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## Time and the Valleys Museum 2nd Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

The 2nd annual Take Out (contactless!) Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY.

The BBQ includes Murray's Chicken, BBQ'd to perfection by the Neversink Fire Department, delicious sides (baked beans, baked potato, corn bread, coleslaw and brownie) by Chef Jaime of Neversink General Store and ice cream from Gillette Creamery. It also includes a trivia booklet with activities to do at home after your delicious BBQ. Enjoy a delicious dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car! (Contd. Pg. 4)



## Food and Clothing Brings Joy to Fallsburg Families



On a dreary, rainy afternoon at South Fallsburg's Beverly Gardens Apartments, the inner sunshine of the residents was glowing thanks to FCSD My Brother's Keeper Program (MBK) for putting the event together. Families were greeting Director of Family and Community Engagement for MBK, Dr. Aleta Lymon, as she arrived with FCSD Custodian Mike Gallo. In his pickup truck were two 12' x 12' canopies, two large tables, two portable clothing racks, ten large plastic bags filled with children's and adult clothing, boxes of shoes, and cases of bottled water. Dr. Lymon's car contained sandwiches and condiments and chips to feed several dozen people. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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**ON THE FRONT** I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Psalm 16:8

**OBITUARIES**

**Edgar G. "Ed" Lynn**, of Grahamsville, NY, fondly known as Pop, passed from this life on Saturday, April 24, 2021. He was 81 years old. Ed was born on June 5, 1939 in Harrisburg, PA; he was the son of the late Edgar J. and Bernice (Brallier) Lynn.

Ed had retired from Hydro Aluminum, where he worked as a Sawyer. In his retirement years he enjoyed his woodworking hobbies, making things for his children and grandchildren. Ed was a faithful member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake.

Surviving are his wife Audrey (Van Sleet) Lynn, whom he married on December 4, 1981 in Napanoch; their children, Robert Lynn, Tara Kratz and her husband John, Holly Houghtaling and her husband Todd and Dusti Van Sleet; his sister, Mary Knopsnyder and seven grandchildren, Dev, Dustyn, Samantha, Wayne, Thomas, Joshua and Camirron.

In addition to his parents, Ed was predeceased by his siblings, William, Ruth, Franklin and Galen.

Memorial visitation was held on Saturday, May 1st immediately followed by a celebration of his life at Loucks Funeral Home, 79 N. Main St., Ellenville. Inurnment will take place in Fantinekill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Ed's name to the Parkinson's Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018, [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

**Margaret Hannold**, of Liberty, NY, passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 76. She was the daughter of the late Dwight McIntosh and Ida (Wells) McIntosh, born on February 17, 1945 in Liberty, NY. Margaret worked as a Registered Nurse at Harris Hospital. She genuinely loved and cared for people, especially her grandchildren who held a special place in her heart. When she was not spending time with her family, she enjoyed being out in the fresh air, you could often find her taking a walk or fishing; she was a farm girl at heart. She loved dancing to 50's and 60's music and enjoyed finding a good bargain at a yard sale or an auction. When it was time to relax, she kept her hands busy and her mind creative with her knitting and crocheting. But above all else, she absolutely loved her family; she was a loving

mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend to all who knew her. She will be deeply missed.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her children Shawn T. Edwards and his wife Casey D. Edwards and William H. Hannold; grandchildren Jody L. Revell, Jaime M. Edwards, Shawn W. Edwards, and Courtney L. and Corey Hannold; her great-grandchildren Robby, Jacob and Zachary Cothren, Serenity and Annabella Revell, Sophia G. Bubbico and Lillian Barreto; as well as her siblings Dwight, Lenny, and Timothy McIntosh. She joins in Heaven her devoted husband who passed away in 2019, William Hannold; her brother Harry McIntosh and sister-in-law Margaret McIntosh. A graveside service will be held at 1pm on Monday, May 10, 2021 at Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, Sunset Lake Rd. Liberty, NY 12754. Rev. Carl Caskey will officiate. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonial-familyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonial-familyfuneralhomes.com)

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

**May 9, 1951** - The children's camp on the Burr Porter place will be operated as a camp for deaf children this summer under the name of Camp Laughton.

Mrs. Flossie Van Wagner has had word from her son, Richard at Camp Kilmer and is expecting him home on leave Wednesday. Richard is serving in the army and has spent more than five years in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois of Woodbourne Road celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary this past weekend with a trip to Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois have three sons, Gerald Jr., Donald and Edward.

A notable thing is about to happen on the Sundown Road on the former Ralph Hornbeck property near Lows Corners. The Cooney Bros. are preparing to place there a mountain of sand and gravel for the Lows Corners Tunnel and Outlet. It will probably take them all the rest of the year to do this. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History (From Pg. 2)**

**May 10, 1961** -Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Austin of Liberty are the proud parents of a son, born May 7th at the Liberty Loomis Hospital. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oral Goode.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clark of Curry are the parents of a daughter, born May 8th at the Liberty Loomis Hospital. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhynders of Poughkeepsie are the proud parents of a daughter, Tracy Lynn born at Vassar Hospital on Monday morning, May 8th, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois are the maternal grandparents.

**THIS MOTHER'S DAY  
...LET'S NOT FORGET**

Who sang to you and laughed with you  
And worked for you the long day through?  
Who heard your prayers and dried your tears  
And soothed away your childish fears?  
Each one of us owes her a debt  
This Mother's Day ...let's not forget!  
KUM TO KRUM'S

**May 12, 1971** - For the first time in over thirty years an "Ox Pulling Contest" will be held at the Catskill Camping and Home Show that will be held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on May 22 and 23. Approximately 30 yokes of oxen will participate in this contest.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hill, 22 years on May 15th; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Houghtaling, 6 years on the 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois Sr., 50 years on the 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant McKenna are the proud parents of a baby girl, Shannon Aileen, born April 6th. The baby was just brought home from the hospital this past weekend after attaining a weight of 4 lbs.

The 90 year old ornate brass chandelier, stored in the church attic for nearly 40 years, will be reinstalled in the Grahamsville Reformed Church. The congregation voted Sunday to reinstall the lamp oil chandelier originally installed in the church when it was built in 1882. In 1932 it was replaced by electric fixtures according to Rev. Carter. Four Boy Scouts working for their "God and Country Award" restored the lamps to their original luster.

Jennifer Jones, a junior at Tri-Valley School, was elected president of the Ronech Chapter of the National Honor Society. Jennifer will serve as president for the school year 1971-72. She will replace Martha DeWire who is a senior.

**May 7, 1981** - Elyse Hornbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hornbeck of Grahamsville, who is a student at SUNY Brockport Alternate College and fellow students who achieved academic distinction, were recognized at an Honors Convocation on April 29th. Elyse attained a 4.0 average in her first half year and will have completed her freshman and sophomore years by June.

At the annual banquet held April 25th in Callicoon, Nancy Conjura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conjura of Grahamsville, was chosen to serve as Dairy Princess for 1981. Nancy was sponsored by Ray and Donna Denman of Flintlock Farm.

Ethel Houghtaling of Neversink, a nurse's aide at the Walnut Mountain Care Center, Liberty, died Saturday at the Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, after a long illness. She was 43. She was born Feb. 20, 1938 in Neversink, the daughter of the late Henry and Lena Lennox. Survivors include her husband, Norway of Neversink and five daughters, three step-daughters.

**Household Hint:****Encourage blooms on azaleas**

A little bit of acid goes a long way toward bringing out the blossoms on your azalea. Water them every week or so with 3 table-spoons white vinegar mixed in 1 gallon water. **Don't apply the solution while the bush is in bloom** – it may shorten the life of the flowers or harm the plant.

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**Those Cute Little Slimy Creatures**

With all the rain and the chill in the air this past week, we weren't about to take a walk in the woods. Instead we found ourselves going to the woodpile, getting wood to make a fire in the wood stove. We did find a few creatures that didn't seem to mind the

damp cold weather – garden snails under the wet wood.

The tiny garden snails are among approximately 115 species of land snails in New York State and is one of the most prolific terrestrial mollusks. As all terrestrial (land) these little garden snails are gastropod mollusks. They are air-breathing snails with a single lung. Its brownish soft bodies are protected by a yellow or cream-colored shell with brown spiral stripes. When a garden snail is old enough, a lip is formed at the edge of the shell aperture. Garden snails have a flat muscular organ called a foot that helps them to move with a gliding motion along with the release of a mucus that reduces friction on a rough surface. This mucus often leaves a noticeable wet trace of slime where the snail has been.

Garden snails are herbivorous and feed on several kinds of fruit trees, garden plants, crop vegetables and some cereals. The mouth of a garden snail is beneath its tentacles. It has a toothed ribbon called the radula, which is used to fragment its food. This structure is unique to mollusks and most of them have one.

Like other gastropod mollusks, garden snails are hermaphroditic, meaning they have both male and female reproductive organs. Each individual snail of reproductive age is capable of laying eggs. While they are able to self-fertilize, snails will typically choose to mate with a partner, a process that takes four to twelve hours and usually includes the exchange of a love dart, a kind of calcareous arrow with a purpose scientists still don't understand.

Using their muscular foot, as a shovel, a snail will build a nest where it will lay 30 and 120 eggs three to six days after the eggs have been fertilized. Once laid, the snail covers the eggs with a mixture of soil, mucus and excrement. Gardens snails are able to deliver up to six batches of eggs in a single year. Each newborn, will take one to two years to mature.

Garden snails are adept at eating plants of all kinds and if left unchecked, because they are so prolific, they could decimate a garden. You can control snail populations in your yard with several safe methods. Place copper bands around tree trunks and plant containers. Copper has an electric charge that shocks the snail's slimy body if it tries to cross it. Remove snail hiding places such as boards, debris and brush from your yard. Ducks are a natural predator of snails and will make a quick meal out of any they find in your garden.

Despite the slime and any negative connotations, these cute little critters became quite popular as pets this past year during the pandemic. You can purchase an indoor fairy garden, complete with a few little garden snails at pet shops or on Amazon! It is quite a fad now in many cities. The new owners of a fairy garden spend time watching the little snails slowly move about their confined homes in a glass terrariums. How lucky we are to live in the Catskills where we can get outside and as observe a tiny slow moving snail as we too are learning to slow down. The reward – a glimpse into the secret world of land snails!



## 2021 Sullivan County Art Shows *PK- Grade 2 Art Show*

On Monday, May 10 the Arts In Education Program at Sullivan BOCES of the county-wide virtual art shows opened with its premier showcase of local students. If you didn't get a chance to view the premiere showing, it is now available on YouTube at the links below:

<https://youtu.be/WGMD588o350>

Grades 3-5 Art Show - [https://youtu.be/Pd8FV8P\\_VUw](https://youtu.be/Pd8FV8P_VUw)

Grades 6-8 Art Show - <https://youtu.be/p4FeIV2OEXc>

High School Art Show - <https://youtu.be/Cz0CIPD3jKc>

## Sullivan County School Boards Association honors Stephanie Cavet and Kathy Garlick as Sullivan County's Outstanding Educators

Liberty: The Sullivan County School Boards Association (SCSBA) announced Stephanie Cavet and Kathy Garlick as recipients of the 2021 Sullivan County Outstanding Educator Award. This award honors individuals who have been nominated by their local school district or BOCES and have had a positive impact on the education of children in Sullivan County.

Stephanie Cavet joined Sullivan BOCES in 2014 as the School Psychologist in the Special Education Division. Mrs. Cavet exemplifies all that is professional, ethical, and compassionate in education, and she makes it look effortless. She provides a structured and predictable educational environment, with high expectations infused with appropriate levels of flexibility and empathy. She believes in empowering children to make choices, learn from their missteps, and reflect on their experiences to attain tangible growth. She demonstrates a high degree of skill, knowledge, and talent to meet the mental health needs of all students. She is collaborative, working with various staff members to better support them and the students they jointly serve. She is creative and a problem solver who will go above and beyond to accomplish a positive outcome for her students.

"Mrs. Cavet is not only an outstanding educator, but she is also an outstanding employee. She displays unwavering determination and work ethic relative to all that she does here at Sullivan BOCES," said Adam Riehl, Executive Principal of Specialized Programs at Sullivan BOCES. "Leadership is one of Mrs. Cavet's many strengths. She utilizes the available resources and is a genuine lifelong learner who continually strives to improve her practice. She is a leader among her peers, often providing guidance and direction for other members of her team."

"I am deeply honored to accept this award for Outstanding Educator of 2021. Thank you to Sullivan BOCES for this wonderful recognition. I look forward to continuing to serve our students and our community," said Stephanie Cavet.

Kathy Garlick joined Sullivan BOCES' team in 2006 and is a Social Worker in the Alternative Education Division. In addition, she provides clinical support to the Career and Technical division and assists other clinical staff in the Special Education division. Ms. Garlick is an exemplary educator whose compassion and caring for students is evident in everything she does. Kathy demonstrates excellent professional judgment, maintains a positive attitude, displays compassion, assumes leadership roles, and demonstrates excellent planning and organizational skills. Kathy Garlick is a symbol of stability and a resource for less experienced clinical staff to turn to for advice whenever it is needed. Due to Kathy's achievements as a social worker and her dedication to students, she was selected to be the Clinical Team

leader, the Post Crisis Team leader. She participates on the benefit trust committee, the SCBTA negotiating committee, and the Emergency Response Building Level Team.

"Kathy is a hard worker, dedicated to BOCES, and frequently goes beyond the typical day to bring success to students and her colleagues. In every capacity that Kathy functions in, she is always an excellent role model who quickly establishes positive relationships with everyone she encounters.

Kathy remains calm, level-headed, and can relate to all students, staff, and parents in a highly professional manner even if the subject matter is extremely sensitive or personal," said Linda Blanton, Executive Principal of Alternative/Special Education Programs.

"I am truly honored and humbled to be the recipient of this recognition. I honestly love the work I do and consider it an honor and a privilege that I have been afforded the opportunity to work with such an incredible group of students and staff on a daily basis," said Kathy Garlick.

According to Robert M. Dufour, Ed. D., District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES, "We are honored to have both Mrs. Cavet and Ms. Garlick as part of our faculty. We are proud of their accomplishment in receiving the 2021 Sullivan County Outstanding Educator Award - It is well deserved."

The SCSBA will present Mrs. Cavet and Ms. Garlick with their honors during its annual awards and dinner meeting on October 27, 2021, at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon.

## Time and the Valleys Museum 2nd Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

(From Pg. 1)

Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque are \$13 per meal and are available on line: [www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org), or by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740. Some tickets will also be available at the door. Please call 845 985-7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org) for more information.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, weekends, from noon to 4 p.m.

### Exhibitions:

- 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 newly renovated 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** an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel!

- o **One Teacher, Eight Grades**, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members.

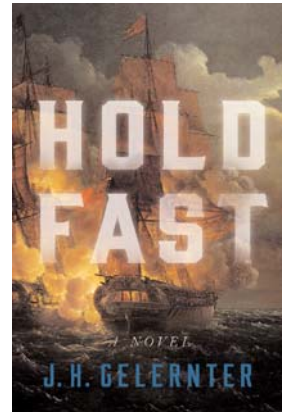
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## Hold Fast

### Mysterious Book Report No. 448

by John Dwaine McKenna



Just in time for the start of the summer reading season, a brand-new author has brought out the first volume of what we hope will be a long-running seafaring series in the tradition of Patrick O'Brian and Bernard Corwell.

*Hold Fast*, (Norton, \$25.95, 256 pages, ISBN 978-0-393-86704-6) by J.H. Gelernter, opens in England, in the year of our Lord, 1803 . . . a time when diplomacy is failing and war appears to be imminent between historic enemies Britain and France. Nevertheless, Captain Thomas Grey of the British Royal Marines tenders his resignation. He wants to accept a job in America and leave his career in naval intelligence, where he was the head of station in Malta and spied upon the Barbary pirates, who were wrecking havoc on merchant ships of all nations. But, as his ship returned to England from North Africa, it was attacked by a French warship and his wife, who was traveling with him, is killed. A year later, mourning and depressed, Grey finally decides to head for Boston and start his new life. Fate intercedes again however, and war is declared between the two old antagonists shortly after the vessel sets sail, and it too comes under fire from a French warship. It's repulsed with the assistance of Grey, who's lost none of his fighting skills with sword, rifle or pistol.

They put into port at Oporto, Portugal for repairs and the formation of a convoy for a safer voyage across the Atlantic. A couple of days later, while waiting in town, Grey is approached by an Irishman named Branson, who works for the French Intelligence Services as a recruiter. He assumes that Grey is disillusioned with his country, and offers a large sum of money for information. Grey agrees – not because he's a turncoat – but because he sees an opportunity to help the English war effort and extract some revenge from an old enemy at the same time.

And so begins a rousing action-adventure tale, full of fighting, suspense, revenge, treachery and heroism, as well as some actual history. This novel will educate at the same time it entertains the reader and leave everyone looking forward to the next adventure of valiant Captain Thomas Grey!

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<http://Johndwainemckenna.com> or <http://Mysteriousbookreport.com>

## Vaccination Clinics Established for Sullivan County High School Students Ages 16 & Older

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services, and Garnet Health, in collaboration with the Sullivan County COVID-19 Task Force, is holding COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine Clinics for high school students age 16 & older. The vaccine is free and highly effective in preventing illness.

Clinics have been established for the following locations indicating which school districts will be served by each site. Appointments will be available between the hours of 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. for all clinics.

o **May 11th - Monticello** Robert J. Kaiser Middle School  
Districts Served: Monticello CSD / Fallsburg CSD / Eldred CSD. Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/4edkpwdu>

o **May 14th - Livingston Manor School**  
Districts Served: Livingston Manor CSD / Roscoe CSD Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/j24eyn8c>

o **May 17th - Sullivan West High School** Districts Served: Sullivan West CSD  
Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/2mhvbdx>

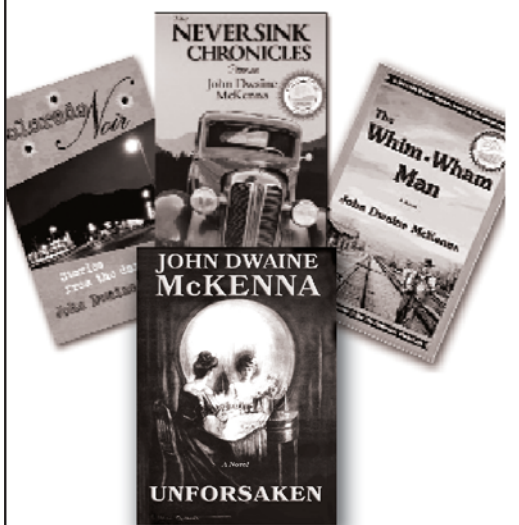
o **May 21st - Liberty High School** Districts Served: Liberty CSD / Tri-Valley CSD  
Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/2fxsnau4>

Pre-registration is required. If you would like your child vaccinated, please visit your school districts' website or visit Sullivan BOCES' website at [scbores.org](http://scbores.org). If you are unable to register online, please call (845) 295-4097.

Vaccination requirements:

- o Any individual being vaccinated under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent.
- o A form of identification will be required for all vaccination appointments.
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# Food and Clothing Brings Joy to Fallsburg Families

(From Pg. 1) With the help of Luisa Parker and Cynthia Hernandez from Catholic Charities of Sullivan County and Larry Schafman from FCSD, the

two canopies were assembled and placed to provide shelter; the tables were opened and filled with boxes of shoes and socks; the bags were opened and children's shirts, dresses and pants were hung on one rack; women and men's clothing adorned the second large rack; and the sandwiches and water were brought to a second table for serving the families.

The smiles on the masked faces of the dozens of children and the deep appreciation of the parents as they picked out clothing made everyone forget about the rainy day. To them, it was Christmas in May!

Thanks to all the people that donated clothing to FCSD over the past several months; to



MBK for providing the food and water; to Catholic Charities for donating

staff time and handouts of pens, medicine trackers, information on mental health and substance abuse, and band-aid kits; and to custodians Mike Gallo for set up and Remington Parker and Dalton Maxwell, who helped break down and return materials and equipment to FCSD. In Dr. Lymon's words, the custodians were awesome.



MBK will reprise the event on May 12 when they move to The Main Street Houses in South Fallsburg at 2:00 PM. No matter what the weather, the organizers know

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## Safety Comes First with Bus Drill at BCES on April 30, 2021



As mandated by the New York State Department of Education, school districts perform three different drills during the school year on school buses. One of the exercises is a rear-exit from the bus because the front exit is inaccessible or unsafe. The second drill is using both exits in case the bus is t-boned in an accident. The third scenario is a rear-ended crash that makes the rear exit unusable.

On April 30, 2021 Rolling V Bus Company's Safety Officer Valerie Mott oversaw the safe evacuation of buses in the parking lot of Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. The buses pulled up to the drop-off for the K-1 wing of the building. The first bus parked obliquely, simulating that it was the t-boned vehicle. Assistant Principal Dave Vignione monitored the evacuation of the children from this bus and the two behind it that simulated the rear- and front-end exits. Trained school personnel assisted him along with Rolling V Bus monitors.

Children were checked out once they were safely off the buses, and they proceeded to the building where their teachers welcomed them. One bus of older children re-boarded a bus and were driven to the front of the building, their normal destination. All the adults involved were pleased with how the children conducted themselves and how the Rolling V staff handled the situation calmly and safely.





## Roscoe Chamber of Commerce presents The Annual Two Headed Trout Dinner

### *Celebrating Roscoe and the Catskill's Historic Role in American Fly Fishing & Outdoor Sporting!*

This year we are thrilled to be honoring local legend and the "First Lady of Fly Fishing", Joan Wulff.

The accomplishments of Joan Wulff are staggering. She helped to found the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum; she holds International Women's Fishing Association club records for Atlantic salmon (1975) and brook trout (1966); she is a trustee of the Atlantic Salmon Federation and the International Game Fish Association; she is a senior advisor with the Federation of Fly Fishers; she has made multiple television appearances on ABC, ESPN, and PBS; and she has received more than twenty-two honors and awards, including induction into the International Game Fish Association Hall of Fame, the American Museum of Fly Fishing Heritage Award, and the Federation of Fly Fishers Lifetime Achievement Award.

The dinner will take place at a Roscoe Classic since 1865, The Rockland House from 6pm to 8pm. Join us for delicious food with COVID compliant dining. Limited Seats available \$55 each in advance, \$400 per table of 8. Tickets will be \$65 each at the door if seating still available.

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## Catskill Center Welcomes New Staff Member

May 3, 2021 - Arkville, NY: The Catskill Center welcomes award-winning journalist Allison Dunne to the organization's new position of Communications Manager. Allison is a Hudson Valley resident and has been involved in environmental issues in the region for years as a reporter. "We are very excited to have Allison join our team to help us communicate about the unique region that is the Catskills, and about the extensive work we do to protect the environmental, cultural and economic resources of the area," said Catskill Center Executive Director, Jeff Senterman.

Allison will oversee communications for the entire organization, delivering impactful stories while raising awareness of the Catskill Center's work and accomplishments.

### About Allison Dunne

Allison comes to the Catskill Center from NPR affiliate WAMC Northeast Public Radio, bringing years of experience as Hudson Valley Bureau Chief. She looks forward to using her skills as a communicator to relay the stories of the Catskill Center, the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) and the region as a whole - from on the ground, along a trail, atop a mountain or at a Catskills business.

Along with covering a number of environmental, cultural and conservation issues for public radio, Allison has a commitment to furthering diversity and inclusion in her work, which will blend well with the Catskill Center's same goal. She is the recipient of an Edward R. Murrow regional award for her reporting.

Allison earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism, with a minor in English, from Boston University. She currently resides in Dutchess County, New York.



## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Jane says 'hi' and will be back next week!

## It's Now Even Easier to Prepare for and Find a Job in Sullivan County

Monticello, NY - With New York State emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic and available jobs multiplying across the area, Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development (CWD) has launched its own Facebook page to keep job-seekers up-to-date on the latest positions and training opportunities.

"We have jobs to offer all over the place, in government, in education, in transportation - blue-collar, white-collar, public sector, private sector, you name it," says CWD Director Loreen Gebelein. "Employers are eager to put our nearly 4,000 unemployed residents back to work, and we've got the tools to connect people to the right jobs at the right places."

CWD's social media page, [www.facebook.com/SullivanCWD](https://www.facebook.com/SullivanCWD), is a key part of that toolbox and is a showcase for the services and listings - all FREE - offered by the CWD's Career Center.

"We weekly list our 'Hot Jobs,' from veterinary tech to short order cook, brewer to teacher assistant - over 100 positions in total, all open now," Gebelein adds. "We welcome job-seekers with and without skills and education. In fact, we can probably help you find any training you may need, and we'll work with you and the employer to make that happen. So let's get to work!"

In addition to the Facebook page, CWD maintains a regularly updated website at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Workforcedevelopment> and welcomes calls at 845-794-3340.

## Schumer, Gillibrand Announce over \$1.2 Million in Emergency Funding for Head Start Programs in the Hudson Valley *Emergency Funds Will Help Mitigate Learning Disruptions for Low-Income Children and Families; Increase Access To School Meals in Hard to Reach Areas*

Washington D.C. - U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced \$1,205,983 in supplemental emergency Head Start funding to foster productive learning and ensure all students have access to robust early childhood education programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. This federal funding was allocat-

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ed through the Administration for Children & Families (ACF), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and will support the needs of children in low-income families while adhering to COVID-19 standards in the Hudson Valley. Specifically, these funds can be used for mental health services and crisis response, additional classroom staff to meet social distancing standards, personnel costs, the delivery of meals to children in a remote settings, sanitization supplies, and more.

"The pandemic has made it clear that we need to invest more into our young children through programs like Head Start, setting them up for success later in life," said Senator Schumer. "This federal funding will bring real results to our young scholars by providing them with the resources they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom. I am proud to support this essential funding and I will continue to fight to ensure that early childhood education remains a priority, especially during the pandemic."

"At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted learning across New York State, we must ensure Head Start programs are fully funded so that no child lacks a strong start to their education and development," said Senator Gillibrand. "This emergency Head Start funding will help close the growing education gap and ensure students in the Hudson Valley can continue their education safely during the pandemic. These federal dollars will help deliver school meals to children learning virtually and enhance classroom safety and social distancing requirements for in-person learning."

Head Start provides comprehensive child development programs for low-income children from birth to age five, as well as support and services for their families. Head Start programs primarily serve pregnant women, infants, and toddlers. The comprehensive services these programs offer include early education, health screenings, social and emotional health services, nutrition services, social services, and services for children with disabilities.

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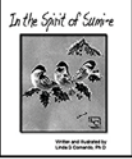
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## Letter to the Editor:

### Craze

The Biden Administration along with Congress are on a spending craze which will continue annual deficits of over \$1 trillion.

The \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 stimulus bill enacted in March and the previous COVID-19 stimulus bill in 2020 were necessary to combat the adverse impact of the pandemic.

The \$2.2 trillion infrastructure program proposed by the administration is highly bloated with non-infrastructure elements. It should be restricted to repairing roads, replacing bridges and expanding broadband. This could reduce the infrastructure package to well below \$1 trillion.

Biden's " American Families Plan " of \$1.8 trillion includes funds for child care, family and medical leave, universal pre-k, and free community college. It should be postponed and looked at some time in the future.

As an aside, the current extra \$300 per week in federal unemployment compensation should be discontinued by the states. It is keeping people from entering the work force and significantly hurting companies and businesses who need employees.

The current administration's spending spree has to be curtailed, and they need to effectively and efficiently prioritize and target their spending.

Donald Moskow  
Londonberry, CT

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### Note from Congressman Antonio DelGado

I want to make sure you are aware that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) 2 application period has reopened. Farmers and producers are currently able to apply for coronavirus assistance payments.

To answer your questions and provide more information on the CFAP 2 program, I'm holding a webinar on Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00 PM. I'll be joined by representatives from local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

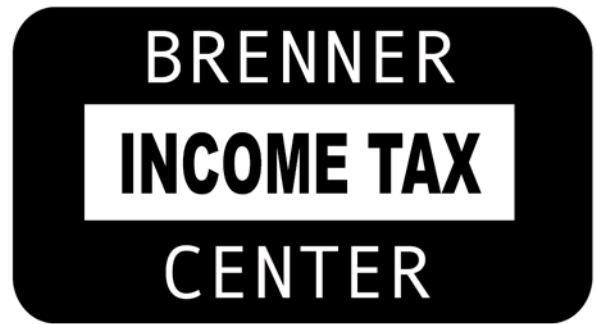
Have a question about COVID-19 assistance for farmers and producers? Want to learn more about the CFAP 2 program and to see if you qualify. Contact our office.

For one-on-one application support, applicants may contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office. A list of local FSAs can be found on USDA's website. Applicants can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee.

Family farming is a time-honored tradition upstate and it is essential to our rural way of life. That's why I will continue fighting to ensure our small family farmers get the help they need during this public health crisis and beyond.

Sincerely,  
Antonio

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## Assemblymember Cahill Offers Statement on Safe Staffing Legislation

"Ensuring safe staffing levels at health care facilities reduces avoidable tragedies and overlooked problems that occur when nurses and caregivers are forced to bounce between numerous cases during their shift. The quality of care provided is inextricable from the amount of time our health care professionals spend with each patient. This legislation long championed by the Assembly requires hospitals to establish clinical staffing committees, comprised of both labor and management, to be certain that the unique needs of our health centers are met. There is more work to be done to assure that we replenish the depleted ranks of health care professionals. My colleagues and I are continuing to support measures to expand educational opportunities and to be sure that state resources are calibrated to support any new staffing needs," said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess).

The legislation (A.108b, Gunther/S.1168a, Rivera) has been passed by the Senate and will go to the Governor for signature.

## Tri-Valley Lions Calico Geese Quilt Raffle - June 1, 2021

The Tri-Valley Lions organization is pleased to announce a fund-raising raffle of a beautiful quilt donated to our group by Sally Abrams, President of the Calico Geese Quilters group, which has 45 talented members and meets at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Ferndale. Per Sally, the Calico Geese Quilters have donated their hand-made, gorgeous quilts in the last year to the Sullivan County Veterans Alliance, Foster Children of Sullivan County, Ride to Survive, Allyson Whitney Foundation, The Liberty Fire Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and now to the Tri-Valley Lions.

Sally tells us that the quilt donated to the Lions for its raffle is a 60" X 70" Bed Topper, and she hopes "that everyone opens their hearts and wallets to support the Tri-Valley Lions."

The drawing will be held on June 1, 2021, and the winner does not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. Tickets will be available from Gene Froehlich at 845-439-4921; Mary Lou Vernooy (Membership Chairperson) at 845-434-7781 or Terry Delaney at 845-434-8696.

All funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go right into the Tri-Valley Lions Charity Account so our group can continue its mission to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Lions Cancer Awareness, 5 local food pantries, eye tests and glasses for those in our community who are unable to afford these on their own due to lack of insurance, assistance to those in our community that have had catastrophic illnesses, or the misfortune of loss due to fire, The Heart-A-Thon, Diabetes awareness, and so many more causes.

The Tri-Valley Lions group was chartered in 1977 and has been serving our community for more than 40 years. While we have lost many members over the years, we are proud to say that we still have several members who have been with our group since its inception. To those members we lost over the years, we still think about them, miss them, and continue to acknowledge the dedication of all members, past and present, and we know our community is appreciative of the contributions we've made since 1977.

**Due to Covid 19, The Tri-Valley Lions group has been unable to perform our major fundraising efforts,** which include running the soda booth at the Fairgrounds, our Annual Tri-Valley Journey For Sight and

Tag Day. We look forward to the day we can once again interact in person, open our soda booth, and do our Journey For Sight Walk, which will increase our Charity Account so we can be even more responsive to those who need our assistance. To help get there we hope that all will continue to be tested, get the vaccine when available, wear your mask, practice social distancing, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, and stay home when you are ill.

Thank you for your support and of course we are always looking for new members to join The Tri-Valley Lions. For additional information about the Quilt or raffles or becoming a member of The Tri-Valley Lions, please call Gene Froehlich at 845-439-4921.

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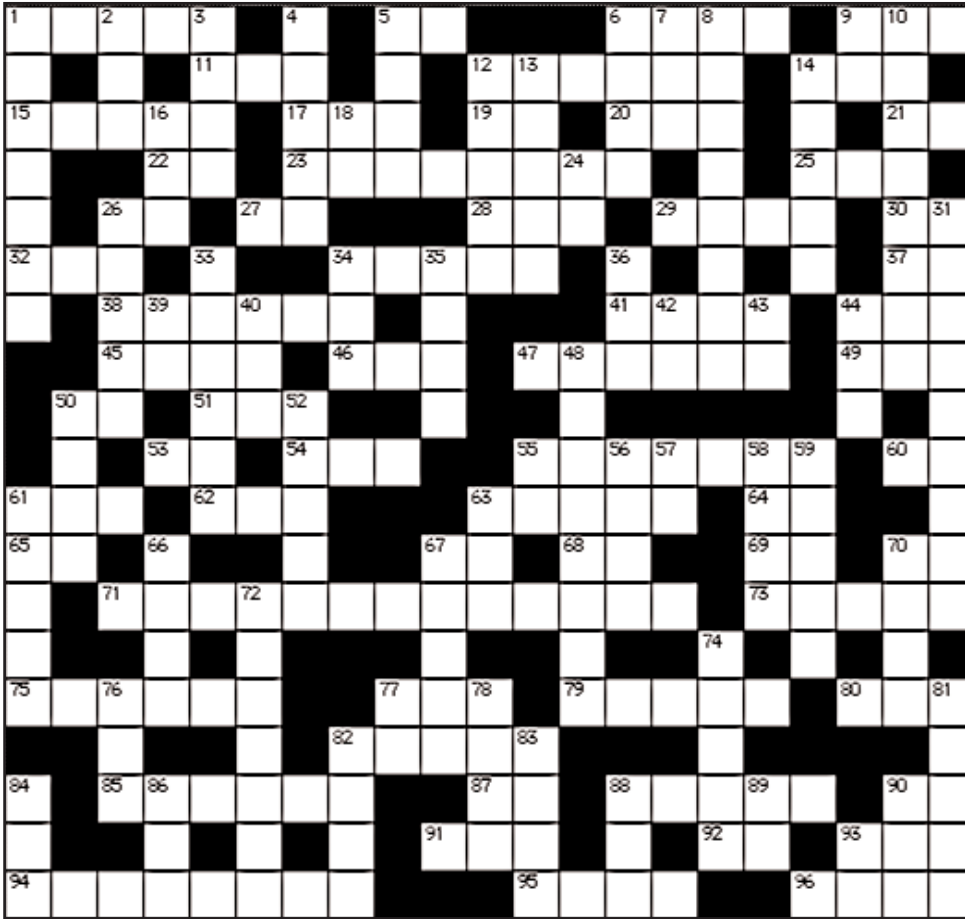
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Slippery Slimy Garden Snails! - L. Comando



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- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup butterscotch or chocolate chips

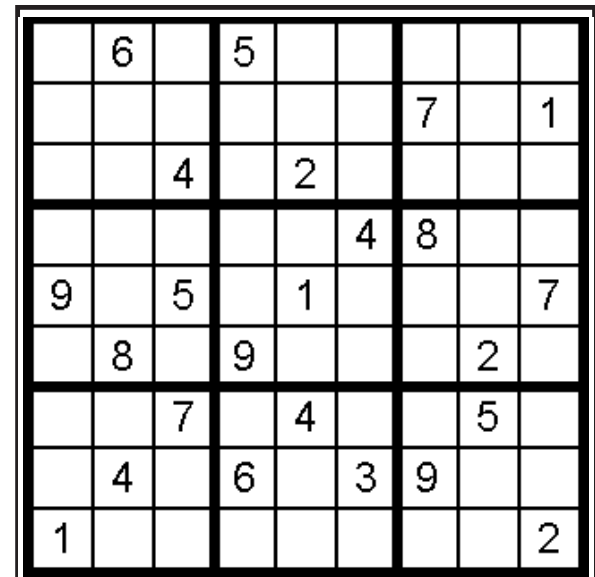
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F Grease an 8 inch square baking pan.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in pan add walnuts, cook on low 2 minutes, and add 1/8 cup brown sugar. Sautee stirring constantly until browned. Set aside to cool.

In large bowl, cream the shortening, brown sugar, vanilla and eggs. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly add to egg mixture, stirring until well blended, fold in caramelized walnuts. Spread dough evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until inserted toothpick comes out clean. Sprinkle them with butterscotch or chocolate chips while they are still warm and when the chips get soft swirl them over the warm brownies.

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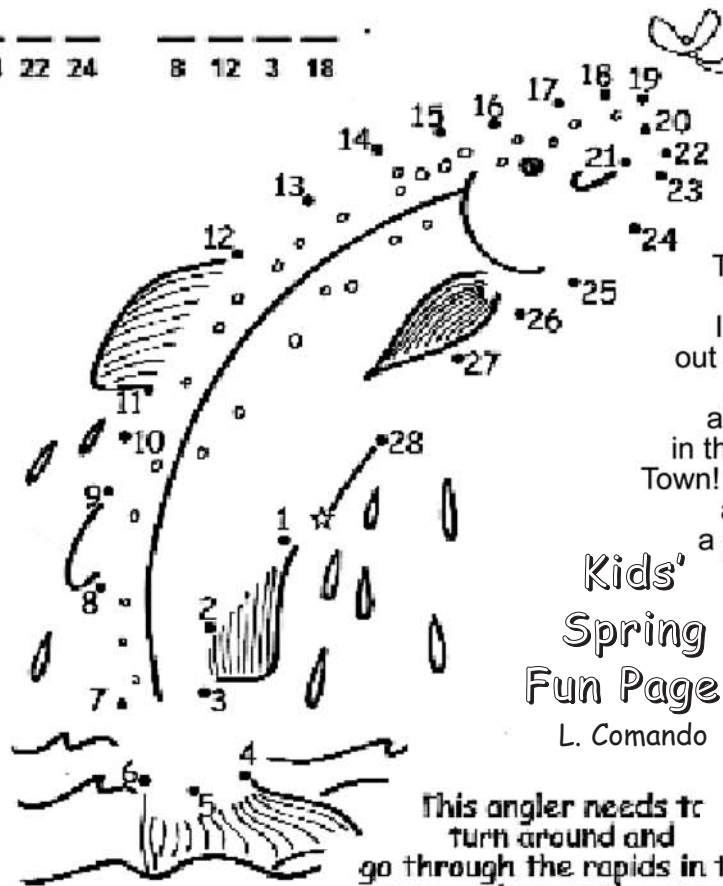
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The little snail friends are all dressed up for a garden party. What are five differences between the two pictures?



The trout are really biting in Rosco! In fact, the news is out - the Two Headed Trout Dinner is about to be served in the ultimate Fishing Town! While this is just a normal trout, but a good catch, follow the dots and see for yourself.

**Kids' Spring Fun Page -**  
L. Comando

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# NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

NOTICE OF COMPLETION shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Town of Denning and a copy of the published notice posted on the signboard at the entrance of the Town Clerk's office stating that the Assessor has completed the Tentative Roll, where the roll may be examined and when and where Grievance Day will be held (rptl § 506,526(1), 1526).

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Sole Assessor of the Town of Denning, County of Ulster has completed the Tentative Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY12725 where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Wednesday in May during regular business hours or by appointment.

The Board of Assessment review will meet on Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 between the hours of 4 - 8 pm at the Denning Town Hall, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions I will be available by phone only, 845-626-4342. You may mail any completed grievance form to me at 28 Cooper St. Accord, NY 12404 or drop off at Town Hall to be presented on your behalf. Please notify me if you plan to attend so the Board can be prepared. Please bring your mask and rubber gloves, to be admitted.

Dated the 20th of April, 2021  
Michael B. Sommer, IAO  
SOLE ASSESSOR  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

DUE TO THERE BEING NO BUSINESS, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SCHEDULED FOR **MAY 18, 2021** HAS BEEN **CANCELLED**

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

**Ulster County Board of Elections  
Announces Early Voting Locations for  
June 22 Primary Election**

Commissioners Dittus and Quigley are pleased to announce the following sites have been selected for voters eligible to participate in the June 22, 2021 Primary Election. Please note that voters are invited to go to any of the following locations during the Early Voting period:

**Woodstock**

Woodstock Community Center or Colony  
56 Rock City Rd, Woodstock, NY 12498

**Tri-Valley CSD  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**Regular Meeting #23**

following close and count of Budget Vote  
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

*If Executive Sessions and Regular Meetings  
are in-person, they will be in the  
Secondary School Library Lower Level.  
If virtual, on our YouTube Live channel.*

**Saugerties**

Senior Center  
207 Market St., Saugerties, NY 12477

**Kingston**

Midtown NC  
467 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

**Marbletown**

SUNY Ulster, Senate Gym Rm 132  
491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, NY 12484

**Early Voting Dates/Times:**

Early voting sites will be open on the following schedule  
Sat, June 12, 2021 10:00am- 3:00pm  
Sun, June 13, 2021\* (Saugerties location unavailable) 10:00am-3:00pm  
Mon, June 14, 2021 9:00am- 5:00pm  
Tue, June 15, 2021 12:00pm- 8:00pm  
Wed, June 16, 2021 9:00am- 5:00pm  
Thu, June 17, 2021 12:00pm- 8:00pm  
Fri, June 18, 2021 9:00am- 5:00pm  
Sat, June 19, 2021 10:00am- 3:00pm  
Sun, June 20, 2021 10:00am- 3:00pm

Only voters eligible to cast a ballot in the Primary will be able to access the early voting. The following voters have a primary in their municipality:

**Party**

Democrat  
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Working Families

**Municipality/Election District**

City of Kingston Wards 3, 5, 7 & 9  
Town of Gardiner  
Town of Marbletown  
Town of Rochester  
Town of Saugerties  
Town of Woodstock  
Saugerties Districts 1,2,3,4,11,13 &14

Please find a full listing of candidates, by party at: <https://elections.ulstercountyny.gov/>

On June 22 voters will be able to visit their regular General Election day poll site to cast a ballot between the hours of 6am-9pm. Voters in the Town of Gardiner will all be voting at the Gardiner Town Hall as the Gardiner Firehouse is unavailable for this Primary.

Voters interested in voting by mail can apply for an absentee ballot either by mailing in a paper application, completing the online application request or emailing a request to [elections@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:elections@co.ulster.ny.us). For more information on absentee voting please visit: <https://elections.ulstercountyny.gov/absentee-ballots-info/>

As always voters can contact the Ulster County Board of Elections with any questions at (845) 334-5470.



## UC Executive Ryan Calls for the NYC DEP to be Held Accountable for Lower Esopus Turbid Discharge, Encourages Public to Submit Comments

*County Executive Ryan was joined by Senator Michelle Hinchey as well as area business and environmental leaders in calling on NYC DEP to pursue alternatives to turbid releases to the Lower Esopus Creek from the Ashokan Reservoir. County Executive Ryan reminds the public comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are due June 16th*



SAUGERTIES, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan was joined by NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey and area business and environmental leaders to highlight the impacts to the Lower Esopus Creek of turbid water discharges made by New York City Department of Environmental Protection from the Ashokan Reservoir.

"We are acutely aware in Ulster County that for generations, the City of New York has benefited from and depended upon our clean water," said County Executive Pat Ryan. "Today we are simply asking for accountability. The NYC DEP relies on our resources in Ulster County to supply water for 9 million of their residents. If you are going to use our resources, you should also be held accountable for the impact that you have to our environment and to our communities. I am encouraging all residents concerned about protecting our environment to make their voice heard by June 16th."

"The staggeringly high levels of turbidity in the Lower Esopus Creek pose a direct threat to our quality of life, our tourism economy, our local businesses and recreational activities, and our precious wildlife," said Senator Michelle Hinchey. "The way the system is working is not working, and with severe storms growing in number year over year, sustained turbidity will only get worse for the Esopus Creek and surrounding communities. We need transparency into the actions taken and a good faith effort to bring mitigating solutions to the table. I stand with our watershed communities and local business owners in the call for the Lower Esopus Creek to be restored and protected, as it should be, and urge all Ulster County residents to make their voices heard with public comment by the June 16th deadline."

"We are fortunate today to be hosted by Diamond Mills, one of our communities premier dining, hotel and event venues on the banks of the Esopus Creek," said President of the Ulster Regional Chamber of Commerce Ward Todd. "The Esopus Creek is an environmental treasure to the community and a valuable asset to our local businesses. It is critical that NYC DEP do the right thing for our environment, our community and our businesses

and find alternative solutions to these muddy water releases."

"The damage being caused by releases of muddy water into the Lower Esopus Creek is extreme and unacceptable, especially given that New York City has it in its power to reduce or eliminate them," President and Hudson Riverkeeper Paul Gallay. "The City needs to take responsibility and implement real structural solutions to the problems they are causing, and the State needs to hold their feet to the fire until they do."

Since late December of 2020, NYC DEP has released billions of gallons of turbid water, containing millions of pounds of sediment. This practice, including the release of this highly turbid water from the Ashokan Reservoir, is currently under review by the

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYC DEP has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement concerning the use of the Ashokan Release Channel.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the NYC DEP regarding the releases to the Lower Esopus can be found on the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/79771.html>. Written comment concerning the Draft EIS should be submitted to Kristen Cady-Poulin, Environmental Analyst, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233, Phone: 518-402-9167, E-mail: DEPPermitting@dec.ny.gov. Comments sent by regular mail must be postmarked no later than June 16, 2021. E-mail comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. June 16, 2021.

## Country-Folk Duo "Fisher & Kean" Opens 2021 Season at Grahamsville's Heartbeat Music Hall

- William A. Brenner



Grahamsville in the Catskills was suddenly, delightfully alive with the sound of music. When *FISHER & KEAN*, a country-folk duo officially opened the 2021 season at the Heartbeat Music Hall in Grahamsville on Friday, April 30, 2021 at promptly 6:30PM.

Proprietor David Trestyn said there was little advance publicity due to audience size restrictions and everyone had to wear facemasks.

An enthusiastic crowd of about thirty people turned out. During the show, about ten bikers wearing heavy leather jackets, shades and helmets (but no facemasks) suddenly showed up. Sitting in the back on the couches by the windows, as a group, they got up about an hour later when the heavy cold rain and blustery winds subsided.

Deborah Fisher from Liberty and Paul Kean from Livingston Manor first met at the Parksville Singer/Songwriter Festival held at the Dead End Café.

Deborah preferred writing country songs, while Paul preferred writing folk, but as they composed together, they seemed to mesh. They continued collaborating with words and music at the "Songwriter's Circle", held periodically for several years at the home of Elizabeth Rose in Callicoon.

Deborah is bubbly, perky and full of family stories and anecdotes in a style akin to Loretta Lynn and Dolly Parton. She laughed a lot. But she could be mighty feisty, with Paul reminiscent of Tammy Wynette with George Jones' musical slugfest. Deborah had the small crowd singing and clapping in her rousing "work something out".

Paul is a loner and a traveler hiking alone in the Rockies and along the Grand Canyon. His songs told of the majesties of our country - which included the remote Catskills. But such freedom is accompanied with a loneliness and desire to share with a woman. The priceless, warmth of sharing a view with a "hey, look at that!" Paul wrote "I've Been here Before".

Paul became emotional when he dedicated a song to his cousin Cyrus Kean, a Vietnam Veteran who returned from leave and committed suicide. It brought to mind *The Man in Black*,

Johnny Cash's tribute to "Ira Hayes" the Puma Indian who helped raise the flag at the battle of Iwo Jima.

For a loud folk ending, Fisher and Kean, accompanied by Grahamsville's Lynn on Washboard (she did a solo with the spoons) they shook the building with The Bands' "The Weight".

Fisher and Kean are a dynamic musical duo, diverse, unpredictable, enjoyable, a class act, yet virtually unknown. Willie Nelson would describe them as "Angels Flying Too Close to the Ground". Fisher & Kean just released a CD. To inquire about a copy, contact: Paul Kean, residing at: 67 Alexander Drive, Livingston Manor, NY 12758, and can be reached at telephone number: (845) 439-4263.

Sullivan County is the musical county, chock-full of musicians and musical venues. As Spring finally arrives, may the doors open, the tables be set out, and the music begin again.

## SCVA Announces 10 More Doves Flying Into the Sullivan Catskills in 2021

*Sullivan Catskills, NY 05/05/21* - Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) announced today that they will be adding 10 additional Doves to their flock of 2019. Those interested in owning a Dove will be chosen through a lottery.

The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail was launched in June 2019 and met with unprecedented success. The 5' x 7' fiberglass sculptures brought an estimated 1.5 million economic impact into the local economy. SCVA Dove Host business noticed increased traffic and sales, making 2019 one of their best seasons. Hundreds of visitors took part in seeing all the Doves. Many of whom returned multiple times to complete the trail. They took photos, shared their experiences on social media, and even competed in our Dove Trail contests. Some even created their own memory books and Facebook pages to document and boast about their travels through the Sullivan Catskills.

"The ROI on this Dove Trail exceeded our expectations", stated Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the SCVA, visitors and locals alike have embraced this trail, from buying memorabilia, sharing their personal family stories with staff and some even used their Dove Photos for their Christmas Cards. We are so appreciative and thankful for our Dove Trail enthusiasts. They have all made our Dove Trail special to us and our communities", Byron-Lockwood continued. "Organizations, colleges, and communities from all over the country have also reached out to us wanting to replicate our trail and use it as a benchmark for their art sculpture projects. "This trail has truly taken on a life of its own and has brought so much awareness and economic stimulus to the Sullivan Catskills, "Byron-Lockwood elaborated.

The overwhelming economic success of the trail and numerous inquiries from businesses and organizations wanting a Dove is why the SCVA is planning to increase the number of birds to 60, adding 10 more to the original 50. The 50th Anniversary of Woodstock is over, but the SCVA wants to make the Doves a legacy project that will encourage visitors from around the world to appreciate our history and heritage while embracing the new tourism opportunities in the Sullivan Catskills.

Those who are interested in purchasing a Dove should contact Saraid Gonzalez, Director of Business Development at 845-747-4449, [sbg@scva.net](mailto:sbg@scva.net) to learn about the details. The SCVA will continue to market the copyrighted Doves through all Sullivan Catskills promotions.

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## SCVA Announces 10 More Doves Flying Into the Sullivan Catskills in 2021

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### ABOUT THE DOVE TRAIL

The Dove Trail was created to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival and tell the story of our communities that is uniquely the Sullivan Catskills. Municipalities were gifted a Dove and several SCVA member businesses purchased a Dove at cots. Local artists were hired by Dove Hosts to paint the Doves using a 1969 color pallet and famed American artist Peter Max as inspiration. The SCVA will continue the Dove Trail as a legacy project to bring global awareness to the Sullivan Catskills and to continue the economic impact it has brought to the county.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DOVE LOTTERY

Interested Dove Hosts need to submit an application to [sbg@scva.net](mailto:sbg@scva.net). Those who submit an application must be an SCVA member in good standing. Approved applicants will be entered into a lottery - names will be picked at random by a Dove Committee. Those selected need to adhere to design, installation, and accessibility requirements.

### 2021 DOVE HOST APPLICATION

NAME OF COMPANY/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF COMPANY/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU AN SCVA MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WILL YOU PLACE YOUR DOVE? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU WILLING TO SIGN AN MOU INDICATING THAT YOU WILL ADHERE TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DOVE LOCATION, INSTALLATION AND PAINTING OF THE SCULPTURE?

### TIMELINE

Submit application by email to [sbg@scva.net](mailto:sbg@scva.net). The deadline for application submission is May 20.

Payment and signed MOU due, May 28.

Selection of Dove Hosts, June 11.

Winners will be notified, June 28.

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association's mission and vision is to promote and support Sullivan County's natural, historic, cultural, and recreational assets to optimize tourism revenue and to be a premier multi-seasonal travel destination in New York State.

## DEC Urges New Yorkers: If You Care, Leave It There Public Cautioned Against Disturbing Fawns and Other Young Wildlife

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded New Yorkers to appreciate wildlife from a safe distance and resist the urge to touch or pick up newborn fawns and other young wildlife. Human contact with wildlife can carry unintended consequences detrimental to the animals people intend to help.

"At this time of year, New Yorkers may encounter young or newborn wild animals in their yards and mistakenly think they need help to survive," Commissioner Seggos said. "While a baby rabbit or a recently fledged bird might appear abandoned, a parent is likely nearby, trying to remain out of view. Please do not touch a wild baby animal; instead, enjoy encounters with wildlife from a distance. Remember-if you care, leave it there."

During spring months, animal sightings and encounters are common. Young wildlife quickly venture into the world on wobbly legs or are unable to fly on their own. While most young wildlife learn survival skills from one or both parents, some receive little or no care. Often, wild animals stay away from their young, especially when people or pets are present. For these young animals, the perils of survival are a natural part of life in the wild. Unfortunately, well-intentioned individuals may attempt to care for young wild animals they believe to be abandoned or in need of assistance. These human interactions typically do more harm than good.

For example, white-tailed deer fawns are born during late May and early June. Although fawns can walk shortly after birth, they spend most of their first several days lying still in tall grass,

leaf litter, or sometimes relatively unconcealed. During this period, a fawn is usually left alone by the adult female (doe), except when nursing. People occasionally find a lone fawn and mistakenly assume it has been abandoned, which is rare. If human presence is detected by the doe, the doe may delay its next visit to nurse. Fawns should never be picked up. A fawn's best chance to survive is to be raised by the adult doe. Fawns nurse three to four times a day, usually for less than 30 minutes at a time, but otherwise the doe keeps her distance, which helps reduce the chance a predator will follow her to the fawn. A fawn's protective coloration and ability to remain motionless help it avoid detection by predators and people. By the end of its second week of a fawn's life, it begins to move about and spend more time with the doe. It also begins to eat grass and leaves. At about 10 weeks of age, fawns are no longer dependent on milk, although they continue to nurse occasionally into the fall.

DEC also reminds the public that young wildlife are not pets. Keeping wildlife in captivity is illegal and harmful to the animal. Wild animals are not well-suited for life in captivity and may carry diseases that can be transferred to humans. Anyone who observes wildlife that appear to be sick or behaving abnormally should contact their DEC regional wildlife office.

Anyone that encounters a young wild animal that is obviously injured or orphaned should call a wildlife rehabilitator. Wildlife rehabilitators are trained volunteers licensed by DEC. They are the only people legally allowed to receive and treat distressed wildlife. They have the experience, expertise, and facilities to successfully treat and release wild animals.

DEC advises to keep pets indoors when young animals are present. Many fledgling birds cannot fly when they first leave the nest and are easy prey for a house cat.

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions about young wildlife, visit DEC's website

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

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

**Good News!**  
**St. Mark's**  
**UM Church**  
 68 Clinton St.  
 Napanch, NY  
**Thrift Shop**  
 and  
**Clothing Sale**  
 Will be opened  
 every Friday  
 from 10 - 3



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
**4th Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sales**  
 Saturday,  
 May 29  
 9 - 2 pm



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**Huge Yard Sale**  
 Sat., May 29th  
 8 am - 3 pm  
 350 Main St.  
 Grahamsville NY  
 12740



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**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 5:45 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 & 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.**  
 The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*  
**The Church with a friendly welcome**  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Worship Service 9:30 am  
 P O Box 238 - Route 55  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
 845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**  
 Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041  
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 Church Hall available for rent  
 Call - 845-985-2041 for information



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 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
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 Holy Days 5:30 pm  
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 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

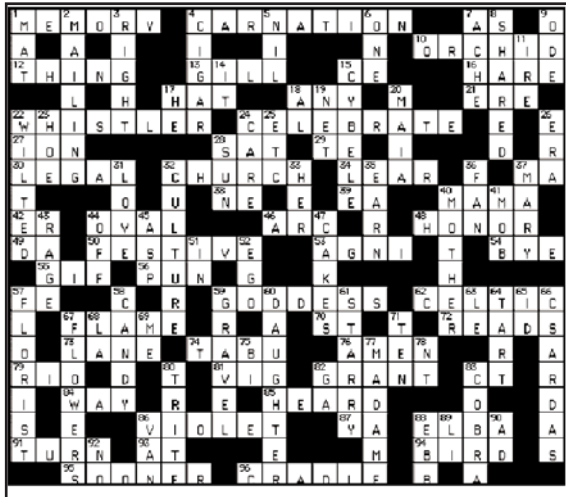
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**AL-ANON MEETINGS-** <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>  
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street,  
 Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,  
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church,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

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**Sullivan County Museum,**  
 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.  
 For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last week's Crossword



# Last Minute Update: New Virtual Program Added for May 12 Virtual Entomology 101: What the Fly Fisher Needs to Know

A challenge facing those who are interested in becoming fly fishers is the relatively steep learning curve associated with this sport and this if often overcomplicated to the point where it becomes a 'turn off' for those who want to continue fly fishing. However, the entomology of fly fishing need not contribute to this complexity -aquatic insects and their relatives can be reduced to relatively few groups that comprise the majority of a fish's diet. This presentation will focus on what a fly fisher needs to know in terms of identifying and properly presenting aquatic organisms that are central to fly fishing.

\$5 Members \$8 Non-Members

For more information or to sign up:

[https://cffcm.com/programsignup?ss\\_source=sscampaigns&ss\\_campaign\\_id=609488c1587ff23b93c6a460&ss\\_email\\_id=609524de1918e3560438da6c&ss\\_campaign\\_name=Join+Our+Center+Circle&ss\\_campaign\\_sent\\_date=2021-05-07T11%3A31%3A05Z](https://cffcm.com/programsignup?ss_source=sscampaigns&ss_campaign_id=609488c1587ff23b93c6a460&ss_email_id=609524de1918e3560438da6c&ss_campaign_name=Join+Our+Center+Circle&ss_campaign_sent_date=2021-05-07T11%3A31%3A05Z)

## Time and the Valleys Museum 2nd Annual Take Out Chicken Barbeque

The 2nd annual Take Out (contactless!) Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY.

The BBQ includes Murray's Chicken, BBQ'd to perfection by the Neversink Fire Department, delicious sides (baked beans, baked potato, corn bread, coleslaw and brownie) by Chef Jaime of Neversink General Store and ice cream from Gillette Creamery. It also includes a trivia booklet for activities to do at home after your delicious BBQ. Enjoy a delicious dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car!

Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque are \$13 per meal and are available on line: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org), or by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door. Please call 845 985-7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, weekends, from noon to 4 p.m.



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Join the  
**Sundown United Methodist  
 Church Ladies**  
 for the  
**4th Sundown Community  
 Memorial Day Weekend  
 Annual Miles and Miles of  
 Yard Sale**  
**Saturday, May 29**  
**9 - 2 pm**  
 at the  
**Sundown Methodist Church**

- 5/11/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)  
 5/12/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular  
 5/15/21 Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish/Chicken & Chips Dinner** 4:30-6:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds (See ad on pg. 29 for details)  
 5/18/21 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm CANCELLED**  
 5/20/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 5/22/21 Time & the Valleys Museum **Chicken BBQ** 4- 6:30 pm (See Pg. 39 for details)  
 5/31/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Memorial Day**  
 6/1/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville  
 6/2/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 5/1921)

**Save the Date!**

**Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021**  
 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

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

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

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

**PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS**

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

## Weekly Update Ulster County Legislature May 10 - May 14, 2021

### Monday, May 10

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board, Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 936 9554 3061, Passcode: 948888, By Phone (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Board of Health, Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 995 2964 7493, Passcode: 763694, By Phone (646) 558-8656

### Tuesday, May 11

- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 976 1166 7471, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following the Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 996 0730 4043, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

### Wednesday, May 12

- o 6:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment, Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 956 1062 6098, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

### Thursday, May 13

- o 3:30 PM - Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 970 5715 0267, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 940 9584 5993, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Caucus: Republicans, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 975 0905 3890, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

### Friday, May 14

- o No Meetings

### Tri-Valley Elementary School **WANTED:**

**Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork**

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## DEC and DOH Announce New Initiative to Protect Drinking Water Sources

### State Helps Municipalities Develop Long-Term Protection Programs for Public Drinking Water Supply Sources

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Health (DOH) today announced a new initiative to assist municipalities with assessing and supporting drinking water source protection programs. As part of the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2), up to 40 volunteer communities will work with technical assistance partners to develop programs that proactively protect public drinking water supplies. DWSP2 is a multi-agency initiative led by DEC and DOH, in collaboration with the Departments of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) and State (DOS).

"The Drinking Water Source Protection Program empowers communities to protect their sources of public drinking water, ensuring good water quality and protecting public health," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "This is the first phase in an effort that will eventually benefit hundreds of communities across the state and advance the State's commitment to protecting water quality and providing safe drinking water for all New Yorkers."

"Protecting New York's source waters is paramount to ensuring access to quality drinking water statewide," said New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "This program recognizes the need to update outdated assessments and focus on creating and implementing modernized protection plans while providing cost-free technical assistance to help communities achieve that goal."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "The Drinking Water Source Protection Program is a great way for all New Yorkers, including our farmers, to continue to lead the nation in environmental stewardship efforts. Our Department's Source Water Buffer Program, Agricultural Environmental Management Program, and more have long worked to protect sources of public drinking water and enhance water quality protection on agricultural lands, and I'm excited that DWSP2 will bring these great programs to more municipalities, with the help of the statewide Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This will ensure that great care continues to be taken for our waterways."

Secretary of State Rossana Rosado said, "New York is home to amazing natural surface and groundwater resources that are critical to the health and economy of our local communities and the State. This program creates a path forward to protecting New York's drinking water resources by providing much needed technical and financial assistance to communities. The Department of State is proud to collaborate with our sister agencies as we continue to work with local governments to assess water quality and establish an actionable strategy to ensure that all residents have access to clean drinking water."

"Protecting our state's drinking water supplies is an essential part of safeguarding New Yorkers' health and environment that also benefits communities' pursuit of future economic opportunities," said New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito. "My team at OGS is pleased to be working with our State agency partners by helping local municipalities evaluate the quality of their drinking water sources."

DWSP2 is led by DEC and DOH to assist municipalities with proactively protecting drinking water sources, benefiting both public health and the environment. New York State sought volunteer communities to work with a technical assistance provider, at no cost to the participating communities, to help develop and initiate implementation of each community's unique drinking water source protection program. Up to 40 volunteer communities, available on the DEC website, are being matched with technical assistance providers, including State-selected environmental consultants, Regional Planning Boards, the New York Rural Water Association, and DEC and DOH experts. DEC and DOH are currently reaching out to participating DWSP2 communities prior to work commencing.

To assist communities, New York State released a draft assistance guide to develop drinking water source protection plans, A Framework for Creating a Drinking Water Source Protection Program Plan. Technical assistance providers will use the framework to help each municipality create and implement a Drinking Water Source Protection Program that addresses local needs. The framework is currently in a field-testing stage and community participation and feedback will be used as the document is finalized.

In addition to the development of a program, each community will initiate implementation activities focused on preventing pollution of source waters and minimizing their effects when it does occur. Municipalities have many tools available to reduce the likelihood of pollutants reaching the source water area for their public water supply. For example, a municipality may:

- Work with a landowner to put an easement, or agreement, on a piece of land, or purchase a property that is near drinking water supplies;

- Make use of available state and federal funding, programs, and other resources;

- Establish a protective buffer or develop and implement local protective zoning around their source that controls activities or land uses that can threaten the water supply;

- Look at existing possible threats and conduct activities to address that specific threat, such as reducing stormwater runoff, increasing inspections of their source water area, and ensuring good management methods are followed; and

- Conduct education campaigns for their citizens to help them understand their part in protecting the supply.

Supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund, DWSP2 supports the protection of water quality and public drinking water across the state through the employment of technical assistance providers. Presently, \$3 million has been dedicated to hiring two consulting firms and a portion of \$2 million of the 604(b)-grant program has been allocated to regional planning boards, all for assisting volunteer communities with creating and implementing their source water programs.

New York State is increasing investments for clean water infrastructure projects, including the State's unprecedented \$4 billion commitment to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to clean water.

Communities interested in the Drinking Water Source Protection Program can learn more on DEC's website or contact [source.water@dec.ny.gov](mailto:source.water@dec.ny.gov).

## 2021 NYS Tourism Excellence Awards Recipients Honored

### Roberty Byron-Lockwood Honored: Excellence in Leadership

LIBERTY, NY 05/07/21 - Destination marketing organizations, museums, attractions, and other tourism related businesses gathered virtually at 11:30 AM on Thursday, May 6 to honor the efforts of their peers. The 2021 New York State Tourism Excellence Awards acknowledge the work done in crisis conditions during the 2020 pandemic year.

Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association was honored with the Excellence in Leadership: Career Achievement.

Sims Foster, Chairman of the SCVA Board, stated "Roberta has dedicated her professional life to Tourism and Promotion and the majority of that has been to the great benefit of Sullivan County. Her passion, persistence, and true dedication make her the ideal candidate to be bestowed this Excellence in Tourism Leadership award."

Paul Carlucci, Vice Chair of the SCVA Board further remarked, "Congratulations to Roberta Lockwood on receiving the EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM LEADERSHIP AWARD from the NYS Tourism Industry Association. (Contd. Pg. 28)

6<sup>th</sup> Annual

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Time and the Valleys Museum  
PO Box 254 Grahamsville, NY 12740

## 2021 NYS Tourism Excellence Awards Recipients Honored

### Roberty Byron-Lockwood Honored: Excellence in Leadership

(From Pg. 25) It is gratifying to be validated by this prestigious Tourism Association in knowing what we in the Sullivan Catskills have known for so long, that Roberta is the best at what she does! We are lucky to have her leading the travel and tourism efforts in the Sullivan Catskills and look forward to her doing so for many more years to come."

This year, the Sullivan Catskills was honored with two additional awards. "Catskill Confidence" campaign for Excellence in Overall Tourism Marketing and the "Dove Trail" for Excellence in Tourism Marketing: Niche Marketing. During a year of unprecedented challenges, it is gratifying to be recognized for the branding and marketing strategies that the SCVA has implemented.

COVID-19 presented a disproportionate challenge to the tourism industry. Tourism related or dependent businesses were among the most adversely affected due to COVID regulations and restrictions. Large meetings and events were canceled, and many venues were closed or subject to severe capacity restrictions. Tourism industry professionals redirected their efforts in new directions, supporting local residents and sustaining local businesses while rising to the occasion to meet unprecedented health related guidelines and special needs for travelers.

The New York State Tourism Excellence Awards are juried by an impartial panel of industry experts under the auspices of the New York State Tourism Industry Association. Nominations were up 250% vs 2019 and the judges were challenged by both the volume and the caliber of the entries.

"Working collaboratively in New York State's tourism community enables you to network with some of the best minds, most experienced individuals, and trendsetting thought leaders in the global tourism industry," states Bob Provost, President of the New York State Tourism Industry Association (NYSTIA). "The individuals, campaigns, initiatives and projects being honored are world-class. I am humbled by their achievements and service to their communities in 2020."

#### About New York State Tourism:

Tourism is the third largest industry in New York State. The tourism industry has paid dividends for years to New York's economy, setting new records for economic benefit in each of the past five years. In 2019, the tourism industry attracted 265 million visitors and generated record high levels of impact:

\$72 Billion in spending at New York State businesses large and small,

\$39 Billion in disposable income and over 961,000 jobs for New York State residents and

\$9+ Billion in state and local taxes, the equivalent of \$1,248 for every New York State household.

During the pandemic year of 2020, tourism was inarguably New York's most impacted industry. In fact, New York State was the third most impacted state in the country.

By year-end 2020, the tourism industry was devastated:

Average annual employment declined 34%, a loss of over 330,000 jobs vs 2019 - nearly three times the employment impact in any other major category!

An estimated 56% loss in travel spending at New York State businesses and a corresponding 45% drop in state and local tax revenues.

#### About Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association:

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is a destination marketing organization and Convention and Visitors Association

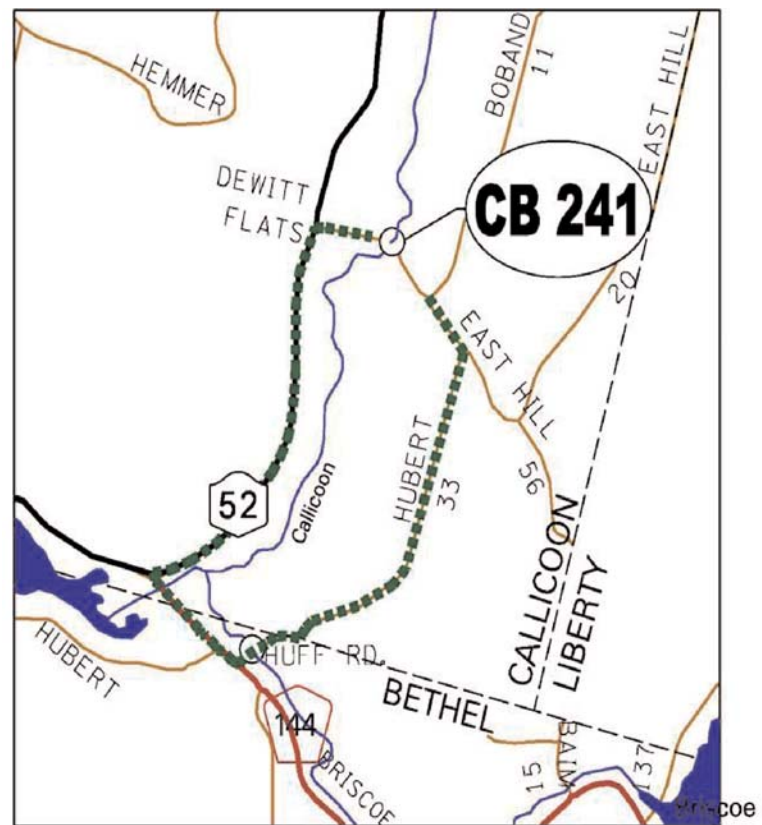
dedicated to marketing the assets of the tourism industry in the Sullivan Catskills. The mission is to promote and support the Sullivan Catskills' natural, historic, cultural, and recreational assets to optimize tourism revenue with a vision to be a premier multi seasonal travel destination in New York State. The tourism industry in the Sullivan Catskills generated over \$578 million in visitor spending and \$36 million in local sales tax generation. [www.sullivancatskills.com](http://www.sullivancatskills.com).

#### About New York State Tourism Industry Association:

The New York State Tourism Industry Association (NYSTIA) advances economic growth, job creation, community revitalization, quality of life and pride of place by realizing the potential of New York State's tourism industry and facilitating the success of its members. We serve New York State's tourism industry through collaborative initiatives, research, legislative awareness, and exceptional marketing. [www.nystia.org](http://www.nystia.org).

## Sullivan County Road Closure

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



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

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



**CALL FOR ART**  
***Eye to Eye***  
**2021 Summer Group Show**  
**Juried by**  
**Tom Sarrantonio,**  
**a renowned**  
**Hudson Valley artist**  
***July 24 – September 11, 2021***

The Olive Free Library Association will be presenting its annual summer group show, this year juried by wellknown regional artist Tom Sarrantonio. The exhibition will open on Saturday, July 24, 2 – 4 pm and will run through September 11, 2021. All Hudson Valley artists are invited and all genres of art are considered but work must be wall-hung. If you are interested in submitting work to be considered for this show, please read the submission instructions below.

**Submission Guidelines:**

1. Up to three pieces of original artwork will be considered for inclusion in the show (no reproductions).
2. All artwork should be no more than 24 inches x 24 inches in size, including frame. All works must be wall hung. Small shelves (to be provided by the artist) for sculptures are acceptable.
3. The library takes a 30% commission on all sales (the artist will receive the remaining 70% of the sale). All artwork must be for sale.
4. Send 3 – 5 jpg or png files of your work to the email address below.
5. Image files should each be named with the artwork's title only. In the body of the email, please provide details for each of the works, i.e. medium and sizes (height x width):  
 eg.  
 Untitled 1: oil, 5" x 7"  
 Untitled 2: pastel, 8" x 10"  
 Untitled 3: pen & ink, 12" x 12"
6. All artwork must be properly wired ready for hanging. Any work not properly wired will be rejected.
7. Please submit your image files by Monday, June 7, 2021.
8. Send your submission to [oflartsubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:oflartsubmissions@gmail.com)
9. If accepted, you will be contacted directly by email with all necessary forms for you to fill in, and submit them with your artwork during intake. Intake day is Monday, July 19.
10. If you want to be added to the Olive Free Library's email list and find out about its events and other exhibition opportunities, please send an email to [director@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:director@olivefreelibrary.org)
11. We look forward to receiving your submissions!  
 Exhibition Committee – Olive Free Library Association  
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**ROAD CLOSURE**

North Branch, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of Town Highway 37 (Peters Road), in the Town of Fremont, to replace County Bridge 431. The bridge is located approximately 1.6 miles north of the intersection of County Road 121 (North Branch Road) and Pleasant Valley Rd.

This section of Peters Rd. is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting at 8 a.m. on April 19, 2021, and will remain closed for approximately 8 weeks.

# The Catskill Mountain Classic Car



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## UC Executive Ryan Says Addressing Mental Health and Addiction Must be a Top Priority for Federal Relief Funds –Announces Behavioral Health Task Force to Develop Plan

County Executive Ryan forms a countywide Behavioral Health Task Force to identify gaps in the County's existing mental health and addiction landscape to inform potential spending

KINGSTON, N.Y. - As Mental Health Awareness Month begins, County Executive Pat Ryan today called for mental health and addiction recovery resources and support to be a top priority in the County's plan for allocating federal relief funds. In addition, he announced the formation of a Behavioral Health Task Force to identify gaps in the County's existing mental health and substance use disorder landscape, which will be used to inform future investments in behavioral health. The goal of the task force is to establish an action plan based on community needs, which will both highlight existing areas for improvement in the region's behavioral health continuum of care and outline specific recommendations and solutions to address those areas. The Behavioral Health Task Force will meet monthly from May through September to formulate this strategy.

Prior to the pandemic, Ulster County's mental health clinics and addiction services were often at full capacity. With the surge in need for mental health and addiction services caused by COVID-19 and the removal of critical inpatient behavioral health beds at HealthAlliance in Kingston, the County is setting out to evaluate the current situation with an eye towards rebuilding a system where all residents have access to the type of care and mental health resources that they need.

"At a time when we're seeing more and more of our residents struggling with mental health and addiction, we must step up our investments to meet the moment and take care of each other. With much-needed federal relief funds on the way, the Ulster County Behavioral Health Task Force will serve as a crucial mechanism to identify gaps in our existing mental health system and make sure we invest wisely in bolstering our behavioral health programs," said County Executive Ryan. "This Task Force will strengthen the County's efforts to ensure we are responsive to the needs of all residents and provide them with the absolute best quality behavioral health services, both now and in the future."

"Raising Your Awareness about Narcotics (R.Y.A.N.) is looking forward to providing a voice for the many in our community who suffer from addiction to make sure that our county has the resources that they need to recover and thrive," said Carole Kelder, RYAN Group Founder. "We look forward to working collaboratively to create an action plan with the providers and the community members who use these recovery services, and by doing so we can make sure that every perspective is heard and included in the Behavioral Health Task force report."

"We want to thank County Executive Ryan for his leadership in addressing mental health issues in Ulster County," NYSNA Member from Health Alliance Hospital Deborah Stewart. "Our NYSNA members have seen firsthand the impact of the loss of behavioral health beds in Ulster County

and will provide deep knowledge on how to fill these gaps in our system. We look forward to working together to find solutions that best meet the needs of the residents of Ulster County at this critical time."

Task Force Members will include: Tara McDonald, Deputy Commissioner, Ulster County Department of Mental Health-Task Force Chair; Stephanie Turco, President and CEO of Gateway; Shannon Kelly, CEO of Catholic Charities; Allen Nace, MHA President and Samadhi Board Member; Katrina Williams, LGU Program Supervisor at the Ulster County Department of Mental Health; Juanita Hotchkiss, Project Manager, Ulster County Department of Health-HEALing Communities Division; Dr. Michael Doyle, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of the HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley; Victoria Reid, Executive Director, Rural Health Network, Ellenville Regional Hospital; Timothy Hunt, Research Scientist, Columbia Univ. School of Social Work; Chad Storey, Lieutenant, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Oracle Lead; Michael Berg, Executive Director of Family of Woodstock; Kevin O'Connor, CEO of RUPCO; Allison Horan, Director of Strategy & Staff for ACCESS; Steve Miccio, CEO of People USA; Katie Bierlein, Regional Director of Social Support Services for The Institute for Family Health- MidHudson; Chris Dennehy, Executive Director of Step 1; Carole Kelder, RYAN Group; Michele R. Conner-Shephard, Director of Outpatient Clinics/School Based and Budget Performance Specialist, Astor Services for Children & Families Robin Peritz, LCSWR, Vice President for Behavioral Health, Family Services Bob Gelbach, Community Services Board Representative; Peter Criswell, Ulster County Legislator; Craig Lopez, Ulster County Legislator NYSNA Representative; 1199 Representative; Citizen Action Representative; and Westchester Medical Representative;

Last month, County Executive Ryan announced that the Mobile Mental Health Team now includes a full-time social worker available to respond to 911 calls based out of the County's 911 Center. Through the 2021 Executive Budget, \$900,000 in funding was allocated to expand the Mobile Mental Health Team. The increase allowed for the hiring of a full-time social worker to be located at the 911 Emergency Center. Residents who are experiencing a mental health crisis who call 911 will now be met with a trained trauma-informed emergency response.

### Olive Free Library Accepting Art Submissions for Eye to Eye

The Olive Free Library is accepting art submissions from Hudson Valley artists for the Eye to Eye Art Exhibition. Please share this information far and wide.

The Olive Free Library Association will be presenting its annual summer group show this year juried by well-known regional artist Tom Sarrantonio. The exhibition will open on Saturday, July 24, 2 - 4 pm, and will run through September 11, 2021. All Hudson Valley artists aged 16 and over are invited, and all genres of art are considered but work must be wall-hung. Image files must be submitted by Monday, June 7, 2021.

Submission guidelines can be found at <https://www.olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art/>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Chrissy Lawlor, Library Director, Olive Free Library 4033 Route 28A PO Box 59 (mailing) West Shokan, NY 12494; 845-657-2482 <http://www.olivefreelibrary.org>

## Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on National Nurses Day

"Throughout the COVID crisis our nurses have been on the frontlines caring for New Yorkers and helping to keep us safe, at times putting their own health at risk for the rest of us. On this National Nurses Day and throughout National Nurses Week, we recognize the extraordinary contributions nurses have made - we could not have made it over the mountain and through the darkest days of the pandemic without their dedication, compassion and resiliency. We are eternally grateful for their service, so if you see a nurse today or this week, please stop and say a heartfelt 'thank you'."

## Governor Cuomo Signs First-in-the Nation NY Hero Act into Law

Legislation (S.1034-A/A.2681-B) Directs New York State Departments of Labor and Health to Create Enforceable Health and Safety Model Plan to Prevent Airborne Infectious Diseases in the Workplace

Legislation Allows Workplace Health and Safety Committees Composed of Employees and Employers

"When the COVID-19 pandemic began, it quickly became clear that New York's employers weren't taking adequate steps to protect their workers from airborne infectious disease. The State acted quickly to lay down basic guidelines through Executive Orders, but it was clear that a permanent, legislative solution was needed.

"The first-in-the-nation NY HERO Act directs State agencies to create clear, enforceable health and safety standards that private employers have to follow to keep their employees, and by extension their communities, safe. It also gives workers a voice in the process so employers aren't the sole arbiters of workplace safety from disease. This is a historic step forward for working people and a preventative measure that will ensure we're better prepared for the next public health crisis. I was proud to sign this bill into law and look forward to reviewing the new standards to protect workers and build a stronger New York."

## Senators Martucci and Palumbo Urge OPWDD to Update Quarantine Policies Based on New CDC Guidelines

Senator Mike Martucci (R,C,I-Hudson Valley/Catskills) and Senator Anthony Palumbo (R,C-New Suffolk) today urged the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to follow new Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on quarantine for group home residents who are vaccinated.

Last week, the CDC removed the need to quarantine for those in non-healthcare congregate settings who have been vaccinated.

"OPWDD should adopt this CDC guidance immediately and end the needless quarantines of vaccinated residents," said Senator Mike Martucci, "The Cuomo administration has a record of prioritizing political science over the health and wellness of vulnerable populations. That calculus must not be allowed to rule the day here. Residents and their families deserve an end to the isolation

and stress caused by these needless quarantines."

"Several constituents and people from across the state have reached out to my office regarding OPWDD's quarantine policies in group homes and the impact it has on their loved ones," said Senator Palumbo. "Social isolation is hard on everyone but is extremely difficult on those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I urge OPWDD and the Health Department to follow the CDC guidelines and end quarantines for vaccinated residents in group homes immediately. It is the right thing to do."

Senators Martucci and Palumbo argued that OPWDD and the Cuomo administration have shown a lack of transparency and accountability in relation to their policies affecting nursing homes and OPWDD group homes alike. While they have claimed to "follow the science," that has not always been the case. Two clear examples were their deadly orders issued last March and April requiring Nursing Homes and OPWDD facilities to readmit COVID positive patients and residents. THE OPWDD order is still in effect today, despite the fact that it is contrary to expert guidance and common sense.



## Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect other people.

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

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



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# DONUT DAY



*Same delicious Pumpkin Party donuts!*

**Friday, June 4, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Lower Level Community Room**

Donuts available:

Cinnamon Sugar and Plain

\$6.00 per dozen

**Pre-ordering recommended, please call 985-7233  
or complete the pre-order form.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cinnamon Sugar \_\_\_\_\_ dozen

Plain \_\_\_\_\_ dozen

Approximate pick-up time: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you!***

# Sundown UMC Ladies

## 4th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales!

Saturday, May 29th, 2021  
9am to 2 pm



**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**  
(Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)



## Local Schools Now Focus of COVID Vaccine Efforts *Letter Sent to Administrators About Reopening*

Liberty, NY - As Sullivan County crosses the 50%-vaccinated threshold, its Public Health Services team is now preparing to inoculate local schools' 16- and 17-year-old students with the Pfizer vaccine - the only vaccine currently authorized for use in those under 18.

"We are launching our first school clinic at Monticello's Robert J. Kaiser Middle School this Tuesday, May 11," affirms Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "The first dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be available to any high school student over 16 with parental consent, plus anyone over 18."

The current clinic opportunities for high school students 16+ (open also to the general public, and walk-ins ARE welcome):

- o Tuesday, May 11, 3-7 p.m. - RJK Middle School, Monticello - register at <https://tinyurl.com/4edkpwdu>
- o Friday, May 14, 3-7 p.m. - Livingston Manor Central School - register at <https://tinyurl.com/j24eyn8c>
- o Monday, May 17, 3-7 p.m. - Sullivan West High School, Lake Huntington - register at <https://tinyurl.com/2mhvbdx>
- o Friday, May 21, 3-7 p.m. - Liberty High School - register at <https://tinyurl.com/2fxsnau4>

To maximize outreach, Public Health is also holding these one-shot Janssen vaccine clinics (walk-ins ARE welcome):

- o Friday, May 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Livingston Manor Central School - register at <https://tinyurl.com/bb3bphms>
- o Monday, May 17, 3-7 p.m. - Sullivan West High School, Lake Huntington - register at <https://tinyurl.com/4rph3j>

A community-based clinic is also scheduled, giving the first shot of the two-dose Moderna vaccine (walk-ins ARE welcome):

- o Tuesday, May 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Woodridge Village Hall - register at <https://tinyurl.com/437zby5v>

Public Health will also be holding second-dose Moderna clinics in Loch Sheldrake and White Lake in the coming weeks, open only to those who received their first doses at those locations.

For those who need help registering for or getting to a clinic, contact Sullivan County's Emergency Community Assistance Center at 845-807-0925. Vaccines continue to be widely available at pharmacies, hospitals, mass vaccination sites operated by New York State, local health departments, and other providers statewide. More info is available at [www.sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/covidvaccines](http://www.sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/covidvaccines).

### Public Health Communicates with School Leaders

On May 6, Director McGraw sent a letter to the superintendents of Sullivan County's public and private schools, noting that studies indicate a low risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools.

"In Sullivan County public school districts, from Oct. 1, 2020-May 4, 2021, according to data available to the health department from the Statewide contact tracing system, there were 3,729 contacts (exposures) who were associated with a school setting in some way," she wrote.

"... Only 33 (.9%) ended up testing positive. In addition, only 3.9% of the positive cases ... ended up developing symptoms that resulted in a positive test or became epidemiologically linked based off of case definition."

Additionally, thanks to schools' collaboration with Public Health, approximately 60% of all local educational workers - from teachers to administrators to clerks - have already been vac-

inated through County-run clinics. McGraw estimated that percentage to be notably higher when counting workers who participated in non-County-run clinics.

Such data suggests "that schools might be able to safely open to full in-person learning with appropriate mitigation efforts in place" and that "spacing children at least 3 feet apart on school buses (although 6 feet is ideal), while requiring masks, with windows open for ventilation, is safe and will provide enough protection to further mitigate transmission of virus."

Nonetheless, the decision for school districts to resume 4 to 5 days per week in-person learning for students is a local district determination and will be dependent on resources and other factors that may be unique to each district, especially since the end of school is just a few weeks away.

## Attorney General James Urges Facebook to Protect Children by Abandoning Launch of Instagram Kids AG James and Coalition of 44 AGs Highlight Serious Concerns Over Safety and Well-Being of Children

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today took action to secure the safety and well-being of children across New York and the United States. As part of a coalition of 44 attorneys general, Attorney General James today sent a letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg urging him to abandon plans to launch a version of Instagram for children under the age of 13. The coalition contends that social media can be detrimental to children for myriad reasons and that Facebook has historically failed to protect the welfare of children on its platforms.

"Without a doubt, this is a dangerous idea that risks the safety of our children and puts them directly in harm's way," said Attorney General James. "Not only is social media an influential tool that can be detrimental to children who are not of appropriate age, but this plan could place children directly in the paths of predators. There are too many concerns to let Facebook move forward with this ill-conceived idea, which is why we are calling on the company to abandon its launch of Instagram Kids. We must continue to ensure the health and wellness of our next generation and beyond."

In today's letter, the attorneys general express various concerns over Facebook's proposal, including:

- o Research indicating that social media can be harmful to the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children;
- o Rapidly worsening accounts of cyberbullying on Instagram;
- o Use of the platform by predators to target children;
- o Facebook's unstable record in protecting the welfare of children on its platforms; and
- o Children's lack of capacity to navigate the complexities of what they encounter online, including advertising, inappropriate content, and relationships with strangers. (Contd. Pg. 36)

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(From Pg. 35) At a congressional hearing in March, Zuckerberg dismissed the idea that social media is harmful to children, despite strong data and research that has shown a link between young people's use of social media and an increase in mental distress, self-injurious behavior, and suicidality. Instagram has been frequently flagged for increasing suicidal ideation, depression, and body image concerns in children.

The coalition of attorneys general argue that young children are not equipped to handle the many challenges that come with having an Instagram account, including that they often lack a developed understanding of privacy. There is also a risk that predators may exploit children online and cloak their identities using the anonymity of the internet. One report found an increase of 200 percent in recorded instances in the use of Instagram to target and abuse children over a six-month period in 2018. In 2020 alone, Facebook and Instagram reported 20 million child sexual abuse images.

Cyberbullying is also a major concern, and a 2017 survey found that 42 percent of young Instagram users had experienced cyberbullying on the platform - the highest percentage of any platform measured. As children spend more time online during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, these issues have likely been exacerbated.

Additionally, the attorneys general cast doubt on Facebook's ability to protect children on their proposed Instagram platform and comply with relevant privacy laws, such as the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). They point out that the company has a record of failing to protect the safety and privacy of children. For instance, Facebook's Messenger Kids app contained a glitch that allowed children to circumvent restrictions and join group chats with strangers.

## SC Foreclosure Redemption Deadline Pushed Back to September 3

Monticello, NY - Local property owners facing tax foreclosure now have until September 3, 2021 to redeem their properties.

"In a normal year, the redemption deadline would be January 31," explained Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck, whose office collects County taxes. "The State extended that to May 1 this year, and then again to August 31, so in collaboration with our County Legislature, I agreed to extend the foreclosure redemption deadline to September 3 of this year."

Payment of taxes due can be made by check or money order via:

- o Mail - payable to the Sullivan County Treasurer, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701

- o Secure drop box at the entrance to the Sullivan County Government Center - 100 North Street in Monticello, or

- o In person at the Treasurer's Office on the first floor of the Government Center - walk-ins welcome, but appointments preferred (845-807-0200)

"I encourage everyone who is dealing with the foreclosure process to take advantage of this unusual opportunity," Buck said. "We're never eager to foreclose on someone's property, so I'm grateful that this chance is available to people who may have gotten hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic."

## Governor Cuomo Proposes Legislation to Stop Discrimination Against Individuals Who Have Been Vaccinated

Governor Cuomo: "I want to propose a law that says you can't discriminate against a person who has a vaccine...I understand the anti-vaccine argument. In my opinion, there is no science to it. There is no science to it. You can have a theory, you can have a belief, but you can't use that to make public policy without science and without data."

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proposed new legislation to stop discrimination against individuals who have been vaccinated.

There are some situations where people are discriminating against people who got a vaccine, which is almost inexplicable to me. There's a situation with summer camps saying if you are vaccinated, you cannot go to that camp. If you're vaccinated, you can't be a staff member at that camp.

We can't be in a situation where we're full-throated encouraging people to get a vaccine and then have people saying if you get a vaccine, you can't participate in this activity.

I want to propose a law that says you can't discriminate against a person who has a vaccine. I understand the anti-vaccine argument very well - we've been through this before, Dr. Zucker and I, when we mandated the measles vaccine a couple of years ago. I understand the anti-vaccine argument. In my opinion, there is no science to it. There is no science to it. You can have a theory, you can have a belief, but you can't use that to make public policy without science and without data

## Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan in Response to Last Friday's Bomb Threat at the Hudson Valley Mall

In response to today's incident where a bomb threat was called into Dick's Sporting Good adjacent to the Ulster County Vaccination POD Site at the Hudson Valley Mall

The threat has been deemed not credible by local law enforcement; the mall was deemed safe at approximately 1:15 p.m.

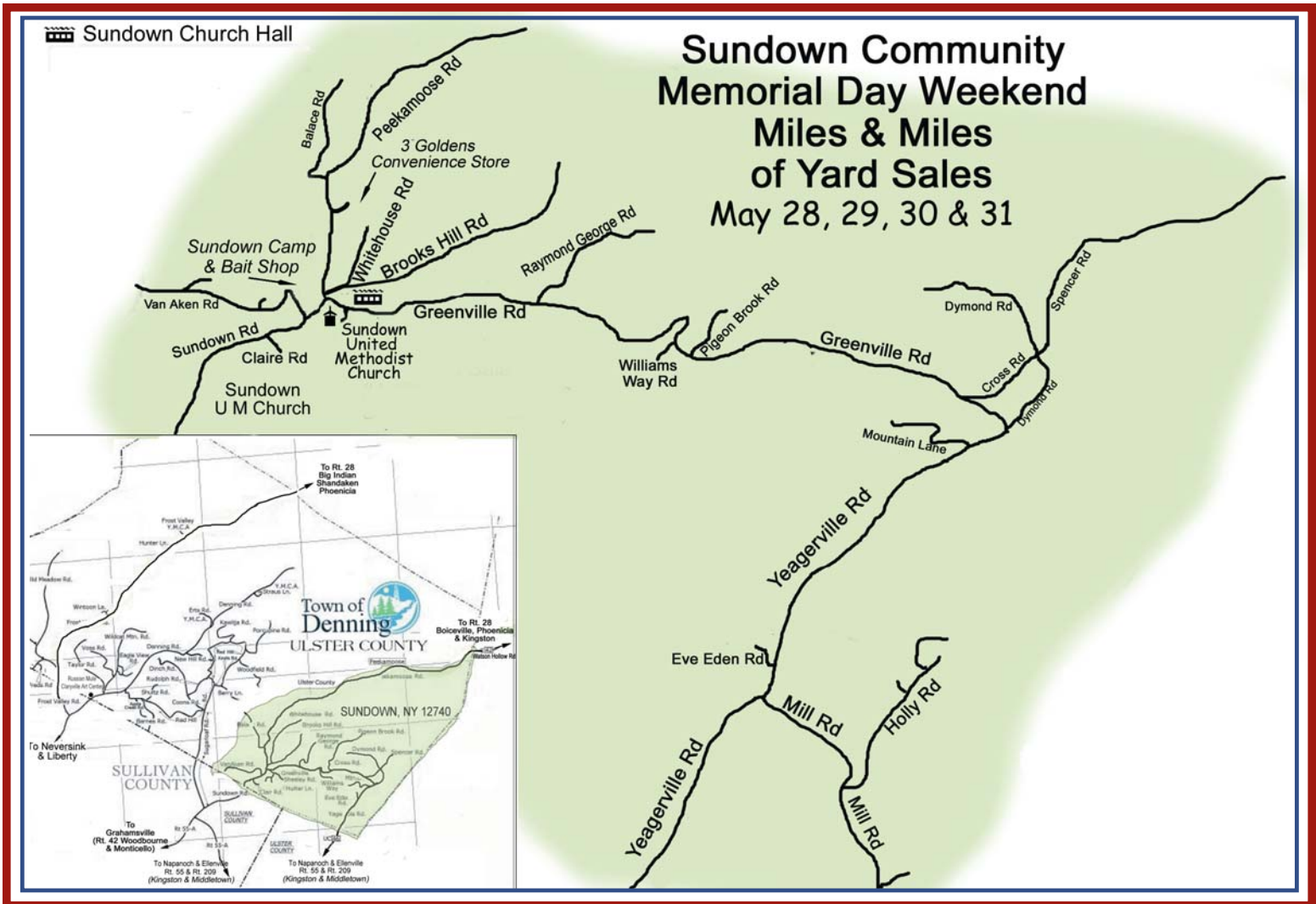
"I want to thank our first responders and law enforcement for their quick action to secure the scene and keep everyone safe. I also want to commend our Vaccination Team for flawlessly implementing our site safety plan. From day one, we have prioritized the safety of our POD sites, staff, and volunteers and will continue to do so. Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to close the POD site for the remainder of today, but will continue to operate as planned moving forward. Ulster County remains 100% committed to our vital mission of rapidly, safely, and equitably vaccinating all of our residents."

## Yard Sale at the Old Stone House

On Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, the Old Stone House, 282 Hasbrouck Rd, Woodbourne, NY will host a flea market to support Old Stone House programs. Items for sale include handbags, pocketbooks, costume jewelry, scarves, books, new shoes (size 9) and used boots (used) among many other items. The market opens at 11 AM and runs through 3 PM both days.

The Old Stone House is a community center that offers a Center for the Arts, Community Classes and Exhibits. We provide a space for discussions, lectures, clubs and community events. The House also has a playground and an outdoor pavilion. Call 845-436-7720 for more information





In 2016 a few of the Sundown residents and members of the Sundown U M Church put some ideas together and we decided we would celebrate our **1st Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales**. It was a huge success and the idea grew into the start of a 'tradition' and a lot of fun over the next few years. Like most activities last year, we did not hold the **4th Annual Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale**, however, this year we will do our best and we will have a **4th Annual Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** Please be sure to maintain all of the COVID safety precautions whether holding a yard sale or attending the various yard sales.

If you live in the Sundown community and are planning on a Yard Sale over the Memorial Day weekend, please download the map/information form. Go to: <http://thetownsmen.com> and click on **Sundown Community**. Print out the form, make an "X" on the map locating where you will hold your Yard Sale then fill in the rest of the form and mail it to us at: **The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740**, or send us your information by email to: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com).

For all our friends and family in neighboring communities, we also invite you to join us. If you are planning a **Yard Sale** over the **Memorial Day Weekend**, please fill out the form. To download go to: <http://thetownsmen.com> and click on the link **Friends and Neighbors** of the Sundown Community. We will list the address where your sale will take place (be sure to include your zip code for those who use GPS), include the dates, times and anything special about your event. Mail it to: **The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740**, or send us an email at [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com) with your information.

Please get us your information by this **Friday, May 14, 2021** so that we can post all the Memorial Day Yard Sales in the **May 20th and 27th issue of The Townsman**. Please feel free share this information with your friends and neighbors. Let them know they too can be part of this year's **4th Annual Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale**

NAME & TELE # (only if we need to get in touch with you; not for publication): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS WHERE YARD SALE WILL BE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates & Time of your Yard Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information about your Yard Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**



**GRAHAMSVILLE**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

350 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY

**8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

***HUGE YARD SALE***

*If you have more questions, please contact 845-985-2283.*



**- Our Mission -**

*To become one with God as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, share our faith with others, and serve God's church, community and world.*



# Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Saturday, May 29, 2021  
9 am till sold out!

Homemade pies, cakes  
cookies, brownies  
and assorted goodies!

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall  
845-985-7480

God Bless you and thank you for  
your continued support!

# Grahamsville Reformed Church

## Roast Beef Dinner

June 12, 2021

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,  
Carrots, Salad,  
Bread and Homemade Cake

Take Outs Only...

**DINNERS: \$14.00**

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT  
AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



# UC Executive Ryan Joins Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone to Call on Congress to Restore State and Local Tax Deductions

## *1 out of 3 Ulster County homeowners have been negatively impacted by the SALT Cap*

NEW PALTZ, NY - Today, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan joined Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone to discuss restoring tax deductibility for New York homeowners who have been negatively impacted by the federal SALT tax law that limits their state and local tax deductions. This meeting was part of a coalition of County Executives from the Lower Hudson Valley who have formed a partnership to call on federal representations to support full SALT restoration. In Ulster County, there have been a total of 86,590 tax returns filed of which 30,420 would qualify for SALT. Statewide, over 3 million New Yorkers have filed for SALT deductions worth more than \$73 million.

“The SALT cap hurts Ulster County homeowners, small business owners, and our regional economy,” said Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. “Thank you to County Executive Bellone for



your leadership on this issue, and I look forward to our continued partnership in pushing Congress to restore these vital tax deductions.”

“Washington effectively took money out of families pockets here in order to deliver tax cuts around the rest of the country,” said Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone. “It is unjustified and has a real impact on families and all of New York and our ability to provide the services that we need. We are building a suburban coalition around New York State and working with great County Executives like Pat Ryan. As we come out of the pandemic we need to do everything we can to strengthen families and put more money in people’s pockets and that is what getting rid of the SALT cap will do.”

The SALT deduction cap also falls disproportionately on a handful of states, requiring them to pay for the share of the 2017 tax cuts for corporations and individuals nationwide. Compounding the damage of the SALT cap is that funding formula

to support federally mandated programs like education, public health, and safety, maintaining critical infrastructure, implementing and monitoring environmental and labor laws are often based on the overall wealth of individual states.

The federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 capped the amount that homeowners could deduct on their state and local taxes to \$10,000, or \$5,000 for married taxpayers filing separately. Prior to the new federal tax law, SALT

deductions were not capped, therefore resulting in an effective tax increase for working families on Long Island, in the Hudson Valley, and across New York State.

**Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing**

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or **disastercustomerservice@sba.gov**.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert**

# **Claryville Fire Dept.**

1500 Denning Road Claryville NY 12725

## **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**



# **Sunday, June 20**

**Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$9**

**Children Ages 5-11: \$5**

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

**\*\*\*\*REMINDER Masks are required and limited seat capacity!  
\*\*\*All customers who are dining in will be required to sign the Covid-19 waiver  
form and have their temperature taken\*\*\***

**Take-outs are available 985-7270**

\$50 from the breakfast is donated to The Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry



## NOW TRENDING... in Ulster County for May 2021

### May 15, 22 29: Kingston Farmers' Market Grand

**Opening:** Every Saturday through November 20. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Outdoor market: County Courthouse parking lot entrance on John Street, Kingston. [kingstonfarmersmarket.org](http://kingstonfarmersmarket.org)

**May 10-23: Hudson Valley Restaurant Week:** Restaurants throughout Ulster County offer special, three-course dinner menus for \$35.95. Many also offer 3-course lunches for \$25.95. Restaurants have the option to offer dinner, lunch, or both. (Not including beverage, tax and tip). This season, restaurants are also able to offer their prix-fix menus as a take-out option. Those who have opted to offer their menu for take-out will have a "take-out" filter noted on their listing. All restaurants offer their menu for dine-in. [valleytable.com/hvrv](http://valleytable.com/hvrv)

**May 15: Opus 40: Free Community Day for Locals:** Join us for our annual spring ritual, modified to accommodate our rigorous COVID protocols. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Register in advance. 845-246-3400; 845-246-3400. [opus40.org](http://opus40.org)

**May 15 & 16: Family Friendly Spring Festival.** Outdoors with food and entertainment. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets: 845-246-5890; [eventbrite.com/e/spring-festival-tickets-148516341375](http://eventbrite.com/e/spring-festival-tickets-148516341375) Cantine Field Veteran's Memorial Complex, Washington Avenue Extension, Saugerties. 845-246-5890; [saugertiesrecreation.com/our-team](http://saugertiesrecreation.com/our-team)

**May 28-31: Spring Stroll:** Explore the rich heritage of Kingston, from dozens of historic sites and museums to bustling shops and restaurants in all three of the city's business districts. 4-7 p.m. Sponsored by Kingston Uptown Business Association (KUBA). [kuba.network/springstroll](http://kuba.network/springstroll)

**May 29-31: Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair-40th Anniversary Year:** Voted #2 contemporary craft fair nationwide by Sunshine Artist Magazine, this open-air market offers features works by juried artists and craftspeople, small-batch foods and apothecary products, and the Hudson Valley's best wines, craft beer and spirits. Ongoing demonstrations, live music, fresh food and children's activities make this a hand-crafted fest for the whole family. The fair will follow NYSDOH current mandates to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all visitors and exhibitors. This year, the Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair is across from Ulster County Fairgrounds at Field of Dreams Park, New Paltz Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Monday 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For tickets, discounts and information: [quailhollow.com](http://quailhollow.com)

**May 30: Catskill Mountain Railroad Ice Cream Sundays:** Enjoy a delicious ice cream treat as you see the natural beauty and fresh air of the Catskills from our railroad's scenic train. We are only using our open air flat cars. Passenger count is limited to 60 people per train. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Book reservations online. Catskill Mountain Railroad, 55 Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; [catskillmountainrailroad.com](http://catskillmountainrailroad.com)

**WEDNESDAYS:** Woodstock Farm Festival 3-7 p.m. (opens May 29) Just across Rock City Road, by Mountain View Studio, the Woodstock Artist's Cemetery, and along Mountainview Avenue. [woodstockfarmfestival.com](http://woodstockfarmfestival.com)

**SATURDAYS:** Kingston Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. County Courthouse parking lot, Kingston [info@kingstonfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@kingstonfarmersmarket.org) [kingstonfarmersmarket.org](http://kingstonfarmersmarket.org)

Saugerties Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (opens May 22) 115 Main St., Saugerties 917-453-2082 [saugertiesfarmersmarket.com](http://saugertiesfarmersmarket.com)

**SUNDAYS:** D&H Canal Sunday Market 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Grady Park, Route 213, High Falls 845-810-0471 Facebook: High Falls Flea Market

**WEEKENDS:** Mower's Flea Market 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (opens May 22) 11 Maple Lane, Woodstock 845-679-6744 [mowers-saturday-sunday-flea-market.business.site/](http://mowers-saturday-sunday-flea-market.business.site/)

## DEC and State Parks Encourage Campers to Use Local Firewood While Enjoying the Outdoors

### State's Firewood Regulations Limit Firewood Movement to Protect New York Forests

With the start of the 2021 camping season underway, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Erik Kulleseid today encouraged campers to use local firewood and follow New York State firewood regulations to help prevent the spread of invasive species. Untreated firewood - firewood that has not met the state's heat treatment standard - can contain invasive pests that kill trees. To protect New York's forests, untreated firewood should not be moved more than 50 miles from its source of origin.

"Using local firewood is an easy way to help protect our forests from invasive pests and diseases," said Commissioner Seggos. "Moving untreated firewood is one of the main ways invasive pests spread to new areas. I urge all campers to help stop the spread of invasive species and protect the places we love by leaving untreated firewood at home and using firewood from local sources."

"We all have a role to play in protecting our parks and forests from the risks of invasive species that can be carried on firewood," said Commissioner Kulleseid. "By leaving their firewood at home and using only local sources, campers can help slow the spread of disease and protect our precious natural resources."

Many people take campfire wood from their backyards or neighborhoods as they head out to a favorite camping spot, not realizing the wood may be hiding the eggs, larvae, spores, adults, or even seeds of invasive threats. Hitching a ride on infested or infected firewood allows these pests to spread faster and farther than they could have on their own. A variety of invasive species can be transported on firewood, from wood boring beetles and defoliators to fungi and diseases. (Contd. Pg. 44)

## DEC and State Parks Encourage Campers to Use Local Firewood While Enjoying the Outdoors

(From Pg. 43) **New York State firewood regulations:**

Prohibit untreated firewood from being brought into New York State from other states or countries;

Prohibit untreated firewood grown in the state from being transported more than 50 miles from its source or origin; and

Require that people carry source, origin, or treatment documentation whenever transporting firewood.

The origin of the wood is where it was grown. Anyone that cuts firewood for personal use is required to fill out a Self-Issued Certificate of Origin (PDF), available on DEC's website. Producers of untreated firewood for sale must obtain wood grown within 50 miles of their business but may then declare the business as the source of the firewood. Examples of the source documentation (PDF) are also available on DEC's website. Consumers purchasing untreated firewood should make sure the source is clearly labeled to know how far the wood may be transported.

Firewood that meets the state's heat treatment standard (160 degrees Fahrenheit core temperature for 75 minutes) needs to be labeled "New York-Approved Heat Treated/Pest Free," and can be moved without restriction. Heat-treating to this standard has been proven to kill insects and diseases that may be in firewood. Kiln-dried only means the wood was heated to dry it out so it will burn well, but it may not have reached 160 degrees Fahrenheit for 75 minutes. Purchasers of heat-treated firewood are encouraged to look for the appropriate label indicating the wood meets the standard. Pressure-treated firewood should never be burned.

Quarantines for individual invasive species, such as oak wilt and the Asian longhorned beetle, may further restrict the transport of firewood in specific areas. As quarantines are lifted, expanded, or tightened, the firewood regulation will continue to remain in place. For more information on Firewood and Invasive Insects or to see DEC's PSA, visit DEC's website or contact DEC's Forest Health Division at foresthealth@dec.ny.gov.

## DEC Announces 'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grants – \$450,000 in Grants Now Available for Eligible Private Forest Landowners through New Grant Program

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that \$450,000 is now available in the first round of the State's new 'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grant Program. The grant program is designed to assist private landowners growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supplying an important renewable resource.

"Nearly 75 percent of New York's 18.7 million acres of forestland is privately owned," said Commissioner Seggos. "Each year, New York's private forests remove CO2 from the atmosphere at a rate equal to the emissions from two million gasoline-powered automobiles, underscoring the importance of partnering with landowners to sustain our forests and fight against climate change. The Regenerate NY grant program supports the renewal of our forests and will help New York State meet our ambitious carbon-reduction goals, and I encourage interested landowners to take advantage of this new program."

"The benefits of forests continue after they are harvested, as well," said New York State Forester Robert Davies. "Products made from wood require significantly less energy to make than their CO2 intense counterparts like aluminum and plastic, and solid wood products continue to store carbon well beyond a tree's lifetime. Supporting regeneration efforts on private lands will help build this vital resource during a time when the benefits of forests are more valuable than ever."

The regeneration of New York's forests is dependent on the successful establishment and survival of tree seedlings. Over the past several decades, the ability of New York's forests to regenerate has been diminished due to widespread damage caused by white-tailed deer, excessive competition from native and non-native vegetation, and the impacts of climate change.

Grant funds are available through New York State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests. Private landowners who own between 10 and 1,000 acres of forest land in New York State may apply for grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$3,000 to a maximum of \$50,000, with a required 25 percent match. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, planting trees, soil scarification, removing competing vegetation that would interfere with seedling establishment and growth, and installation of deer fence. Applicants must work with a private forester to develop their project. Up to two applications may be submitted per applicant, provided the applications are for separate properties.

"Regenerate NY has been a priority of ESFPA for a couple of years and we are glad to see the release of the first round of funding" said John Bartow, Executive Director of Empire State Forest Products Association. "Regenerate NY is the most significant commitment to private family forestland stewardship since the enactment of the Forest Practices Act in 1946."

"The New York Forest Owner's Association applauds the Regenerate NY Forestry Cost Share Grant Program," said the organization's President, Stacey Kazacos. "Funding stewardship and regeneration efforts will help ensure our forests continue to support New York's rural economy, protect our water and air quality, and sequester carbon, for generations to come. We look forward to the long-term improvements this initiative will contribute to our communities throughout the state."

"Climate change is already affecting thousands of New Yorkers, and in the months and years ahead, more and more of us will face flooding, droughts, and extreme heat," said Michelle Brown, Senior Conservation Scientist, The Nature Conservancy. "New York's trees are a powerful tool in the fight against climate change as healthy forests absorb and store carbon. Ensuring our forests can thrive will not only help combat climate change, it will also protect clean drinking water, preserve wildlife habitat, and strengthen local economies. The Nature Conservancy commends Governor Cuomo, the State Legislature, and the Department of Environmental Conservation for protecting nature and people with continued, historic investments in Regenerate New York and other programs in the Environmental Protection Fund."

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

Applications can be submitted through the NYS Grants Gateway and will be accepted until 3 p.m. on October 8, 2021, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Applicants need to establish an account in the Grants Gateway System. During the COVID-19 emergency, only registrations submitted via email will be accepted. Per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.7, NYS notarization services may be performed remotely using audio-visual technology. Please contact a notary for additional information and instructions. Once registered, applicants can search the Grants Gateway for "Regenerate NY." DEC is holding a webinar for interested applicants on Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m. For instructions on how to access the webinar via phone or computer, or for details about the grant opportunity including application criteria, visit DEC's website.





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 There is a growing interest in having the **4th Annual Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale** this year. If you are interested and want to be included on our Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale Map in the May 20 & 27, 2021 issue please send us an email with your information to: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)



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**“FRANCESCO”**

(Year 2020 Runtime, 116 minutes, Language, English, Spanish, Italian, French (with English subtitles) Country USA, Italy, Czech Republic, Rating NR,)

With Pope Francis as our guide, **FRANCESCO** takes an unsparing look at the most pressing issues of the 21st Century: Economic disparity, race and gender inequality, the climate crisis, COVID-19, immigration, peace and religious tolerance, shining a light on the challenges and consequences that have led us to this moment in time. As we embark on this journey, we discover a leader who demonstrates humility, wisdom and generosity towards all, and whose ideals can help us build a bridge to a better future and thrive as a global community. As a result, the film portrays Pope Francis as a leader who provides hope and inspiration during one of the most unprecedented moments in our lives.

Evgeny Afineevsky is an Oscar and Emmy-nominated director, whose documentary, **CRIES FROM SYRIA**, was an *Official Selection* at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. Afineevsky won Best Director and earned nomination for Best Documentary from the Critics' Choice Documentary Awards. He and his film earned IPA Satellite Awards nominations for Best Documentary and Best Song in a Documentary for **PRAYERS FOR THIS WORLD**, performed by Cher. The *Awards Circuit Community Awards* nominated his movie as Best Documentary Feature for 2017. He won International Documentary Association's *Courage Under Fire Award*, earned a PGA Award nomination, won a Humanitas Prize and *Cinema for Peace Awards* as Most Valuable Documentary of the Year, won 32nd Fort Lauderdale Film Festival, *Documentaries Without Borders Film Festival* and 51st Houston WorldFest Film Festival, as well as the *Overseas Press Club's Peter Jennings Award*. Recently Afineevsky and his movie **CRIES FROM SYRIA** earned 4 Emmy nominations. Evgeny was last at **FLIFF** in 2017 when his film won Best Documentary. We are thrilled to welcome him back with this magnificent film. co-sponsored by Sharon Kersten & Kersten Communications, and Estelle Fineberg & Estelle Fineberg Counseling; **FRANCESCO**—Directed by Evgeny Afineevsky; Produced by Evgeny Afineevsky, Den Tolmor, Eric Esrailian, Teri Schwartz, Executive Producer Ted Hope, Colleen Camp, Mark Monroe, Bonnie Abaunza, Tom-a Srovnal, Michelle Bertr-n Neve, Svetlana Chistyakova, Elba Luis Lugo, Bohdan Batruch, Robert Fyvolent; Filmmaker Evgeny Afineevsky; Cast: **His Holiness Pope Francis, His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Jose Ignacio Bergoglio, Juan Carlos Cruz, Mark Kennedy Shriver, Rabbi Abraham Skorka, Sheikh Omar Abboud, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, and Sister Norma Pimentel. Cinematography: Evgeny Afineevsky and Teodora Totoiu. Editor Dan Swietlik. ACE Composer Adam Peters.** (Contd. Pg. 45)

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ON TCM WEDNESDAY MAY 19, 2021 8:00 pm  
**JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG**  
(3h 10m | Drama | TV-14 / (1961))



An aging American judge presides over the trial of Nazi war criminals.

**Directed by Stanley Kramer; Starring, Spencer Tracy, Marlene Dietrich, Burt Lancaster.** Surperb telling of the post WWII trials of crimes against humanity. It seems no one knew of the atrocities against human beings – torture, needless killing based on a mental deficiency – meaning to exterminate all who disagree with the supposed *supermen*, evidently not so super, or to be considered as men.

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ON TCM WEDNESDAY MAY 19, 2021 11:30 pm

**PATHS OF GLORY**

(1h 26m | Drama | TV-PG / (1958)

A military lawyer comes to question the status quo when he defends three men accused of cowardly acts. **Directed by Stanley Kubrick, Starring, Kirk Douglas, George Macready, Adolphe Menjou.**



*Paths of Glory* is a 1957 American anti-war film co-written and directed by Stanley Kubrick, based on the novel of the same name by Humphrey Cobb. Set during World War I, the film stars Kirk Douglas as Colonel Dax, the



commanding officer of French soldiers who refuses to continue a suicidal attack, after which Dax attempts to defend them against charges of lack of bravery in a court-martial.

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