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## TVTA President April Kacos Receives Mid-Hudson School Study Council's Teaching Excellence Award



On Thursday night the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) President, April Kacos, was recognized as a recipient of this year's Mid-Hudson School Study Council's Teaching Excellence award. Mrs. Kacos is so worthy of this recognition –she is an outstanding teacher who has made a difference in the lives of so many kids. The TVTA would like to thank her for being such a leader for their association as well. She has meant so much to their members over the years. Congratulations, Mrs. Kacos. We can think of no one more deserving!

## Coffee with the Sheriff and ...

On Saturday, a senior from Tri-Valley School, Connor Rafferty very successfully coordinated a unique event –*Coffee with the Sheriff*.



*On the left SC Sheriff Mike Schiff; on the right, Connor Rafferty –coordinator of the event.*

Sullivan County Sheriff, Mike Schiff along with Undersheriff, Eric Chaboty and others from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department were among the numerous law enforcement personnel that were present. They were joined by officers from the NYS Police and the NYC DEP.

Guests were free to ask questions about any concerns they may have had regarding law enforcement while they enjoyed a good cup of coffee and pizza.

It also was an opportunity for members of the community to say 'thank you' to our law enforcement front line workers.

Thank you to Connor Rafferty, who will be attending college in the fall studying law enforcement and then on to the police academy that will lead toward his career choice of one day becoming a law enforcement officer. Congratulations Connor!

Thank you to Neversink General Store for hosting the event.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

John 3:12

## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

May 28, 1952

Chauncey Mitchell Dayton, Jr. has been awarded an honor entrance scholarship in the amount of \$690 for the academic year 1952-53 to the University of Chicago on the basis of a competitive examination. Chan, who is 16, and a junior at Tri Valley High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Dayton of Grahamsville.

George Knox of Liberty died at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty on May 20th at the age of 71. He was born April 11, 1881 at Woodbourne, the son of George Knox and Anna Broome. Surviving are his widow, the former Nellie Merritt whom he married in 1903; one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Davis of Liberty and two sons, Harry of Neversink and Harold, now with the U.S. Air Force in Korea.

Miss Marilyn Mickelson was hostess last Wednesday evening at a miscellaneous bridal shower for Miss Helen Sheley. Miss Sheley's engagement to Mr. Frederick Russell of Saugerties was announced some time ago. The wedding is set for June 1st at Blue Mountain.

May 23, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Condon are the proud parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Jean, born May 15th at White Plains, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray of Kerhonkson are the parents of a girl, Nancy C., born May 14th at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. Mrs. Gray is the former Gerry Christensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller attended the ground breaking for the new Masonic Temple on Saturday afternoon in Liberty. In the evening, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Hill and Ross Tompkins, they attended the 100th Anniversary of the Masonic Lodge Banquet held at the Laurels Country Club in Sacket Lake. Also present from here were Mr. and Mrs. Donald TerBush.

The marriage of Brenda Quick of Ellenville and James Brooks of Lows Corners took place on Sunday afternoon in Matamoras, Pa.. Miss Lois

Sheeley, friend of the bride and cousin of the groom and Mr. Barton Decker were their attendants. The newlyweds will make their home in the Ben Davis bungalow in Grahamsville.

May 31, 1972

Miss Patricia M. Osterhout of Woodbourne, N.Y. has been named to the Dean's List at Clarkson College of Technology for the spring semester. Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout and is majoring in accounting. She earned a 3.97.

Mrs. Minnie C. Eighmey and Mr. Carl D. Henderson were married Saturday, May 27th at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church by the Rev. Newton B. Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson returned from a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and are residing on the Sundown Road.

Congratulations to young Pat Denman who caught a "Whopper" on Monday evening at the Rondout Reservoir. His catch was a brown trout measuring 31 1/2" long and weighing 8 3/4 pounds.

Services were held Friday for Mr. Zophar Aldrich, 78, of Grahamsville, who died Monday in Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie. He was a retired tool grinder. He was born March 7, 1894 in Sundown to Isaac and Bertha Swarhout Aldrich. On July 2, 1932 he married the former Helen Hill in Grahamsville.

May 27, 1982

Virginia M. Mehr of Neversink and John R. Crane of Liberty were married on May 15, 1982 at the Liberty United Methodist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Baldwin officiated. Mrs. Crane is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Academy, Lodi, N.J. and she also attended Orange County Community College. She is employed at St. Theresa's Nursing Home, Middletown. Mr. Crane is a Nursing Home Administrator and is a retired Lt. Col., U.S. Army.

Congratulations to Herbert and Esther George of Sundown who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on May 22nd. A belated happy birthday to Mrs. Raymond George of Sundown who was 80 years young on May 14th.

## Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville Opening for the Season on Memorial Day Weekend

The Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, will open for the season on Memorial Day Weekend - May 28 and 29th, from noon to 4 p.m..



Andrew Wiest

To honor all fallen servicemen on this Memorial Day weekend:

- o A special reinstallation of the exhibition *A Rendezvous with Death: Local Sacrifice in the First World War*. This exhibition highlights Sullivan County residents who participated in WWI and includes photos, artifacts and little known facts and interesting information about the war and those who participated (open through 4th of July weekend).

- o Free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members through our status as a Blue Star Museum. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Also special for this weekend:

- o Hands on activities for kids with Native American artifacts, fossils and more.

- o 10% off all shop merchandise and a FREE GIFT with all purchases!

### 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 exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built. (Contd. Pg. 7)

## Household Hint:

### Make new clothes ready to wear

Get the chemicals, dust, odor, and whatever else out of your brand-new or secondhand clothes by pouring 1 cup white vinegar into the wash cycle the first time you wash them.

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

## Trillium – Ephemeral Blossom of Spring

When hiking in the woods this time of the year, you may find a beautiful Trillium three-petal flower rising above a whorl of three, leaf-like bracts.

Trillium are described as “spring ephemeral” flowers, meaning they are wildflowers that develop the aerial parts (stems, leaves and flowers) of the plant early each spring. They quickly bloom and produce seed. The leaves usually wither, leaving only underground structures (roots, rhizomes, and bulbs) for the remainder of the year.



While they are beautiful to look at they are also extremely fragile. Picking them will seriously injure the plant as it prevents the leaf-like bracts from producing food for the next year, killing the plant and ensuring none will grow in its place.

Some species of trillium are listed as threatened or endangered, meaning that picking these species may be illegal.

The plant is most common in rich deciduous and mixed upland forests. It is easily-recognized by its attractive three-petaled white flowers that bloom from the late spring to the early summer. As the flower ages, the blossom turns purple.

Trillium have a close connection with ants. They are one of many plants whose seeds are spread by ants. At maturity, the base and core of the trillium ovary turns soft and spongy. Trillium seeds have a fleshy organ that produces small fruits that attract ants. The ants take the fruit to their nest, where they eat them but put the seeds in their “garbage,” where they can germinate in a rich growing medium.

There is also a connections between trilliums and humans. Indigenous people used them for their medicinal powers.

Trillium are appropriately named for the triads of leaves, petals and sepals. The single flowers have 3 broad, showy petals and 3 green sepals.

Over the eons of time, Trilliums have been celebrated in song and rhyme.

Shakespeare described the change in a white trillium flower as it ages to purple in “Midsummer Night's Dream”...

"Yet mark'd I where the bolt of Cupid fell  
It fell upon a little western flower,  
Before milk-white, now purple with love's wound..."

If you have the good fortune of finding this gentle beauty in the woods or along a secluded forest path, remember that you can gaze upon it and study it for as long as you wish, photograph it, or perhaps point it out to co-hikers or a child, but please remember - do not pick them.

## Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!



*Spencer Scanna, Andrew Papadopoulos, James Kachelriess, Jordan Salim, Connor Mendez front row- Caelynn Babcock, Calie Mackenzie, Serenity Somers, Grace Deyo, Sean Woods*

Sean Woods won awards for Most Improved, James Kachelriess and Onyx Richards won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Grace Deyo and Connor Mendez won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

In the 7th grade, Anthony Schuman and Rebecca Squires won awards for Academic Excellence, Juliana Adams and Samantha Altman won awards for Leadership, Angelina Hinkley and Emily Poley won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Saleen Lyons and Brian Yanten won awards for Most Improved, Andrew Kelly and Brady Knight won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Chase Graham and Kiera Tixi won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



*Chase Graham, Anthony Schuman, Brady Knight, Rebecca Squires, Saleen Lyons front row- Angelina Hinkley, Juliana Adams, Samantha Altman, Kiera Tixi*

On Tuesday, May 10, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Andrew Papadopoulos and Spencer Scanna won awards for Academic Excellence, Serenity Somers won the award for Leadership, Caelynn Babcock and Calie Mackenzie won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Jordan Salim and

## Every Cloak Rolled In Blood Mysterious Book Report No. 490

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna



*Every Cloak Rolled In Blood*, (Simon & Schuster, \$27.00, 288 pages ISBN 978-1-9821-9659-2), by Mystery Writers of America Grand Master James Lee Burke, is his 50th novel and most unique ever . . . it's autobiographical in nature, a heart-wrenching lament in honor of his daughter Pamala, who, in August 2020, died unexpectedly while still in her mid-fifties, and it's also a genre-jumping slice of paranormal escapist crime fiction drama that has it all . . . evil spirits, heroic guardians, and a tragic hero whose name is Aaron Holland

Broussard; an 85 year old author.

The yarn begins when a teenaged boy spray paints a swastika on Broussard's barn door in the mountains of western Montana, not far from the city of Missoula. He files a report with local law enforcement and confronts the teen at his home in front of his father –who was driving the truck the boy was riding in when the vandalism occurred. But the boy and his father refuse to apologize or rectify the damage. The responding officer is a Montana state trooper named Ruby Spotted Horse, a member of the Blackfoot tribe, who, in the first supernatural twist, turns out to be the guardian who prevents evil spirits of the dead –known as The Old People –from escaping a portal of Hell beneath her house. She is Broussard's only living ally as he becomes the adversary of a ton of villains, including a methamphetamine dealer who's suspected to have buried people alive, a crazed evangelical preacher who dreams of producing movies, and her congregation of outlaw bikers. The grieving writer also receives visitations from his dead daughter, Fannie Mae, who appears to offer advice, conversation, encouragement . . . and warnings from the spirit world in this most unusual novel. One thing is for certain, it'll nail you on page one and won't let you go until, with tears in your eyes, you finish the last word of the last sentence on page 288. Mr. Burke thinks it's his best ever work . . . and I find it hard to argue with that!!

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**Time for Spring Cleaning,  
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Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns  
April 1st through June 30th**

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

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

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

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

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email [scparcs@sullivan.org](mailto:scparcs@sullivan.org).





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## Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville Opening for the Season on Memorial Day Weekend

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o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room is a new temporary exhibition on one room school in the Tri-Valley area. Includes a full size replica of a one room school!

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. The Museum is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September or by appointment. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Museum members are FREE.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

Picture to the right, **Corporal Russell D. Sprague** of Parksville (1898 - 1917)

While working in the trenches on Christmas Eve, an exploding German shell kills Corporal Russell Sprague, a member of the Engineer Corps. The first Sullivan County resident to die in France, he is buried there with military honors.



## FCSD Awards Four Al Rasnick Awards

On May 2, 2022, Fallsburg Central School District resumed presentation of Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Awards to four worthy students. Bart and Kathy Rasnick were present to acknowledge the students with special plaques and a pizza and salad lunch in the Board Room for families, friends and staff.

Principal Kyle Roddey thanked the Rasnick Family for their generosity and support of the award that began in 2004. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz thanked the family for recognizing students for exemplifying good actions and model behavior.

Bart Rasnick spoke to the families of award recipients stating that good behavior originates in the home and parental support of education. He and his wife Kathy were pleased that the award was being presented again.

The award recipients for 2021-2022 are Ryan Zempoaltecatl, Willson Torres Martinez, Emily Collura, and Dante Baker. Teacher Evan Mullen nominated Ryan for his maturity, growth and making good decisions regardless of social pressure. Mr. Mullen has known Ryan as his student since seventh grade. Nominated by teacher Ms. Tammy Slick as an inspiration inside and outside the classroom. He is conscientious and faces challenges and does the right thing even when things are hard. Ms. Slick expects that Willson will do great things in his future.

Dr. Katz nominated Emily Collura I would like to nominate Emily Collura for the Do the Right Thing Award. As a voice for her peers, Emily lead the charge for cafeteria improvements in the Junior/Senior High School. She organized and presented positive feedback and presented the messages to the Board of Education. In Dr. Katz's words, Emily continues to make a difference in the school district.

The final award for Dante Baker came through a nomination by Principal Roddey. When fight broke out in the school, Dante stepped up and helped break up the fight. He showed great bravery and made the situation safer for others. This is not unusual for Dante. He volunteers with the local fire department, and he is an exemplary young man.

A special highlight of the afternoon was when Joe Collura, member of the BOE and Emily's dad asked to say a few words about Bart Rasnick's dad, Al. As a young man, Joe wanted to start a lawnmowing business to earn money for his school and to help out with home expenses. He went to Mr. Rasnick's small engine repair business and found a rebuilt lawn mower. When he asked the owner how much it cost, the number was much higher than young Joe could afford. Then Mr. Rasnick, who had a gruff voice, told Joe that he would not sell the machine to him..

Joe was surprised, but Mr. Rasnick continued, "You can take the machine, use it, make some money and pay it off over so many months." Soon Joe was out mowing, and the lawn mower got damaged pretty badly. He brought it back to the shop and showed Mr. Rasnick. He took a look and said he would take it back. Then he gave Joe another mower and told him that he wanted him to have it because he was doing a good job with his business. Joe Collura was forever grateful and grew that mower into a landscaping business with forty-five employees. This is what the Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing is all about.



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Make a weekend of it with your friends or family. Nothing brings people together like good food. And in the Sullivan Catskills, our food and drink are so Catskill-icious, you may never want to leave. We have a bounty of good eats and lots more to fill your tummy. But first you must get here.

Plan your sleepover now. There are so many places to lay your head. Our hoteliers will make sure you have everything you need whether you select a full-service resort, hip inn, vacation rental, B&B or even a campground.

Now, about that food-and drink. We happen to know that most Americans if they didn't have to worry about the consequences would eat pizza every day. Good thing we have lots of it. Start in the little river town of Callicoon where it's Restaurant Week May 13 through May 22 featuring farm to table cuisine, spirits, cider, beer, shopping and pizza. Speaking of pizza, there are more than a dozen Sullivan Catskills restaurants serving the yummy cheesy discs. Try a Jackson Pollack, a White Album Pizza, a Pig Latin Pie, or a Mushroom and Taleggio pie. Now, you can't live on pizza alone. Our inventive chefs are serving up yummy dishes like Aussie Meat Pie, Cedar Grilled Arctic Char, Lobster Baguette, Cauliflower and Chickpea Curry, and Wild Ramp Prosciutto. And let's not forget about dessert. Sink your teeth into Moon Pies, Cider Donuts, or Poppy Seed Danish. What will you have to drink with it? Our brew masters, distillers, vintners, and cider makers on the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail will happily quench your thirst. Try Bootlegger Bourbon, Wood Duck Chardonnay, Kozak Porter, Bonfire Rye, Ball Lightning, Opiate Sun, Elderberry Vodka, Delaware Dry Cider, Bossfight Cyser, Cow Pail Ale, Rainbow Red Ale, Frost Valley IPA, and Stickett Inn Cider.

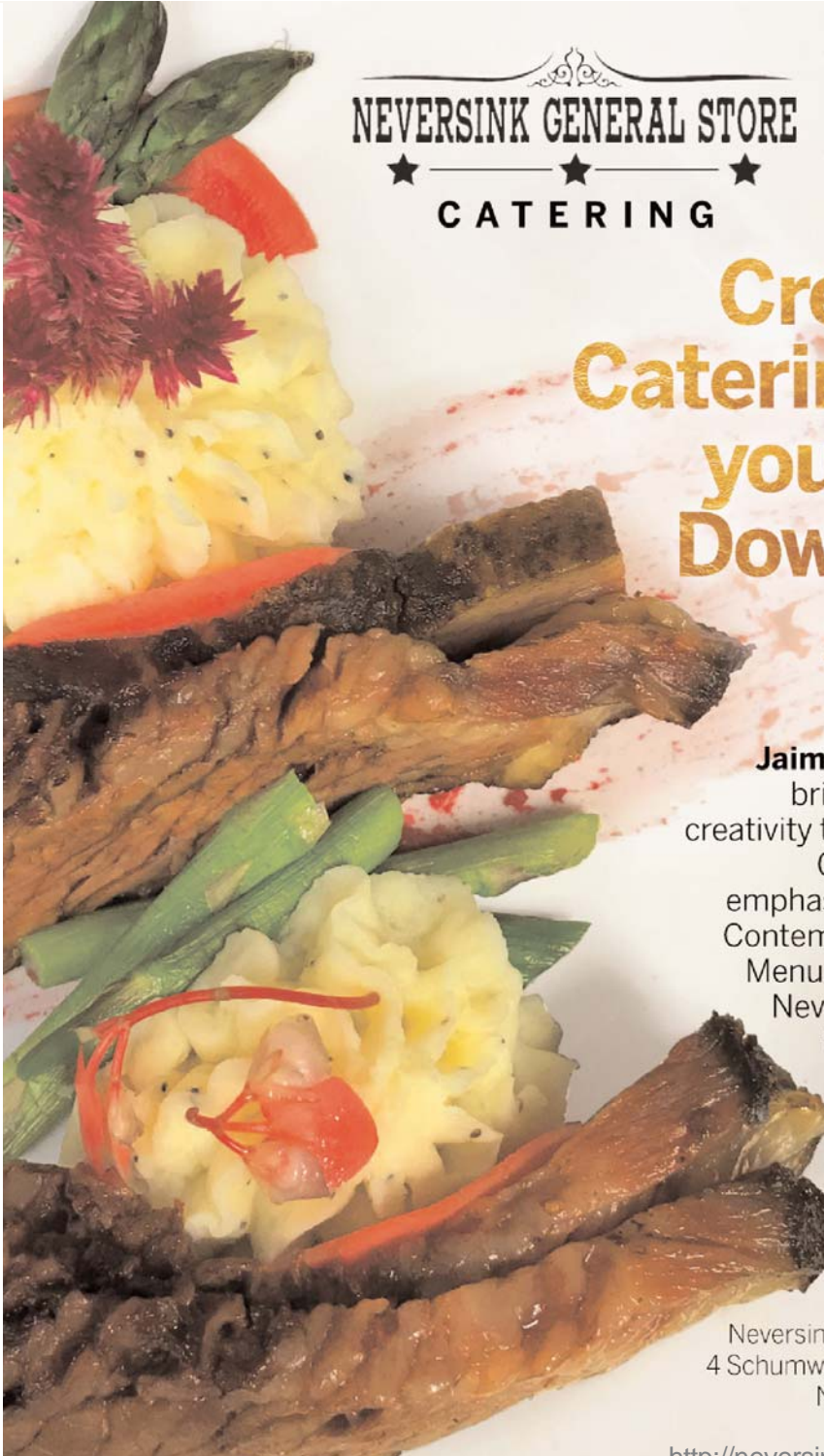
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For the latest happenings, bookmark our website: SullivanCatskills.com. And like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram, and TikTok.

Memorial Day is on the Horizon and that means our Sullivan Catskills comes alive with festivals, music and more. Make a note in your mobile calendar for these fun happenings:

- o The Festival of the Founding Shad May 21
- o Tap NY Craft Beer and Food Festival May 21
- o Catskill Mountain Polka Weekend May 21
- o The Bradstan Cabaret Series starting May 29

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## **New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County**

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street in Kingston on Friday, May 13th at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 18 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

Due to the Office of Court Administration's COVID safety protocols, no outside observers will be permitted to attend the ceremony. There are, however, several local elected officials and organizations who will be helping to welcome the new citizens by awarding them with congratulatory certificates and providing them with useful resources and materials.

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable David M. Gandin, Supreme Court Justice, State of New York. Judge Gandin will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 18 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

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

## The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

So with half of one laptop working (it stopped recognizing the internet exists) and the half of the other working (it recognizes the internet but not half of the keyboard), I'm going to attempt to cobble this together for you. Ahhh, the joys of the cosmos (Mercury in retrograde) messing with technology.

A long long time ago in a land far away, I had a friend named Charlotte, a Jazz singer, a soprano with a three octave range and a regular performer (meaning every weekend). We were roommates on the Near North side, one block off Lake Michigan. This was before the big push to rid that area of all renters so every building could go condo to attract only the wealthy. That plan failed miserably for Chicago, by the way.

My friend Charlotte introduced me to a lot of people in that world. One of those she introduced me to was a man by the name of THURMAN

BARKER. I did not know who he was. I DID know, he was soft spoken and very much a gentleman. We talked quite a bit, almost never about music.

Then Charlotte married a blonde, blue-eyed Swede and moved to Minnesota. I moved to another part of Chicago and we lost touch. It was only in the ensuing years

that I came to know who this man, that I considered a friend, really was.

Friday, I took the trip to RAFTERS in Callicoon to see THE THURMAN BARKER TRIO. It was the first time I had actually seen the man perform live and it was easy to see why my Jazz playing friends speak of him in reverent terms. JEFF CIAMPA, on guitar, is another notable having backed HARRY BELAFONTE and JOHN LUCIEN. The young man with



them that night, CLAYTON THOMPSON on the double bass (that's an upright bass that can be played with fingers or with a bow, like a cello) was quite a surprise. First he looked like a fresh scrubbed boy straight from the Mid West and yet he fit in with these seasoned Jazz pros beautifully.

In the ensuing time after Chicago, I gained a real appreciation for some Jazz. Mostly instrumentals, with a glass of white wine at the end of a really great day and most particularly in my Manhattan days. I had forgotten that. I even had a vintage depression era wine glass, long sense lost to posterity. And I found myself longing to rekindle that tradition.

So, what's coming up:

**Wednesday night:** Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S hosted by CASWYN MOON

**Thursday night:** It's CASWYN hosting the Open Mic at THE DALE

CABERNET FRANK'S for the weekend:

**Friday May 20:** RADIO AGLOE

**Saturday May 21:** GLASSY HONK

**Also on Saturday:**

The CIVIL AIR PATROL at the Sullivan County Airport H7; 12pm to 4 (sorry I'm going to miss this..but)

Beginning crochet at FIBER ON MAIN taught by yours truly. Preregistration required. \$40; 1pm to 3

**Sunday, May 22:**

Open Mic at DEFILLIPI'S in Monticello; 11AM to 1ish

Open Mic at RAFTERS in Callicoon; 2PM to 4ish  
Brunch at CABERNET FRANK'S; 12pm with live music starting at 2

And mark your calendars for these future dates:

**May 29: THE RIVER RAMBLERS** at the CATSKILL BREWERY in Livingston Manor

**June 10: THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM** is holding a talk and book signing of **MADHOUSE AT THE END OF THE EARTH**, written by

JULIAN SANCTION presented by THE FREDERICK COOK SOCIETY.

**June 11: CRAW-DADDY** is back at **CABERNET FRANK'S**

And my knee is getting better, just slower than I want.

Stay well, stay safe and mask up if it makes you feel safer (I do)

Until next time.....




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## CONSUMER ALERT:

### Attorney General James Warns Against Price Gouging of Baby Formula AG James Advises Parents to Speak to Doctor if Short on Formula, Encourages New Yorkers to Donate Excess Formula to Local Food Pantries

NEW YORK - With increased shortages of baby formula due to recalls and supply chain disruptions, New York Attorney General Letitia James today warned retailers that price gouging is illegal. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is aware of reports of baby formula being sold online for prices far exceeding its retail value. Attorney General James urges New Yorkers to be on alert for potential price gouging of baby formula and to report any dramatic price increases to her office. In addition, Attorney General James encourages parents having difficulty finding formula to speak with their child's doctor before attempting to water down formula or make their own, both of which can be potentially dangerous to a child. Attorney General James asks that anyone with extra unopened, unexpired formula consider donating it to their local food pantry.

"The national baby formula shortage is terrifying for parents concerned about how to feed their children," said Attorney General James. "The last thing any family needs is to be price gouged on critical nutrition for their little ones, which is why I am putting profiteers seeking to take advantage of this crisis on notice. If New Yorkers see exorbitant price increases for baby formula, I encourage them to report it to my office immediately. Anyone who seeks to take advantage of this crisis is on notice. I also urge any parent who is struggling to find formula to speak with their child's doctor before altering or using formula other than directed. If New Yorkers have excess unopened, unexpired formula, please consider donating it to your local food pantry to help families in need."

New York law prohibits merchants from taking unfair advantage of consumers by selling goods or services that are vital to their health, safety, or welfare for an unconscionably excessive price. Due to the nationwide shortage, OAG advises consumers to buy only as much formula as they need and not to unnecessarily stock up as such panic buying may intensify the shortage and could encourage sellers to engage in illegal price gouging. The OAG also reminds consumers that it is not price gouging for retailers to limit the amount of formula they sell to individual consumers.

When reporting price gouging to OAG, consumers should:

- o Report the specific increased prices, the dates, and places that they saw the increased prices, and the types of formula being sold; and,
- o Provide copies of their sales receipts and photos of the advertised prices, if available.

New Yorkers should report potential concerns about price gouging to OAG by filing a complaint online or call 800-771-7755.

## MONTICELLO MAN SENTENCED FOLLOWING TRIAL CONVICTIONS FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF ORDER OF PROTECTION



DA Meagan Galligan announced Friday, May 13, 2022, Ronald Royster, 30, of Monticello, was sentenced by Sullivan County Court Judge E. Danielle Jose-Decker to an aggregate prison term of 7.5 to 15 years for repeatedly violating an Order of Protection. On March 3, 2022, a trial jury convicted Royster of Aggravated Criminal Contempt, Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, Aggravated Family Offense

and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, all felonies, in connection with his conduct against a former paramour. Royster repeatedly attempted to make contact with the victim, including by ringing her doorbell and throwing a rock through the window of a car parked in her driveway. He has previously been convicted of two misdemeanors and one felony Criminal Contempt for his conduct against the same woman. Royster is currently serving a 3.5 year sentence on an Orange County conviction for attempted possession of a loaded firearm; this sentence will be served consecutively to his time on that conviction.

“The victim in this case bravely faced the man who has terrified her for years. Today, at sentencing, he reiterated his intention to continue to locate her. I am grateful that the Court recognized the severity of this defendant's conduct and imposed the maximum permissible sentences on his convictions consistent with the recommendation of my Office,” Galligan said. She thanked the State Police and Department of Corrections and Community Supervision for their assistance with the investigation and prosecution of this case. She commended Assistant District Attorney Lisa Bondarenka for her advocacy in this case.

Royster was represented by Glenn Kroll, Esq.

## NEW JERSEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN SULLIVAN COUNTY FATAL VEHICULAR CRASH CASE

Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan announced that James Greco, 52, of Franklin Lakes, NJ, pled guilty today, May 11, 2022, to felony Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree before County Court Judge Jim Farrell. A Sullivan County Grand Jury indicted Greco for operating a pickup truck on Route 42 in the Town of Fallsburg on May 21, 2021, with oxycodone and fentanyl in his system, crossing a double yellow line and crashing into a vehicle operated by Jose Daniel Roldan-Roldan. Emergency responders transported Roldan-Roldan to Garnett Catskills Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. Greco was transported to and treated at Westchester Medical Center. The Fallsburg Police Department and the District Attorney's Office executed search warrants to obtain

Greco's blood and search his vehicle, securing evidence which resulted in Greco's indictment.

Absent a plea agreement, New York law provides that Greco could be sentenced to as little as a fine or probation for this offense. The plea agreement secured by the District Attorney's Office today ensures that Greco pled guilty with the understanding that he is going to prison with a maximum term of no less than 5 years and up to 6 years. Sentencing is scheduled for September 8, 2022.

Galligan said, “This victim was a hard-working man on his way to a job when the defendant's decision to take pills and drive stole Jose from his loved ones. While my Office secured a top-count conviction and ensured that this defendant will go to prison for up to six years, this case demonstrates that statutes pertaining to vehicular deaths in our State are inadequate to address the losses suffered by innocent people at the hands of those who improperly operate motor vehicles. We continue to urge our Legislature to give prosecutors the tools we need to take offenders who endanger everyone who lives, works and travels through our communities off the road.” Galligan thanked Mobile Medic, Hatzalah Ambulance, the South Fallsburg Fire Department, the Fallsburg Police Department and all of the first responders who assisted at the scene, as well as Assistant District Attorney Lisa Bondarenka who prosecuted this case.

Greco is represented by Craig Weiss, Esq.

## LONG ISLAND MAN SENTENCED IN SULLIVAN COUNTY MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan



announced that Andre Farrier, 49, of Wyandanch, New York, was sentenced today on his guilty plea to class A felony Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree. On July 8, 2021, Farrier, who has five previous felony convictions for weapons charges and drug sales and was driving without a valid license, was stopped by State Police on Route 17 in the Town of Mamakating. Troopers discovered multiple packages of vacuum-sealed, pressed blocks of cocaine in the vehicle, including in a coffee container

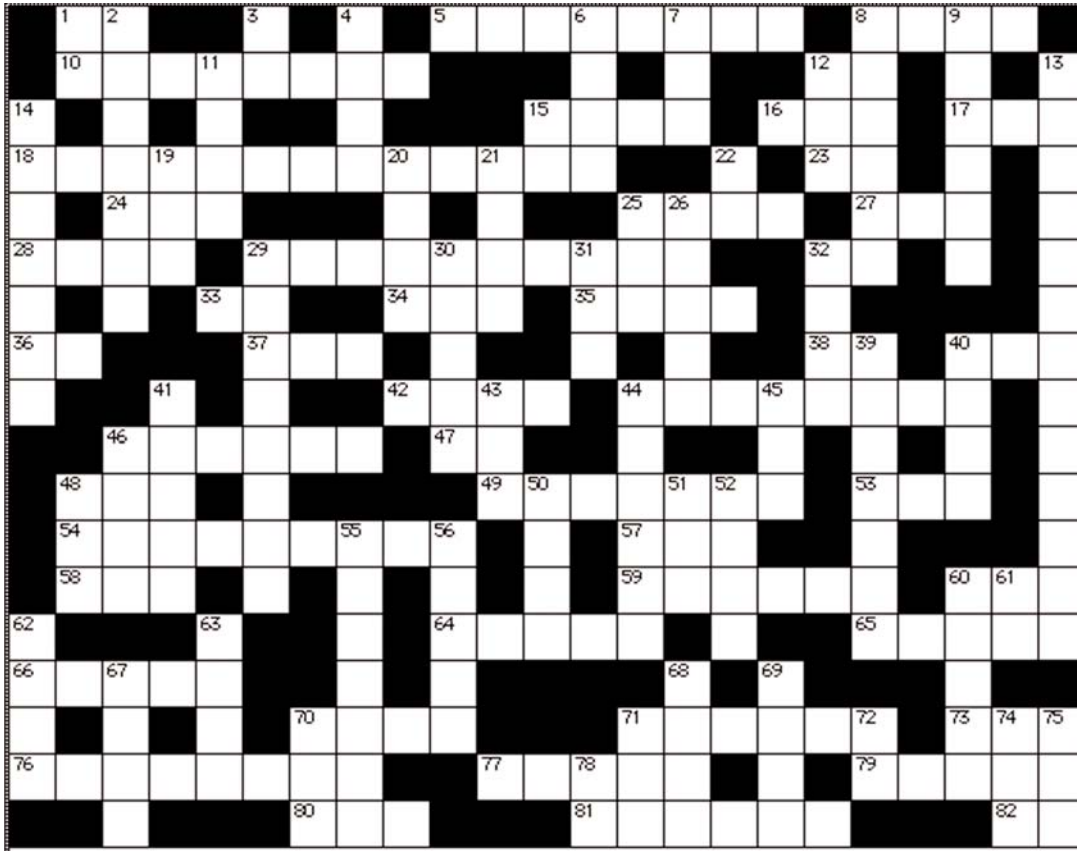
and a bag of garbage. The weight of the drugs after lab analysis was well in excess of four ounces. A Sullivan County Grand Jury indicted Farrier, who subsequently pled guilty on March 17, 2022. He was sentenced before County Court Judge Jim Farrell today to 12 years of incarceration to be followed by 5 years of post-release supervision.

Galligan said, “High-level distribution of drugs like these leads to street-level violence and endangers our communities. I am grateful for the continuing partnership of my Office with the State Police and our local law enforcement agencies that lead to successful prosecutions like this.” Galligan thanked the New York State Police, including the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Investigation Center, and Assistant District Attorney Michael Puma, who prosecuted the case.

Farrier was represented by the Sullivan Legal Aid Panel.



Looking at our Heritage - L. Comando



**ACROSS**  
 1 As relates to  
 5 What a mycologist might look for  
 8 Part of a roof  
 10 First capital of NYS  
 12 Exist  
 15 Measure of land  
 16 Washington Irving's Catskill Mountain character who saw the gnomes  
 17 Strong alkaline solution used for washing  
 18 Native American name for the river that flows two ways  
 23 Rhode Island  
 24 Electrically charged atom  
 25 Fastened together  
 27 Wheat-like cereal plant

28 Metal finger band  
 29 Send forth on a voyage  
 32 Regarding mammal  
 34 Drag something heavy  
 35 Set of rules of conduct  
 36 Common Era  
 37 Young dog  
 38 Associated Press  
 40 Expression of human creative skill  
 42 Polychlorinated biphenyl isomers  
 44 Hudson's vessel (2 wds)  
 46 NY was one of the original  
 47 Hectare  
 48 In Chinese philosophy the absolute prin-

cipal underlying the universe  
 49 Creek in Tri-Valley that is a Hudson River tributary  
 53 Falsehood  
 54 New World colony capital; once NYC  
 47 Star in the center of our solar system  
 58 Domesticated animal  
 59 Adjust to a particular situation  
 60 Armed conflict  
 64 Connected railroad cars  
 65 Jet-black  
 66 Large natural stream of water  
 70 Gelatinous substance from red seaweed used to thicken foods  
 71 Begin  
 73 Environmental Protection Agency  
 76 Culture

77 What Henry Hudson and a few of his crew saw when they were lured by music into the Catskill Mountains  
 79 Committee  
 80 Strange  
 47 Star in the center of our solar system  
 \_\_\_\_\_, a splendid repository of our heritage in the Catskill Watershed  
 82 Northeast  
**DOWN**  
 1 All is correct  
 2 Catching fish  
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 8 Realm  
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 11 Narrow secluded valley  
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 26 Hudson was looking for a shortcut to there  
 29 One who seeks unknown territory  
 30 The Half Moon was theirs  
 31 Frozen water  
 32 Wander  
 39 Contaminate  
 40 Stake put up in poker  
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 44 Explored

the "Grand River" in 1609  
 45 Lard  
 46 Has traveled to an event  
 48 Light quick blow  
 50 Vegetable used in gumbo

51 Belonging to you and I  
 52 Component  
 55 Cleaned the bed of a river  
 56 Brit's term for mother  
 60 Formed fabric by  
 interlacing threads  
 61 Indefinite article  
 62 Curve  
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 67 Differ  
 68 Test for mutagenic activity  
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 custom  
 70 Earlier  
 71 Large ostrich-like bird  
 72 Kitchen Police  
 74 Writing instrument  
 75 Bitter beer  
 78 Sacred sound

**Wacky Cake**

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup white sugar
  - 4 tablespoons cocoa powder, unsweetened
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
  - 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
  - 1 cup water
- frosting of your flavor of choice (optional)

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F. In an 8x8-inch ungreased cake pan, sift the flour, salt, cocoa, baking soda, and sugar together. Form three depressions in the dry ingredients mixture, resulting in three separate wells. Then pour vinegar into one well, oil into the next, and vanilla into the last. Pour water over the top, then stir very well with a fork. Bake at 350 degrees F until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 30-40 minutes. Top with a frosting of your choice, if desired, or eat it on its own!

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Kids' Spring Fun Page

L. Comando

A. Gnomamous

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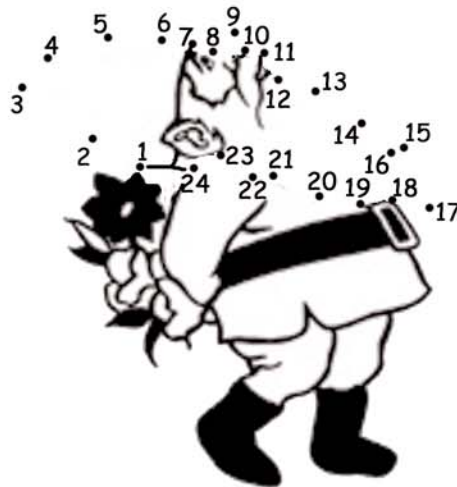
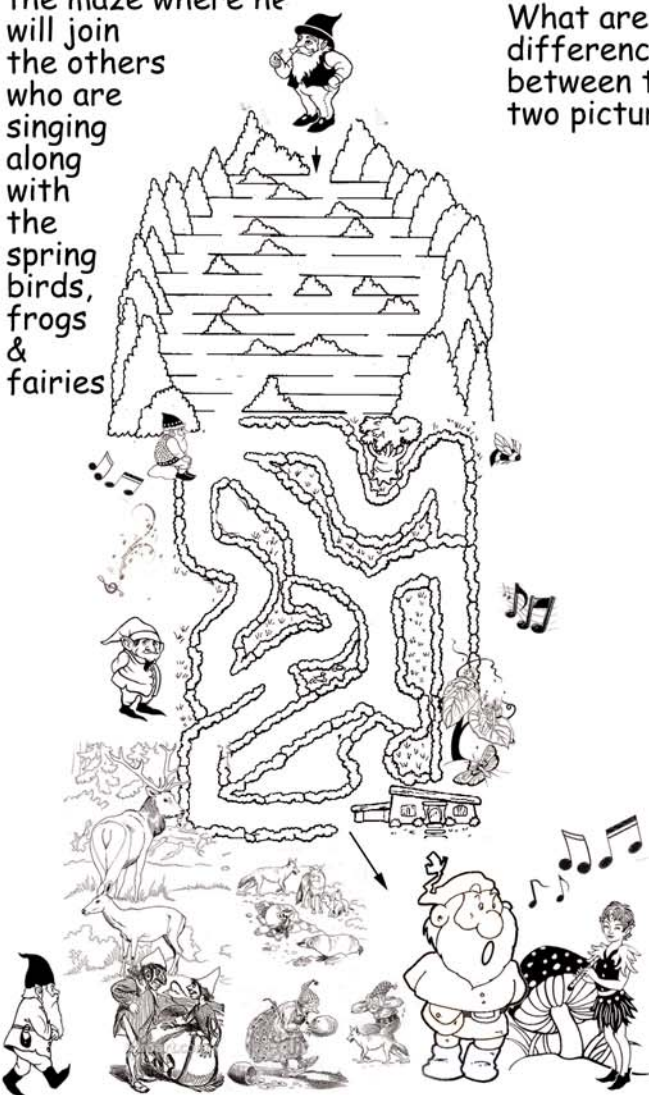
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## Tri-Valley BOE Candidate

Dear Tri-Valley Community,



My name is George Dean, and it would be my honor and privilege to serve you as a member of the Tri-Valley Board of Education. The community deserves a board member who will listen and stand up when concerns arise. I am a life-long resident of Neversink, a local business owner, and I have fifteen years of former school board experience. My faith in God, my dedication to serve this community, and my eleven grandchildren in this district give me the passion to fight for their future, and the future of all Tri-Valley students.

I have concerns about what children are learning and how changes in this world are affecting them. As a board member, I want to restore a culture of open dialogue. Parents have the right to be a part of their children's education. We need to invest more time navigating difficult issues when they arise. I want you, as parents and taxpayers, to have the ability to be heard and acknowledged. We may not always agree, but it is important to have discussions in order to come to a solution. Enacted policies and curriculum implemented in our district should be a local decision, representing a consensus by the people of the Tri-Valley school district.

My promise to you is to set in motion collaboration with our teachers, our community, and our school leaders, so that **ALL** kids have the best opportunity to succeed, and to fortify:

- **Academic Excellence.** TVCS has historically been in the top of the state. Parents moved here for the great education offered by our school. A little over a decade ago, we had over 1200 students. Today, we have approximately 870. In the last 2 years alone, enrollment has decreased by over 100 students.

This nearly 30% reduction in our student body over the past 10-15 years can be attributed to concerns all schools are facing throughout our state, but also declining qualities and academics in our school.

- **Parental Rights.** Every parent deserves to be heard. Parents have the right to know what education their child is receiving, and to have access to course curriculum and content.

- **Political Neutrality in Classrooms.** Students should be taught how to think, not what to think.

- **Safe Environment.** Stronger discipline is needed to eliminate harmful behavior. Students deserve an environment free of substances and vaping. We need to re-open the secondary school bathrooms full-time; students should not be punished for the faults of others. They deserve to feel safe from retaliation and bullying. They deserve freedom to

hold their unique viewpoints and values.

- **Fiscal Responsibility.** We must review all costs diligently line by line, ask questions and determine every opportunity to save costs and reduce the burden on taxpayers. For example, keeping buses on site during the day could offer tremendous savings on fuel. It would be beneficial in the event of emergency, reduce traffic congestion on RT 55, and reduce our carbon footprint.

- **Student Well-being.** Physical activity and socialization are crucial for strong mental health. Yet, our secondary school students are spending lunch time at their desks a majority of the time. They deserve a proper recess during their lunch period; they deserve the enjoyment of the outdoors each day.

As parents and taxpayers, you must stay engaged. This is one of the most important elections in our school's history. With your support on Tuesday, May 17th, we can make a positive difference.

Respectfully,

George A. Dean  
Neversink, NY

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## Liberty Farmers' Market to Open Soon

It's almost harvest season! From June 17th through September 16th, the Liberty Farmers' Market will be open every Friday from 3pm to 6pm, with vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, and so much more. This lively outdoor market will be located at Creekside Park at 119 N. Main Street, Liberty, NY. Be sure to mark your calendar for the opening day on June 17th and stop by to support local farmers and businesses! Interested in becoming a vendor at this farmers' market? Visit our website here to learn how to apply, and access information on important rules and regulations. [https://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org/mountainkeeper\\_markets?utm\\_campaign=newsletter\\_05\\_14&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=catskillmountainkeeper](https://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org/mountainkeeper_markets?utm_campaign=newsletter_05_14&utm_medium=email&utm_source=catskillmountainkeeper)

## Monticello Elks Soccer Shoot

(Monticello, NY) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is holding its Soccer Shoot competition for boys and girls ages 13 and under (as of 1/1/22) on Saturday, June 18th, at Somerville Field in Monticello. The contest begins at 11 am. The Elks Soccer Shoot is an annual competition held nationally to provide a fun, positive character-building activity for local youth. Winners from this local competition advance to the East Central District Championship.

The Monticello Elks Lodge will cover travel expenses for those advancing beyond the District level. For more information regarding the Soccer Shoot contact Betsy Conaty at: [bjconaty@outlook.com](mailto:bjconaty@outlook.com).

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Statement from Ulster County  
Health Commissioner  
Dr. Carol Smith**

The CDC has recently reclassified Ulster County as an area of high transmission for COVID-19. As a result of this designation, residents should consider wearing a mask when indoors and in a public setting and other common or shared spaces where individuals may interact.

**Tri-Valley CSD**

**School Budget Vote 2022 and  
Board Member Election 2022  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
1:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Main Downstairs Gym**

**Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings**

**REGULAR MEETING #21 -  
MEETING OPENING/CALL TO ORDER  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 8:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Lower Level**

**ANTICIPATED PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 8:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Upper Level**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING #21 RESUMES  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Approximately 8:45 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Lower Level**

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**Fallsburg CSD  
Board of  
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Meetings**

**May 17, 2022  
(Budget Vote)**

**May 18, 2022  
(Accept Election  
Results and Board  
Meeting)**

**June 1, 2022**

# Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program Request For Proposals Announced

## *DASNY Seeks Firms for \$200 million Social Equity Program to Develop Conditional Adult-Use Retail Cannabis Dispensaries for Social Equity Licensees*

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) today announced that it has released two requests for proposals (RFPs) relating to the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program (the Program) that was included in the FY 2023 Enacted State Budget.

The public-private program is a key component of the Seeding Opportunity Initiative, which is furthering the goal of the state's Cannabis Law to facilitate business opportunities for individuals impacted by the disproportionate enforcement of the cannabis prohibition. The program will help them overcome barriers experienced by equity entrepreneurs in other states that includes accessing the capital required to source, lease, construct and equip suitable real estate for the dispensary locations for their retail cannabis business.

The Seeding Opportunity Initiative, announced by Governor Hochul earlier this year, positions equity-entrepreneurs to be the first to make adult-use retail cannabis sales in New York with products grown by New York farmers. Under the Initiative, these initial equity-entrepreneur, retail owners must meet two prongs of eligibility to qualify. First, they must have a cannabis-related conviction that occurred prior to the passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Tax Act (MRTA) on March 31, 2021, or had a parent, guardian, child, spouse, or dependent with a pre-MRTA cannabis-related conviction in the State of New York. Second, they must also have experience owning and operating a successful business in the State of New York.

The Initiative has three components: the Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary License (CAURD), the Adult Use Conditional Cultivator License, and the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program.

The RFPs released today advance the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program, which will help CAURD licensees meet the costs of establishing adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries. The program, which will be supported by up to \$50 million in licensing fees and revenue from the adult-use cannabis industry and up to \$150 million from the private sector, will provide funds that can be used to assist with:

- o Identifying suitable locations for Dispensaries
- o Acquiring or leasing the space for the Dispensaries
- o Designing and constructing the space to suit business needs
- o Fitting out locations with furniture and other equipment

### **The RFPs issued this week include:**

- o Selection of Fund Sponsor, General Partner and Fund Manager to manage the New York Social Equity Cannabis Investment Program. Working with the Legislature, Governor Hochul provided the authority for the State to create a fund of up to \$200 million to finance the leasing and equipping of adult use retail cannabis dispensaries in New York state to be operated by social equity licensees. The RFP seeks proposals from parties interested to act as fund sponsor, general partner and fund manager to such fund. Proposals are due by June 8, with award of the RFP announced no earlier than June 20.

- o Selection of Design-Build Firms to Support Development of Retail Dispensaries. DASNY is seeking proposals from qualified Design-Build teams to provide design, construction, and other serv-

ices needed to renovate existing spaces for conditional adult-use cannabis retail dispensary facilities to be operated by social equity licensees. DASNY anticipates that an amount up to 150 dispensaries will be completed across the State. Proposals are due by June 13, with awards of the RFP announced no earlier than July 11.

The Program will identify and lease locations throughout the state to be conditional adult use cannabis retail dispensaries for operation by social equity entrepreneurs. The Fund also will advance fund the costs of construction, equipping and leasing of these sites for repayment by the social equity entrepreneurs. DASNY has significant experience and expertise in design and construction and will manage and oversee the buildout of locations that will be performed by selected design-build contractors.

## Samadhi Center, Inc. Holds Grand Reopening Event for Community Outreach and Mindfulness-Based Recovery Center

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

Town of Ulster, NY—Samadhi Center, Inc., a nonprofit peer-led organization offering a wide range of mindfulness-based recovery services, is holding a grand reopening event Sunday, May 15th, from 2 to 6 pm, with a ribbon cutting at 3 pm at its new location, 150 Sawkill in the Town of Ulster. The event is free and open to the public, with tours of the building and grounds. New York State Senator will offer remarks during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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

Samadhi's new site at 150 Sawkill will also serve as a center for local efforts to address gun violence and will continue educating peer advocates both locally and from across New York State. Samadhi will maintain administrative offices at 368 Broadway and has received provisional licensure from New York State to offer outpatient clinical services at that location.

"We hope that people will join us in celebrating our new community outreach center on 150 Sawkill," said Samadhi's Executive Director, David McNamara. "We are excited to share what we are doing with our neighbors and our surrounding community."

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

# UC Clerk Nina Postupack Announces the Opening of the Matthewis Persen House Museum for the 2022 Season

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the opening of the Matthewis Persen House Museum & Cultural Heritage Center's 2022 season on Saturday, May 28. The Persen House is located at the corner of Crown and John Streets in uptown Kingston's Stockade National Historic District. The house will be open for the summer season on Thursdays & Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Nina Postupack is looking forward to the 2022 Persen House season. "We are so fortunate to have a wide variety of Ulster County historical and cultural groups guest hosting at the Persen House this year," said Postupack. "This year's schedule is packed with family-friendly events, including reenactments, scavenger hunts, colonial games, lectures, exhibits and more! The ability to take a step back in time is a treat for the whole family."

There will be several season-long special exhibits featured at the House. Gysbert's Inventory: A Reflection of 1665 Dutch Life in Wiltwyck, provides insight into the daily life of a 17th century Dutch colonial family through the inventory of the house's original owner, Gysbert Van Imbroch. Also, a new artifact display, A Perpetual Memory: Artifacts of the

Native Americans and Dutch Settlers, in commemoration of the 1665 Nicolls/Esopus Peace Treaty will be available. This exhibit presents artifacts from both the Native Americans and European settlers of the area. Many of the Native American artifacts in this exhibit are being shown for the first time in public.

The County Clerk's Office is also pleased to debut a new activity, History At Your Fingertips. Visitors can see and touch high-quality reproductions of items found in Gysbert Van Imbroch's 1665 inventory. What does a powder horn actually look like? What is a cravat and how is it used? Answer these questions and more in this first installment of History At Your Fingertips at the Matthewis Persen House this season. Stay tuned for further additions of artifact displays and period clothing later this season and into 2023.

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or [countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us) or visit us on Facebook.



2022

# PK-12 Tri-Valley Fine & Industrial Arts Show



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- Digital Art
- Photography
- Ceramics
- Printmaking
- Crafts
- Theatrical Stills
- Furniture
- Woodworking
- Technical Drawing
- Floral Design
- Landscape Designs
- Greenhouse Models

## Community Reception

May 17th  
5-7 p.m.

Refreshments  
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**Fri. May 27 & Sat., May 28**  
**9 am - 2 pm**  
*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



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Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry  
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vicardcem@gmail.com  
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Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale**

**May 21st**  
**9am- 12 noon**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches House Worship Plan**

**Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740  
Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
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**The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.**  
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283


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Sunday School 9:30 am  
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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor



**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 5/17/22 **Tri-Valley CSD Budget and School Board Vote** - 1 - 8 pm TVCS Main Downstairs Gym
- 5/17/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 5/19/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 5/19/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM
- 5/21/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 5/27/22 Sundown UMC Ladies **Memorial Day Weekend Indoor Yard Sale** 9 am-2 pm Sundown UMC Hall
- 5/28/22 Sundown UMC Ladies **Memorial Day Weekend Indoor Yard Sale** 9 am-2 pm Sundown UMC Hall
- 5/30/22 Town of Neversink Holiday - **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**
- 6/7/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 6/1/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6/8/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/4/22 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church Hall
- 6/14/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 6/19/22 Claryville Fire Department **Father's Day All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon

**Save the Date!**

**Matthew R. Bertholf Annual Horseshoe Tournament held at the Neversink Pavilion on Sunday, July 10, 2022.**

**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.

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

**Weekly Update For The Week Of  
May 16 - May 20, 2022**

**Tuesday, May 17**

- o **5:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Special Meeting of the Laws, Rules, & Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:15 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Comm.) - Caucuses: Democrats, in the Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, **Republicans**, in KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Legislative Session, in the Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston. Legislative Session is also available via vimeo Livestream at:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203> Public Comment is also offered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may also be submitted to the Clerk via email to: [vfab@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:vfab@co.ulster.ny.us)

**Wednesday, May 18**

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o **10:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Thursday, May 19**

- o **7:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment: Public Hearing on Proposed Map of 2024-2033 County Legislative Districts**, at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center, Cantine Memorial Field, 207 Market Street, Saugerties, Public Comment also available by Zoom, Meeting ID: 865 8835 0405, By Phone (646) 558-8656

**Friday, May 20**

- o No Meetings

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\$12.00 per week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

.. **Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities and Organizations** - one time fee- **\$20.00**  
(once the flyer is inserted we will publish it each week through to the week of the event)  
**As in the past, there is no fee for advertising for our local churches**

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## Remember All the Fun We Have at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sales? We Can't Allow that to Change!

It is so much fun going to the Thrift Sale! **The next Thrift Sale at Grahamsville UMC Church will be held on May 21st.** Volunteers are still needed to make sure they can continue to hold all the Thrift Sales posted on their calendar!

Young and old, we all have a lot of fun looking for that special item and finding a lot more! Not only is it fun finding awesome bargains, but it is also a lot of fun seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends who are having just as much fun.

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

We will never forget the volunteers who we got to know over the years who are longer with us, or are now unable to perform as they did in years past. We miss them. It was great to see some new faces this past Saturday. A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who made this another fun day for family, neighbors and friends in our community. **If you love coming to the Thrift Sales, why not join them and become one of the volunteers?**

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

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you **to the church on Sunday and leave it with the pastor** or mail it to: **Grahamsville UMC Church, P O Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740** Attention: Thrift Sale Volunteers; or if you come to the next **Thrift Sale on May 21st**, bring the form with you and give it to one of the volunteers.

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Help sort donations

\_\_\_\_\_ Wash items when necessary

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with displaying and placing merchandise for sale

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at the Thrift Sales

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

**THANK YOU!**

The Daniel Pierce Library  
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Friday, May 20, 2022

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

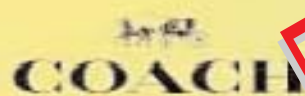
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# Tri-Valley Elementary School

## UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4  
years old by December 1, 2022 please  
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**845-985-2296 ext. 5405**

**Or send an email to:**

**[registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org)**

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





## Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is District Fish Stocking Program

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is holding their Annual Fish Stocking Program. If your pond seems to have excessive vegetation you may want to consider grass carp to help control some of the plant growth. At the Fish Hatchery's request, we will be distributing bass and trout together in the Fall, and grass carp, catfish and minnows in June.

If you are interested in stocking your pond with fish, go online to [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.org), print out the order form, or you can call the Conservation District at (845) 292-6552 and request an order form to be mailed to you. The District will be accepting orders for grass carp, catfish, minnows until Monday, June 20, 2022. We will be accepting orders for bass, trout and minnows until Monday, September 26, 2022

## DEC Launches New Paint Recycling Program to Help Consumers and Businesses Safely Dispose of Leftover Paint Program Makes it Easier to Recycle Paint Safely at Convenient Drop-off Locations Statewide

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the New York State Postconsumer Paint Collection Program is underway, making it easier for households and businesses to safely dispose of leftover paint. DEC will oversee the program, which will be operated by PaintCare to manage unwanted architectural coating products and provide for recycling or proper disposal.

"Paint products can harm the environment if not managed properly," Commissioner Seggos said. "New York State's Paint Stewardship Program will simplify the process for those looking to dispose of paint by providing a collection network of paint retailers, local government facilities, and reuse stores at more than 300 drop-off sites across the state."

Used paint is difficult to manage, with few available options for reuse or recycling. The program will accept leftover latex and oil-based paints and similar products at drop-off sites throughout New York. More information about DEC's program can be found on DEC's Postconsumer Paint Collection Program webpage and a complete list of products accepted can be found on PaintCare's website.

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Funded by a consumer PaintCare Fee on the sale of all new paint in New York, the program will provide for continuous and convenient collection year-round and accept all program-approved products, regardless of the date of purchase. Drop-off sites will accept up to five gallons per customer per visit, with some sites choosing to accept more. Dropped-off paint should be in the original containers with intact labels that identify the product. Businesses, organizations, and households with 100 gallons of paint or more to recycle will be able to request a free pick-up at their location, though some restrictions may apply. More information and a request form can be found on PaintCare's website.

New Yorkers are asked to call PaintCare sites before dropping off paint to ensure they are open and can accept the types and amounts of paint for recycling. New PaintCare drop-off sites may receive a large volume of paint in the first few weeks of the program's operation. Sites are open and available year-round, so consumers do not need to rush to drop off their containers. In the meantime, find tips for using up and storing paint to preserve its quality on PaintCare's website.

Additional program information can be found on DEC's Postconsumer Paint Collection Program webpage.

## Get Greedy and Get Caught - Ulster County

On April 20, DEC Fisheries spent the day stocking trout in Rondout Creek and ECOs Walraven and Johnson patrolled the area to ensure anglers were taking fish in accordance with DEC regulations. The Officers decided to conduct a check of a fisherman taking trout and keeping them on a stringer. The fisherman was in possession of six trout, with three more than 12 inches in length. The regulations for this area of Rondout Creek are five total trout with no more than two fish over 12 inches. The unlawfully taken fish were seized and the fisherman ticketed for taking trout in excess of the limit and taking trout out of slot size. The tickets are returnable to the Town of Wawarsing Court.

7<sup>th</sup> Annual

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**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Rain date: Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9am to 3pm

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**Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you there!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Affil (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Type (Please Circle One):  
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 Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Governor Hochul Announces \$28 Million in Assistance for Struggling Families with Children Households Enrolled in Public Assistance with a Child 17 or Younger will Receive One- Time Payments of \$250

## *Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund to Supplement More Than 112,000 Households Across New York State*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the distribution of \$28 million in federal pandemic funding this month to help struggling New Yorkers with children to cover expenses incurred during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Administered through the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund will provide families on Public Assistance with a child 17 or younger in their household with \$250 to help pay for housing expenses, bills, and other critical needs. This assistance follows Governor Hochul's announcement listing resources for families struggling to obtain formula amid recent shortages.

"The economic toll of the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately impacted low-income families across our state - especially those with children," Governor Hochul said. "This one-time payment will provide tens of thousands of families with a critical lifeline to help pay past-due bills or other household expenses that accrued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Starting May 14, OTDA will issue one-time payments to eligible households receiving Public Assistance. Roughly 112,000 households will receive the payments, which will assist more than 216,000 children. OTDA will issue the payments directly to the household's Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) account. Eligible households will receive written notification from OTDA.

The Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund was created as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 with the intention to assist needy families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Per federal guidelines, the funding must be used for issuing non-recurring benefits to impacted households with children to deal with a specific short-term situation or need.

Public Assistance provides monthly grants to help low-income individuals and families meet basic needs, such as housing. This program helps roughly 490,000 New Yorkers who may be temporarily unemployed or unable to work, as well as very low-wage workers.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Daniel W. Tietz said, "Whether through the loss of employment or an inability to afford housing expenses -often both -Public Assistance recipients were among the households most severely affected by the economic toll of the pandemic. The hardship imposed by the public health emergency endures for so many of these families, which is why this assistance is so critical to help them make ends meet."

Senator Chuck Schumer said, "Help is on the way for working families across New York State. When I wrote the American Rescue Plan, I made sure to include robust investment for the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund to help struggling

families with children to make ends meet, keep food on the table, cover bills, and pay for other critical expenses. Now I am proud to say \$28 million will be going directly to help more than 112,000 households still recovering from the impacts of the pandemic."

Representative Adriano Espaillat said, "As New York state continues to recover from the pandemic, it remains critical that our efforts to provide economic relief is inclusive and expands to the most vulnerable among us. Many families were already on the brink of economic peril prior to the pandemic, and the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund, which was created through the American Rescue Plan Act that I helped secure in Congress, was established to provide emergency cash payment to eligible low-income households to ensure these families are not left behind."

The Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund continues to help hundreds of thousands of low-income New Yorkers with their essential needs. Earlier this year, OTDA tapped roughly \$18.2 million from the fund to provide 130,000 households enrolled in Public Assistance or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with a child under the age of three-years-old with \$140 per child to defray the cost of diapers.

Last month, the fund provided \$730 in food benefits to more than 28,000 multi-generational households. These one-time payments helped about 31,400 adults over the age of 55 throughout the state.

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## Ulster County Creates Commission for Revolutionary War 250th Anniversary Commemoration

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan invite you to join them for the signing of the Executive Order creating the "Ulster County RevWar 250th Commission" in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. The signing will take place on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 4:30 pm at Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway, in the Common Council Chambers.

In 2016, Congress passed H.R. 4875, creating the "United States Semiquincentennial Commission" to plan a commemoration and observance of the July 4th, 1776, Declaration of Independence. The Commission encouraged all States to form their own Semiquincentennial Commissions to help plan State-wide celebrations and commemorations of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, which New York did in July of 2021. With the bill now signed by the Governor, New York State will be making funds available to eligible local commissions to promote events and commemorations of this momentous anniversary.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan will be signing the Executive Order creating the "Ulster County RevWar 250th Commission" this Friday at 4:30 pm. The commission will serve as the focal point for event planning, discussions, and everything else necessary to serve the goal of observing and commemorating the July 4, 1776, Declaration of Independence as well as the eight years of the American Revolution from 1775 to 1783, and what it means to be a free country and an "American." Members of the Commission, some of whom will be present for the signing, will include local historians, museum & historical society board members, cultural heritage organization leaders, educators and more. The Commission will run from 2025 to 2033 and will ultimately terminate on November 25, 2033, on the 250th anniversary of the date when the last British troops left American soil.

"This is a special opportunity to involve our whole community in the commemoration of a pivotal moment in our country's history, and I am proud that our commission will highlight the role of revolution and colonization in our founding and recognize the ongoing struggle of women, people of color and indigenous people, who did not receive the same inalienable rights, protections and freedoms under our founding document," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank our Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack for her partnership in this important endeavor."

Ulster County has a wealth of American Revolutionary period history. Kingston served as the first Capital of New York State and was subsequently burned by British forces in October 1777. This happened, in part, due to the drafting and signing of the first New York State Constitution which took place in the Ulster County Courthouse the previous April. The first meeting of the New York State Senate in 1777 at the home of Abraham Van Gaasbeek, now known as the Senate House State Historic Site, also contributed to the British view of Kingston as a "hotbed of rebel activity." During the war, four important militia units were formed in Ulster County - the 1st Ulster Militia, 2nd Ulster Militia, 3rd Ulster Militia, and 4th Ulster Militia. Even after the war, in 1783, George Washington came to Kingston to thank Ulster County for its sacrifices during the war.

"As one of the original three Dutch settlements in the United States, Ulster County's history is vast and encompasses the entire history of our nation," stated Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "This commission gives us an ability to share that history with the rest of the country. We also have the opportunity to involve our youth in these commemorative events, passing on our history to the next generation."

For further information about the Ulster County RevWar 250th Commission and other related programs, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or [countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us) or County Executive Pat Ryan at (845) 340-3600 or [exec@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:exec@co.ulster.ny.us).

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

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

*For any other questions*  
845.798.2077 [nickneedsokidney@gmail.com](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)

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# DMV at the Neversink Town Hall on 6/2, 7/7 & 8/4 2022.



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](#)

\* SULLIVAN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY \*\*

*Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.*

## **Now conveniently doing business at 8 locations:**

**Monticello Government Center - 100 North Street, Monticello, NY**

**Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)**

**Callicoon Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)**

**Rockland Town Hall - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)**

**Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)**

**Mamakating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)**

**Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)**

**Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)**

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **PRIOR** to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](#)

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**Now we need your help!**  
**CAN YOU SELL 20 or more TICKETS?**

Volunteers can pick up their tickets to sell at Route 42 Community Park on Friday May 6th from 5pm-8pm & Saturday May 7th from 8am-8pm or call Adele Bernard @ (845) 498-9383. Tickets are also available for purchase during distribution dates.

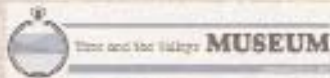
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**Drawing on August 21st at Grahamsville Little Worlds Fair.**

# Did you know?

We have passes to the Mohonk Preserve & the Time and the Valleys Museum available for Daniel Pierce Library card holders to checkout!

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# 2022 summer schedule

## SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV

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on location 10:00am - 3:00pm



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| <p><b>JEFFERSONVILLE</b></p> <p>Tues May 10, Tues May 31</p> <p>Tues June 21</p> <p>Tues July 5</p> <p>Tues Aug 2, Tues Aug 30</p> <p>19 Legion Street,<br/>Jeffersonville, NY</p> | <p><b>WURTSBORO</b></p> <p>Thurs May 12</p> <p>Thurs June 9</p> <p>Thurs July 21</p> <p>Thurs Aug 18</p> <p>2948 US 209,<br/>Wurtsboro, NY</p>        | <p><b>NARROWSBURG</b></p> <p>Tues May 17</p> <p>Tues June 14</p> <p>Tues July 19</p> <p>Tues Aug 16</p> <p>210 Bridge Street,<br/>Narrowsburg, NY</p> | <p><b>HORTONVILLE</b></p> <p>Thurs May 19</p> <p>Thurs June 16</p> <p>Thurs July 14</p> <p>Thurs Aug 11</p> <p>104 Lower Main Street,<br/>Hortonville, NY</p> |
| <p><b>LIVINGSTON MANOR</b></p> <p>Tues May 3</p> <p>Tues June 7</p> <p>Tues July 12</p> <p>Tues Aug 9</p> <p>95 Main Street,<br/>Livingston Manor, NY</p>                          | <p><b>GRAHAMSVILLE</b></p> <p>Thurs May 5</p> <p>Thurs June 2</p> <p>Thurs July 7</p> <p>Thurs Aug 4</p> <p>273 Main Street,<br/>Grahamsville, NY</p> | <p><b>LIBERTY</b></p> <p>Tues May 24</p> <p>Tues June 28</p> <p>Tues July 26</p> <p>Tues Aug 23</p> <p>119 N Main Street<br/>Liberty, NY</p>          | <p><b>BLOOMINGBURG</b></p> <p>Thurs May 26</p> <p>Thurs June 23</p> <p>Thurs July 28</p> <p>Thurs Aug 25</p> <p>13 North Rd,<br/>Bloomingburg, NY</p>         |

Schedule an appointment on the county website [sullivanny.us](http://sullivanny.us) | County Clerk Russell Reeves

## UC NOW TRENDING ..... MAY 2022

**May 1 21, 28, 30; 29 Catskill Mountain Railroad:** Hour-long ride through some of the oldest farmlands in the U.S. Ice Cream Sundays: May 29. Westbrook Lane Station, 55 Kingston Plaza Rd., Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

**May 18 Documentary: Screening of "Maiden,"** story of the first all-women crew to compete in the Whitbread Around the World Race, 1989- 1990. Free. Limited attendance. Donations accepted. Refreshments available for purchase. 7 p.m. Clearwater Barn, west side of the Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

**May 18 Chamber Music on the Hudson:** Two amazing dancers and three world renowned musicians, percussion/viola duo and a pianist. Diverse program. 7:30 p.m. Senate Garage, 4 N Front St., Kingston. senategarage.com; chambermusiconthehudson.org

**May 19, 20, 21, 22 A Doll's House Part 2:** Tony award-winning play. Fifteen years after slamming the door behind her and shattering societal norms, Nora returns to Torvalds house to finish business. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org

**May 21 Spring Festival and Car Show:** Noon. Best in Show, People's Choice, pre-60s to post 80s. Foot races: short dashes, potato sack and more. Family-friendly. Live music. Food trucks. Rain Date May 22. \$15. Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions, 778 Broadway, Ulster Park. Facebook: Spring Festival and Car Show

**May 21 Opus 40 Community Day:** Free for locals. Live music, guided tours, stonemasons, beekeepers and spring seed sale. 356 George Sickie Rd., Saugerties. 845-246-3400; opus40.org

**May 21 31 st Annual Hudson Valley BELTANE 2022:** Noon. Rain date May 22. Family-friendly outdoor festival. Vanaver Caravan World Music and Dance Institute. \$20 suggested. Stone Mountain Farm, 310 River Rd. Ext., New Paltz. 845-256-9300; stonemountainfarmny.com

**May 21 Levon Helm Studios Presents Dirt Farmer Festival:** Midnight Ramble Band, Mavis Staples, and Amy Helm. Great local food vendors, craft beer. \$95-\$185. Noon. Arrowood Farms, 236 Lower Whitfield Rd, Accord. 845-253-0389; levonhelm.com

**May 21 MayFest Makers & Farmers Market:** 150+ vendors. Farm-fresh products, food from local restaurants, beer, wine, and spirits samples. Art installations, locally made goods. Children's activities. Noon-5 p.m. Walkway, Haiviland Rd., Highland. 845-834-2867; walkway.org

**May 21 Introduction to Open Boat Rowing:** Join us as for a fun row on the creek. Boats are traditional wooden row boats that are 10-14 feet long and hold one to two people per boat. 1-4 p.m. HRMM, 86 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org.

**May 21 Swing Dance:** Live music by Art Lillard's Blue Heaven! Blue Heaven, a tasteful swing sextet with the big band sound. Featuring trumpet, trombone, saxophone, guitar, bass and drums. Unison, 68 Mountain Rest Rd., New Paltz. 845-255-1559; unisonarts.org

**May 23 Jim Maloney Memorial Golf Tournament:** Reserve you're four person team. \$160 per person. Registration and lunch, 11 a.m.; main meal 5:30 p.m. Wiltwyck, Golf Club, 404 Steward Ln., Kingston. 845-802-007; Facebook: Jim Maloney Memorial Golf Tournament

**May 25-29 HITS-on-the-Hudson I:** Nine weeks of events,

\$3 million in prize money, bi-weekly Grand Prix, qualifiers for the HITS Championship, USEF Premier and National-Rated Hunters, 5\* and 6\* Jumpers and the new Wilmington Trust VIP Club. 454 Washington Ave. Ext., Saugerties. 845-246-5515; hitsshows.com

**May 26 STOMP:** Continues its phenomenal run with four global productions. This year, STOMP will incorporate two new pieces. Tickets start at \$39. 8 p.m. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

**May 27-29 Field + Supply Spring Market:** More than 200 makers. Food and drink. Live music. DIY and demos. \$15. Free admission for kids under

**May 27-29 May Market-Farm, Artisan, Flea:** Meet Me in Marlborough presents a fun-family fun day. Shop for treasures and bargains. Enjoy

delicious food & great music. Cluett Schantz Memorial Park, 1801-1805 Route 9W, Milton. meetmeinmarlborough.com

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

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

## Angel Food East Seeks Volunteers

Are you passionate about food and combating food insecurity for the most vulnerable among us? Want to make a difference in your community, TODAY? Angel Food East is looking for dedicated chefs, prep cooks and dishwashers, various shifts; hours and days are flexible. Meal delivery drivers are needed on Thursdays from 11:30-1pm. OR simply sign up as a substitute cook or driver and can call in weekly to let us know your availability.

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## Funding Supports Expansion of Existing Child Care Programs in Areas Without Sufficient Child Care Slots

### *Funding Supports Historic \$7 Billion Investment in Child Care in FY 2023 State Budget*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that \$30 million in additional federal grant funding will be available starting on June 30, 2022, to existing child care programs in areas of the state without sufficient child care offered, known as child care deserts. The funds, which are part of the \$100 million child care desert initiative approved in the 2022 Enacted Budget, are being made available through the American Rescue Plan Act and will be administered by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The Governor announced the previous \$70 million in funding for new providers on April 11 and more than 1,100 applications have been submitted to date.

"As a mother who had no choice but to leave her job because of the lack of accessible child care, boosting child care availability for working New York families is an effort that is deeply personal to me," Governor Hochul said. "All parents deserve access to high-quality child care, regardless of where they live, and this funding will help address critical child care shortages in underserved areas. My administration will continue to prioritize this critical lifeline for working families as part of our overall economic recovery efforts."

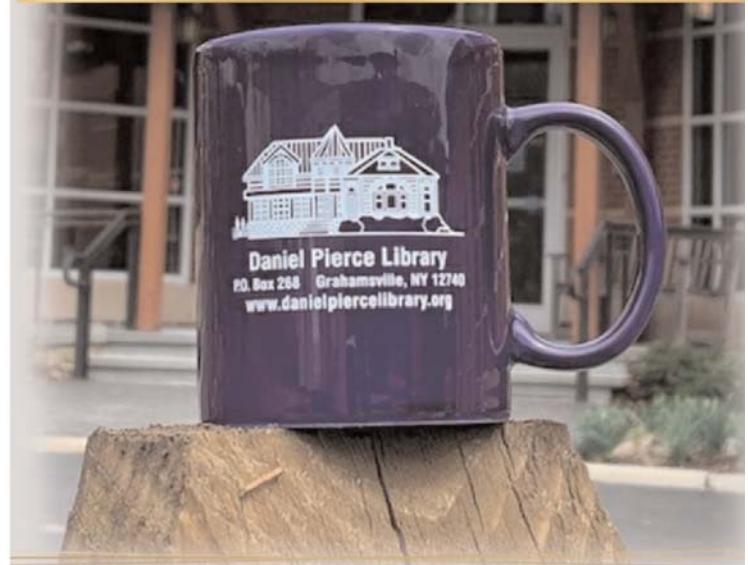
The grants will help existing child care providers in underserved areas, and the request for applications (RFA) will have two parts. The first focuses on expanding child care in existing day care centers and school-age child care programs, with bonus funding for those slots specifically designated for infants/toddlers and/or children with special needs. The second part of the RFA focuses on expanding specific types of child care in existing small child care centers, family child care programs and group family child care programs - whose current enrollment is under capacity - specifically for infants/toddlers or children with special needs, or if the program wants to expand to include nontraditional hours.

Allowable expenses include program development costs and short-term program operating expenses, including:

- o Personnel costs, including payroll, salaries, similar employee compensation, employee benefits, retirement costs and educational costs;
- o Supporting staff expenses for accessing COVID-19 vaccines;

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**Tuesday Mornings**

**Beginning May 10, 2022**

**10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

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- o Training and technical assistance expenses, including professional development, business trainings and business services

The FY 2023 budget includes a historic investment to expand access to high-quality child care to support children and families and help stimulate New York State's continued economic recovery. It includes an unprecedented \$7 billion investment over four years and increases the income eligibility threshold for child care subsidies in August 2022 to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$83,250 for a family of four)-extending eligibility to more than half of New York State's young children.

Office of Children and Family Services Commissioner Sheila J. Poole said, "These grants further support our existing base of child care providers, who are the backbone of the industry, by providing them with the funding necessary to expand their service footprint and increase access for families with infants, toddlers and children with special needs, and those who need coverage during untraditional hours."

Senator Charles Schumer said, "Affordable child care is a right and essential to our economic recovery. That is why when I wrote the American Rescue Plan, I made sure to include robust funding to not only help our day care and child care programs survive, but also to invest in filling the gaps in our rural and underserved communities that need child care the most. Now \$30 million in federal funding that I secured will go directly to eliminating child care deserts, create jobs, and provide real help for struggling parents and children."



# FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE 2022 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

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July 5 - 17

Back by Popular Demand!!  
"MAMMA MIA!"  
July 19 - 31

The Funniest Musical Comedy in 400 Years!  
"SOMETHING ROTTEN!"  
August 2 - 14

Tony Award-Winner Best Musical!  
"KINKY BOOTS"  
August 16 - 28

A spellbinding exploration of love, science,  
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"CONSTELLATIONS"  
August 30 - September 4

The Second Annual  
IN THE WORKS~IN THE WOODS  
September 8 - 11

(Forestburgh, NY - May 2022) - Celebrating its 76th Season as "The Miracle of the Forest," Forestburgh Playhouse, under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, proudly announces its 2022 Season of musicals and plays, along with a summer series of exciting, safe outdoor concerts in compliance with local social distancing measures.

The Forestburgh Playhouse 2022 Season will be an exciting celebration of live entertainment in the Sullivan Catskills," said Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp. "Our season kicks off early this year with the Playhouse Spring Series at the Forestburgh Tavern--3 weekends of concerts, drag, karaoke and more. Each benefit will highlight and support an important Sullivan County charitable organization. In June we return for our 3rd season of Forestburgh Under the Stars--concerts highlighting the best of Broadway in our own backyard. We are also excited to present (in association with TheatreWorks USA), an original bi-lingual musical for young audiences--El Otro Oz (June 17-19). Our mainstage season will be a delight on many levels. We are able to bring back some hits we couldn't produce in 2020--Kinky Boots and Something Rotten are making a triumphant debut in 2022. Other blockbusters like Mamma Mia and Pageant the Musical keep the fun going. Like every year, our Tavern cabaret performances will run alongside each mainstage production and our annual TYA production this year will be Alice in Wonderland. We are also proud to announce that the In the Works-In the Woods Festival will be returning for a second year to celebrate and present the work of emerging artists."

The season kicks off with comedy with the comedy Fully

Committed (June 21-26) followed by Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits! (June 28-July 3). Next up, a heap of glitz, glamour and ABBA with Pageant the Musical (July 5-17) and Mamma Mia! (July 19-31). The blockbusters continue with the hilarious musical comedy Something Rotten! (August 2-14) and the long-awaited Broadway hit, Kinky Boots (August 16-28). The Mainstage season wraps up with Constellations, a moving and heartwarming play (August 30 - September 4). The Childrens' Stage will present a new musical version of Alice in Wonderland (July 7-August 20). The second annual In The Works - In The Woods Festival (September 8-11).

Mainstage single tickets \$45 on sale May 28, 2022. <https://tix5.centerstageticketing.com/sites/forestburgh6/> or by calling the Box Office at 845-794-1194. Box Office Hours: Pre-Opening Day 12pm-5pm Monday through Friday. Starting June 21, box office hours are 12pm-9pm Tuesdays through Saturdays and 12pm-4pm Sundays.

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PAGEANT

Who will be Miss Glamouresse?

July 5 - 17

Directed by Roque Berlanga and Choreographed by Deborah Leamy

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The Miss Glamouresse Pageant is coming to the Forestburgh Playhouse! Like no beauty pageant you've ever seen before, 6 gorgeous contestants (all played by men) vying for the title compete in swimsuit, talent, evening gown, and spokesmodel categories. This hilariously fun musical is Miss American meets Kinky Boots. Even better, you pick the winner! No performance is ever the same...and the suspense is real! Help choose the next Miss Glamouresse and come to the Pageant! (Contd. Pg 42)

# FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE 2022 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

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On The Children's Stage!  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND  
July 7 through August 20

This brand-new musical version of the timeless classic takes audiences of all ages down the rabbit hole with the ever-curious Alice to a land of zany adventures where nothing is as it seems. The White Rabbit, Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar, the Mock Turtle, the mysterious Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and all your favorites from Lewis Carroll's beloved books make this a magical, tuneful, and over-the-top entertaining musical for the whole family!

Back by Popular Demand!  
MAMMA MIA!  
July 19 - 31  
Directed and Choreographed by Chaz Wolcott  
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ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a teen's search for her birth father on a Greek island paradise. Over 54 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that makes Mamma Mia! the ultimate feel-good show! A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget! Featuring countless ABBA hits like "Honey Honey", "Dancing Queen", "Take a Chance on Me", Mamma Mia will have you dancing in the aisles!

The Funniest Musical Comedy in 400 years!  
SOMETHING ROTTEN!  
August 2 through 14  
Directed and Choreographed by JR Bruno  
Playhouse Mainstage

Welcome to the Renaissance and the crowd-pleasing musical farce, Something Rotten. Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play. When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing, and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. Direct from a hugely successful run on Broadway, Something Rotten features large song and dance numbers (yes, fabulous tap dancing too!), and a wacky cast of fun characters.

Tony Award Winner BEST MUSICAL!  
KINKY BOOTS  
August 16 through 28  
Directed and Choreographed by Anthony C. Daniel  
Playhouse Mainstage

This exhilarating true story about a struggling shoe factory will lift your spirits to high-heeled heights! Winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Kinky Boots features a joyous, Tony-winning score by Cyndi Lauper, and a hilarious, uplifting book by four-time Tony winner, Harvey Fierstein. Filled with fabulous songs and thrilling dance numbers, Kinky Boots will inspire audiences to dance in the aisles and discover why, sometimes, the best way to fit in... is to stand out!

CONSTELLATIONS by Nick Payne  
Directed by Robin Levine  
August 30 through September 4  
Playhouse Mainstage

This spellbinding, romantic journey begins with a simple encounter between a man and a woman. But what happens next defies the boundaries of the world we think we know-delving into the infinite possibilities of their relationship and raising questions about the difference between choice and destiny.

Season Subscriptions available from \$250 - \$285. Single tickets are \$45.

The Second Annual  
IN THE WORKS~IN THE WOODS  
September 8 - 11

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FORESTBURGH UNDER THE STARS Broadway Concert Series

The previously announced Forestburgh Under the Stars kicks off with Broadway powerhouse T. Oliver Reid on June 3, Broadway leading man Jay Armstrong Johnson (On The Town, The Phantom of the Opera) on June 4, Wicked's longest-running Elphaba, Jackie Burns in Concert on June 10, Broadway legend Ken Page (Broadway's Ain't Misbehavin' and CATS) in An Evening with Ken Page, a very special concert benefiting the Forestburgh Playhouse on June 11, Broadway Power Couple Kirsten and Matthew Scott on June 17, and Tony Award Winner Cady Huffman (Broadway's The Producers) with Mary Ann McSweeney (Broadway's Girl from the North Country) on June 18.

Tickets for Forestburgh Under the Stars concerts are \$45 lawn seating and \$75 tent seating. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. An Evening with Ken Page Benefit tickets are \$150 and \$75. To purchase tickets: Event selection ([centerstageticketing.com](http://centerstageticketing.com))

## ABOUT THE FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE

The Forestburgh Playhouse is the oldest, continuously running, professional summer theatre in New York State. Located in the Sullivan Catskills, the Playhouse was founded in 1947 by John Grahame and Alexander Maissel. FBP's mission is to present high-quality, professional theatre, including musicals, plays, cabarets and theatre for young audiences; to provide arts education programming for local youth; to develop and launch the careers of young artists; and to foster the development of new works through an annual new works festival. FBP attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and was one of the first venues in the U.S. in 2020 to return to live performance with its Under the Stars concert series featuring notable performers such as Tony Award-winner Alice Ripley, Tony Nominee Kate Baldwin, Nicholas Rodriguez, Morgan James, Kyle Taylor Parker and more. The Playhouse celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2021.

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# Funding Marks Second Year of Record Funding to Support the Recovery of the Arts

## \$90 Million in Grant Opportunities Now Open

### \$50 Million in Capital Funding Opportunity to Open in September 2022

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that record grant funding is now available through the New York State Council on the Arts. The agency's first five grant opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023 are now open for artists and arts and culture organizations across New York. The 2023 State Budget appropriation includes \$50 million in recovery funds and \$50 million in capital projects support, in addition to the agency's base grant-making budget of \$40 million.

"New York's arts sector is integral to our state's identity, character and economic well-being," Governor Hochul said. "These historic NYSCA grants will help strengthen nonprofits, spark the creative work of artists in all 62 counties, and revitalize the industry. As we welcome a new era for New York, we must continue to invest in the artists and cultural institutions across New York that make our state the art capital of the world."

#### The following NYSCA FY 2023 Grant Opportunities are now open:

- o Support for Organizations: Provides flexible general operating and programming funding for non-profit organizations. This funding can also reach fiscally sponsored unincorporated organizations across the state.
- o Support for Artists: Funds creative commissions to individual artists across the state. Applicants must apply through a fiscal sponsor. NYSCA embraces the rich diversity of artistry across New York, and applicants from all artistic practices and disciplines are encouraged to apply.
- o Support for Special Opportunities: Supports opportunities that make space, time, and learning more accessible for artists and their creative endeavors. The opportunities span creative performance residencies, subsidized rehearsal spaces for all performing art forms, and folk arts apprenticeships.
- o Regrowth and Capacity Enhancement: Provides organizations with flexible funds to redevelop their ability to serve their audiences with consideration to the impacts of COVID-19. Funds may support a wide breadth of needs, such as: provide payment to artists; support for staffing, support programmatic costs; advance audience development and assist with necessary health and safety expenses.

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- o Support for Partnerships: Supports regrant and partner organizations across all 62 counties while identifying new opportunities to ensure the greater reach of NYSCA funding and greater access for new applicants. Partnerships cover a range of services.

Additionally, NYSCA will support \$50 million in Capital Projects Grants as part of its FY 2023 opportunities. This investment marks the largest single year commitment of capital funding for the arts in NYSCA's history. Guidelines and the application portal for NYSCA's Capital grants will be available this fall.

Executive Director of the New York State Council on the Arts Mara Manus said, "New York State is powered by thousands of arts workers and arts and culture organizations that drive our state's economy and are critical to the health of all who call New York home. We are immensely grateful for Governor Hochul and the State Legislature's responsive and unprecedented investment of \$140 million for NYSCA this year - recognizing the expansive impact of the arts across our great state. NYSCA is ready to meet this historic moment by continuing to offer a streamlined grant-making process, flexible funding solutions, and welcoming applicants from every artistic area."

Last year, NYSCA overhauled its longtime funding structure to pave the way for a more expansive and inclusive process, prioritizing applications from small organizations and applicants that serve historically underrepresented communities. Changes included consolidating and streamlining funding categories, implementing a new, more accessible application portal, and instituting flexible funding solutions.

# Governor Hochul and St. John's University Announce Groundbreaking of St. John's University's \$106 Million Health Sciences Center

- *New State-Of-The-Art Facility Features 70,000 Square Feet of Energy-Efficient Classrooms, Labs, Office Space*
- *Center Will House New Nursing Program and Unite University's Wide-Ranging Health Sciences Offerings within Single Comprehensive Learning Environment*
- *On International Nurses Day, Investment Reflects Broader Commitment to New York's Healthcare Workforce*



Governor Kathy Hochul and St. John's University today announced the groundbreaking of St. John's University's \$106 million Health Sciences Center, a new 70,000 square foot energy-efficient academic building with classrooms, laboratories, simulation facilities, office space, collaborative spaces, and outdoor terraces. The new Health Sciences Center is anticipated to open Fall 2024 and will be the permanent home of the new undergraduate nursing program at St. John's University. The Health Sciences Center is supported by a \$5 million New York State Higher Education Capital Matching Grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and a \$700,000 Empire State Development grant from Round XI of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative.

"For the last two years, New York's nurses have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we owe each and every one of them a debt of gratitude," Governor Hochul said. "This new state-of-the-art Health Sciences Center at St. John's University will be crucial to educating the next generation of New York's best and brightest nurses, ensuring they are ready to step up and protect their fellow New Yorkers when they are needed most."

The Health Sciences Center will house classrooms, state-of-the-art simulation suites, and modernized lab space. Simulation education is a key component of healthcare education, which is useful in teaching traditional clinical experiences. St. John's University will use simulation components to sharpen students' disciplinary knowledge using acute care patient scenarios.

During simulation, clinical situations will be replicated in a controlled learning environment using manikins, standardized patients, or by virtual means to allow students to apply knowledge and skills without risking patient safety. The simulation scenarios are designed to encourage students to assess and manage patients, identify, and prioritize patient problems, and perform key interventions for effective patient care in a safe environment.

**Empire State Development President, CEO and**

**Commissioner Hope Knight** said, "The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the need for adequate nurse staffing, which is crucial to ensure quality health care access for all New Yorkers. New York State's investment in St. John's University's state-of-the-art Health Science Center reflects our strategic focus on workforce development and highlights New York's commitment to strengthening our health care system. The new Health Sciences Center will create 21st century jobs by creating a pipeline of nursing staff in the region that will help fulfill a crucial need across the State."

The groundbreaking of the Health Sciences Center coincides with International Nurses Day, which highlights the importance of the nursing profession.

When complete, the new facility will enable St. John's University to train student-nurses with the most innovative training tools and techniques available. Applications for the University's Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing are now being accepted and preparations are underway for the first cohort of students to begin classes in August. The new undergraduate nursing program is expected to produce approximately 125 nursing graduates per year.

**State Senator Leroy Comrie** said, "This groundbreaking is a glorious way to celebrate International Nurses Day, honor St. John's University's commitment to our community, and mark this beginning for the countless future nurses who will be expertly trained at this new Health Sciences Center. I am grateful Governor Hochul, and colleagues across government, saw the wisdom of New York's multi-year investment in making this Health Sciences Center a reality. I look forward to continuing to partner with St. John's in uplifting education, health, and our shared community."

**Assemblymember David I. Weprin** said, "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic we've relied on our hospitals and frontline healthcare workers to support us and sacrifice for our wellbeing. It was my honor to attend this morning's groundbreaking ceremony for the new Health Sciences Center at St. John's University. This facility is a critical investment in our healthcare education and community infrastructure. This International Nurses Day, I am proud to stand in support of our current and future healthcare heroes."

**New York City Regional Economic Development Council Co-Chairs Winston Fisher, Partner at Fisher Brothers, and Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, CUNY Chancellor**, said, "Investing in our workforce is an important priority for the Regional Councils and the pandemic has put a focus on the need to expand the talent pool of skilled nurses. The NYREDC is proud to support the Health Sciences Center at St. John's University, which will be an important long-term investment in future healthcare workers that will expand our workforce of nurses with good-paying jobs while also growing the State's economy."

**President of St. John's University Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P.** said, "Nursing is not simply a job or a career, it is a vocation—a true calling to service—the kind of compassionate service that is at the heart of the transformative Catholic and Vincentian mission of a St. John's education. Today, with a major investment and expanded commitment to the health sciences, St. John's is helping to answer that call."

In the enacted Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, Governor Hochul delivered a historic \$20 billion multi-year investment to create better working conditions for healthcare workers, with \$1.2 billion dedicated to frontline healthcare worker bonuses, and a \$4.5 billion investment in payment reform. Other landmark investments include \$2.4 billion directed to improving healthcare infrastructure and \$3.9 billion in funding to provide aid to hospitals struggling financially from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, Governor Hochul announced the "Nurses For Our Future" Scholarship. The scholarship covers tuition for 1,000 new or current healthcare workers to earn an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) or Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) at a two-year or four-year New York State public college or university.

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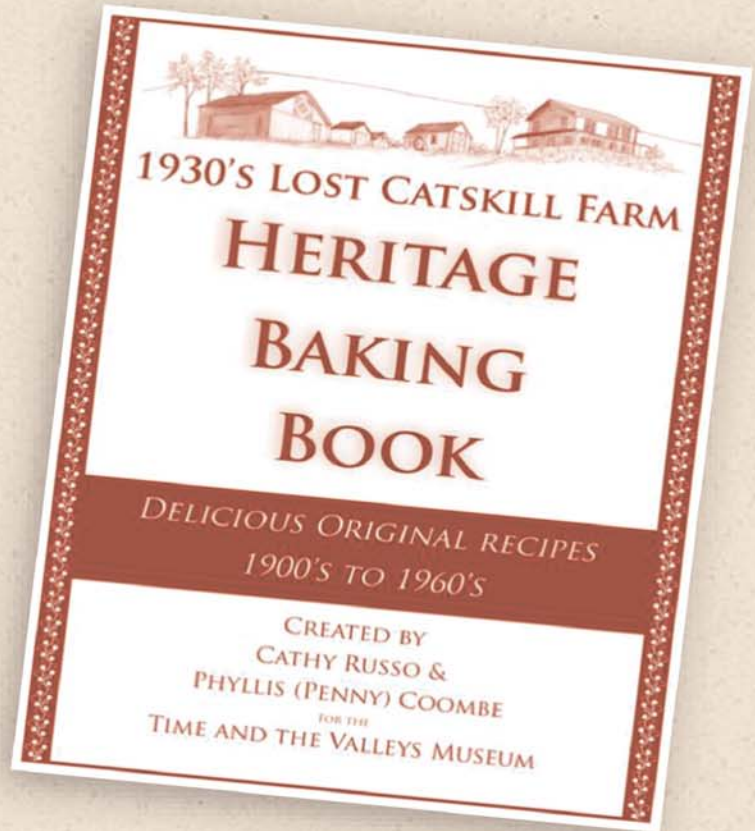
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# Governor Hochul Announces New Watchdog Bureau to Tackle Prescription Drug Costs

**New Pharmacy Benefits Bureau to Supervise Unregulated Pharmacy Benefit Manager Industry**

**Directs the Department of Financial Services to Establish Standards to Protect Consumers and Independent Small Businesses**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the first-in-the-nation approach to bring much needed oversight to Pharmacy Benefit Managers with the creation of the Department of Financial Services' Pharmacy Benefits Bureau. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are key intermediaries in the prescription drug supply chain that have, without regulatory oversight, long controlled the price of drugs for health plans and reimbursement rates for pharmacies. The new bureau will be tasked with licensing and supervising the industry, keeping a watchful eye on Pharmacy Benefit Managers' impact on consumers and the cost of health care.

"As we continue our comeback from the COVID-19 pandemic, it's crucial that we take every opportunity to improve the health care system and reduce costs for New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "This landmark regulatory body will provide careful oversight to protect consumers from predatory practices in the largely unregulated Pharmacy Benefits Managers industry. My administration remains committed to doing everything in its power to reduce the burden of health insurance and prescription drug costs on New Yorkers."

Earlier this year, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law the most comprehensive regulatory regime for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) in the country, assigning DFS new authority to license and supervise the industry. DFS now has the power to address the widely reported problematic practices in the PBM industry which in turn will help lower drug and health insurance costs, protect New Yorkers accessing those drugs, and support New York's pharmacies, many of which are independent small businesses.

Additionally, with the passage of the enacted 2023 State Budget, Governor Hochul secured a \$5 million appropriation to fund and staff the new bureau. As the program fully develops, costs to administer this initiative will be offset through the application of fees, assessments, and penalties directly on the PBM industry, ensuring the cost of regulating this industry will fall on the PBMs, not on the taxpayers.

In addition to the regulation of PBMs, DFS' existing authority to investigate drug price spikes now falls under the supervision of the new Pharmacy Benefits Bureau. DFS will continue to

review reporting, monitor the market conduct and ensure proper enforcement of consumer protections in New York.

Superintendent of Financial Services Adrienne A. Harris said, "The health and wellness of New Yorkers depends on having access to fairly priced prescription drugs. With regulatory oversight of the Pharmacy Benefits Industry, DFS will increase transparency and accountability across the industry, ultimately putting more money in New Yorkers' pockets."

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "Rising prescription drug prices not only increase the cost of health-care for all New Yorkers, but place a particular burden on the elderly and exacerbate the systemic inequities in healthcare delivery. DOH and DFS will work in concert to promote transparency, preserve access, and curb the rising cost of prescription drug prices for the most vulnerable."

DFS has met with external stakeholders in preparation for the registration deadlines. DFS reminds all PBMs of their requirement to register with the Bureau by June 1, 2022 and to submit their first annual report by July 1, 2022. The bureau has released guidance on both registration and the annual report on the DFS website.

DFS will soon file regulatory amendments reflecting the creation of this Bureau. More information will be available in the State Register.



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## UC Executive Pat Ryan, NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey, and Assemblymember Kevin Cahill Call for Relief in Response to Central Hudson's Billing Practices

*Three elected officials are calling for actions from Central Hudson to protect consumers who have been egregiously impacted by the failed implementation of their billing system*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Kevin Cahill announced today that they sent a joint letter to Central Hudson calling for immediate actions on behalf of their constituents who have been egregiously impacted by the company's billing practices. The remedies proposed by County Executive Ryan, Senator Hinchey and Assemblymember Cahill were coordinated with the Public Utility Law Project (PULP) and based on conversations with constituents at each of their offices and public testimony during the May 3rd, 2022, public hearing co-hosted by the three elected officials at Kingston High School, where more than 45 people spoke about estimated bills that did not mirror historic use, bank accounts being emptied from autopay and small businesses getting tens of thousands of dollars in bills when they normally would get one or two thousand dollar bills.

"This has been a fundamental failure by Central Hudson, and yet we - their customers - are paying the price; that is completely unacceptable," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I'm calling on Central Hudson to take meaningful action that will restore the fundamental trust that they have broken with Ulster County residents by adopting these remedies and being accountable for their mistakes. I want to thank PULP, Senator Hinchey and Assemblymember Cahill for their coordination on this call for immediate restitution for our impacted residents."

"Central Hudson has failed our community members in a way that is truly unfathomable, forcing families to make heartbreaking choices between paying their overinflated, often inaccurate utility bills and putting food on the table, or paying their rent or mortgage. It has to stop, which is why I've joined forces with PULP and my colleagues in government to demand that Central Hudson institute a series of restorative measures so that every person impacted by the company's erroneous billing system gets the resolution they deserve," Senator Michelle Hinchey said. "We need our public utilities to operate with full transparency and trust, and we won't stop fighting until Central Hudson is held accountable and fully remediates the financial damage they've caused."

"Our offices have been open and communicative with Fortis/Central Hudson since these issues started appearing last summer. The company has been given ample time to address these longstanding problems, rectify billing disputes and provide accurate information to customers. Their failure to do so has eroded public trust. While we await the comple-

tion of the Public Service Commission investigations, we are calling on Central Hudson to take these common sense measures to start to make amends with their ratepayers and ensure that these mistakes do not further harm the community," Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) said. "It is shocking that Central Hudson, a major public utility, has found itself incapable of issuing accurate, defensible and understandable bills to its customers. The Company's list of failures -including, but not limited to, its negligence to protect customers against the 'bill surge' and this unbelievable failure to install a working billing system - have deeply harmed its customers and eroded the public's trust," said Richard Berkley, Executive Director of the Public Utility Law Project (PULP). "PULP joins County Executive Ryan, Senator Hinchey, and Assemblymember Cahill in seeking behavioral and financial remedies and in urging a speedy completion of the three major investigations so that these harms can begin to be undone without undue delay and Central Hudson's customers can finally receive the accountable, capable and transparent utility service that they are entitled to under the law."

The three elected officials are calling for the following remedies from Central Hudson:

- o Reconnect any customer whose service was terminated from August 2021 to the present and halt all new termination efforts through May 1st, 2023;
- o Reverse any and all late fees, interest accruals and negative credit reports from August 2021 to the present;
- o Offer a minimum Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) at \$0 down and \$10/month to any residential or small business customers in arrears whose bills can be determined to be legitimate and subsequently verified and approved by the Department; (Contd. Pg. 50)
- o Retroactively apply charges based on the specific month in question when issuing corrected invoices for previous billing periods and provide credits in situations where such practice has not been carried out;
- o Zero out balances for any customers in arrears who do not receive corrected, accurate and verified bills by June 30, 2022; and
- o Increase transparency and better communicate the market prices, calculations and hedging activities that determine the rates consumers pay.

The Department of Public Service (DPS) is currently investigating Central Hudson's customer information system implementation and the resulting billing errors. The investigation was triggered by Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, who used his legal authority as the chief executive officer under Public Service Law §71. His March 3rd letter cited Ulster County residents' concerns ranging from not receiving bills for months, to extremely over-estimated bills, to large automatic withdrawals from customers' accounts without notice. Following the audit, the DPS will come up with corrective recommendations and remedies for the Public Service Commission to vote on at a future meeting.

At the State level, Senator Hinchey has called on the Public Service Commission to investigate both Central Hudson's estimated billing procedure and the utility's skyrocketing bill hikes and authored legislation (S7579A) to prohibit every utility company in New York from using an estimated billing system in most circumstances, which is currently under review in the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee.

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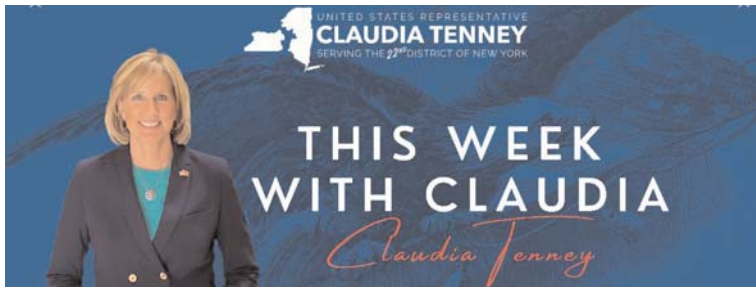
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### **New WSJ Op-Ed: New York's Anti-Energy Policies Are Leading America off a Renewable-Energy Cliff**

This week, I published an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal highlighting New York's anti-energy policies and warning of the risks the rest of the country faces should President Biden continue down the same path.

In 2021, home energy costs rose at the fastest rate since 2008. Energy prices are up 30.3% overall, and fuel oil costs are up 80.5%, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Every day, I hear from families, seniors, farmers, and small business owners who are struggling to make ends meet as a result of these soaring costs. Just last week, one small business owner told me that his shipping costs have tripled because of rising fuel prices. This is unsustainable.

In the op-ed, I argue that New York's decades-long war on energy, which has reduced statewide energy production and driven up costs, should be a canary in the coal mine. If our nation doesn't flip the script on New York's failed playbook, it risks a similar fate of reduced production and higher costs.

READ MORE: New York Leads America off a Renewable-Energy Cliff <https://www.wsj.com/articles/new-york-leads-america-off-an-energy-cliff-natural-gas-fossil-fuels-pipelines-shale-11652296744?mod=e2two>

### **Merrick Garland Should Enforce the Law and Stop the Intimidation of Supreme Court Justices**

This week, I led a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland with nearly 50 of my House colleagues demanding enforcement of the law and action against those intimidating Supreme Court Justices following the leak of a decision draft in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* case before the Court.

Our letter highlighted the need to zealously guard the First Amendment, while also ensuring judges are not intimidated by mob rule. As you may be aware, mobs of protestors have swarmed the homes of Justices Alito, Kavanaugh, Roberts, and Coney Barrett since the leak of the decision.

18 U.S.C. § 1507 makes it a crime to picket or parade outside of a judge's home, particularly if the intent of such actions is to influence them in the discharge of their official duties. The right to peacefully assemble is among the most sacred rights we hold as Americans, which is why our forbearers demanded it be enshrined in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Yet our sacred right to peacefully assemble has never permitted Americans to intimidate judges, jurors, or officers of the court with the expressed objective of swaying the outcome of an independent judicial proceeding.

The failure of this Administration to defend the integrity, independence, and fairness of the judicial process is a shameless and implicit endorsement of mob rule in America. The full text of the letter is available here.

To read more about Garland allowing 'mob rule' in US by not prosecuting demonstrators at justices' homes, Republicans say go to: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/house-republicans-merrick-garland-justice-department-law-protesters-supreme-court-justices>

### **Recognizing National Police Week**

This week, I recognized National Police Week, which is taking place from May 11 through 17. National Police Week was established through a joint resolution from Congress in 1962 and takes place every May. The week recognizes all law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

On Tuesday, I introduced a resolution with 10 of my colleagues in support of the Police Unity Tour. Since 1997, the Police Unity Tour has organized a four-day bicycle ride from locations across the country to Washington, D.C. to raise public awareness about law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten. Each of the nine chapters of the Police Unity Tour hosts a ride with the purpose of raising awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty and raising funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

On Thursday, I joined House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy and other colleagues for a wreath laying ceremony at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial as part of Leader McCarthy's second annual "Back the Blue Bike Tour." As part of this ceremony, I had the privilege of laying a wreath in honor of Oneida County Deputy Sheriff Kurt B. Wyman. Deputy Wyman was killed in the line of duty on June 7, 2011. I observed a moment of silence to honor the memory of Deputy Wyman and all other officers from New York's 22nd Congressional District who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line each day to keep our communities safe. I am committed to standing in firm support of them in Congress. This means honoring those who have fallen in the line of duty and those who continue to serve.

### **Addressing the Baby Formula Shortage**

Tenney Discusses the Baby Formula Shortage go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE0GeyKThrQ&feature=youtu.be>

Our country is facing a massive baby formula shortage, affecting mothers and children everywhere, including throughout New York's 22nd Congressional District. On Thursday, I teamed up with my colleagues to address this crisis.

First, I sent a letter with more than 100 of my House Republican Colleagues calling on the Biden Administration and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to immediately address the shortage. I then joined a press conference to discuss the issue and highlight the need for a prompt response.

The nationwide out-of-stock percentage for baby formula rose to 43% during the first week of May, an increase from 30% just a month earlier. While a large safety recall by manufacturer Abbott contributed to the current shortage, the Administration's failure to sustainably address supply chain disruptions and regulatory hurdles impacting the baby formula industry have exacerbated the situation. I'm working to address both these issues in Congress.

### **Twitter Should Not Provide Services to Terrorists**

This week, I led a letter to Elon Musk regarding the presence of designated Iranian regime officials and organizations on American social media platforms such as Twitter. The Islamic Republic of Iran is designated as a State Sponsor of Terrorism (SST), many of its officials have been named to the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list, and its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) was designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) in 2019.

As a result of these designations, regime officials and entities are subject to secondary sanctions that prohibit U.S. individuals and companies from providing services or material support. Considering these limits, my colleagues and I asked Musk to ensure Twitter's full compliance with U.S. laws, while restoring it as a platform that protects, values, and champions free speech. (Contd. Pg. 57)



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While free speech and the free flow of information on platforms like Twitter are key to maintaining healthy democracies both at home and abroad, the Iranian regime uses this platform to upend democracy and threaten violence, which is exactly why the regime has been designated a State Sponsor of Terrorism and why many of its officials are on the Specially Designated Nationals list. Allowing designated individuals and entities to continue using this platform to incite violence against American officials and citizens, call for the eradication of the Jewish State and its people, and promote its terrorist proxies, is in flagrant violation not only of Twitter's policies, but also of U.S. law.

The full text of the letter is available here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/5.12.22%20Letter%20to%20Musk%20Re-SST.pdf>

To read more: GOP Calls on Musk to Evaluate Twitter's 'Material Support' for Iran Accounts go to: <https://www.newsmax.com/us/elon-musk-twitter-foreign-terrorist-organization-GOP/2022/05/11/id/1069505/>

### My Votes Explained

I am working every day to bring transparency to Congress, and part of this effort includes keeping you updated on what bills passed the House each week and how I voted on each piece of legislation. If you have any questions related to my votes, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington office at 202-225-3665.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5129, the Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act.** This legislation will reauthorize this critical program for another decade and make overdue updates and reforms to ensure all taxpayer funds are used appropriately and transparently. This long-term reauthorization will give state and local agencies the tools to lift families and individuals out of poverty in a cost-effective manner through commonsense policies and initiatives focused on workforce development, nutrition assistance, childcare services, and other evidence-based practices. The bill requires federal approval of state plans to ensure strong oversight as well as a timely flow of funds. It also mandates the use of performance metrics to strengthen evaluation and monitoring of programs. The bill ensures faith-based organizations remain active and equal participants in all programming. The CSBG program supports more than 1,000 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) across the country, including many throughout New York's 22nd Congressional District. These Communication Action Agencies, which I have visited countless times to ensure robust oversight and accountability, provide much-needed assistance to low-income communities and the most vulnerable Americans, especially young children. CSBG funds are vital to supporting these local programs and agencies. Supporting locally-driven solutions to issues of poverty through a program like this that has a demonstrated record of cost-effectiveness and accountability will help us meet the needs of our communities and assist more families and individuals in New York with services like workforce training, childcare and development, emergency housing assistance, and youth training initiatives. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 246--169.

**I voted "No" on H.R. 903, the Rights for the TSA Workforce Act of 2022.** This bill would transfer employees of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) from their current TSA personnel system to the Title 5 personnel system. While there is a problem with poor pay among TSA frontline staff as well as high turnover, this legislation is an inadequate solution to the problem. A May 2019 Blue Ribbon Panel determined that low pay among frontline TSA workers is the primary driver of turnover. However, its recommendation was for targeted pay raises, rather than a shift to the GS Scale as this bill would require. The GS Scale is over 70 years old and has been criticized for discrimination against those who have much-needed skills but do not have advanced degrees. This legislation could have the

opposite of the effect it intends by leading to lower-than-expected pay for good workers without a college or graduate degree like many of those employed by TSA. The other Title 5 provisions would also impact operational nimbleness and passenger safety by, among other things, allowing security procedures to be subject to collective bargaining. This means the TSA may not be able to quickly change security policies to adapt to emerging threats. It would also make it more difficult to dismiss problem employees who are not upholding their job duties or violating the passenger privacy. The correct solution to salary problems and other issues at TSA would be to appropriate additional funds to the agency to pay frontline staff, while keeping the TSA's need flexibility intact. This bill passed the House by a vote of 220-201.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 91, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the "Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building."** Private Lyle courageously sacrificed his life in Afghanistan after his vehicle was attacked by an improvised explosive device. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 412-3, with 2 members voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 92, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the "Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office."** Specialist Four Charles Johnson was killed in action while bravely serving our country during the Vietnam War. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 405-3, with 2 members voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 1st Avenue in Amory, Mississippi, as the "Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. 'Rabbit' Kennedy Post Office Building."** Lawrence Kennedy served in the U.S. Army for 35 years and fought in World War II, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars. Kennedy bravely fought in the historic Battle of the Bulge and carried the American flag ashore in Vietnam while leading the Army's 1st Cavalry 9th Division into combat. Kennedy earned numerous medals, including four Legions of Merit and four Bronze Stars. When he retired in 1975, he was one of the most decorated soldiers, if not the most, in the history of the U.S. Army. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 408-3, with 2 members voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 305 Highway 15 North in Pontotoc, Mississippi, as the "Lance Corporal Marc Lucas Tucker Post Office Building."** Lance Corporal Tucker served in Iraq as a member of the United States Marine Corps where he was involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident. He served his country with honor and bravery. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 406-3, with 2 members voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3508, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, New York, as the "CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office."** Koch was a member of the New York Army National Guard, where he passed away during a routine medical evacuation training when his helicopter crashed. Prior to his tragic passing, Koch served in Afghanistan in 2012 and 2013, and the war in Iraq in 2008 and 2008. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001 Koch was a part of Operation Noble Eagle, the 2004 National Guard Security Mission in the United States. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 408-3, with 2 members voting present.

**I voted "No" on H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act,** which makes changes to federal workers' compensation benefits for federal firefighters. I will always support our nation's first responders. (Contd. Pt. 58)

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In Congress, I support numerous bills to enhance benefits and protections for them and I will continue fighting to enact them in Washington. Unfortunately, this bill lacks the oversight and accountability necessary to be administered in a reasonable manner with integrity to truly prioritize those most in need and impacted by line of duty deaths, illnesses, and injuries. This bill fails to consider vital reforms already being made by the Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation, nor does it incorporate information from the National Firefighter Cancer Registry, which is still being compiled. I supported a commonsense amendment to this bill that would have established a streamlined Firefighter Special Claims Unit to better address the occupational risks and concerns of federal firefighters and authorize a study into changes that may be needed, which House Democrats unfortunately rejected. This bill passed by a vote of 288-131.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 847, the Promoting Digital Privacy Technologies Act.** This bill directs the National Science Foundation to support competitively awarded, merit-reviewed research for privacy enhancing technologies to support our nation's computer and network hardware and software. It is important that we continue to support critical computer and network technologies so that our nation can protect itself against emerging threats. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 401-19.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5324, the NWR Modernization Act.** This bill provides for the upgrading and expansion of the Weather Radio All Hazards network as administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). It authorizes improvements to support areas currently lacking adequate cellular service and ensures that all necessary equipment is repaired and maintained. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 397-20.

I voted "Yes" on S. 66, the South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act. This bill responds to the prevalence of harmful algae blooms in South Florida, which has created harmful hypoxic conditions. Specifically, this legislation establishes an Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to identify and submit a plan for reducing the number of algal blooms in the South Florida ecosystem. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 412-7.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7077, the Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act.** This bill authorizes the United States Fire Administration (USFA) to conduct investigations for major fires and other unique disasters. These investigations should always proceed in coordination with relevant federal, state, and local entities to determine, among other things, a fire's cause and origin. The USFA shall release a public report to federal, state, and local authorities regarding the results of future investigations. This bill will ensure that we have the proper tools and resources to conduct investigations and assessments for major fires. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 379-37.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1437, the Providing Research and Estimates of Changes in Precipitation (PRECIP) Act.** This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to update U.S. precipitation frequency estimates at least every five years and to ensure they are publicly available. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 333-81.

**I voted "Yes" on S. 1872, the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medical Act.** This bipartisan bill would award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during the war. U.S. Army Rangers bravely wore the uniform of this great nation and participated in some of the most important battles of World War II. The impact and influence of these soldiers and the sacrifices they

made to protect their fellow Americans cannot be overstated, and this bill would recognize the valor and extraordinary service of these courageous Army Rangers. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 418-0.

**I voted "No" on H.R. 5911, the Fair Hiring in Banking Act.** This legislation creates exceptions to the restriction on hiring individuals who have been convicted of criminal offenses involving dishonesty and related breaches of trust from working at insured depository institutions like banks and credit unions. While I recognize the value of seeking gainful employment post incarceration and acknowledge that every circumstance is different, we must also take steps to ensure the safety, security, and integrity of the financial sector and those who work in it. This bill is overly broad and prescriptive, especially since individuals can already seek waivers from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration if previously convicted, which allows for an appropriate case-by-case review of each individual request. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 329-88.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5914, the Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors Act.** This bill reauthorizes and revises the Senior Investor Protection Grant Program. The bill also creates a new Senior Investor Protection Grant Program to support state enforcement agencies and task forces charged with protecting and educating seniors on financial fraud. With this bill, agencies and task forces will be able to hire additional investigative staff, invest in proper equipment and training, and educate seniors on financial scams. Seniors are especially vulnerable to scams and fraud, and it is important that we take reasonable steps to protect them and invest in greater awareness and prevention. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 371-48.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 935, the Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2021.** This bill exempts from securities registration requirements certain merger-and-acquisition brokers that facilitate transfer of ownership in privately held companies with earnings or revenues under a specified threshold. This exemption does not apply to certain brokers, including those who provide financing related to the transfer of ownership, engage on behalf of any party in a transaction involving specified shell companies, or are subject to suspension or revocation of registration. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 419-0.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7066, the Russian and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act of 2022.** This bill will clarify that foreign subsidiaries of U.S. financial institutions must comply with American sanctions against the Russia Federation and the Republic of Belarus. This bill represents a significant step forward in imposing sanctions on Russia and Belarus for their senseless invasion of Ukraine. Financial sanctions are a strong and effective tool that the United States can and must use to hold Russia and Belarus accountable for their unprovoked aggression. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 418-2.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7081, the Ukraine Comprehensive Debt Payment Relief Act of 2022.** This bill will direct the Treasury to use its influence at the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, other multilateral development banks, and with private creditors, to press for the suspension of all debt owed by Ukraine and for financial assistance to Ukraine and the countries along its borders taking in refugees. Ukraine has close to \$2.7 billion in principal and interest payments due to the World Bank and IMF in 2022. The government of Ukraine should not be expected to repay its debt to the international financial institutions while it is mobilizing all its resources to fend off the Russian invasion and provide vital services to its citizens. This legislation is a small measure that we can take to provide immediate relief to Ukraine so that they can focus their attention and resources on defeating Russian aggression. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 362-56. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6891, the Isolate Russian Government Officials Act of 2022.** This bill will exclude government officials of the Russian Federation from attendance at the following meetings: G-20, Bank for International Settlements, Basel Committee for Banking Standards, Financial Stability Board, International Association of Insurance Supervisors, and International Organization of Securities Commissions. The Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve would implement the exclusions and these exclusions would expire five years after enactment or 30 days after the President reports to Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased its destabilizing activities with respect to the sovereignty of Ukraine. This bill will further diminish Russia's influence worldwide and ensure greater isolation until Putin fully backs down from his unwarranted invasion. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 416-2.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6899, the Russia and Belarus SDR Exchange Prohibition Act of 2022.** This bipartisan bill will prohibit the Treasury Secretary from exchanging dollars for IMF Special Drawing Right (SDRs) assets held by Russia or Belarus, and would require the Secretary to push IMF member countries to deny these transactions as well. These SDRs total over \$25 billion and represent unconditional liquidity for the Putin and Lukashenko regimes, which are working hand in hand to systematically dismantle a sovereign Ukraine. The more successful we are in cutting off Russia's access to its reserve assets and export earnings, the more vital their SDRs become. We must therefore work with the IMF to make sure the SDR process is also blocked, and that such a freeze continues if Russia's hostilities against Ukraine continue. SDRs are one of the last remaining sources of financing that are available for Moscow, and this bill would ensure they cannot access it. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 417-2.

**I voted "No" on H.R. 6531, the Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act of 2022.** This bill will direct additional federal funding to high poverty areas throughout the country. While it may be well-intentioned, this bill is overly broad and fails to fairly consider areas of high poverty across the country, including rural areas like those across upstate New York. For example, none of the communities in New York's 22nd district would fit under the definition as outlined in the legislation. The broad authority of this bill in the hands of the Biden Administration - or any Administration for that matter - also means that Executive Branch agencies could utilize taxpayer dollars in inappropriate ways and without adequate oversight and direction from Congress. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 262-156.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 224, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas,** as the "Vanessa Guillén Post Office Building." Specialist Vanessa Guillen was reported missing from Fort Hood in April 2020 and was later found dismembered and burned nearby. Spc. Guillen was a dedicated service member who proudly served her country. This bill ensures that her legacy lives on and her memory is not forgotten. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 408-0, with one Member voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 700, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the "Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office".** Larry Walsh was first elected to public service at the age of 21 and served for almost 50 years. Walsh also served as a member of the Elwood School Board, as

Jackson Township supervisor, twice as a Will County Board member and as an Illinois state senator for the 43rd District from 1997 until 2005. Walsh was a dedicated public servant and served his community with honor. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 380-26, with one Member voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5900, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office."** In November 1943, Cruz was a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands, in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and Sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Cruz died on the third day of battle, November 22, 1943. His remains were lost due to a bureaucratic error and recently discovered. Cruz served his country with great honor and was a dedicated Service member benefitting of this legislation. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 401-1, with one Member voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the "Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building."** This bill names the post office after the dedicated Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, who served their country with honor and bravery. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 404-0, with one Member voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7691, the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act.** I am deeply disappointed that Democrats did not release the full text of this bill further in advance. It is yet another example of their failed and chaotic leadership in Washington. While I am disappointed in the process leading up to this bill's consideration, after reviewing this legislation and working on this important issue for several weeks, I believe this bill addresses urgent security concerns for our Nation, while eliminating unnecessary and wasteful provisions. This bill provides roughly \$40 billion in emergency funding to support Ukraine through military and security assistance, sanctions enforcement and asset seizures, and humanitarian and economic assistance. The bill makes certain that Ukraine continues to have the tools, resources, and support to fight back against Russia's bloody and unprovoked war. As I mentioned, prior to the bill's consideration, House Republicans fought hard to keep unnecessary and overreaching provisions out of the package, including \$22.5 million in COVID funding, harmful immigration provisions, and \$21 billion in loans to an unaccountable Chinese-supported trust fund at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). We also fought successfully to ensure that pro-life provisions were protected in the final bill. The additional resources made available by this bill are urgently needed not only to provide military assistance to Ukrainian forces, but also to support our own national defense by backfilling the Department of Defense (DOD) stocks of weapons and equipment. It also addresses the humanitarian crisis created by this conflict, including drastic food shortages. Moreover, this supplemental bill provides much-needed support for U.S. troops and domestic weapons production and includes strong oversight language to ensure proper use of funds. This bill invests in our military and sends a strong message to Vladimir Putin that the United States will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect our interests and those of our allies and partners abroad. This bill passed by a vote of 368-57.



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- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- **FEE** \$15 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$20 per table)- **tables are provided.**
- **\*\*Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise\*\***

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at [claryvillefd@gmail.com](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com).

**Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot. Payment will no longer be accepted on the day of the event!**



## CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 65

1500 DENNING ROAD · CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725  
845 985 7270

### Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tables needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity needed (inside the building only): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Choose type of table: 8ft table \_\_\_\_\_ or 8ft picnic table (outside) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check if you would like to be either outside under the pavilion or inside the building.*  
**\*\*\*spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application\*\*\***

Pavilion: \_\_\_\_\_ Inside the building: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if paid: cash: \_\_\_\_\_ check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$15.00 per 8ft table or \$20.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. \*Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable \* Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Event time: is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Set Up is 8:00 AM

**\*\*I understand that Claryville Fire Dept shall not be held responsible for any lost, damage or stolen merchandise\*\*** Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendors are responsible for leaving their area in the same condition as they found it.

**Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot!**

**\*\*Payment will no longer be accepted the day of the event! \*\***

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department  
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725  
Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

# **\*FREE\***

# **RABIES CLINIC**

**Sullivan County Residents only**  
**Proof of ID required**

**Town of Fallsburg**  
**Morningside Park Pavilion**  
**638 Brickman Rd, Hurleyville, NY**  
**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**6PM to 7:30PM**

**\*Sullivan County Residents only -Proof of ID required**

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

**\*Appointments are required**

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

**<https://tinyurl.com/45wxjkd4>**

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

**\*Bring prior rabies certificate, receive a 3-year vaccination.**

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

**Dogs – Cats – Ferrets**

**All Pet owners must clean up after their pets.**

**All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.**

**All pets must be at least 3 months old.**

**Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents**

**If you don't have access to a computer or have questions, please  
call 845-292-5910**

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND A REALITY!



We are so happy to share our endeavor to finally get the playground  
for Route 42 Community Park!

Our **TRI-VALLEY PTO, TRI-VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE & TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY** are  
working to raise funds to purchase a playground structure for ages 2 and up.

Our Town of Neversink Town Board has pledged a generous amount towards our final goal  
of \$35,000, making this a true community effort. But we still need to raise more  
funds to make our playground dream come true!

We are organizing different fund raisers to help us reach our goal.

We are accepting donations to help us reach our goal.  
If you would like to make a much-appreciated donation,  
you can do so via check made out to:

**TV BEARS PTO**

Noting in the **MEMO: PLAYGROUND FUND**

Donations can be mailed to:

**TV BEARS PTO**

**PO Box 43**

**Grahamsville, NY 12740**

**WE CAN MAKE OUR PLAYGROUND HAPPEN WITH YOUR SUPPORT!**



**48th Annual Grahamsville Gallop**  
**Sunday, June 5, 2022**  
**(Rain date Sunday June 12)**  
**1:00PM**  
**Iatauro Sports Complex, Tri-Valley School**

**After two years, we're excited to see you race again!**

**All races are girls, then boys**

**Awards in all races**

**No entry fee**

**AGES**

**3 and Under    80 Meters**

**4    100M**

**5    200M**

**6    400M**

**7    400M**

**8    400M**

**9    400M**

**10    400M**

**12    800M**

**13    800M**

**14    800M**

**Moms and Dads race    800M**

**Joggers estimated time    800M**

**Race sign up begins at 12:45**

# Spring Into Self Care

at the Daniel Pierce Library

## Revitalize & Cleanse Through the Spring Season

Two separate workshops

### Breathwork & Relaxation Techniques for Spring

Saturday, May 21, 2022

### Spring Cleanse Through Nutrition

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

May's workshop will include: breathwork, relaxation techniques,  
aromatherapy, exercise for the spring and a yoga position guide for at home application.

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



#### Meet your instructor, Kelsey Riley.

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

Click here to register for Daniel Pierce Library Spring into Self Care Workshop  
<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/spring-into-self-care-workshop/>



# A Day in the Life of a Farm Family

Sunday, June 5  
1 to 4 p.m.

Unique 1930s Lost Catskill Farm with historic house, milk house, 1870s barn, working waterwheel and more!



- ☛ Demonstrations of Ice Cream & Butter Making, Spinning & Weaving & More
- ☛ Interactive Fun Activities
- ☛ Guided Tours
- ☛ Fun for the Whole Family

**\$5 Per Person**  
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**Time and the Valleys Museum**

St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

[info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 845 985-7700

# Thank You for Making the Chicken Takeout BBQ a True Community Success!



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**Thank You!**

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**Neversink Campgrounds**

**Lifeguard** for the summer  
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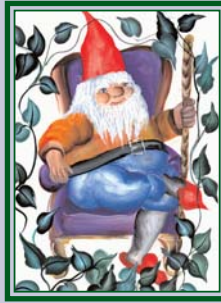


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**Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia  
"GIDGET"**

"A Frolicking Romp," in 1959  
What was it like in the 1950's on California Beaches?

*GIDGET*, 1959 Columbia Pictures CinemaScope feature film that began a series of films and TV shows. It stars Sandra Dee, Cliff Robertson, and James Darren in a story about a teenager's initiation into the California surf culture and her romance with a young surfer.



The film is directed by Paul Wendkos—was the first of many screen appearances by the character Gidget, created by Hollywood writer Frederick Kohner (and based on his own daughter). The screenplay was written by Gillian Houghton, who was then head writer of the soap opera *The Secret Storm*, using the *nom de plume* Gabrielle Upton. This would be Upton's sole contribution to the *Gidget* canon. The story was based on Kohner's 1957 novel *Gidget, the Little Girl with Big Ideas*.

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# Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia

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*(Gidget continued)*

The film, which received one award nomination, not only inspired various sequel films, a television series, and television films, but is also considered the beginning of the entire "beach party film" genre.



*Gidget* is credited by numerous sources (*Stoked! A History of Surf Culture* by Drew Kampion; *The Encyclopedia of Surfing* by Matt Warshaw; and *Riding Giants* a documentary film by Stacy Peralta – to name just three) as the single biggest factor in the mainstreaming of surfing culture in the United States.

# ON AMAZON PRIME SHOWTIME'S MEGA-HIT "FLUIDITY"

In today's adversely poised oppressive world society, it is paramount that this "One World Society" begins to understand each other with a great deal more of *agape compassion* (helping those in need; looking for nothing in return).



Millennials are our now 30 to 40 year olds –the soul of justice that is trying to protect human life. They're protesting heinous murder; an injustice to humanity that will remain in history for all of our days.

Millennials will not stand for injustice. I applaud their efforts

to protest against injustice. The millennials were lied to. They were taught there was no moon landing. Their math was taught as a new math. They were taught whole language making them unaware of our history, thus hindering their education. The merchants and the media kept them as adolescents. This was done to increase video games and other sales – upgrading computer platforms, without supporting the platforms they sold us, and so forth.

Now adults, Millennials, misled by the old establishment rules of society, are honest – very honest and sincere. They do not believe in some of the things as the older generation does, but they are far from hostile.

The infiltrators, in my opinion are hired mercenaries that vandalize, set fires and destroying property.

Given the chance, when the young Millennials realize that they are being used, they will do the right thing. Show them some human parental kindness.

Love and peace be with you....



"FLUIDITY," is the story of ten millennials living in New York City whose sexual lives intersect in the age of social media - where likes, impressions, and virtual "connections" threaten the very notion of personal relationships and human intimacy.

Surperbly directed by Linda Yellen; Starring Nico Tortorella, Isabella Farrell, Tommy Dorfman. Drama; Subtitles English [CC], Audio Languages English for visual-impaired. Rated MA- adult situations.

*Stay Safe,  
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