	9
3	7	2	8	4	5	6	9	1
5	9	6	3	2	1	7	8	4
8	4	1	6	9	7	3	2	5

Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, April 2, 2022 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall

(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

WSCS Ladies of Sundown UMC

Bake Sale

April 16th 9 am - 12 noon
at the Church Hall

Easter Breakfast

April 17th - 9:30 am
at the Church Hall

Following
Easter Service
at 8:00 am

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Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/2/22 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 church Hall
 4/5/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
 4/6/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 4/9/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
 4/10/22 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon
 4/12/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 4/13/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
 4/15/22 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
 4/16/22 Sundown UMC **Bake Sale** 9 am - 12 noon Church Hall
 4/17/22 Sundown UMC **Easter Breakfast** 9:30 am Church Hall
 4/19/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
 4/21/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 4/23/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
 4/28/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Local Town Hall Websites:

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update

March 28 - April 1, 2022

Monday, March 28

- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 880 3212 4325, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, March 29

- o 5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Health, Human Services & Housing Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 835 6739 8317, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 880 5891 8701, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, March 30

- o 4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 865 5374 7086, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 4:15 PM (or immediately following the UCEDA Audit Committee) - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 819 0534 7740, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 850 5625 6619, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, March 31

- o 2:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, April 1

- o No Meetings

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

Classified ads - \$5.00
for the first 20 words/
20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")
- \$6.00 per week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Low Rates High Visibility!

The First Thrift Sale of the Season will Happen! Remember All the Fun You Had at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sales? We Can't Allow that to Change!

The first Thrift Sale at Grahamsville UM Church will be held on April 2. Volunteers are still needed to make sure they can continue to hold all the Thrift Sales posted on their calendar!

We all had a lot of fun looking for that special item and finding a lot more! Not only was it fun finding great bargains, but it was also a lot of fun seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends who were having just as much fun.

All those years, all those bargains, fun and food were **made possible by volunteers**. **Volunteers are special people** who gave some time and effort back to the community. In the past volunteers found their little niche - whether it was sorting the new items that were brought in by donors, washing items so they were pristine when you bought them, placing the items in an orderly fashion on the racks, tables and shelves, or being there on a sale day helping those making purchases.

Unfortunately time has taken its toll on the number of volunteers that are needed to make the Thrift Sales continue to happen. Some of the volunteers are longer with us, or are now unable to perform as they did in years past. How sad it would be not to have someone follow in their footsteps and step up and volunteer! **If you loved coming to the Thrift Sales, why not become one of the volunteers?**

You don't have to be a member of the Grahamsville UM Church to be a volunteer. Think about it. If everyone who came to the Thrift Sale in the past were to volunteer just a little of their time and a little effort, we could all still look forward to future **Thrift Sales!**

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you **to the church on Sunday and leave it with the pastor** or mail it to: **Grahamsville UM Church, P O Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 Attention: Thrift Sale Volunteers**; or if you come to the Thrift Sale on April 2nd, bring the form with you and give it to one of the volunteers.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL: _____

Please check what type of volunteer service you can offer to
help make the GUMC Thrift Sales continue to Happen!

_____ Help sort donations

_____ Wash items when necessary

_____ Help with displaying and placing merchandise for sale

_____ Help at the Thrift Sales

____ Other: If you have something else that you may offer to help, please let us know

THANK YOU!

Gillibrand Announces Introduction of Rural Prosperity Act

Bipartisan, Bicameral Bill Would Cut Bureaucratic Red Tape by Creating a One-Stop Shop Connecting New York's Rural Communities to Federal Resources and Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the introduction of the bipartisan, bicameral Rural Prosperity Act. Currently, there are more than 400 federal programs dedicated to helping rural communities, spread across 13 departments, and over 50 offices and sub-agencies. All too often, this creates duplicative and ineffective bureaucracy in which programs are siloed and inflexible, making it challenging for small communities in rural areas to identify programs that meet their needs. This bill would streamline these programs and cut bureaucratic red tape by establishing the Office of Rural Prosperity, a permanent office in the White House tasked with coordinating federal efforts to support and connect New York's rural communities to federal programs and resources in order to improve outcomes for rural families and economies.

"We have the unique opportunity with the Rural Prosperity Act to improve how the federal government invests in rural America and fix a system that is too narrow and inflexible to meet the specific needs of rural communities," said Senator Gillibrand. "This bipartisan bill would create an Office of Rural Prosperity to ensure these communities have the support needed to overcome complex challenges when seeking federal support. This model has already proven to be successful and will help New York's rural communities thrive."

The bipartisan Rural Prosperity Act would ensure better coordination across federal agencies by:

- o Establishing the Office of Rural Prosperity within the White House to coordinate rural economic development programs across government. The office would be led by a Chief Rural Advisor, who would be appointed by the president and responsible for coordinating all federal rural development efforts.
- o Forming a Rural Prosperity Council composed of the heads of executive branch departments, agencies, and offices that have programs that serve rural areas. The Council would serve as a forum to resolve interagency disputes and coordinate a whole-of-government effort to address the needs of rural communities across the country.
- o Providing for the development of a comprehensive strategy for rural economic development across the executive branch.
- o Facilitating engagement with stakeholders and the con-

vening of public hearings to identify common challenges faced by rural areas.

- o Having the Office of Rural Prosperity make recommendations on how to coordinate, streamline, and leverage existing federal investments to address challenges faced by rural areas, as well as develop a common set of metrics to ensure that all rural development programs are meeting a common set of evidence-backed standards.

Gillibrand introduced this bill alongside Senators Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Joni Ernst (R-IA), and Chuck Grassley (R-IA). U.S. Representatives Angie Craig (D-MN-02), Dan Newhouse (R-WA-04), Cindy Axne (D-IA-03), Adrian Smith (R-NE-03), Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-01), and Randy Feenstra (R-IA-04) introduced companion legislation in the House.

Read the text of the Rural Prosperity Act:

<https://www.kelly.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/RYA22089.pdf>

Governor Hochul Directs Ukrainian Flag Raised in Solidarity with the People of Ukraine

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the Ukrainian flag was flown on the Capitol building, the Executive Mansion, and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services headquarters on March 24, marking one month since the beginning of the Russian invasion, in solidarity with the Ukrainian people. The Governor also invited local governments across New York to join the State in flying the Ukrainian flag on municipal buildings.

New York is the proud home of the largest Ukrainian community in the United States, and we condemn the unjust and unconscionable violence being perpetrated against the people of Ukraine by Vladimir Putin," Governor Hochul said. "Our prayers are with the victims and those displaced by war. We will fly the Ukrainian flag on state buildings in solidarity with those in New York who are scared for their family and loved ones. I invite other New York State cities and municipalities to join us in showing our unwavering support for democracy in the face of tyranny."

This directive comes amid Governor Hochul's ongoing efforts to support Ukraine. Last week, the Governor announced an Executive Order to prohibit state agencies and authorities from contracting with entities that continue to do business in Russia. In early March, Governor Hochul announced actions to strengthen the Department of Financial Services' (DFS) enforcement of sanctions against Russia, including the expedited procurement of additional blockchain analytics technology. In February, Governor Hochul ordered all state agencies and authorities to divest public funds from Russia and stop doing business with Russian companies.

Tri-Valley Elementary School
"INSPIRE SUCCESS TOGETHER"



GO BEARS!

Tri-Valley Elementary School

UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4
years old by December 1, 2022 please
call us at**

845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to:

registration@trivalleycsd.org

**and leave your name, your child's
name and phone number where you
can be reached.**





Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

**NEW FOR 2022-2023:
FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)
(that day program will no longer be offered)

- Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2022.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2022.

Registration packets can be picked up in the Central Office in the JSHS or completed online.
Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form.

****PLEASE NOTE:**
ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.**

- Registration will take place for incoming:
• Pre-K students: April 11th - April 29th
• Kindergarten students: May 9th - May 20th

For Pre-K:
COMPLETE Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until April 29th. At that time, a lottery may be held if more register than available seats. Once all seats are filled, students will be added to a Waiting List. Registration will be processed, by date of receipt, for COMPLETE registration packets only.



Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Registro de Pre-K y Kindergarten

**NUEVO PARA 2022-2023:
PROGRAMA DE PRE-K DE DÍA COMPLETO!**
(2 aulas con 18 alumnos en cada una)
(el programa de medio día ya no se ofrecerá)

- Los estudiantes de Pre-K deben tener 4 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.
- Los estudiantes de kindergarten deben tener 5 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.

Los paquetes de inscripción se pueden recoger en la Oficina Central en el JSHS.
Visite <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para obtener instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea.

****TENGA EN CUENTA:**
TODOS los estudiantes que ingresan a kindergarten DEBEN registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Pre-K el año pasado.**

- El registro se llevará a cabo para los entrantes:
• Estudiantes de Pre-K; 11 de Abril - 29 de Abril
• Estudiantes de Kindergarten; 9 de Mayo - 20 de Mayo

Para Pre-K:
COMPLETE Los paquetes de registro (que incluyen TODA la documentación requerida) se aceptarán hasta el 29 de abril. Una vez que se llenen todos los asientos, los estudiantes se agregarán a una lista de espera. El registro se procesará, por fecha de recepción, solo para paquetes de registro COMPLETOS.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Nominates Tara McDonald to Serve as the Commissioner of Mental Health

Tara McDonald, who currently serves as the Acting Commissioner of Mental Health, has worked as the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Health and Mental Health since 2017. Prior to her employment with the County, McDonald served for over a decade in the New York State Office of Mental Health

In the 2022 Ulster County Budget, County Executive Pat Ryan re-established a fully functioning Department of Mental Health, helping to elevate mental health services as a top priority.



KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the nomination of Tara McDonald to serve as the Commissioner of Mental Health. McDonald, who currently serves as the Acting Commissioner of Mental Health, has overseen Mental Health work for Ulster County as the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Health and Mental Health since 2017. Prior to her employment with the County, McDonald served for over a decade in the New York State Office of Mental Health. In the 2022 Ulster

County Budget, County Executive Pat Ryan re-established a fully functioning Department of Mental Health, helping to elevate mental health services as a top priority.

"Tara McDonald is a dedicated public servant who will bring tremendous experience, knowledge, and compassion to the vital task of providing our residents with the mental health care that they need and deserve," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "At a time when we're seeing more and more of our residents struggle with mental health and addiction, Tara is the right person to be at the helm to help us step up our game and recommend Ulster County to providing quality mental health care."

"The prospect of being able to serve the community in which I live, work, and raised my daughter, is the greatest honor of my career," Tara McDonald said. "I am grateful to County Executive Ryan for the nomination, and I am wholly prepared to lead the Department of Mental Health in the effort to support Ulster County residents in achieving and maintaining optimal mental health, through these very trying times."

"Expanding mental health services in Ulster County is critical to our community's health and is the core of our work at Access, where we tailor supports to each individual's and fami-

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ly's behavioral health needs," Ron Colavito, President & CEO of Access: Supports for Living, said. "Working with Tara McDonald on initiatives like Ulster County's Mobile Mental Health team and other Crisis Intervention Services, we know that her compassion, management experience and in-depth subject matter knowledge are exactly the qualifications needed to lead the new Ulster County Mental Health Department. We are big fans of Tara and enthusiastically support her nomination."

Recently, McDonald served as the Chair of the Behavioral Health Task Force, a group of nearly 30 leaders in the mental health and addiction care community. The Task Force produced a document, based on nearly five months of gathering expert opinions and speaking candidly together and with the public, which identifies existing gaps in the mental health and addiction system of care while proposing solutions to support and expand current services.

As Chair of the Ulster County Community Services Board, I am pleased to extend our congratulations and support to Tara McDonald on her nomination as the Commissioner of Mental Health," Barbara Hill said. "Tara has developed an excellent team of competent staff over the past several years as the Deputy Commissioner of Health and Mental Health. The Board is grateful for a strong collaborative relationship with Tara and looks forward to helping to strengthen existing services and providing assistance in the development of new and innovative services."

McDonald attained a Bachelors Degree from SUNY at Stony Brook and holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Marist College and a Masters Degree in Social Work from Fordham University. McDonald is a resident of the City of Kingston. Last month, in Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan's third State of the County address, he announced that his administration is beginning the re-investments in mental health services that were proposed in the 2022 Executive Budget, re-establishing a fully-functioning Mental Health Department, and becoming one of the first counties in the state to build a Crisis Stabilization Center.

Earlier this week, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that solicitations for a Crisis Stabilization Center are being accepted until April 7th. Building a Crisis Stabilization Center was one of the main recommendations of the Ulster County Behavioral Health Task Force, which released a report in September 2021, and was announced by County Executive Ryan as a top priority in the 2022 Executive Budget address. Tara McDonald's nomination is contingent upon the confirmation of the Ulster County Legislature.

The Daniel Pierce Library Children's Programs 2022



The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading.

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 4, 2022. These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

Mother Goose Time–

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Program will be held each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Toddler Time–

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Program will be held each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Story Hour–

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, crafts, homework, and music. Program will be held each Friday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour–

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. (Children will be registered at school.)

Give your child a head start by enrolling him/her in one of these valuable programs this spring. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by April 1st.

If you have any questions, please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call (845) 985-7233 x105.



Come visit us at the library, remember to check out our website for upcoming events, and like us on Facebook and Instagram!

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Governor Hochul – “Don’t Blame Bail Reform; Do Improve It”

In 2019, the state Legislature enacted landmark reforms to our bail laws. The goal of these changes was to overhaul a system where race and access to money all too often determined whether defendants would be locked up before facing trial. These disparate outcomes, which disproportionately impacted Black and Brown communities, were not only fundamentally unjust, but undermined trust in our criminal justice system.

The reforms were successful: Fewer New Yorkers are kept behind bars just because they can't pay, and we've saved taxpayer dollars in the process.

Still, since the law was passed, we have seen a distressing increase in shootings and homicides. The data does not, however, suggest that bail reform is the main cause: In New York City, the percentage of people who are arraigned and released for gun crimes who go on to be rearrested has barely changed since bail reform took effect, from 25% before bail reform to 27%, according to an analysis from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Outside of New York City, that percentage went from 20% to 22%.

Similarly, the percentage of shooting arrests in New York City where the defendant had an open felony charge has hovered around 25% for years, though it crept up from 24% in 2019 to 28% in 2021, according to NYPD data.

Blaming bail reform for the increase in violence that cities across America are facing isn't fair and isn't supported by the data. Doing so risks distracting us from what are likely far more significant factors: upheaval from the pandemic, the availability of illegal guns, increased gang activity, lower arrest rates and a backed-up court system, to name a few.

But that doesn't mean the bail law as it currently stands is perfect, either. When one out of four people arrested for gun crimes goes on to be re-arrested, we haven't done enough. These repeat offender rates were a failure before bail reform, and they remain a failure today.

We are committed to protecting the progress we've made toward a fairer criminal justice system. But that is not at odds with making thoughtful, measured changes to our laws that would strengthen public safety.

First, we need to address the problem of repeat offenders. If someone is committing a second or third offense while out on pre-trial release, officers should be able to make an arrest and not be limited, as they are in many cases, to issuing a "desk appearance ticket." Similarly, hate crimes should be subject to arrest, not desk appearance tickets. And for repeat offenders, judges should be allowed to set bail - even if the crime would not currently be bail-eligible.

Second, we should make it possible for judges to set bail in all felony cases involving illegal guns, including when illegal guns are sold or given to minors - a crime that is, astonishingly, not currently bail-eligible.

Finally, for violent crimes and crimes involving guns, we should make it possible for judges to set more restrictive pretrial conditions, based on concrete criteria. Right now, all decisions about bail and pretrial detention must be based solely on the "least restrictive" conditions necessary to ensure the defendant returns to court. In domestic violence cases, the Legislature already gave judges more factors to consider (such as whether the defendant has a history of firearm use or previously violated an order of protection).

This is not a subjective "dangerousness" standard - decisions must be based on specific, factual circumstances. We should apply this model, based on what's already in the law for domestic violence, to other serious crimes.

These changes will improve our laws, but they won't suddenly reverse the rise in violence. That will require a holistic approach. We are already stepping up our efforts to stop the flow of illegal guns, support community-based violence interruption, and increase resources for local law enforcement. And we'll keep investing in solutions that work.

Another key piece of the equation is mental health. We propose changes to the law to better enable licensed mental health professionals to collaborate with crisis intervention teams and police. Along the same lines, we need to strengthen Kendra's Law to make it easier for judges to require individuals who are struggling with serious mental illness and present a danger to themselves or others to participate in mandatory outpatient treatment. Along with these proposals, we should provide additional resources for more psychiatric beds in community-based hospitals and housing, so that no one is turned away when they need help.

We should also make it easier for people who have served their time to reenter society successfully. That's why we are proud to have enacted "Less Is More" legislation, so that individuals are not imprisoned for technical parole violations, and why we have proposed allowing people behind bars to participate in the state's Tuition Assistance Program, so that they can come out of prison with more education and skills than when they went in.

Taken together, these changes will continue the work of improving our laws, policies and practices to make our state a fairer and safer place - exactly what that the Legislature endeavored to do in 2019 and what we pledge to keep working with them on.



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Governor Hochul Warns Consumers About Scams and Cybersecurity Threats Amid Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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State Agencies Issue Recommendations for Protecting and Securing Your Sensitive Information, Staying Alert Under Heightened Cyber Threats

Governor Kathy Hochul advised New Yorkers about charity scams and increased cybersecurity threats related to Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. The New York State Division of Consumer Protection has learned of fraudulent requests for charitable relief money to support victims of the war. Consumers are encouraged to carefully evaluate any request for money and verify charities prior to donating money or supplies. Governor Hochul also encourages New Yorkers to remain on guard when releasing sensitive information online amid an uptick in cybersecurity threats through the utilization of security recommendations from the Department of Taxation and Finance. This follows the Governor's formation of the Joint Security Operations Center, which serves as the center for joint local, state and federal cyber efforts.

"New York is home to the largest Ukrainian population in the United States, and New Yorkers always lend a helping hand to take care of those in need," Governor Hochul said. "However, we must remain cautious of those who try to commit fraud, taking advantage of others' kindness. In your generosity to help our Ukrainian friends and family, remember if something seems suspicious, it likely is. Encourage your friends and family, especially elderly loved ones, to stay vigilant online."

Any time disasters occur, scam artists prey on the heartstrings of individuals looking to help. The invasion of Ukraine provides an opportunity for fraudsters to set up fake charities or pose as compelling war victims. Others design websites to mimic a legitimate charity's official site to steal unsuspecting donors' money and/or personal information.

Scammers often make contact via social media, unsolicited emails, phone calls, or text messages. They may ask to send money through a payment app like Cash App, Venmo or Zelle, wire the money to an offshore bank account, or send prepaid gift cards. Many recent scams include requests for donations in cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin or Ethereum. Scam artists are creative and will continue to think of new ways to defraud people, so consumers must always be vigilant.

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o Verify the request. Scammers are more frequently posing as friends, family or romantic interests on social media and requesting donations; it is easy to copy someone else's photo and biographical information and create a fake account online. If you receive an unsolicited request for donation relief online, even if it appears to be someone you know, connect with the person directly through a different communication link to verify the request. Do not click on any links or complete forms before verifying the source. If the request is coming from someone you only recently met online, it is most likely a scam and you should be especially wary.

o Research the charity. Don't rely on a charity website alone. Search online before donating to any charity using the name of the group plus search terms like "review" and "scam". The Federal Trade Commission recommends checking with give.org, charitynavigator.org, charitywatch.org, or candid.org to see reports and ratings for charities. You can also check with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for verification that a charity is registered. The Office of the Attorney General also recommends reviewing the Charities Registry for financial reports prior to donating to ensure the charity is fiscally sound.

o Resist high-pressure tactics. While the situation is urgent, consumers should resist being pressured to donate immediately. Scammers often pressure you to donate immediately, causing you to overlook red flags in their story. Beware of direct e-mails from "victims" and solicitors who employ heart-wrenching stories, insisting that you donate immediately. Do not to give money over the phone to unsolicited telemarketers; instead, ask the caller to send written materials about the charity and where to donate, if you choose. (Contd. Pg. 36)

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

Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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- o Keep personal information private. Never give your Social Security number, credit card or debit card number, or other personal identifying information in response to an unsolicited charitable request. If donating online, ensure that your internet connection is secure before following through on donation requests.
- o Ask how your money will be spent. Consumers want to know that their money is going directly to the victims. A genuine charity should be able to let you know how much of your donation will go directly to the program as opposed to administrative fees.
- o Donate by check or credit card. Never give money using cash, gift cards, crypto currency, or any tender that would be difficult to trace. Give your contribution by check or credit card to ensure that you have a record of the donation. Make checks out to the charity, not to an individual. If you choose to donate via a charity's website, check that the website is secure and that your computer is equipped with the latest anti-virus protection.

If you suspect that you have encountered a fraudulent attempt to receive donations, you can file a complaint with the New York State Division of Consumer Protection at <https://dos.ny.gov/file-consumer-complaint>.

The Division's Consumer Assistance Hotline is open Monday to Friday, excluding State holidays, 8:30am to 4:30pm at 1-800-697-1220. You can find more information and tips by following the Division of Consumer Protection on social media on Twitter (@NYSConsumer) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/nysconsumer).

Amid heightened international concern about cybersecurity, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance also shares a series of critical tips to help taxpayers safeguard their private information during tax season and throughout the year:

Be wary of unsolicited emails and telephone calls asking for personal information. Never share personal information, such as your Social Security number, in response to an unsolicited email or telephone call. If the email or call claims to be from a company with which you do business, call it directly to confirm the contact is legitimate. Scammers often use scare tactics and threats related to tax debt to get you to share your personal and financial information.

Secure your mobile devices. Apply software updates that patch known vulnerabilities as soon as they become available. Use security features built into your device, such as a passcode, and use programs that encrypt data and remotely eliminate contents if the device is lost or stolen.

Be careful with Wi-Fi hotspots. Public wireless hotspots are not secure, which means that it's easy for cyber thieves to see what you are doing on your mobile device while you are con-

nected. Limit what you do on public Wi-Fi and avoid logging into sensitive accounts.

Know your apps. Thoroughly review the details and specifications of an app before you download it. Review and understand the privacy policy of each mobile app. Be aware that the app may request access to your location and personal information.

Be cautious about the information you share on social media. Avoid posting your birthdate, telephone number, home address, or images that identify your job or hobbies. One reason: this type of information can be used to determine answers to security questions used to reset passwords, and makes you a target of fraudsters who seek to access your accounts and personal information.

Use strong passwords. Create different passwords for all your accounts. When it comes to passwords, try to use one with at least 14 characters, the current industry standard. Use a combination of letters (uppercase and lowercase), numbers, and symbols. Consider passphrases in which you use the first letters of a memorable phrase to create a complex password that is difficult to guess. Regularly change your passwords/passphrases.

Vary your security questions. Don't use the same security questions on multiple accounts. Select security questions for which the answers cannot be guessed or found by searching social media or the internet.


Use two-step verification to access accounts. To enhance the security of online accounts, whenever possible require a password and an extra security code to verify your identity when you sign in.

Beware of phishing. Don't click on links, download files, or open attachments in emails from unknown senders. Open attachments only when you are expecting them and know what they contain, even if you know the sender.

It's important to regularly review the steps necessary to secure your sensitive information.

Report it. If you're a victim or believe you may be a victim of tax-related identity theft, alert us immediately. We will track your information to help keep it private and protected. Visit the Tax Department's Report fraud, scams, and identity theft webpage.

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The Lenape: Their Language, Culture and Legacy

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[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Join Sullivan County Historian John Conway (on zoom or in person), on Sunday, April 3rd at 2 p.m. to explore the lives of the Lenape Native Americans who lived in Sullivan County and the surrounding area.

Many archeologists believe that the Lenape, a Native American tribe of Algonquin culture, lived along the banks of the Upper Delaware River as early as 12,000 years ago, hunting, fishing, and eventually farming, growing corn, squash and beans. They held great council fires and annual green corn festivals along the Delaware River-- and celebrated the region's natural beauty and its healing qualities. They referred to the area as Lenapehoking-- "land of the Lenape." Ongoing clashes with the more aggressive Iroquois tribes to the north and growing tensions with the ever-increasing number of Europeans moving into the region prompted the Lenape to move westward, abandoning this area by about 1730. But a legacy remains, for example, in the form of local place names still in use today. Sullivan County Historian John Conway examines that legacy in this fascinating program...

Admission to the program is free for Museum members and \$5 for non-members. For virtual attendance: Non-members can make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To register and receive a program link, please email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org and put Lenape Talk Zoom Link Request in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700.

In person registration is not required and includes admission to the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions. The program will be held at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville. For more information please email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.

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



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

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

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

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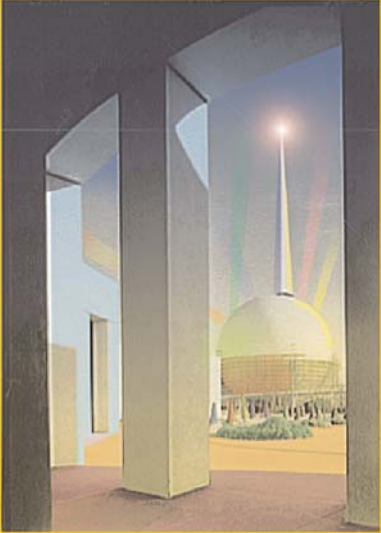
March 30 Celebrating Women's History Month at The Rosendale Theatre: Work-in-progress “After the Vote” with director Dawn Scibilia. Explores the stories of NY suffragists after they got the vote in 1917. 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org

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

Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - “Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:” A retrospective exhibition of Mary Frank’s powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. “Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

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Governor Hochul Announces the Opening of the 2022 NYS Master Teacher Program Application STEM Educators to Collaborate on Professional Development Opportunities to Engage the Next Generation of STEM Students and Teachers

More Than 1400 Outstanding Public-School Teachers Across New York State are Currently Involved in the Program

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the opening of the 2022 New York State Master Teacher program application for K-12 STEM teachers in all regions. The program is a network of more than 1,400 outstanding public-school teachers throughout the state who are recognized for their dedication to providing the most innovative STEM education to their students, their commitment to professional growth, and their enthusiasm for sharing their successful practices with colleagues in their schools, districts, and regions.

"New York's teachers are the vital force behind our state's leading education system, and it is crucial that teachers are provided opportunities to grow within their field," Governor Hochul said. "I am incredibly proud of the teachers we have in our state, who prove time and time again that they will go beyond the scope of their responsibilities to do right by our children. The talented teachers in the 2022 New York State Master Teacher program will be crucial in the development of New York's future leaders, and I encourage all who are interested to apply."

The NYS Master Teacher Program fosters a collaboration among the selected outstanding STEM educators, whereby they develop expertise in the areas of content, pedagogy, and students' families and communities. Their efforts engage talented students and introduce them to careers in STEM fields.

SUNY Interim Chancellor Deborah F. Stanley said, "Since 2013, New York's Master Teacher program has recognized our state's most talented and dedicated educators for their persistence in engaging students in STEM fields. These teachers are instrumental in the development of our future leaders, and it is a privilege to recognize them every year."

Last month, Governor Hochul announced the selection of 230 educators to join the NYS Master Teacher Program. The STEM educators were recognized for not only their work

within the classroom, but for their involvement in their districts, local communities, and professional associations.

In nine regions across the State, the Master Teacher Program is hosted at a SUNY campus - aligned with New York's economic development regions - to leverage the expertise of the campus's faculty and existing educator preparation programs. The regional cohorts and the respective partner SUNY campus are:

- o Capital Region: University at Albany
- o Central New York: SUNY Cortland
- o Finger Lakes: SUNY Geneseo
- o Long Island: Stony Brook University
- o Mid-Hudson: SUNY New Paltz
- o Mohawk Valley: SUNY Oneonta
- o North Country: SUNY Plattsburgh
- o Southern Tier: Binghamton University
- o Western New York: SUNY Buffalo State
- o New York City: In partnership with Math for America

Visit the Meet the Master Teachers page to learn more about Master Teachers in each region.

Once selected into the Master Teacher Program, educators will:

- o Receive a \$15,000 stipend annually;
- o Engage in peer mentoring and intensive content-oriented professional development opportunities throughout the academic year;
- o Work closely with pre-service and early career teachers to foster a supportive environment for the next generation of STEM teachers; and
- o Attend required regional meetings at their SUNY campus, participate in and lead several professional development sessions each year.

K-12 STEM teachers are asked to review the eligibility requirements at suny.edu/masterteacher. Applications are due by July 15, 2022.

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Weekly Recap

Dear Neighbor,

After a great week in the district, I wanted to give you an update on how I've been serving you.

I started off the week visiting Clark Farms, a local, fifth-generation dairy farm in Delhi. I was joined by Kyle Clark, Duane Martin from the NYS Farm Bureau, Dale Dewing of the Cornell Cooperative Extension and other agricultural stakeholders. Clark Farms provides high-quality milk and dairy products to our community and it was great to learn more about their process and speak with Kyle.

This visit also helped highlight my recent calls to stop the ban of flavored milk, including chocolate milk, in NYC schools. Research finds that children who drink flavored milk consume more important nutrients like calcium, vitamin D, and potassium compared to non-flavored milk drinkers. Studies have shown that reducing or eliminating the availability of flavored milk in schools has led to overall decreased milk consumption and increased food waste.

I was happy to join students in Broome County for Broome Tioga BOCES 2nd Annual App Challenge Awards Dinner. The event honored and recognized the more than 40 teams and about 200 students who participated in the challenge by developing an original app. This year's theme was to create an app that solves a community problem. During the ceremony, the top five teams and students presented a commercial they made to promote their new apps. Students from Owego, Maine-Endwell, Newark Valley, Binghamton, Union Endicott, Windsor, Chenango Forks, and Susquehanna Valley participated in the challenge.

On Tuesday, I also had the chance to make some other stops around our district. I started in Delaware County and meet with Chamber President Ray Pucci and Lillian Browne to discuss the chamber's public transportation project. Then, I headed over to Deposit to meet with NYS Police at Troop C Barracks in Deposit.

I finished up the afternoon by stopping by the Oneonta Boys and Girls Club, playing some basketball, and connecting with the young folks there.

On Wednesday, I met with members of the New York State Sheriffs' Association to discuss local law enforcement needs and the importance of supporting those who protect our communities across New York.

After our meeting, I held a press conference at the New York State Sheriffs' Association to highlight my bipartisan bill, the Invest in Law Enforcement Act. The legislation creates a new federal grant program for local law enforcement in New York and across the country. Specifically, it would make targeted investments for law enforcement in small towns and rural areas to pursue de-escalation training and mental health support, purchase body cameras, and address recruitment and retention. I was joined by Montgomery County Sheriff Smith, Ulster County Sheriff Figueroa, Albany County Sheriff Apple, Oneida County Sheriff Maciol, and Columbia County Undersheriff Salvatore.



Student Town Halls

This week, I also had the opportunity to attend two different student town halls. First, I met with students at the Schoharie Central School and answered questions about my job as a Representative, how I connect with constituents all over the district, and what I do to solve problems and find solutions. Next, I visited the New Lebanon Jr./Sr. High School and answered questions about the work I do to serve our communities, write and pass legislation that benefits New Yorkers, and the issue areas I focus on.

Since the beginning of my time in Congress, I have prioritized being transparent and accountable to the communities I represent by communicating directly with folks during events like town halls, meetings, and visits across the district.

I was proud to introduce a bipartisan bill that will strengthen assistance for rural communities that apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster relief. The Small State and Rural Rescue Act expands FEMA's Small State and Rural Advocate's (SSRA) ability to assist rural communities with disaster funding applications.

In the past couple years, our district has experienced historic flooding, winter storms, and winds. Hurricanes Ida and Irene caused millions of dollars' worth of damages to public infrastructure and property. We must do more to help rural communities when disaster strikes, which is why I am proud to work with my Republican and Democratic colleagues to introduce the Small State and Rural Rescue Act.

I had a great visit with Joey and Anthony LoBianco at the Rip Van Winkle Brewing Co. in Catskill. As small business owners, they've been through a lot over the last couple of years, but their resiliency, along with federal support, has them back on their feet and recovering.

On Friday, I visited the New Lebanon Farmers Market in New Lebanon, NY. Located in an area that was a former food desert, the market supports local and regional farmers and food producers, provides residents and visitors with year-round and convenient access to nourishing food, and encourages agricultural practices that benefit local communities. I was able to connect with some of the local farmers and producers who sell their products at the market, meet volunteers who help run the market, and speak with New Lebanon customers who rely on the market for fresh, nutritious food since the town's only grocery store closed more than a dozen years ago.

Learning about Local History

Later Friday, I had the opportunity to visit the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History. The cultural center and museum focuses on immigrant stories of the Hudson Valley and acts as an educational resource for local residents and visitors.

The week wrapped up at the Best of Greene County Awards Ceremony. I was glad to join everyone in honoring the wonderful Greene County small businesses that support and provide for our communities. It was great to be there and a big congratulations to all the winners!

U.S. Naval Academy Summer STEM Program

Are you thinking of a career as a coder, game developer, designer, or robotics engineer? The Naval Academy's Summer STEM Program involves a week of problem-solving, exploratory learning, critical thinking, and team building for rising 9th-11th graders interested in a future in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Learn more about the program and apply by March 31, 2022.

Sincerely,
Antonio

DEC Prepares to Kick Off Unofficial Start of Spring with Trout Fishing Opportunities With Year-Round Trout Seasons, April 1 Marks End of Catch-and-Release-Only and Start of Harvest Season More Than 1.8 Million Trout Being Stocked Statewide

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the upcoming start of the spring trout fishing season, which provides excellent angling opportunities statewide thanks to the State's extensive stocking program and considerable number of wild trout fisheries. DEC's spring trout stocking begins in March and runs through early June, and includes more than 1.8 million trout stocked in waters statewide.

"Fishing in New York State is a highly anticipated, world-class experience that brings seasoned and amateur anglers to our waters in every corner of the State every spring," Commissioner Seggos said. "DEC's extensive fish stocking efforts throughout the State are certain to complement our existing healthy fisheries and make the upcoming harvest season a success."

Trout Fishing

For decades, April 1 was the traditional "opening day" of trout fishing season. This year, the date marks the opening of the harvest season for trout because year-round fishing was made available on most streams with the implementation of an Oct. 16 - March 31 artificial lures-only catch-and-release season.

Trout Stocking

DEC stocking trucks have already begun hitting the roadways and trout stocking is in full swing with 1,872,105 catchable brown, rainbow, and brook trout stocked in ponds and streams across the State this spring. Stocked-Extended streams (listed in the Trout Streams section of the regulations guide) will receive fish every other week for two months to enhance season-long opportunities for angler success. Most streams will also receive a seeding of larger stocked trout. Spring trout stocking lists, including the week of stocking for trout streams, can be found at DEC's website. Additionally, DEC recognizes some fisheries rely on stocked fish to reach a certain size before they can be harvested. Visit DEC's website to find locations where these put-grow-and-take stockings of brook trout, lake trout, and Atlantic salmon take place.

New Fishing Regulations

DEC recently announced the adoption of new freshwater fishing regulations that will take effect on April 1. Following a public comment period on draft proposals earlier this year, the new regulations reflect the input and support of the angling community in DEC's efforts to make fishing New York's waters less complicated. Of particular interest to trout anglers is a new statewide regulation for rainbow trout, brown trout, and splake. The regulation creates consistency with inland trout regulations and expands opportunities for year-round fishing. A complete compilation of changes and an assessment of public comment

associated with the rulemaking can be found at DEC's website. New Trout Stream Signage

As part of DEC's efforts to make fishing more enjoyable, DEC has posted "Management Category" signs on most of the State's 1,500 miles of public fishing rights. Management categories make a sharp distinction between wild trout management (wild, wild quality, wild premier) and stocked trout management (stocked, stocked-extended) - more details (PDF) can be found at DEC's website. These signs convey not only the management category for a particular stream reach, but also the regulations associated with the reach. Anglers are advised to look for the white and green signs with a trout when fishing trout streams with public fishing rights.

Trout Stream Fishing Opportunities

Last year DEC launched an interactive Trout Stream Fishing Map to provide anglers with one-stop-shopping for information about stocking, fishing access, season dates, and regulations on DECinfo Locator. Anglers will be able to view trout stream reaches color-coded by management category and fishing access associated with those reaches. These layers will allow trout stream anglers to plan their trips and find their preferred trout stream fishing experiences. The Trout Stream Fishing Map and a User Guide are available on DEC's website. Anglers are encouraged to check out this valuable resource when planning their next fishing trip.

2022 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide

The new guide with recently adopted regulations changes is posted on the DEC website. Hard copies of the guide are currently being produced and guides are anticipated to be available at License Issuing Agents by the second week of April. Hard copies can also be requested by emailing FWFish@dec.ny.gov. In 2021, DEC removed advertisements and articles from the annual fishing regulations guide to make it easier to use. This approach and larger print size continues this year, along with more improvements to facilitate finding regulations. Measuring 5 _ x 8 _ inches, the new guide allows anglers to keep a copy in their glovebox or tacklebox.

DEC Offers Free Waterfront Lifeguard Course

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced a free waterfront lifeguard course will be offered April 19 through 22 in Gloversville, Fulton County. Individuals looking for seasonal summer employment who enjoy the outdoors are encouraged to learn more about DEC's summer recreation opportunities.

"Joining the team of lifeguards at DEC campgrounds and day use areas during the summer season offers an excellent opportunity to help visitors safely enjoy the great outdoors in New York's beautiful Catskill and Adirondack forest preserves," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "I encourage all eligible New Yorkers with a passion for nature and an interest in becoming a lifeguard to learn more."

Individuals at least 16 years old interested in lifeguarding positions at DEC facilities this summer may register. Candidates that complete the course will be considered for employment. The course includes certification in required lifeguarding and waterfront skills, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, and first aid.

A prerequisite fitness test will be given the morning of Tuesday, April 19. Candidates must successfully complete each component of the fitness test to continue with the free waterfront lifeguard course, including: (Contd. Pg. 44)

DEC Offers Free Waterfront Lifeguard Course

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550 yard (22 lengths) continuous swim (front crawl or breaststroke only);

Treading water for two minutes using legs only;

Swim 20 yards, surface dive to retrieve a 10 pound brick, return to surface, and swim on the back returning to the starting point. Exit the water without using a ladder or steps; and

Swim five yards, submerge, and retrieve three dive rings placed five yards apart in four to seven feet of water, resurface, and continue to swim another five yards to complete the skill sequence.

Applicants must be 16 years of age, meet agency medical and vision (20/70 or better) requirements, and intend to work at a DEC facility for the 2022 season.

Immediately following the course, eligible candidates will have the opportunity to take the DEC qualifying procedure.

Only individuals that pass the qualifying procedure can be employed as DEC lifeguards. Qualifying procedures will also be available from April through June at additional locations. If a candidate does not pass the water skills and/or CPR section(s) at a single location, they are required to register for and attend a separate qualifier. Candidates have multiple attempts to qualify and there is no charge to take the qualifying procedure.

Seasonal lifeguard positions are available at DEC campgrounds throughout the Adirondack and Catskill parks. Most facilities offer free housing or site accommodations.

For more information on the course, qualifying procedure, or to pre-register, call 518-457-2500 ext. #1, e-mail DEC at Info.Lifeguard@dec.ny.gov, or visit the Employment Opportunities in Summer Recreation section of DEC's website.

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Passover begins Friday evening April 15th. If you do not yet have plans for the Seders, we invite you to join us! Full information for both seders can be found in the image below this message.

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**Resident of the
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Local Nonprofits
Sue Town's ZBA for Refusing
to Hear Complaints about
Activities at 850 Route 28
near the
Bluestone Wild Forest
*Activities contaminated water
bodies and wetlands on site
at the eastern gateway to the
Catskill Park***

Town of Kingston, NY-A resident of the Town of Kingston and two nonprofit organizations whose staff and members regularly use the Bluestone Wild Forest today filed an Article 78 action against the Town of Kingston's Zoning Board of Appeals, Robert Cologero, in his role as Code Enforcement Officer, 850 Route 28 LLC, U.S. Crane and Rigging LLC, and Thomas Auringer for construction activities and illegal storage of cranes, rigging, vehicles, and industrial equipment at 850 Route 28. Officials from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Town of Kingston have previously issued violations at the site for damages to water quality in water bodies and wetlands resulting from a lack of pollution controls during the activities; the current action challenges a memo from the Town's Code Enforcement Officer that appears to state that those activities and outdoor storage of industrial equipment are permitted at the site as a "Contractor's Storage Yard."

Residents of the Town of Kingston and staff, officers, and members of Catskill Mountainkeeper and the Woodstock Land Conservancy requested an interpretation of the Town's Zoning Code from the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA held a public hearing on February 10, 2022, at which attorney Claudia Braymer, representing those challenging the activities at the site, noted that "Contractor's Storage Yard" is a term that does not appear in the Town's zoning code, with the nearest similar category, a "Contractor's Storage Area," only permitted as an accessory use incidental to a residential use, which is not present at the 850 site. Ms. Braymer and multiple residents of the town and recreational users of Onteora Lake, Pickerel Pond, and the Bluestone Wild Forest presented the magnitude and extent of the harms resulting from the erroneous interpretation of the zoning code, including noise, visual, and traffic impacts.

On February 24, 2022, the Town's ZBA met again, but instead of making an interpretation of the zoning code as requested, the members of the board unanimously decided that none of the people or organizations requesting the interpretation had "standing" - a legal term meaning the right to bring an issue or case before a board or court. Having ruled that near neighbors of the project and members of the public who travel Route 28 frequently and use the Bluestone Wild Forest for recreational purposes lack standing, the ZBA declined to make an interpretation of the zoning code as requested, potentially opening the door for further excavation, tree-clearing, and earth moving at the site.

Kathy Nolan, Senior Research Director for Mountainkeeper, expressed frustration with the ZBA's unwillingness to interpret the Town's zoning code. "The ZBA wiggled out of making a decision, which is unfortunate," she said, "and they did so by refusing to recognize the rights of nearby residents and others to turn to them for assistance in clarifying these matters." Dr. Nolan continued: "The Town should stand with its residents and those who support the local economy with their purchases during travel to the recreational areas in the town, and the Town should follow the existing zoning code, which is designed to prevent land use conflicts and protect the town's most valuable resources, including clean air and water."

"This has been a long process," reflected Andy Mossey, Woodstock Land Conservancy's Executive Director. "We have been following the 850 Route 28 project closely since we first learned of the proposed manufacturing facility on a property surrounded by the Bluestone Wild Forest and its sensitive natural resources. This new decision by the ZBA is a shame and we believe incorrect as a matter of law. Accordingly we are challenging the decision as part of our commitment to protect both the public and the natural resources."

**Live music returns to the
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concert on Thursday, April 28
at 7:00 p.m. featuring
GUEVARA & ZHELEZOVA
PIANO DUO**

West Shokan, NY: Each spring since 2015 the Olive Free Library in West Shokan has hosted the Piano Plus! Concert series featuring world-class pianists and guest performers. On the eve of the library's 2020 season, the COVID-19 pandemic forced a shut-down of all in-person programs, including the performance of the Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo. After two long years, the library is thrilled to restart live performances starting with the Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo. This concert will be FREE thanks to a generous grant administered by Arts Mid-Hudson. Face masks will be required.

This program is funded by the Statewide Community Re grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

The Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo will perform a program called Reconnecting: Fantasies and Dances (One Piano Four Hands), which features works by Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Francis Poulenc, and Astor Piazzolla.

Hailed for their dynamic interpretations, powerful stage presence, and elegance, the Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo comprises Mexican pianist Citlalli Guevara and Bulgarian pianist Slavina Zhelezova, both winners of prestigious international competitions and awards.

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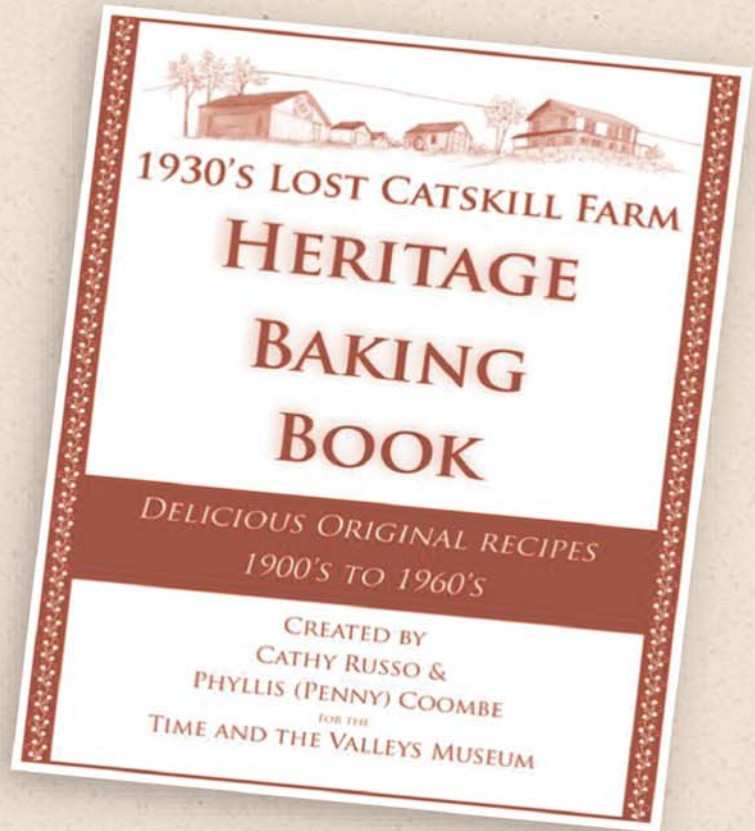
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Governor Hochul Announces Joint Public-Private Agreement to Ensure the Buffalo Bills Remain in NYS

- *A \$600 Million Investment from New York State - Less Than Half the Cost of the Stadium - Will Be Matched by Investments from the NFL, Bills and Erie County and Keep Team in Buffalo for Next 30 Years*
- *Largest Construction Project in Western New York History Will Be Built with Union Labor, Projected to Create 10,000 Construction Jobs*
- *Economic Impact from Team Will Cover More than 100 Percent of Public Share of Stadium Funding*

Governor Kathy Hochul and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz today announced an agreement between New York State, Erie County and the NFL's Buffalo Bills franchise for a \$1.4 billion new stadium in Orchard Park. Governor Hochul's negotiations secured a 30-year commitment for the Bills to remain in Buffalo, and a combined \$550 million from the NFL and Bills - approved today by the NFL owners. The Governor will advance a \$600 million proposal in the state budget, and Erie County will contribute \$250 million. The economic and tax impacts generated from the team will support more than 100 percent of the public share of the new stadium cost.

"I went into these negotiations trying to answer three questions - how long can we keep the Bills in Buffalo, how can we make sure this project benefits the hard-working men and women of Western New York and how can we get the best deal for taxpayers?" Governor Hochul said. "I'm pleased that after months of negotiations, we've come out with the best answers possible - the Bills will stay in Buffalo for another 30 years, the project will create 10,000 union jobs and New Yorkers can rest assured that their investment will be recouped by the economic activity the team generates."

The Buffalo Bills franchise is a proven economic driver for the Buffalo region and the state. The Bills generate \$27 million annually in direct income, sales and use taxes for New York State, Erie County and Buffalo. These revenues will grow and will cumulatively amount to more than \$1.6 billion over the 30-year lease period. Furthermore, fans who attend games from across New York, the U.S. and Canada and spend money locally that would not otherwise be spent in the region will result in an economic impact of more than \$385 million annually.

Owners of the Buffalo Bills Terry and Kim Pegula said, "We took another step today to solidify our collective goal of constructing a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills in Orchard Park. We are grateful for the time, efforts and unwavering commitment made by Governor Hochul and her team throughout this process. While there are a few more yards to go before we cross the goal line, we feel our public-private partnership between New York State, Erie County led by County Executive Mark Poloncarz, and the National Football League will get us there."

County Executive Mark Poloncarz said, "The Buffalo Bills are ingrained in the heart and soul of every Western New Yorker. It was essential that we entered into an agreement that ensured the team stayed in Buffalo, but was also a fair deal for the people of Erie County and New York. That is exactly the agreement that has been reached: the Bills will play in Buffalo for the next 30 years; 10,000 building trades union jobs will work on the project; and the county will no longer contribute annual operating and capital expenses, thereby saving county taxpayers tens of millions through the life of the lease. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul, as well as Terry and Kim Pegula, for working very hard these past months to reach an equitable agreement for all."

The share of public financing is reduced from previous stadium deals. In 1973, the construction of Highmark Stadium was 100 percent publicly financed, as was the 1998 renovation and training facility construction. 73 percent of the 2013 renovation was publicly financed. This proposal includes just 60.7 percent public financing, well below other recent NFL stadium deals in comparable markets. The State share is 43 percent.

The 30-year agreement details the construction of a new stadium with a minimum of 60,000 seats in Orchard Park, Erie County to be designed and constructed by the Buffalo Bills. The deal includes a commitment from the Bills to play at the new stadium for the next 30 years. The Bills will begin design of the new stadium immediately, and all parties will begin negotiations on extending the team's current lease for Highmark Stadium that expires in 2023.

The stadium project is projected to create approximately 10,000 construction jobs and will be constructed using union labor in accordance with a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). The Bills will negotiate a PLA with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Buffalo, New York and Vicinity, AFL-CIO, on behalf of its affiliated local unions. The deal requires the Bills to agree to a Community Benefits Agreement, which is to be negotiated.

Erie County will transfer ownership of the current stadium and adjoining complex, which includes practice facilities and office space, to the State. The State will own the new stadium and adjoining complex, which will be leased to the Bills. In the event the Bills default on the agreement, the State and County have the right to go to court to enforce non-relocation terms. The new stadium can be used for civic purposes, such as, if necessary, vaccination delivery and election operations - as well as in emergencies.

President of the New York State Building and Construction Trades Council Gary LaBarbera said, "We want to thank Governor Hochul, the Pegula family, and Buffalo Bills for making union labor the focal point of the new Bills Stadium construction project. The new Bills Stadium will create 10,000 good paying union jobs, and after two difficult years of the pandemic, this public-private investment is exactly what's needed for hard working families in Western New York. On behalf of the 200,000 tradespeople we represent across the state, New York State Building and Construction Trades Council is proud to support this project, and our members look forward to getting to work and keeping the Bills in Western New York."

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- *Economic Impact from Team Will Cover More than 100 Percent of Public Share of Stadium Funding*

Governor Kathy Hochul and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz today announced an agreement between New York State, Erie County and the NFL's Buffalo Bills franchise for a \$1.4 billion new stadium in Orchard Park. Governor Hochul's negotiations secured a 30-year commitment for the Bills to remain in Buffalo, and a combined \$550 million from the NFL and Bills - approved today by the NFL owners. The Governor will advance a \$600 million proposal in the state budget, and Erie County will contribute \$250 million. The economic and tax impacts generated from the team will support more than 100 percent of the public share of the new stadium cost.

"I went into these negotiations trying to answer three questions - how long can we keep the Bills in Buffalo, how can we make sure this project benefits the hard-working men and women of Western New York and how can we get the best deal for taxpayers?" Governor Hochul said. "I'm pleased that after months of negotiations, we've come out with the best answers possible - the Bills will stay in Buffalo for another 30 years, the project will create 10,000 union jobs and New Yorkers can rest assured that their investment will be recouped by the economic activity the team generates."

The Buffalo Bills franchise is a proven economic driver for the Buffalo region and the state. The Bills generate \$27 million annually in direct income, sales and use taxes for New York State, Erie County and Buffalo. These revenues will grow and will cumulatively amount to more than \$1.6 billion over the 30-year lease period. Furthermore, fans who attend games from across New York, the U.S. and Canada and spend money locally that would not otherwise be spent in the region will result in an economic impact of more than \$385 million annually.

Owners of the Buffalo Bills Terry and Kim Pegula said, "We took another step today to solidify our collective goal of constructing a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills in Orchard Park. We are grateful for the time, efforts and unwavering commitment made by Governor Hochul and her team throughout this process. While there are a few more yards to go before we cross the goal line, we feel our public-private partnership between New York State, Erie County led by County Executive Mark Poloncarz, and the National Football League will get us there."

County Executive Mark Poloncarz said, "The Buffalo Bills are ingrained in the heart and soul of every Western New Yorker. It was essential that we entered into an agreement that ensured the team stayed in Buffalo, but was also a fair deal for the people of Erie County and New York. That is exactly the agreement that has been reached: the Bills will play in Buffalo for the next 30 years; 10,000 building trades union jobs will work on the project; and the county will no longer contribute annual operating and capital expenses, thereby saving county taxpayers tens of millions through the life of the lease. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul, as well as Terry and Kim Pegula, for working very hard these past months to reach an equitable agreement for all."

The share of public financing is reduced from previous stadium deals. In 1973, the construction of Highmark Stadium was 100 percent publicly financed, as was the 1998 renovation and training facility construction. 73 percent of the 2013 renovation was publicly financed. This proposal includes just 60.7 percent public financing, well below other recent NFL stadium deals in comparable markets. The State share is 43 percent.

The 30-year agreement details the construction of a new stadium with a minimum of 60,000 seats in Orchard Park, Erie County to be designed and constructed by the Buffalo Bills. The deal includes a commitment from the Bills to play at the new stadium for the next 30 years. The Bills will begin design of the new stadium immediately, and all parties will begin negotiations on extending the team's current lease for Highmark Stadium that expires in 2023.

The stadium project is projected to create approximately 10,000 construction jobs and will be constructed using union labor in accordance with a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). The Bills will negotiate a PLA with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Buffalo, New York and Vicinity, AFL-CIO, on behalf of its affiliated local unions. The deal requires the Bills to agree to a Community Benefits Agreement, which is to be negotiated.

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State Senator Sean Ryan said, "The Buffalo Bills have been ingrained into the spirit of Western New York for generations. Through the bad times and the good times, we have all had the shared experience of cheering on our hometown team. As we embark upon a new era for the Bills, I know we are all thankful their presence in WNY has been secured for decades to come - while bringing in a once in a generation union labor project. I thank Governor Hochul and County Executive Poloncarz for working hard to make this day possible, and structuring a long-term deal that repays state taxpayers for their upfront investment."

State Senator Tim Kennedy said, "The Buffalo Bills are part of who we are as a community. I applaud Governor Hochul and County Executive Poloncarz on ensuring the Bills remain in Buffalo, where they rightfully belong. This strategic investment will continue to fuel our economy, create opportunities for our workforce, and generate renewed national interest in our region and state."

Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes said, "Congratulations to all of the negotiating parties on reaching a new stadium deal to keep our beloved Buffalo Bills in WNY. I look forward to reviewing the terms and details of the agreement while working towards establishing a community benefits agreement to take advantage of this once in a generation opportunity for advancement."

Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown said, "I want to congratulate Governor Hochul on successfully negotiating a new stadium deal that ensures our beloved Buffalo Bills remain in Western New York. Thank you Governor Hochul, Erie County Executive Poloncarz, Terry and Kim Pegula and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell for working together to keep Buffalo an NFL city for the foreseeable future."

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on President Biden's Proposed FY2023 Budget

"President Biden's FY2023 proposed budget includes bold, strategic investments that will continue to fuel New York's economic comeback and lift up future generations of New Yorkers. His budget blueprint supports our middle class by lowering family energy costs and investing in quality child care; expands domestic manufacturing to create more good paying jobs; strengthens the nation's public health system and preparedness; and increases investments for transformative infrastructure projects, including \$400 million for the Second Avenue Subway extension and \$100 million to advance the first phases of construction for the Gateway Hudson Tunnel.

"Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration and ongoing commitment from the New York Congressional delegation, New York has rightfully received needed federal support through crucial pandemic relief as well as long-overdue infrastructure funding, helping these projects move forward in a meaningful way. As we rebuild from the pandemic, infrastructure projects that support transportation equity and economic development are more important than ever before which is why I have championed projects like the Second Avenue Subway extension and visited the

shovel-worthy site myself. I am determined to keep working with our federal partners to take these projects across the finish line.

"I thank the Biden-Harris Administration for requesting additional funding for critical investments, and I urge Congress to advance the policies and priorities in the President's proposed budget so we can continue to build our way out of this pandemic and strengthen our economy through this once in a generation opportunity."

Senator Martucci Blasts Bills Stadium Boondoggle Provides His Top Ten Things New York Should Spend \$600 Million on Before We Even Consider This

ALBANY, NY - Senator Mike Martucci (R,C,I-Hudson Valley and Catskills) blasted news that the State will invest \$600 million in a new Buffalo Bills stadium. The \$850 million public investment (combined state and local taxpayer contribution) makes it the most expensive public investment in a stadium in the history of the National Football League (NFL).

"I like the Bills as much as any New Yorker, but this giveaway to billionaire owners and a league worth even more is an insult to taxpayers," said Senator Martucci. "I've talked to tens of thousands of constituents over the last two years, and they all have concerns and priorities, but not ONE has ever mentioned the Buffalo Bills stadium. With that in mind, here are the top ten things we should do in this budget with \$600 million instead of throwing money at one of Kathy Hochul's pet projects."

Martucci's Top Ten Ways to Spend \$600 Million Instead of Bills Boondoggle

1. Cut taxes for every New Yorker who pays them.
2. Eliminate the gas tax.
3. Begin a phased-in elimination of property taxes for our seniors.
4. Fix crumbling roads and bridges.
5. Provide an 11% raise to Direct Service Providers who take care of our intellectually and developmentally disabled citizens, and fully fund Fair Pay for our home care workers.
6. Provide an agricultural tax credit to farmers for the massive costs imposed by the Farm Labor law and its likely expansion by the unelected wage board.
7. Provide a rebate to every New Yorker struggling to pay a utility bill.
8. Fund broadband development to every Upstate community that lacks service.
9. Provide a government-caused Covid-closure tax deduction to our restaurants, bars, malls, and other retail businesses and venues that were forced to shutter during Covid.
10. Fully fund early intervention services for kids who need it.

"When it comes to taxpayer dollars, we need to make responsible investments that help everyday New Yorkers like my constituents in the Hudson Valley and Catskills. My list would; Governor Hochul's giveaway to the Bills would not," Senator Martucci concluded.

Mike Martucci is serving as the Senator for New York's 42nd State Senate District which comprises all of Sullivan County and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware counties. He is the ranking member of the Senate Standing Committees on Disabilities and Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business.



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(Painting); Harriet Forman Barrett (Jewelry); Mary Fassberger (Jewelry) ; Marlo Richards (Painting) ; RoseAnna Stokes (Jewelry)

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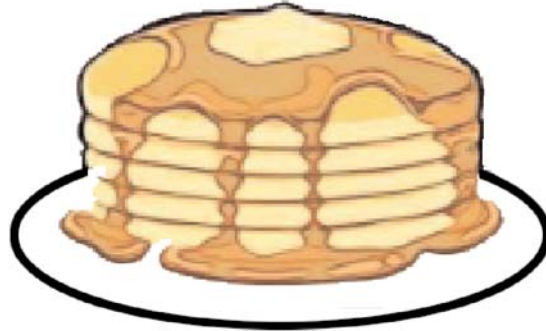
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Governor Hochul Announces 100,000 Families Have Joined Federal Broadband Affordability Program Multi-Agency Effort to Enroll Eligible Low-Income Families a Major Success

Newly Participating New York Families Will Receive Nearly \$36 Million in Federal Subsidies

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than 100,000 additional qualifying families have enrolled in the federal government's Affordable Connectivity Program since New York launched a multi-agency broadband outreach initiative to spur enrollment. The federal program provides discounts of up to \$30 a month toward internet service for eligible low-income families.

"The past two years have reminded us how crucial reliable and affordable broadband is, so we can stay connected to family, work, school and healthcare services," Governor Hochul said. "I am proud of the collaboration of our state agencies and our partnership with the federal government to bring broadband across the state, and am committed to continuing these efforts to connect all New Yorkers."

As a direct result of a multi-agency, multi-pronged outreach effort led by the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), the state continues to increase the number of eligible enrollees daily. With over 715,000 households receiving the monthly subsidy as of March 14, 2022, New York leads among the four largest states with nearly 40 percent enrollment. The campaign, which launched in early January, started with less than 30 percent of eligible households enrolled. The eligible families that have just joined will receive approximately \$36 million, bringing the total annual subsidies to more than \$250 million.

DPS CEO Rory M. Christian said, "Outreach and consumer advocacy is a priority for the state, and I am pleased with the success of this outreach initiative that will help ensure that all income-eligible New Yorkers will have access to high-speed internet at a reasonable price."

DPS, in coordination with other public-facing state agencies and internet service providers, leads the statewide, all-of-government awareness and marketing campaign under the Governor's ConnectALL initiative to increase enrollment among eligible New Yorkers.

New York State agencies involved in the broadband outreach initiative and their efforts include:

- The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance is directing social services agencies to share outreach materials with clients and contracted service providers, and is generat-

ing auto broadband subsidy autoreplies on all emails and publishing outreach on all social media outlets.

- Housing and Community Renewal is reaching out to non-profit housing partners and property owners, and promoting on social media.

- Office of Children and Family Services is promoting the broadband subsidy through local departments of social services, childcare licensors, childcare providers, foster care, and voluntary agencies, and promoting on social media.

- Department of Labor is promoting the subsidy through its statewide outreach channels, property owners in its portfolio to provide program materials for both posting in common areas and distributing to their residents, a PSA video, and promoting on social media.

- The Department of Motor Vehicles is sending emails and continuing a social media advertising campaign, broadcasting a PSA video on TV monitors in state-operated DMV offices in NYC, Long Island, and the counties of Albany, Westchester, Rockland, and Onondaga, as well as mailing approximately five million informational inserts throughout the year when customers receive their driver license.

- Empire State Development is sharing information through the Regional Economic Development Councils and leveraging long-term partnerships with internet service providers to increase awareness and enrollment.

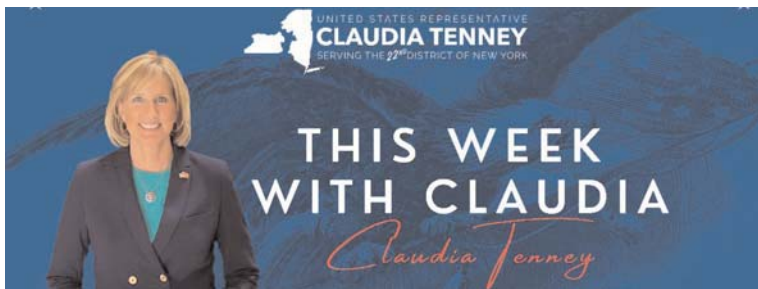
Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President and CEO-designate Hope Knight said, "The COVID-19 pandemic has proven that high-speed internet connectivity no longer a luxury; it is a necessity. Broadband is essential for New Yorkers go to school, work remotely, find a job, start a business, access healthcare, and connect with loved ones. Improving affordability is a vital component of Governor Hochul's ConnectALL initiative, ensuring that we all have affordable and accessible broadband and laying the groundwork for New York to continue leading the digital economy."

In addition, internet service providers in New York, including Spectrum, Altice and Verizon, have continued their commitment to expanding the adoption of affordable internet service throughout the state to help close the digital divide and create a more equitable and inclusive digital world.

Governor Hochul's ConnectALL initiative, announced in January as part of her State of the State address, is a transformational \$1 billion investment in New York's communities and digital infrastructure. It not only aims to ensure accessible and reliable high-speed, broadband for all New Yorkers, but also that New York will lead the 21st-century connected economy. This effort involves government and community outreach and works with the State's largest broadband providers to reach eligible New Yorkers.

For too long, broadband has been out of reach for many New Yorkers because it is not affordable. In addition to reducing costs for consumers through capital investments, Governor Hochul's pioneering ConnectALL initiative aims to ensure that every eligible New Yorker participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program and is equipped with the information and support needed to enroll.

Broadband costs New Yorkers more than \$60 a month on average. In addition to the \$30 a month assistance, financially eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if the consumer contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.



Essential Workers

This week, I led a letter to New York Governor Kathy Hochul urging her to remove harmful mandates on essential workers in New York and to ensure that critical industries like healthcare and utilities do not suffer from further staffing cuts. My colleagues and I also advocated for those who were stripped of their jobs to be given back their old jobs or equal employment.

The letter was signed by Representatives Elise Stefanik, Lee Zeldin, Chris Jacobs, and Andrew Garbarino as well as 16 members of the New York State Assembly, including local Upstate members John Salka, Joe Angelino, John Lemondes, Ken Blankenbush, and Christopher Friend.

As you may know, disgraced former Governor Andrew Cuomo first instituted a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers last summer. Governor Hochul then continued the implementation of this draconian mandate after Cuomo resigned in disgrace. Thousands of New York healthcare workers have been fired for non-compliance, resulting in a statewide healthcare staffing crisis, especially throughout upstate New York. And in December, Governor Hochul called in National Guard troops to fill avoidable staffing shortages.

There is justified concern that if these vaccine mandates are applied to power and utility workers as well, it could cause staffing levels to fall below the minimum set by the New York State Public Service Department. This would risk leaving vast numbers of New Yorkers in the dark for an extended period during a large winter storm or other natural disaster. Governor Hochul--stop the mandates now!

Continuing to Fight for Our 2nd Amendment Rights

I am a staunch defender of our Second Amendment and have been throughout my time representing upstate New York. The right to keep and bear arms is sacred, and I am firmly committed to working with my colleagues to protect it for generations to come. Strong defense of the Second Amendment is more important than ever in the face of an unprecedented assault from those on the Left who want to legislate lawful gun owners out of New York.

That's why this week I announced my cosponsorship of the No REGISTRY Rights Act, which would stop the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) from compiling an illegal database of legal gun owners. I also recently cosponsored the Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act to prohibit federal contracts from going to organizations that discriminate against firearms providers solely because they are engaged in legal firearms or ammunition sales.

Now, more than ever, support for the Second Amendment is crucial. While I support targeted and commonsense efforts to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and enforce existing laws, I stand strongly against efforts by gun-grabbers to strip law-abiding Americans of their rights.

New Move by the FCC's to Target Chinese Companies

On Friday, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) took action to add two new companies that pose threats to U.S.

national security to its Covered List, in addition to one Russian company. This important step will help protect the safety and security of American telecommunications networks.

I strongly support this action, and I look forward to the addition of companies like DJI and others that threaten American security. Last year, I cosponsored the Countering Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Drones Act to add DJI to the Covered List and ensure Americans are not being spied on by China.

Investigating Big Tech Censorship

You may have heard about Big Tech's censorship of the New York Post's October 2020 story on Hunter Biden's laptop. Now, unsurprisingly, new reporting confirms the truth behind this story, and a recent survey shows this censorship could have even had drastic impacts on the 2020 election. I think Congress should take action, and I want to hear your thoughts as well!

Southern Tier Roundtable on Ukraine

This week, my team hosted a roundtable in Binghamton with local community leaders to discuss the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and the United States' role in assisting those who have been personally impacted by the violence.

I continue to be in touch with constituents from across our region who have family either in Ukraine or who escaped the violence. I am grateful for all who took the time to sit down and discuss their views and personal experiences with my team and I will continue to work with State Department officials to ensure that visa requests are processed as efficiently as possible and that those in harm's way receive the proper support and care.

Interested in Interning in My Office? Apply Today!

Are you or a young person you know interested in interning in either my Utica or Binghamton District offices for the summer? If so, visit my website to apply today! My team is looking to hire motivated high school and college-aged individuals to join us for the summer months.

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Congressional internships offer an opportunity to serve your community while also developing skills necessary for employment in today's economy. I hope you will consider spending your summer with Team Tenney!

Congratulations to the Newest New York State Troopers!

This week, 227 new State Troopers graduated from New York State Police Basic School and took an oath to protect and serve our state. I am grateful for these courageous men and women for their commitment to protecting our communities in the face of a wave of anti-police sentiment.

Please join me in congratulating our newest Troopers on their graduation and wishing them safe tours of duty. Thank you to all who serve!

If you are interested in reading more about my work in Congress to support law enforcement, I encourage you to check out my law enforcement plan here!

Pre-Retirement Webinar with Guests from the Social Security Administration

It was a privilege to host expert guests from the Social Security Administration (SSA) on Wednesday to discuss pre-retirement best practices for those who are preparing to enter this next phase. Thank you to all who joined in!

As part of my commitment to ensuring the federal government works for you, my office hosts a webinar with a different federal agency each month. You can view past webinars here. Unfortunately, due to federal rules, we were unable to record the Social Security webinar. However, I encourage you to join my office's next webinar in April, which will be announced in the coming weeks!

Attorney General James Warns Debt Collectors of New State Regulations Banning Lawsuits on Old Debts

New State Consumer Debt Protection Laws Go into Effect in April

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James sent letters to the largest credit card companies and major debt collectors operating in New York, warning them of new state regulations that prevent them from suing consumers for old debts. The Consumer Credit Fairness Act of 2021 - which was signed into law last November - will go into effect next month and reduces the statute of limitations for consumer debt collection from six years to three years. The new state regulations come on the heels of similar nationwide regulations from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that came into effect late last year. Attorney General James' letter makes it clear that her office stands ready to enforce these regulations to protect vulnerable New Yorkers.

"For too long, debt collectors used unfair and abusive tactics to improperly collect debts," said Attorney General James. "Abusive debt collection practices of the past hurt low- and moderate-income New Yorkers the most and buried them deeper into financial struggles. These new regulations will give us stronger tools to protect the most vulnerable New Yorkers from predatory debt collectors. My office has reached out to all the major debt collectors in the state and the largest credit card companies to ensure that they comply with the new laws starting on day one without excuses. I urge any New Yorker who feels that they have been a victim of improper debt collection to contact my office. Consumers have rights and my office is committed to protecting them."

The Consumer Credit Fairness Act of 2021 strengthens consumer protections by requiring debt collectors to be more transparent and honest when communicating with consumers. In her letter to the industry, Attorney General James warned debt collectors of their duties under federal and state law:

- o Limit Communications With Consumers. Debt collectors have for years had a duty under state and federal law to avoid harassing communications; the new regulations now add bright line rules to that general obligation:
- o Debt collectors may not call consumers more than seven times in any seven-day period;
- o After making contact with a consumer by phone, debt collectors must wait seven days before calling again;
- o Debt collectors cannot call you between 9pm and 8am, local time;
- o Debt collectors cannot contact consumers by any or all means of communication (email, text, phone, and so on), or at a consumer's workplace, if a consumer asks them not to;
- o Debt collectors generally cannot contact consumers via work email address, public social media postings, or through third parties (though they may under some circumstances contact third parties to obtain information about a consumer's location).
- o Tell Consumers the Facts - Debt collectors must provide consumers with key information about their debt within five days of their first communication. These "validation notices" must include:
 - o The name of company or person the consumer originally owed the debt to;
 - o The date and amount of the original debt; and
 - o An itemization of fees, interest, payments, and credits that have been added to or deducted from the original debt.
- o Take Debt Disputes Seriously - Consumers have a right to dispute a debt, and debt collectors must provide information on how to dispute the debt in the validation notice. Once a consumer disputes a debt, the collector must stop all attempts to collect from that

consumer until the collector provides information supporting their claim to the debt.

- o Give Consumers Full Information About Any Debt Lawsuit a Debt Collector Files. Debt collectors who file a lawsuit against a consumer must include in the very first filing made in that lawsuit detailed information about the debt, including the name of the original person or company the consumer owed the debt to, the last four digits of the consumer's account number, the date of the last payment, and itemization of the amount sought. They must also attach the original contract creating the debt (in most cases).

- o Avoid Suing or Threatening to Sue Consumers for Time-Barred Debts. Under longstanding New York regulation, debt collectors are required to have reasonable procedures in place to determine whether debts they hold are time-barred, and to notify consumers, before accepting a payment from them, if the debt they are collecting is time-barred. CFPB regulations clarify that suing or threatening to sue a consumer for a time-barred debt - even an implied threat to sue - is an automatic violation of federal law.

- o Be Aware of New, Shorter Statute of Limitations Applicable to Consumer Debts. From April 7, 2022, creditors cannot sue or make a threat to sue consumers (implicitly or explicitly) on debts that are older than three years, down from six years in most cases. Moreover, any payment a consumer makes after that three-year period cannot be used to revive the time-barred debt.

- o Consumers are cautioned that until April 7, 2022, if they make a payment on a debt that is too old for a lawsuit, the payment may renew the creditor's ability to sue them for the full amount of the old debt.

In December, Attorney General James issued a consumer alert to notify consumers of the new federal consumer debt regulations and to inform them of their rights. The federal regulations limit how and when debt collectors are allowed to contact consumers. These rules also require debt collectors to give consumers detailed information about the origin and history of the debt they seek to collect.

"No consumer should be sued over a debt they do not legally owe or which a creditor has no right to collect," said State Senator Kevin Thomas. "As chair of the Consumer Protection Committee, I fought hard to pass the Consumer Credit Fairness Act into law so that New Yorkers can be protected from outrageous and deceptive debt collection practices. I thank New York Attorney General Letitia James for her commitment to defending the rights of New Yorkers, and holding companies that violate the law accountable."

"I thank Attorney General James for her longstanding leadership in protecting consumers, and in particular, those who are wrongly targeted by debt collectors," said Assemblymember Helene E. Weinstein. "I am proud to work with her on legislation which I sponsored, the Consumer Credit Fairness Act, which will soon go into effect and protect vulnerable New Yorkers from wrongful debt collection practices."

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has brought dozens of enforcement actions and obtained numerous settlements against debt collectors that engaged in improper debt collection tactics. In 2019, Attorney General James partnered with the Federal Trade Commission to obtain court orders halting a scheme to distribute and collect on millions of dollars in "phantom debts" - fake debts that consumers did not owe. Earlier, OAG reached agreements with four of the nation's major debt buyers, which regularly pursued untimely lawsuits against New York consumers, often obtaining default judgments when the consumers failed to respond to the lawsuits. As a result of OAG's actions, many companies and individuals have been permanently banned from engaging in debt collection in New York.

Attorney General James urges New Yorkers to know their rights and to report debt collectors to her office if they fail to follow the law or if they engage in conduct that is deceptive, harassing, or abusive. Consumers who are having these experiences with debt collectors are urged to file complaints with OAG online or to call OAG's consumer helpline at 1-800-771-7755.

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**Town of Rockland
Livingston Manor Firehouse
93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY
Wednesday, April 13th 2022
6PM to 7:30PM**

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*** Everyone must wear a mask while at clinic site**

***Appointments are required**

***Pre-registration of ALL animals is required**

<https://tinyurl.com/yckmx6jm>

***Everyone must maintain social distancing guidelines and remain at least 6 feet apart.**

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*** No vaccine history, receive a 1-year vaccination.**

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Overlook Mountain Center Turns Ten!



Woodstock, NY - As it turns ten, the Woodstock, NY nonprofit Overlook Mountain Center (OMC) has expanded both its focus and its board. The organization, known for advocating for Native American issues and its guided hikes to indigenous ceremonial stone landscape (CSL) sites in the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley, has expanded its efforts to put greater emphasis on relationships with local indigenous tribes as well as on creating partnerships to research these sites, complementing local indigenous knowledge with scientific research. The expanded board, along with an Advisory Council, includes two Ramapough Lenape Turtle Clan members and one Narragansett Indian Tribe member and former Tribal Historic Preservation official. The new board also includes a professional archeologist, a nonprofit fundraiser, a nurse, a local realtor and an attorney, among others.

“This is a pivotal moment for OMC,” said Glenn Kreisberg, Chair, and OMC Co-Founder.

“After spending a decade securing and researching the critical Lewis Hollow site, Rob and I took a step back to see where the organization would go in its next decade and expanding the board as we increase our activities made sense. We're thrilled such a talented and experienced team is on board. And, having members of Indigenous communities provides local Indigenous knowledge to help inform all we do, from site identification and research to outreach and education.” (Contd. Pg.

In addition to leading tours, OMC recently received preliminary research results dating one of the cairns in Lewis Hollow to 1590 CE, making it likely the oldest stone structure in Ulster County. The findings were made using optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) methodology, conducted by Dr. James Feathers of the University of Washington and geophysicist Dr. Marine Florin from SUNY Stony Brook. More detailed information will be released when the results are finalized this Spring.

In 2022, OMC plans over a dozen educational/interpretive hikes, campouts and workshops on archaeoastronomy and landscape archaeology, including:

- Sun. 3/20 - Lewis Hollow Vernal Equinox Hike
- Sun. 4/24 - Mysteries of Mink Hollow: cairns and walls
- Sun. 5/22 - Spruceton Valley - Camping with the Cairns
- Sat. 6/18 - Summer Solstice Sunset at Spruceton Valley: cairns, walls, effigies
- Sun. 7/17 - Lewis Hollow: cairns, walls and effigies
- Sun. 8/21 - Mysteries of Mink Hollow: cairns and walls
- Sun. 9/18 - Autumnal Equinox Hike - Location TBD
- Sun. 10/16 - Spruceton Valley - Camping with the Cairns
- Sun. 11/20 - Lewis Hollow: cairns, walls and effigies
- Sun. 12/18 - Winter Solstice Sunrise Event

Overlook Mountain Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit formed in 2013, promotes awareness and understanding of the relationship between Overlook Mountain and the human populations that have encountered it throughout time. OMC creates programs and conducts research to educate, experience and celebrate all aspects of Overlook Mountain and its ecosystems. More info: <http://www.overlookmountain.org>.

The Overlook Mountain Center board officers are:

Glenn Kreisberg, Chair, OMC Co-Founder; Jonathan Vaughn, Vice Chair; Rob Saffer, Treasurer, OMC Co-Founder; and Cayenne Fusco, Secretary

The OMC board of directors are:

Geoff Baer, videographer, drone pilot; Doug Harris, retired Dep. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Narragansett); Dave Holden, NYS Guide and Author; Michaeline prelim (Ramapough Lenape); Felicia Raphael, Assistant District Attorney, Ulster County; Susan Winchell-Sweeney, archeologist, New York State Museum; and Fred Waring, Hudson Valley realtor

The OMC Advisory Council is:

David Johnson, archeological researcher, educator and Vincent Mann, Chief, Ramapough Lenape Turtle Clan

OMC/2.

Robyn Pollins, philanthropist; Ed Sanders, poet, activist, author; and Shari Therian, web designer

INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



IF WE HAD A MILLION DOLLARS ...

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

While divided on a number of issues, a bipartisan majority in Congress did agree on a \$1.5 trillion spending bill that the President signed into law in March, and Sullivan County will be one of the beneficiaries.

Thanks to the hard work of our federal representatives, particularly Congressman Antonio Delgado and Senator Chuck Schumer, we'll be receiving a \$1.1 million grant to complete a gap in our existing O&W Rail Trail between South Fallsburg and Woodridge. This gap includes about a mile of trail and a long-gone bridge over the Neversink River, which we plan to resurrect with a smaller, pedestrian- and bike-friendly crossing.

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A concept of how the O&W Rail Trail bridge over the Neversink River might look

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE OUTSIDE

The 2022 parks season here won't be like any before. I'm not exaggerating. Let me explain:

- Pending State approval, Lake Superior State Park in Bethel (which we manage) will have 2 miles of new walking and hiking trails under construction, in addition to the popular swimming, boating, fishing and picnicking areas that will be open
- Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg and Minisink Battleground Park in Barryville will be staffed and programmed by our partner The Delaware Company, a nonprofit devoted to maximizing our historical assets
- Our D&H Canal Linear Park's Interpretive Center in Summitville - featuring dioramas and rare photos that tell the story of the canal (the path of which is mere steps from the front door) - will fully reopen now that the COVID pandemic has lessened
- The Cultural Center in Hurleyville (better known



Paddleboats are available to rent during the summer at Lake Superior State Park



A lock on the Delaware & Hudson Canal, as viewed from the walking path at the D&H Canal Linear Park in Summitville

as the County Museum) will debut a series of just-discovered photos of Hortonville native Frederick Cook's Arctic explorations in the early 20th century, adding to an incredible collection that's absolutely worth a day's visit.

This is not to ignore our Stone Arch Bridge Historical Park and our Livingston Manor Covered Bridge Park, both of which will still offer picnic tables, creekside trails and, of course, the bridges themselves. Special thanks to our Office of Parks, Recreation and Beautification, led by Brian Scardefield, who spends all year ensuring you'll feel welcome and have fun!

And there's more to come ...

Building on our legacy of outdoor family fun, we're currently preparing to develop a new Delaware River access near Barryville and a Riverside Park in Callicoon.

Both will take full advantage of the Delaware's spectacular scenery and recreational opportunities, plus the Callicoon park will be within easy walking distance of the downtown business district.

AIMING TO MAKE US ROADWORTHY IN 2022

Thanks to a healthy fiscal status and the Legislature's wise leadership, we're finally in a position to begin getting caught up on road and bridgework across Sullivan County.

Without racking up any additional debt, our Division of Public Works crews are well into preparations for this work, to include nearly \$10 million in paving and chip sealing, plus \$6.3 million (from federal funds) to redo all of East Broadway in Monticello.

The map below also shows where we'll be putting \$1.5 million in bridgework, including a full bridge replacement in Parksville. (If you'd like a larger version of the map to read, head to www.sullivanyny.us/Departments/PublicWorks/HighwaysBridges.)

Please note that this list and the map focus only on County roads and bridges. Towns, villages and New York State are responsible for many other roads and bridges in Sullivan County, and likely all of those municipalities will be undertaking some sort of repair/rehab program this year.

As this work progresses - and especially if there will

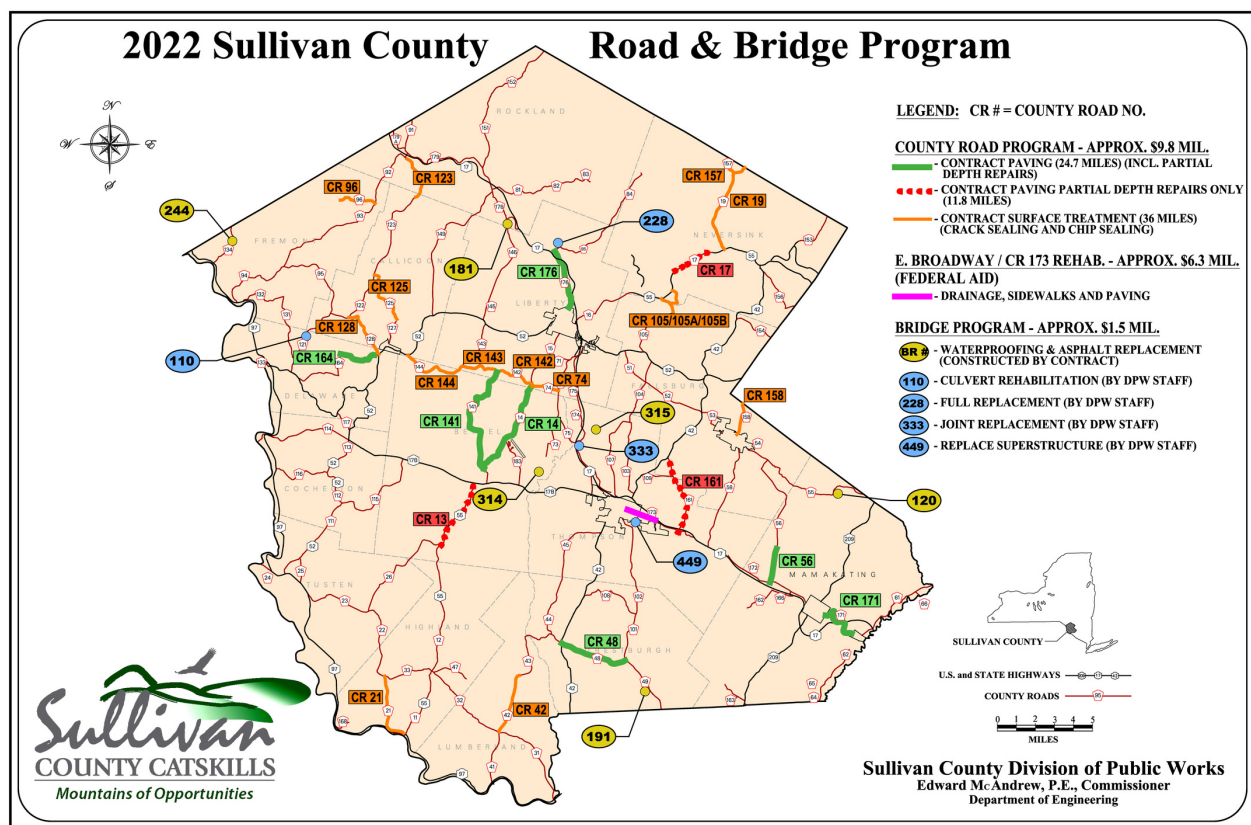
be single-lane or full road closures - we'll post updates on social media. We never lose sight of the fact that these roads and bridges are important conduits, and detours add time and gas to your commute.

The part you play ...

Now it's your turn.

To put it bluntly, our roadsides get trashed, especially this time of year. Garbage of all kinds is plowed, tossed, dropped and blown onto shoulders and into ditches. It's not a good look for us.

So legislators want to make it as easy as possible for you to help clean up our roads. Between April 1 and June 30, our transfer stations won't charge you a thing for dropping off bags of roadside litter during operational hours. Just bring a free disposal coupon, available at your town/village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center in Monticello.



Tim Benson, left, and Gary Lapolt take care of this little-known but sizable leachate treatment plant at the edge of our landfill in Monticello - which, while closed, still requires a lot of attention.



KEEPING IT CLEAN IS WHAT THEY DO

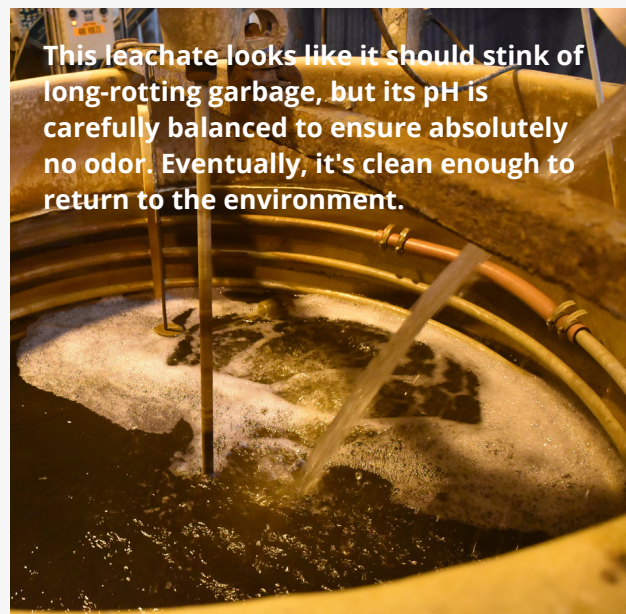
If you've never been to our transfer stations or old landfill, you're missing out!

Probably sounds like I've lost my mind, but honestly, our waste disposal locations are staffed by some of the friendliest, most helpful people in the County. Even the employees who don't regularly help the public directly are focused on ensuring our trash doesn't become a problem.

Take, for example, the guys who run the plant that treats the 15,000 gallons of liquid leaching every day out of the long-closed County Landfill in Monticello. Building Maintenance Mechanic Tim Benson and Maintenance Assistant Gary Lapolt monitor pumps and piping that are as far as 120 feet underground, pumps that deliver the leachate to their plant, where pH levels are so carefully adjusted that there is literally NO foul smell in the building.

They treat the leachate, then treat it again, then treat it again, before sending it over to Monticello's sewer plant, where it's treated one more time and released into a nearby brook as crystal-clear water. Under Tim and Gary's watchful eye, the worst of the chemicals and solids in the leachate are compressed into hardpacked waste that's then shipped to an upstate landfill for safe disposal.

I'm proud to note this was the first plant of its kind in New York State, and I'm also proud (as taxpayers should be, as well) to have County employees like these two men, who not only handle the leachate but the gas flaring system, constant DEC reporting requirements, and the mowing of 300 acres, among many other duties. And they do all this with passion, pride and professionalism.



This leachate looks like it should stink of long-rotting garbage, but its pH is carefully balanced to ensure absolutely no odor. Eventually, it's clean enough to return to the environment.

Spring Into Self Care

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Revitalize & Cleanse Through the Spring Season
Three separate workshops

A Practical Guide to Bring Balance to Your Mind and Body

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Breathework & Relaxation Techniques for Spring

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Spring Cleanse Through Nutrition

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Are you ready to feel clarity of the mind,
move toward emotional balance and feel nourished in the body?

April's workshop will include: discussions on balanced vs unbalanced state, listening to your body, tips & routines for at home use, lymphatic system care, full body wellness and an interactive session in mindfulness meditation practices.

You can join one or all three of these free workshops for a holistic experience rooted in balance this spring season. You do not have to attend one to attend another. Registration for each workshop will be open at the beginning of each month, for adult residence of Tr-Valley at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.



Meet your instructor, Kelsey Riley.

Kelsey is a Holistic Health Coach with a background in Ayurveda, Yoga and Reiki. Her passion is to uncover the root causes of dis-ease and disconnection in the lives of others and guide them in their discovery toward the nature of the true Self. She founded EyeAwaken Wellness to bring these ancient wellness teachings into modern lifestyles with the intention to integrate them in ways that feel inspiring, nourishing and aligned to YOU!



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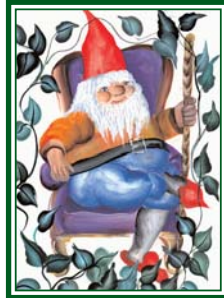


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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE
 AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX

APRIL 1, 2022

April Fools' Day

What is it really to most people?

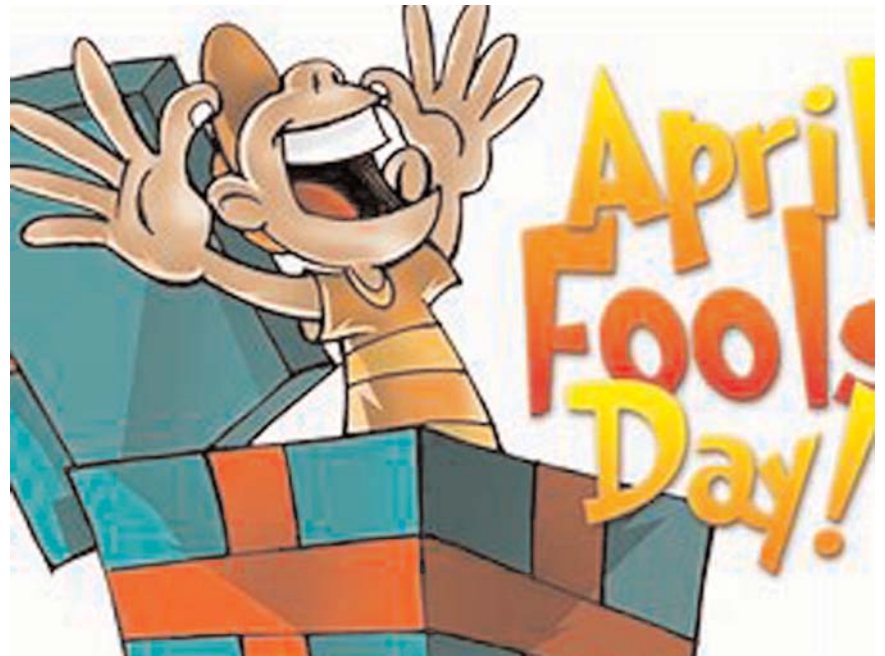
Well –here is a partial list:

Fri, April 1 – National Day, Cyprus National Holiday
 Fri, April 1 Investiture of the Captains Regent San

Marino, National Holiday

Fri, April 1 April Fool's Day Multiple [Show] Observance

Fri, April 1 Beginning of National Poetry Month



Fri, April 1 National One Cent Day Unofficial; Products & Technology

Fri, April 1 National Sourdough Bread Day –Unofficial (Food & Drinks)

Fri, April 1 Pascua Florida Day observed United States (Florida) Local Observance

Fri, April 1 Walk to Work Day Unofficial (Health & Body, Work & Occupation)

Fri, April 1 National Atheist Day

**Is this list an April fools joke?
 You decide?**

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**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II
SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS ON
TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,
Available to stream on HBO Max**

THE APRIL FOOLS

(1969 / PG 13 / 1 HR 34 MIN / FANTASY / DRAMA)

A married man enters his boss' apartment to sign papers for a promotion and finds a party of 200 instead. He doesn't fit in, leaves with a woman, spends all night with her, falls in love with her and finds out she's his boss' wife.



Starring Catherine Deneuve, Stuart Rosenberg, Kenneth Mars, Melinda Dillon, Harvey Korman, Jack Lemmon, Peter Lawford, Charles Boyer, Jack Weston, Myrna Loy, David Doyle, and Sally Kellerman

**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III
SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS
AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,**

National Lampoon's Animal House

(Rated-R / 1978/ 1 hr 49 min / fantasy/ comedy)
Animal House, the granddaddy of all prank movies.

So debauched that the movie set itself as one big 1987 college party!

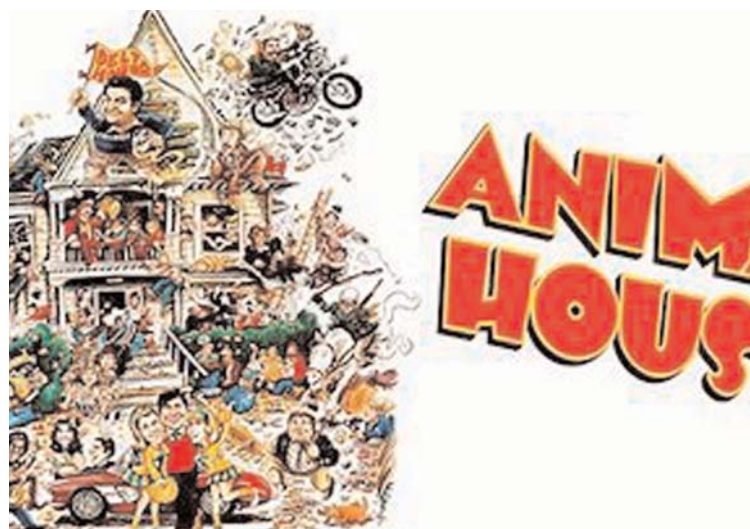
Indeed, this is by far one of the classic movies that has all the fun characteristics to be on the top of the April Fools Day movies.



Made by John Landis, and with the best of the best in Hollywood, *Animal House* is the perfect pick for April Fools Day. The plot – a college dean's mission to expel the trouble-making fraternity members in the fictional Faber College. However, that mission will not go according to plan, and mayhem will follow. The late John Belushi has the center stage in the iconic role of John “Bluto” Blutarisky with Bruce McGill, Kevin Bacon, Karen Allen and Donald Sutherland in supporting roles.

Despite the fact that it's considered a cult movie today, the initial response was mixed at best. Fun! Fact!

John Belushi had to fly back and forth from Oregon to New York twice a week in order to shoot the film while rehearsing and taping *Saturday Night Live*.



Happy April Fools' Day

Stay Safe,
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