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## Town of Neversink Flag Exchange Ceremony Veterans Day - 2020

Veteran's Day 2020 in the Tri Valley area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 11th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The event will be a little different this year due to unexpected circumstances regarding the flag that was scheduled to be raised and the COVID -19 cancellation of the Memorial Day Flag Exchange. The ceremony will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past year, in honor of Ted Connolly, a Navy Veteran that served in Korea. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor all of our nation's Veterans, which will fly for six months.

Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troop 97 and Cub Scout Troop 87, as well as the Girl Scouts Troop 314 and an Honor Guard of local Veterans. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

Following the Flag Exchange at the Cemetery, all are invited to the Neversink Town Hall for a brief flag exchange and wreath laying ceremony.

**\*\* Please practice social distancing guidelines\*\***

## Neversink General Store Announces Winners of their Halloween Competition



Here are the winners of the Neversink General Store Halloween competition. It was a very competitive event, so there are some ties. Chris and Mark, owners of The Neversink General Store would like to thank the dedicated judges: Jenny Lee, Paul Hargrove and Neversink's Town Supervisor, Chris Matthews. "We couldn't have done without the help of the Viskup family, Kathy, Paul, Little Paul and Booker. And, of course, there is no good party without Chef Jaime's amazing food and help!" (Contd. Pg 9)

## Events That Lead to the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor – VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: Events that Lead to the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor on Sunday, November 15th at 2 p.m..

Military historian Charles Breiner will discuss Japan's relationship with the United States, starting with Commodore Mathew Perry's visit to Japan in 1853 until the war with the United States began on December 7, 1941. Topics include Japanese transformation from a feudal system to a modern industrialized military power, the first Sino-Japanese War, the Russo-Japanese War, the Japanese seizure of Manchuria in 1931, the Second Sino-Japanese War, and an explanation of how President Roosevelt maneuvered Japan into going to war with the United States.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Righteous art thou, O Lord and upright are they judgments.

Psalm 119: 137

**OBITUARY****Harry G. "Rip" Rapenske** of Liberty, NY, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, October 26, 2020. Born in Richfield Springs, NY to Mary and John Rapenske, he was one of four brothers. In high school he excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and track for 4 years. He was recently inducted into the Richfield Springs Central School Hall of Fame. At 17 years of age he signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates and played shortstop for the Hornell Braves from 1944 to 1945. In 1945 Harry served as a corporal in the U.S. Army.

In 1947 he entered NYS college at Cortland in the physical education program. In 1950, "Rip" was hired by the Columbia High School in East Greenbush, NY school district as a physical education teacher and coach of basketball and baseball. In 1951 his basketball team won the 1st sectional championship ever for Columbia High School. He was chosen coach of the year by the Albany Times Union and has since been inducted into the Columbia High School Wall of Fame. In 1956, "Rip" came to Liberty Central School, teaching physical education, as Athletic Director and coached football, basketball, and baseball. The Baseball team won Liberty's only sectional baseball championship in 1974. He retired in 1984. He has recently been inducted into the Liberty Central School Wall of Fame. Rip managed the winning Liberty Lumber Fast Pitch Team for ten years and also ran the Fast Pitch League. Rip was a strong supporter of the Yankees, Notre Dame, Duke and Liberty Central School Athletics.

He was a dedicated fan of the Liberty sports program for many years even after his grandchildren graduated. Harry enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, camping with his family and making people laugh (most of the time). He was member of the Knights of Columbus, WSS Sportsman Club, Catskill Fly Fishing Club, Craig E Claire hunting club, and NYS Teachers Union.

Harry married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Traudt Rapenske on September 4th, 1948. They have been married for 72 happy eventful years. Survivors include his wife, Margaret T. Rapenske at home; a son, Tom Rapenske, Irving, KY; four daughters, Janis Willman of Steamboat Springs, Colo, Linda Nash of Rock Hill,

NY, Debra TerBush and her husband Tim of Liberty, NY, and Cathy Wilhelm and her husband John of Liberty, NY; four grandchildren, Andrea Black and her husband Matt, Amanda Willman, Calvin Henry and his wife Krissy, and Ryan Henry and his wife Meghan; four great grandchildren, Rylin Henry, Jordan Black, Kaden Henry, and Kalia Henry; a sister-in-law, Blanche Rapenske, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Joan Traudt and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia and Howard Ezell and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother Mary Potrikus Rapenske, his father John Rapenske, three brothers, Lincoln (Emma) Rapenske, Robert Rapenske, and James (Judy) Rapenske. One granddaughter Erinn TerBush, and a sister-in-law and brother in-law Barbara (William) Gaylord.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, October 30, 2020 at 1 St. Peter's Roman Catholic, Liberty, NY. Father Edward Bader officiated.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Boy Scouts Pack 97 for helping us on our work days in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Kathy Denman, Superintendent

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****November 1, 1950**

Local flying enthusiasts are organizing a flying club in Grahamsville. Tentative plans call for flying lessons at a reasonable cost and eventual use of a local field. Among those taking part in preliminary discussions are Arlington Visscher, Vincent Zanetti, George Mayberry, Karl Messinger, Bill Krum, Carl Carlsen and Sam Andersen.

The Sundown School House is the first of the schoolhouses to be made into a dwelling and occupied. That speaks well for Mr. and Mrs. Chas. TerBush's foresight and industry.

Preliminary work is in process on the new County road over South Hill under the supervision of County Superintendent of Highways Chas. Geissler. Machinery was moved in last week and progress has been rapid.

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

(From Pg. 2)

November, 1, 1950 -Alton Knight turned in an alarm at about 11:30 Monday morning and brought six or seven volunteers to a brush fire on the hill in back of Ralph Hornbeck's. Firemen, using Indian Fire Extinguishers, brought the fire, which burned over 2 acres, under control.

Louis Hardenburg enlisted in the Air Corps for a four year term. He left October 14th and is now stationed at San Antonio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardenburg of Hasbrouck.

**November 2, 1960**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donnelly of Ellenville have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary Teresa, to Robert Terwilliger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Grahamsville, at the Dutch Reformed Church, Ellenville on Saturday, October 15th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George H. Winn.

Miss Loretta Mitchell, daughter of Mr. William Mitchell Sr., and the late Blanche Mitchell of Napanoch and Donald E. Ackerley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ackerley of Grahamsville, were united in marriage on Saturday afternoon, October 29th at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Napanoch.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George of Sundown celebrated their wedding anniversary on October 25th. Included with those who shared their cake were Mr. and Mrs. George Haag Sr. and Mrs. Arthur Knott of Staten Island.

The Lows Corners Church has been selected as the Church of the Month to broadcast its morning worship service for the month of November over Radio Station WVOS, Liberty.

**November 11, 1970**

Services were held Sunday for Mrs. Mabel Lowe, 65, wife of Elwood Lowe of Riverside Dr., Woodbourne, who died in Hamilton Ave. Hospital on Thursday, following a long illness. She was born November 4, 1905 in Eureka, a daughter of Charles and Nina Cross TerBush. She was married September 15, 1923 at Newburgh to Elwood Lowe.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna, 25 years on the 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta 35 years on the 16th and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Erath who are celebrating their 55th anniversary on the 17th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Conklin, the proud parents of a daughter, Shona Lee, born at Ellenville Community Hospital on Thursday, November 5th. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hill and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Conkfin of Red Hill.

This Thursday, voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District will be asked to make a most important decision. The bond issue for the proposed elementary building will be presented to the public.

The Class of 1971 is currently rehearsing for "The Solid Gold Cadillac" which will be presented on November 20 and 21. Mrs. Pauline Hill, senior play director, a most polished production by the students.

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**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**Winter's Feathered Friends are Back**

Last week while heading out to the front yard to do some Halloween decorating a flock of Junco literally startled me. About 25 or more took off en masse!

When flocks of Dark-Eyed Juncos join together for the winter, they use their social rank for protection. The dominant birds stay in the center of the flock of 10 to 30 birds where they are protected from predators. First are the oldest males, surrounded by the young males, then the oldest females, and finally the young females! They keep their place in the flock by using displays of dominance that includes aggressive lunges, and flashing their white tail feathers.

Juncos (*Junco hyemalis*) are of the sparrow species and members of the finch family, Fringillidae.

Adults generally have gray heads, necks, and breasts, gray or brown backs and wings, and a white belly. The white outer tail feathers flash distinctively in flight and while hopping on the ground. The bill is usually pale pinkish.

Males tend to have darker, more conspicuous markings than the females. The dark-eyed junco is 5 to 6.9 in long and has a wingspan of 7.1 to 9.8 in and weighs from 0.63 to 1.06 oz. Juveniles often have pale streaks and may even be mistaken for vesper sparrows until they acquire adult plumage at 2 to 3 months. In the Catskills you may never get the chance to see the youngsters, as most young are hatched far away in the wilds of Canada or Alaska during the summer months.

During courtship the juncos will hop about with their wings drooped and their tails fanned, displaying the outer white feathers. The male sings softly from a branch to woo his lady love. The female builds her nest in a shallow depression, with foliage as protection. She will lay 2 clutches of 3-6 eggs and will incubate the eggs. Nestlings are fed regurgitated insects by both parents. The nestlings grow quickly and they are able to leave the nest a few days before they can fly.

These lively winter birds have their own ways of keeping warm during long chilly winter nights. They sleep in dense evergreen trees or burrow their way into a hay-stack. Then all night long they perch first on one foot and then on the other, so that four little toes are always tucked under downy feathers.

Once morning comes, you will find them at the bird feeders, or flitting along the ground looking for feed that has fallen.

If you are able to watch them up close you will see them use their tiny pink beaks to crush the seeds in true 'sparrow style', rolling them over and over in their beaks until the shells are soft enough to crack.

A poet described a little Junco, "Dark winter skies above and white snow below."

With their outer tail feathers also white, the air becomes alive with the contrasting white streaks against their dark feathers as the birds bounce and dart from one bush to another announcing that winter weather is in the forecast.

**Household Hints:****Shiny Crust on Homemade Bread and Rolls**

For a shiny crust on homemade bread and rolls: just before they have finished baking, take them out, brush crusts with vinegar, return to oven to finish baking.

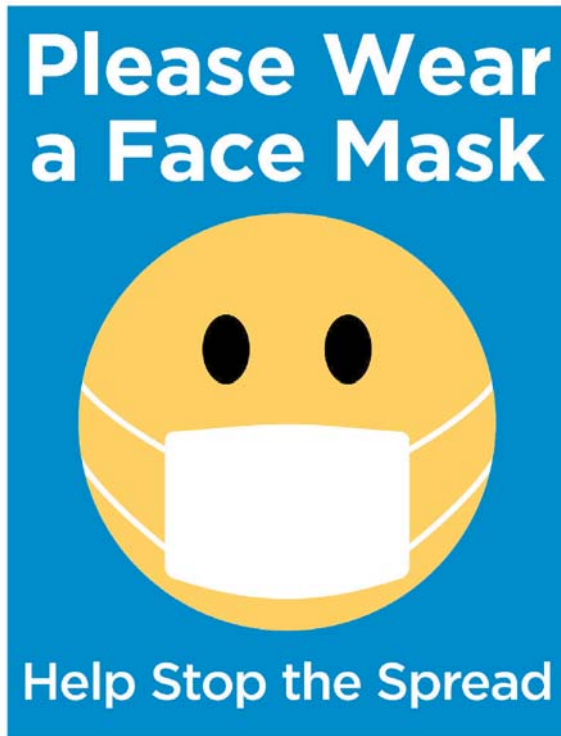


**DAYS OF YORE...***Today's History* (From Pg. 3)**October 30, 1980**

On Saturday evening, October 25th, following a covered-dish supper and the showing of the filmstrip "Time to Remember", the congregation of the Grahamsville Reformed Church had a "special" surprise for Kathryn and Irene Moore. In recognition for the many years they have spent helping, teaching and guiding the young people of the church, the congregation got together to show their appreciation to the Moores. Young and old contributed to this memorable affair.

Doug Hamilton, son of Mrs. Barbara Slater, and his friend, Jim Doughty of Deansboro, N.Y. were two competitors in the New York City Marathon on October 26th. Doug's time was 3 hours 38 minutes and Jim's time was 3 hours 29 minutes. Anybody who finished the race is to be congratulated!!

Dot DePew attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Theresa Sue Huggins in effersonville on Saturday. Dot says it was a beautiful wedding, rain or no rain!



## Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

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

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

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

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

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

## New Guidelines for Out-of-State Travelers to NY

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced new guidelines allowing out-of-state travelers to New York to "test out" of the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Travelers from states that are contiguous with New York will continue to be exempt from the travel advisory; however covered travelers must continue to fill out the Traveler Health Form at: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>

Essential workers will continue to be exempt as well. The new protocol is effective Wednesday, November 4.

For any traveler to New York State from out of state, exempting the contiguous states, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are below:

- o For travelers who were in another state for more than 24 hours:
  - o Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure from that state.
  - o The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.
  - o On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests comes back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.
- o For travelers who were in another state for less than 24 hours:
  - o The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in New York State.
  - o However, the traveler must fill out our traveler form upon entry into New York State, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in New York at: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>

Local health departments will validate tests, if necessary, and if a test comes back positive, will issue isolation orders and initiate contact tracing. The local health department must make contact with the state the traveler came from, to ensure contact tracing proceeds there as well. All travelers must continue to fill out our traveler form upon arrival into New York State to contribute to New York State's robust contact tracing program.

The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out of state, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety.

For general inquires contact the call the Hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

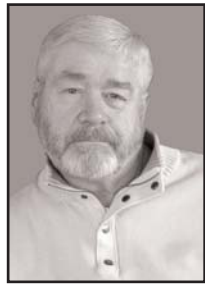
For a list of countries designated under a CDC level 2 or 3 COVID-19 travel health notice, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

For guidance on how to quarantine safely, visit: <https://ny.gov/traveladvisory>

To file a report of an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine pursuant to the travel guidelines call 1-833-789-0470 or [www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact\\_information/](http://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/).

Individuals may also contact their local department of health.





## Ink & Sigil

### Mysterious Book Report No. 424

by John Dwaine McKenna

Our Halloween treat for 2020 – the year a real Captain Trips came to town and tried to kill us all – is a dazzling urban fantasy and series launch by *NY Times* bestselling author Kevin Hearne, entitled: *Ink & Sigil*, (Del Rey, \$28.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-9848-2125-6), in which a beleaguered, ordinary mortal man from Glasgow, Scotland named Aloysius, “Al,” MacBharras is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the treaties that determine how and when supernatural beings may visit the earth. Goddesses and gods down to ogres, leprechauns and sprites, all are subject to his authority . . . but aren't under his control. Al is a sigil agent. He's one of five in the whole world who have the knowledge and the ability to concoct rare, exotic inks, and draw sigils-magic signs and symbols that have the power to amplify strength, heal wounds or tear apart mountains for example. There are many others. But Al is handicapped as well. There's a curse on his head. The more he speaks aloud to someone, the more that person hates him. He's been able to work around it however, by using his cell phone. Then there's the problem with his apprentices. They keep dying. He's lost six thus far, and the seventh, named Gordie, dies in a freak accident just as the story begins.

But Gordie had a secret. To Al's horror, he finds Gordie was trafficking in Fae folk by luring them to earth with promises of work, trapping them using sigils, then selling them to unknown buyers. It's a horrific scheme Al is duty and honor-bound to set right. He rescues Gordie's last victim – a peevish, foul-mouthed and troublesome, three-foot tall hobgoblin who says his name is Buck – and recruits him to track down the buyers and find the trafficked victims Gordie sold, as well as shutting down the other, Fae side of the scheme, in which some higher authority had to be complicit.

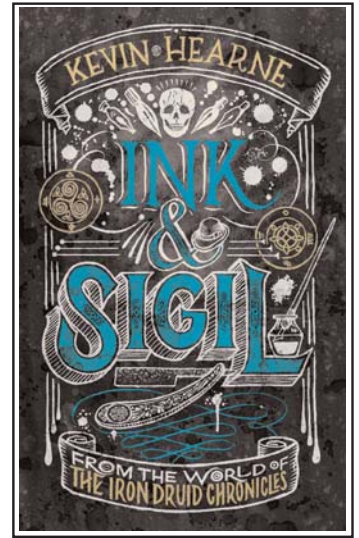
And so begins a delicate and dangerous process between two realms in which the aging widower and sigil agent has to dodge hard-pressed detectives who're determined to learn the facts about Gordie's life and death in the earthly realm . . . while at the same time not annoying vengeful goddesses or falling into the jaws of the ghostly hell-hounds that appear from black smoke and tear their quarry to pieces.

*Ink & Sigil* is an epic romp in an adult never-never land that will transfix your attention, engage your mind and provide a few laughs too. It's the perfect antidote to real life and the news!

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## Interview With The Author: Kevin Hearne

by

John Dwaine McKenna

Today we're talking with a best-selling author and the most imaginative fantasy writer in this part of the known universe. His name is Kevin Hearne and we're very happy to hear his thoughts and ideas. Mr. Hearne, thanks for taking time to speak with us today. Here's our first question:



**When do you write?**

I write mostly in the mornings and afternoons; by dinnertime my brain is pretty tuckered out and wants to relax.

**Where do you write?**

In the kitchen, normally, at the island countertop. I'll work on the deck when the weather and mosquitos choose to cooperate, and occasionally at a café-but you have to bring noise-cancelling headphones for that. You can't leave yourself open to the dubious mercy of a corporate playlist.

**Do you plot-outline or wing it?**

I definitely write an outline but always feel free to ignore it once I get to drafting. Better ideas come along sometimes, and I quickly latch onto them rather than say, “No, too late, you weren't here for the outline.”

**How did your book get published?**

It was sold at auction between four publishers once I got an agent.

**How long did it take?**

The submission and auction took two weeks. But before that, it was twenty years of writing novels that never got published. So it was twenty years and two weeks, but I did well enough to quit the day job. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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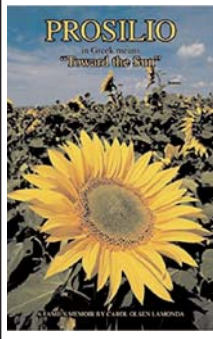



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# The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Metamorphosis



“Some changes look negative on the surface but you will soon realize that space is being created in your life for something new to emerge.”  
 \_ Eckhart Tolle

The sudden appearance of a viral contagion changed our lives in a week. We stopped hugging people and touching things. We strove for sterility and safety out of fear. We withdrew into our homes as if they were safe harbors in a storm. The impetus for change was fear.

Now that we know more about the virus, we have learned to adapt to its presence in our lives. We planned for the short term hoping a treatment or vaccine was on the cusp and we could go back to normal.

As fall brings a chilly night air; our mindset adjust to a winter of facing the rampant first wave and possibly the second wave of Covid-19. It is time to change our lifestyles to fit the reality of a situation. Being retired, most of my life was social or volunteer. Even my hobbies of painting, yoga, sewing, reading, and writing involved others. No senior art group now; no yoga at the library; no Linus Project or My Friend Rag Doll to sew or stuff; no book club luncheons, and now I am writing a column for a paper published only on-line.

I have much more time with less responsibility or participation. I have time to do and be. I have redesigned my “lady loft” into my painting corner, my sewing section, my writing desk, and my cozy reading spot. I find I have more time to plan meals and connect with family and friends. I feel I need fewer things and more space. My priorities are changing.

Thinking back just a few years, I realize things like CD's, telephone directories, parties, landline phones (those are the things attached to the wall that receive only telemarketer calls), dressy clothes, dining out, and movies how now evolved into different versions: Cell phones, social media, masks and comfy clothes, take-out food, and streaming movies are the new lifestyle.

It will be interesting, when Covid-19 is tamed, to see what we shall cull from our lives and deem important enough to bring into our future. Now we tend to focus on what we miss rather than what we have learned about what is most important in our lives.



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**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks at all

times, using hand sanitizer frequently and thoroughly cleaning all touched surfaces several times a day. Visitors to the Museum and 1930s Lost Catskill Farm must wear masks, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout their visit.

#### Exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes 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.
- 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 water-wheel.
- o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. 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). Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.



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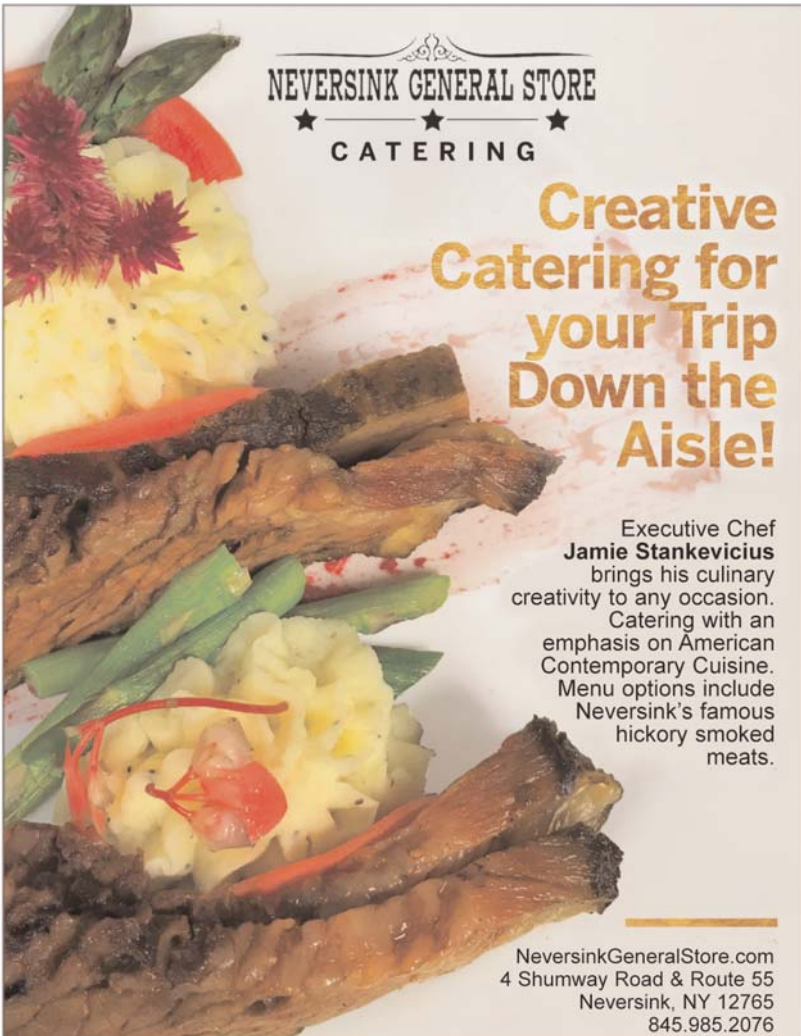
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# Neversink General Store Announces Winners of their Halloween Competition

(From Pg. 1) Winners, please collect your prizes at the store whenever you can, just come to the register. Congratulations!

**Cutest Little Ones:**

**Unicorn and Pink Rabbit**

**Most Creative: Engine Boy**

**Most Artistic: Bela, La Catrina**

**Best Trunks: Graveyard and Eye Soup Witch**

**Best Family Efforts: Kate's Gang and Flower Girl with Mom and Dad**



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It was a perfect beautiful chilly Halloween day in the Catskills for the celebration of the first Annual Trunk-r-Treat hosted by Neversink General Store. From 3 in the afternoon until 6 pm, hundreds of people stopped by – not all at once but in a timely fashion that everyone was safely spread out over the parking lot and had a lot of fun. Decorated cars, fire trucks from the Neversink Fire Department, scary movies and, of course, lots of candy added to the festivities.

And of course, the Ghoul Shack was opened serving finger-licking Scary Pizza, and a variety of grab-n-go treats.

Here is a brief 'sketch' in pictures showing a glimpse of the ghosts, ghouls, witches, unicorns, and that enjoyed this year's 1st Annual Trunk-R-Treat at the Neversink General Store.

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# Neversink General Store Announces Winners of their Halloween Competition

(From Pg. 9)



A big thank you to Chris, Mark and Jamie and all who helped make this a day filled with smiles and happy memories of Halloween 2020. You also gave us something to look forward to again next year –

**Halloween 2021 and the 2nd Annual Trunk 'r Treat at The Neversink General Store!**



## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

How was your Halloween? Mine was a spectacular bang up....bit of normal.

I met my best friend up in Kingston (it's her favorite holiday too) and we...ran errands. Hers and mine. Mine were to see if I could buy a few things that I wouldn't have to order on line and couldn't get anywhere around where I live. She and her co workers are isolated from each other for safety. And I'm just isolated. We are safe. We hung out. With our masks, our hand sanitizer and the knowledge that every place we went had maybe 3 people besides ourselves. We had lunch in our 'usual' place. That tiny bit of normal that makes that isolation bearable.

We watched the Catskill Mountain Railroad's Halloween train pull into their Kingston station. The few workers we encountered were dressed up. But Halloween this year was a hollow remnant of years previous. It saddens me.

I got home a bit after dark. My neighbor has always gone all out decorating for this holiday to delight the children coming to the door for 'treats'. His porch was devoid of any decoration save the porch light. It saddens me.

There was a bright spot this week, however. The harasser of friends Wade and RJ, owners of CABERNET FRANK'S, has now been indicted. INDICTED!!! The sentence can be as steep as 5 years in prison (not jail) and a \$250,000 fine. What's more is it is all over the internet news, as well as the newspapers. Their choice of renown Civil Rights attorney Michael Sussman was an excellent move. I've known Michael for a several years, having sat on the board of his EMPOWERING movement, the Ellenville chapter. No one fights harder for human rights and I'm proud to know all involved.

And I did find my computer mouse. In a place that made no sense what-so-ever. But I did find it.

I mention the bright spots because they give me hope in this week from hell. My diabetic kitty faced a health crisis of three days duration. (He's fine now.) I was looking forward to an interview I had scheduled, but the calipers froze on my car rendering it undrivable. Each way too expensive to happen all in one week. So, when my friend called and said 'Let's!', I jumped at that chance.

For those who want to read about live music this week, you will be disappointed. That said, I'm just not comfortable in the indoor venues but will endeavour to bring you all interviews with musical artists of great talent who reside or have passed through our little county.

And for now, watching the active cases rise on average of 14 per day (that's 91+ per week) over the last few weeks in this rural county is alarming. Most are simply quarantined. Many of those will not quarantine, but will go about their daily lives, not caring that they will be infecting others. Some will do it out of ignorance. Some out of open defiance. I for one, will be doing what I feel is the intelligent thing to do. I have been out in the world the weekend before last and this last weekend. I have a test scheduled for later this week. Was I exposed? Who knows. I'm taking no chances and will be laying low until the results come back. I'm not a fool. Not with the direction this county is going.

Stay safe, stay strong.  
Until next time.....

## Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth

<http://www.herquirkyjourney.com>



### Backpacking through Central and Eastern Europe! My first destination: Krakow, Poland

#### JULY 1: CONFUSING TRAIN RIDE FROM PRAGUE AND CHEAP POLISH FOOD

After leaving my apartment in Prague to my brother to sublet, I embarked on my backpacking Europe trip. First stop: Krakow, Poland. Since a one-way train ticket was only around \$25 USD, I figured I'd splurge a bit and take the train instead of the bus. Trains are far better than buses anyway, aren't they?

I got comfortable in my seat, working on blogging stuff and so on. After several minutes, the ticket collector told me that I needed to go to a different train car at 1 PM because the one I was on was not going all the way to Krakow. I then figured I'd wait a little while, then change to a different train car.

Fast forward a couple of stops later: two women kicked us out of my seat because one of them reserved the one I was sitting in. Clumsily and awkwardly, I fumbled with all of my belongings in a packed train car, feeling all eyes on me. After walking around the train car, I quickly realized that there were no available seats: exactly what I feared would happen while buying our tickets. I had no choice: I had to stand in the train aisle.

Thirty minutes later, people got off the train and I magically found a free seat!

I played UNO with two young and adventurous girls from the Netherlands, shared travel stories, and even got to taste some delectable and traditional Dutch candies!

the train rolled into Krakow in the early evening. Once I started walking around the train station, I quickly realized how convenient of a station it was! The place was clean and big with a connected bus station and massive mall! How convenient!



Since I hadn't eaten yet that day, I quickly chose a restaurant in the train station that had some sort of "fast food" Polish food to eat. I ordered a mountain of food: sausage, pork, sauerkraut, and soup. To my surprise, the food was incredible! And not only did it taste heavenly, but it was cheap, too! For a giant plateful of hearty food, I spent 33 zloty, or \$8.50 USD. Not too shabby!

YUM! (Contd. Pg. 12)

## Krakow, Poland

(From Pg. 11)

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## Interview With The Author: Kevin Hearne

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### Do you use humor in your work?

Oh, heck yes. My urban fantasy series, the Iron Druid Chronicles, does contain serious themes, but (I think) they are generally considered light escapist reads.

### What type of scene is most difficult for you to write?

Fight scenes are rough for me, since I'm not any sort of martial artist and would always rather buy someone a drink than throw a punch. Comic books, however, taught me about the structure of them, and if I play some heavy metal I can usually get them done-it's just slower than any other kind of scene.

### What's your next project?

I'm currently working on A Curse of Krakens, the third book of an epic fantasy trilogy called the Seven Kennings, which begins with A Plague of Giants. It's full of magical critters and people.

### Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

I'm at <https://kevinhearne.com/> and on Twitter and Instagram as @kevinhearne. Please do say hi to me there!

Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project.

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## NYS DEC Recent Notices:

- o Sundown Wild Forest: Attention Hikers! The trail marker color has been changed from blue to red along the Vernoooy Falls trail from the Upper Cherrytown Trailhead through Greenville.
- o Phoenicia Mt. Tobias Wild Forest: DEC has partnered with NYCDEP to provide access, via trail from Peck Road, to a western vista point on Ticetonyk Mountain. Volunteers from the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference including members of the Catskill 3500 Club gathered in late September to and fix up the trail and put up trail markers and signs.
- o Platte Clove Road is closed seasonally from November 1 - April 15.
- o Regular hunting season - Saturday, November 21- Sunday, December 13. Hikers should be reminded to wear bright colors, and hunters to identify your target and hunt responsibly.
- o Volunteers are no longer staffing the Fire Tower at Red Hill this season. The cab (very top) of the Red Hill Fire Tower will be kept closed on weekends and holidays through the remainder of the year. Visitors can still climb to the landing just beneath the cab for spectacular views.
- o Kaaterskill Falls is open. You can access it from the Laurel House Road and Scutt Road parking areas, however, the Molly Smith parking area and the Kaaterskill Falls Trail from NY 23A to the base of the lower falls will continue to remain closed for trail construction. All cars parking illegally along Route 23A in the Kaaterskill Clove area are at risk of being ticketed and towed.

## Galligan Announces Indictment of Parksville Man for Criminal Contempt of Court

Acting District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced



that a Sullivan County Grand Jury has issued an indictment of Joseph J. Peters, 64, of Parksville, for two counts of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, felonies, five counts of Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree and three counts of Stalking in the Fourth Degree, misdemeanors, and one count of Trespass, a violation. All of the conduct alleged by the Indictment

relates to Peters' alleged ongoing offenses against two of his neighbors on Main Street in Parksville.

It is alleged that Peters violated orders of protection issued by the Town of Fallsburg Justice Court which required him to stay away from and refrain from any communication with both of the victims. It is further alleged that Peters repeatedly engaged in conduct which placed the victims in reasonable fear of injury over the period of April 2020 through October 2020. Additionally, it is further alleged that Peters engaged in several specific acts that were prohibited by the orders of protection and unlawfully entered the premises of Cabernet Franks restaurant.

Galligan said, "There is a difference between simply not liking your neighbors and engaging in criminal conduct against them. It is alleged that Joseph Peters crossed that line and I recognize that offenses like those alleged by this Indictment carry with them a heavy mental and emotional toll for the victims. If and when proven guilty in court, Peters will be held criminally responsible for that."

Galligan said that Peters faces up to 1 1/3 to 4 years in prison if he is convicted of any felony Criminal Contempt count. Galligan thanked members of Sullivan County Sheriff's Office for their work on this case. Peters is expected to be arraigned tomorrow morning before the Sullivan County Court.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.



## Sullivan County Humanitarian Gary Silver to Receive 2020 SYDA

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has announced that Gary Silver of Liberty, New York, has been selected as the recipient of the 2020 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award. This prestigious award includes a certificate of merit for outstanding service to the Sullivan County community and a monetary gift to be distributed by the recipients to the charities of their choice. In 2020, in honor of the 35th anniversary the Community Service Award ini-

tiative, the monetary gift has been increased to \$6,000.

Since 1986 the SYDA Foundation has sponsored this annual award to recognize and honor local citizens for outstanding community service. The selection committee, comprised of past award recipients and local civic leaders, chose Gary Silver to receive this year's award in recognition of his many years of service to the community of Sullivan County. Gary's primary service focus is leading projects to support the basic requirements of those in need, including addressing food insecurity; participating on humanitarian missions to provide clean-water filtration systems; and supporting organizations that coordinate and deliver emergency local and global disaster relief.

After graduating with distinction from Hofstra University's School of Law, Gary moved from Long Island, NY, to Sullivan County with his wife, Diane, to clerk for the Hon. Robert C. Williams, Justice of New York Supreme Court Third Judicial District.

For many years Gary Silver has been an active member of the Liberty Rotary Club and has served in various roles, including as President and Director of the club. When the COVID-19 crisis hit Sullivan County, Gary took on a leadership role in overseeing and coordinating volunteers for Operation Feed, a win-win endeavor that engaged with and supported over 14 local restaurants to provide food for essential workers. He guided Operation Feed as it pivoted to address food insecurity for people suffering from the pandemic's economic effects. By partnering with Single Bite, an organization that prepares healthy meals for those in need, Operation Feed has successfully delivered tens of thousands of healthy meals over the last few months here in Sullivan County. Gary is currently working with Operation Feed and Single Bite to develop a program to provide healthy meals to schoolchildren and their families.

Gary's community service has extended beyond Sullivan County. Through the Liberty Rotary Club and Operation Endeavor, a not-for-profit organization that provides disaster relief locally and abroad, Gary helped collect and provide supplies for hurricane relief in Texas, North Carolina and Puerto Rico. In 2014 he traveled to Cap-Haïtien, Haiti, with the organization Archangel Airborne to provide water filtration units and medical clinics to serve families living in poverty. Gary has since visited Haiti ten times as a volunteer for humanitarian missions.

Gary also serves as the Village of Liberty Attorney and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development. He resides in Liberty with his wife, Diane. They have two adult daughters, Alex and Michelle.

Due to ongoing pandemic concerns, this year the SYDA Foundation Community Service Award will be presented in a virtual format. The virtual award presentation will take place on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 10:15 a.m. via videoconference. To request the link to participate, please email [csa@syda.org](mailto:csa@syda.org).

## Moose on the Loose

On Oct. 9, Region 5 Wildlife staff requested help from ECOs with the removal of a young bull moose trapped in a 200-acre cow pen in the town of Clinton, Clinton County. Lieutenant Maloney



and ECO Brassard, Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) drone pilots, located the moose in the pasture using an aerial drone equipped with thermal imaging cameras. Once located, DEC's tranquilization team, led by Big Game Biologist Jim Stickles, chemically immobilized the moose. Lieutenant Phelps, along

with ECOs LaCroix, Buffa, Fadden, and members of the property owner's family assisted the wildlife crew with removing the moose from the pasture and safely relocating it a short distance away. They fitted the moose with a radio location collar before the animal walked away, appearing to be healthy.

Visit DEC's Facebook post for video and more details.

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for an Informational School Community Forum with

## Sullivan County Public Health Services

Nov. 4, 2020

6:00 PM

Questions should be submitted by  
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to [publichealth.forum@scbooces.org](mailto:publichealth.forum@scbooces.org)



Info/Q&A Session  
**COVID-19**  
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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

Separate sealed proposals for General Construction Contract, Plumbing Contract, HVAC Contract, Electrical Contract for the Tri-Valley Central School District, 2020 Capital Improvement Project, will be received by the Tri-Valley Central School District at the District Office, 34 Moore Hill Rd, Grahamsville, New York 12740, until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Bidding Documents including, Instructions to Bidders, Form of Proposal, General Conditions and Supplements, Drawings, and Specifications will be available after 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Bidding Documents will not available for viewing at the Architects or the Construction Managers offices.

Bidding Documents containing submittal requirements and forms may be obtained at Dataflow, Inc., 19 South Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13909 upon receipt of a bid deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each set of documents requested. Checks shall be made payable to Tri-Valley Central School District. Electronic document sets may also be purchased for \$25.00 made payable to Dataflow. Bid Documents, if requested, will be mailed to Bidders upon receipt of deposit and reimbursement for the cost of mailing. Mailing fee for one set is \$35.00 for UPS delivery. Check for mailing shall be payable to Dataflow, Inc. Phone number (607) 772-2001.

For viewing purposes only, contractors may go to [www.goDataflow.com](http://www.goDataflow.com) and click on SWBR Architects - (TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 CIP).

The Tri-Valley Central School District hereby reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all Bids or to accept the one that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the District. The awarding of the Contract will be subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department.

A Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to the Owner in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders, must be deposited by each Bidder with his Bid as a guarantee that in the case the contract is awarded to him, he will within ten (10) days thereafter, execute such contract and furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond, and that Bidder shall not withdraw his Bid for a period of forty-five (45) days after the above date of Bid opening, and to guarantee the performance of all other obligations of the Bidders as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

Attention of the Bidders is called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment and minimum wage rates to be paid under this Contract, as well as to other provisions set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. Work shall be commenced and continuously and diligently prosecuted immediately after contracts have been signed.

Contract award shall be subject to the condition that the applicable plans and specifications for the work to be done shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

In order to familiarize Bidders with the project, LeChase Construction will be hosting a virtual Pre-bid Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Interested parties can join the meeting using the following instructions.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://lechase.zoom.us/j/93056750054>  
Meeting ID: 930 5675 0054  
One tap mobile: +16468769923,,93056750054# US (New York)

Dated: October 27, 2020.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE****FREE NOTARY, PHOTOCOPIES AND FAXING IN GRAHAMSVILLE**

William A. Brenner, attorney in Grahamsville, New York, has a sign on his office lawn stating: "Due to Crisis, FREE Notary, Photocopies and Faxing."

This free community service is to assist older townfolk and families without computers who have been affected by new federal and state assistance forms and pension and court forms requiring notarized signatures and immediate filing.

William A. Brenner  
Intersection of Route 55 and 42  
Grahamsville, NY 12740



## Ulster County Weekly Update For The Week Of November 2 - November 6, 2020

### Monday, November 2

- o 5:00 PM - Public Health & Social Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 975 1863 7199
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Health & Social Services Committee) - Energy & Environment Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 910 6911 2235

### Tuesday, November 3

- o Election Day: Polls are open from 6 AM - 9 PM. For more information visit: [www.elections.ulstercountyny.gov](http://www.elections.ulstercountyny.gov)
- o 5:15 PM - Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 960 0699 2266

### Wednesday, November 4

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Mental Health & Substance Abuse and People with Developmental Disabilities Subcommittees Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 951 9478 2440 Pw: 188073, By Phone (646) 558-8656
- o 5:15 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 977 8019 4528
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee) - Public Works & Capital Projects Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 950 3699 7355
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board Powered by Zoom Meeting. Dial (646) 558-8656, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273 Pw: 834223

### Thursday, November 5

- o 10:30 AM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB. Public Attendance by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82586443443pwd=K2Mrc0dxclZMVStuRkpJR0U2aDJVUT09> or by calling (646) 558-8656 with Webinar ID: 825 8644 3443, Pw: 886320
- o 1:30 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB
- o 2:30 PM - (or immediately following the UC IDA Governance Comm.) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB

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- o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 874 8211 8570, Attendance by Phone (929) 205-6099
- o 5:30 PM - Special Informational Meeting of the Legislature: Proposed 2021 Budget and Proposed 2021-2026 Capital Program Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 920 4272 7579, Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Special Informational Meeting) - Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by Phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 926 5973 1213

### Friday, November 6

- o No Meetings

Regards,

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

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

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

St. Mark's UM Church  
68 Clinton St., Napanoch

**YARD AND CLOTHING SALE  
CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

To be Announced

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**

9:00 am to 12 noon  
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**Thrift Sale**  
9am-12 noon  
Luncheon  
11 am - 12:30 pm  
To be Announced



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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
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**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Peakamoose Rd., Sundown  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

**Regular Office Hours**  
Wednesday 9 am - Noon  
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283


For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
845-985-2283 • e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

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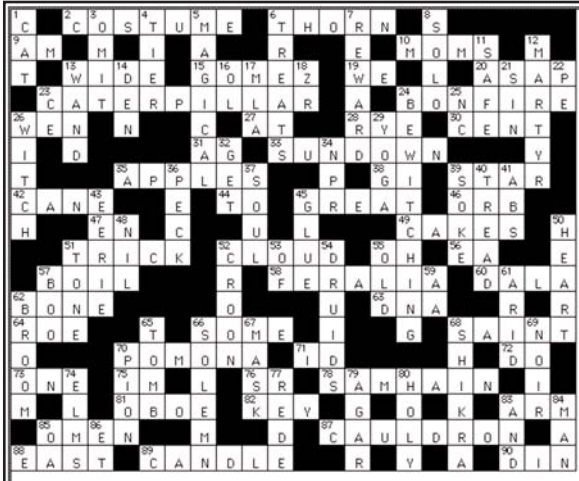
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 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170  
 N. Main Street, Liberty

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 ily or history of Sullivan County at the  
**Sullivan County Museum,**  
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Ans to last week's Crossword



## "Hate Mail"

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents "Hate Mail" via [www.BroadwayonDemand.com>ShowShare](http://www.BroadwayonDemand.com>ShowShare) November 13, 14, 20, 21 starting at 8 pm, and November 15 & 22 at 2pm. This hilarious comedy features the exquisite genius of our fabulously talented Amber Schmidt as Dahlia and the sublime brilliance of the amazing Josh Rosengrant as Preston. Their love/hate relationship romps through many ups and downs in this wickedly funny alternative to "Love Letters." Watch as these two embark on an epic, often acrimonious correspondence as their lives intertwine. Whether Preston and Dahlia are joining cults, having breakdowns, shipping each other deceased lizards, or falling in love, "Hate Mail" is a comedy full of surprises at every turn.

The show is directed by our award winning, creative Bunny Woloszczak and Sally Gladden and is sure to make you giggle. Funds for tickets go to SCDW - a non-profit organization which owns and maintains the historic Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg, NY.

Show : <http://www.BroadwayonDemand.com>ShowShare> Ticket cost: \$7.95

## Time and the Valleys Museum Chili Take Out Fundraiser

A Drive Thru Chili Take Out Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, November 21th, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.** at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY. The dinner includes: 16 oz. Chili (mild or hot, with all the fixings) rice, cornbread and ice cream. The ice cream is donated by Gillette Creamery and food catered by the Neversink General Store.

Tickets for the Chili Take Out are \$10 per meal and are available on line: [https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/shop/?swoof=1&product\\_cat=tickets](https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/shop/?swoof=1&product_cat=tickets), by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740 or calling 845 985-7700. Tickets will also be available at the door. Funds raised through the Chili Take Out will support the Museum's educational programs. About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

### Exhibitions opening next spring:

- o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o **1930s Lost Catskill Farm** an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel!
- o **NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School.**

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

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

## Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, January 9th 2021 at 9:00 am.

The cost of the class is \$40.00 per a person, payable to the Claryville Vol. Fire Department.

(The fee covers your registration and workbook materials)

Registration is required. To sign up call Chief VanDenberg at 985-2943 NO LATER than December 31st.

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department (Warren Cole Fire Hall)

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## DEC Announces Strategic Planning Initiative to Sustainably Manage Catskill Park Resources

*Strategic Planning Advisory Group will Develop Framework to Help Balance Public Use Needs in Catskills*  
*New Advisory Group Builds on Governor Cuomo's Commitment to Protect High-Traffic Public Lands for Future Generations*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the creation of a new strategic planning initiative to promote the sustainable management of public use in the Catskill Park, consistent with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's proposal in his State of the State earlier this year. The organizations, entities, agencies, and elected officials participating in the Advisory Group will collaboratively provide recommendations to achieve actionable management solutions to help address the critical issues associated with the increased public use of the Catskill Park and protect the park's resources for future generations.

"DEC and our local partners are thrilled to see more New Yorkers getting outside and exploring the Catskill Forest Preserve, but we must ensure that the uptick in visitors does not negatively impact the region's natural resources or quality of life," Commissioner Seggos said. "Governor Cuomo has helped assemble a team of talented and committed people who will work together cooperatively to provide real strategic solutions that support the Catskills' local economies, protect the environment, and provide a safe, quality recreational experience for the park's visitors and residents."

The Governor's 2020 State of the State proposals recognized the need to preserve the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves for future generations and directed the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop a framework to balance public use needs. Similar to the Adirondack High Peaks Strategic Planning Advisory Group launched in 2019, DEC will facilitate the Catskills Strategic Planning Advisory Group (CAG), which is comprised of stakeholders with expertise in local government, recreation, natural resource protection, business, tourism, and other priority areas. DEC and partners continue to fulfill other elements of the State of the State proposal, including: deploying sustainable trail crews to make trails more durable to increased use; analyzing and developing new visitor flow solutions to better manage traffic and hikers; and initiating education programs to promote stewardship practices that minimize the impact to natural resources and ensure positive recreational experiences for future generations.

New York State identified six goals for managing public use in the Catskill Park Region: ensure public safety in communities, along roadways, at trailheads, and in interior areas; address impacts and public safety in areas experiencing significant and unsustainable public use; protect natural resources and recreation infrastructure; provide a quality recreation experience for visitors and users of all backgrounds; support local economic vitality; and ensure that science/fact-driven decisions are made with the use of best available data.

The CAG, led by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests Bureau Chief Peter Frank, will create a framework of policy recommendations to achieve the initiative's goals, incorporate, expand, and/or modify recommendations to date to identify priorities, determine whether additional data is needed to inform the group, and identify actions for implementation. In

addition, to preserve these singular natural resources for future generations, New York will develop a framework to balance public use needs. The group includes:

- o Melissa Abramson, Local Brand Engagement and Impact, Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)
- o Ramsay Adams, Founder and Executive Director, Catskill Mountainkeeper
- o Patrick Barnes, Region 1 Director, New York State Department of Transportation
- o Adam Bosch, Director of Public Affairs, New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- o **David Brooks, Supervisor, Town of Denning**
- o Dr. Joshua R. Ginsberg, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Catskill Science Collaborative
- o David Kukle, Councilman, Town of Hunter, and Director of Food and Beverage at Hunter Mountain Ski Bowl, Inc.
- o Warren Hart, Deputy County Administrator, Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning
- o Joshua Howard, Executive Director, New York - New Jersey Trail Conference
- o Adrienne Larys, President, Mountain Top Historical Society, Inc.
- o Ross Levi, Executive Director / Vice President, and Markly Wilson, Director of International Marketing, New York State Division of Tourism - I LOVE NY
- o Lisa Lyons, Owner, Morgan Outdoors, Livingston Manor
- o Gilles Malkine, Architectural Modification Consultant, Resource Center for Accessible Living
- o Melodie Mendez, Outings Leader, Latino Outdoors
- o Cathy Pedler, Director of Advocacy, and Michael Barrett, Executive Director, Adirondack Mountain Club
- o Jeff Senterman, Executive Director, Catskill Center
- o Matthew Shook, Director of Development and Special Projects, Palisades Interstate Park Commission
- o Michelle Yost, Watershed Assistance Program Manager, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District

The CAG will develop recommendations that address recreational use and capacity issues of the Catskill Forest Preserve, with a particular focus on those places experiencing high and increasing use demand, including the Route 23A corridor. To help reduce congestion, DEC is already high-lighting alternative hikes (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/121479.html>) and activities elsewhere in the State and promoting sustainable use with partners through Leave No Trace principles to help visitors understand their role in protecting the resource. The CAG will meet this fall and provide opportunities for broader public input. The group will be charged with finalizing and submitting a strategic planning framework to DEC Commissioner Seggos by the end of 2021. Upon completion of the framework, DEC will release a draft Strategic Plan for Managing Public Use in the Catskill Park Region for public review and comment.

Governor Cuomo's commitment to protect public lands and improve recreational opportunities for visitors includes Adventure NY, Parks 2020, Outdoors Day, First Time Camper, Hike with Us-Catskills, and the Catskills Fire Tower Five Challenge. As a result, visits to the Catskills are on the rise. Trails in the Catskills have seen a 60 percent increase in use between 2007 and 2017. Overall, tourism in the Adirondack and Catskill parks are up 22 percent since 2011.



## SC Proposed 2021 County Budget Features Drop in Solid Waste Fees No Layoffs, But Spending Is Conservative

Monticello, NY - Despite the deep and ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on Sullivan County, County Manager Joshua A. Potosek today presented a 2021 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature that continues existing services and avoids layoffs.

“As proposed by my office, the 2021 Tentative Sullivan County Budget prioritizes what's important to our residents: public transportation, broadband connectivity, and cost-effective government,” Potosek said. “At the same time, it does not burden taxpayers with excessive and unaffordable tax hikes. In fact, the average taxpayer should see a net decrease in their bill.”

The \$235,937,003 budget, as currently proposed, stays under the State-mandated property tax cap with a 2.24% rate increase. However, it also proposes a significant decrease in the Solid Waste Access Fee, from \$80 down to \$50 a year on residential properties and from \$200 down to \$125 a year on commercial properties. For most parcels, that should more than offset the tax rate increase.

A double-digit tax increase is avoided in this proposal thanks to the future operational and financial management of the Care Center at Sunset Lake via lease by a third party, yet to be selected by the Legislature but anticipated to be in place by the first quarter of 2021.

Full details of the budget are available at [www.sullivanyny.us](http://www.sullivanyny.us) (click on “Sullivan County 2021 Tentative Budget Executive Summary” and “Sullivan County 2021 Tentative Budget Detail” under the “Helpful Links” tab in the lefthand margin).

### Highlights include:

- o \$3.3 million for road and bridgework throughout the County, with an additional \$3 million in reserve (to be used if the State does not go forward with potential 20% aid cuts)
- o \$410,000 to continue the expanded and popular Move Sullivan public transportation service
- o \$400,000 to replace the Care Center at Sunset Lake's aging and obsolete hot water system
- o \$227,008 to complete a new Delaware River access point in Barryville
- o \$100,000 for local towns and villages to demolish unsafe structures via our RUS (Removing Unsafe Structures) Program
- o \$80,000 to complete a tower in Monticello in anticipation of expanding the broadband wireless pilot program, and \$50,000 for a new tower in Liberty
- o \$25,000 to undertake a formal design for the proposed Callicoon Riverside Park

“Compared to prior years, our spending and staffing plans are subdued, as coronavirus' impacts continue to be felt, and we don't know how long that will last,” Potosek explained. “For example, we are dropping our full-time-equivalent staff numbers from 1,157 to 1,075 by not filling vacancies and not restoring a handful of currently furloughed positions, and there is no funding currently designated for our Plans & Progress or Discretionary Contracts programs. With possible 20% across-the-board cuts in State aid looming (equating to \$5 million), we need to be cautious.”

Legislators now have until December 20 to review, discuss and adopt the budget. They may make changes to the proposed version before it is adopted, and the public is welcome to watch their delib-

erations during special Management & Budget Committee meetings on November 5 (1 p.m.), 12 (1 p.m.) and 19 (11:30 a.m.) in the Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. Meetings will be livestreamed on the Legislature's webpage.

Formal public hearings about the proposed 2021 County Budget will be scheduled in December by the Legislature.

## Senate Agriculture Chair Jen Metzger Applauds Extension of Farm to Food Bank Program, Nourish NY

“I applaud the Governor's decision today to extend the Nourish NY program, which allocates State food assistance funds to food banks for the direct purchase of products from local farms. The program is a double-win, providing nutritious foods to food insecure households while supporting New York farms during this challenging time. Many farmers, especially dairy farmers, have been hit hard by the slowdown in demand from schools and the restaurant industry, and Nourish NY has been a lifeline for them. With food insecurity continuing to grow, I've been advocating with the Governor's office to extend the program beyond the October 31 deadline, and would like to see it continue as long as there is a need for it. No one should go hungry in a state that produces such an abundance of high-quality food.”

In June, Senator Metzger (SD-42) introduced a bill (S8504) that would double funding for the state's farm to food bank program, Nourish NY, using \$25 million of unallocated funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 or other future federal stimulus funding.

## Value of Carbon Guidance Released for Public Comment

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released draft “Value of Carbon” guidance to assist State entities with estimating the value of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions in decision making. Developed pursuant to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and in consultation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Resources for the Future, this guidance establishes a monetary value for avoided emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide; provides an up-to-date review of approaches used by other governments to place a value on emissions; and identifies future areas of work, including placing a value on other greenhouse gases and air pollutants.

The proposed value of carbon guidance is a tool that can be used to consider greenhouse gas emissions and climate change in decision-making processes. This guidance is different than a regulation and does not propose a carbon price, fee, or compliance obligation.

The Draft Value of Carbon Guidance and supplemental documents are available for review on DEC's website. The public is encouraged to submit comments until 5 p.m. Nov. 27, 2020. Comments must be submitted in writing to: Jason Pandich, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1030 or email comments to: [climateact@dec.ny.gov](mailto:climateact@dec.ny.gov); subject line “Comments on Value of Carbon.”

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

11/10 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall  
11/18 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm  
11/21 Time and the Valleys Musuem Chili Take Out - 3 to 5:30 p.m.  
11/22 Claryville FD All You Can Eat Breakfast 7 am - noon  
11/28 Claryville FD Spaghetti and Meatball Supper 4-8 pm

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

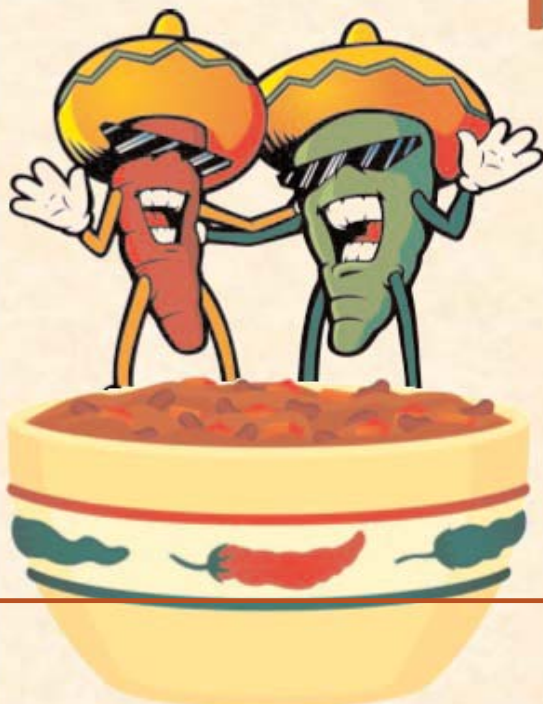
**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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**Out**

**Saturday, Nov 21**

**3 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street**  
**(St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY (See Pg. 26 for details)**



## Sen. Metzger Presents Comments at Hearing on Central Hudson Rate Case, Calls For Rate Freeze amid Pandemic and Economic Slowdown

Hudson Valley and Catskills...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) today addressed the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) public hearing on the Central Hudson rate case. Metzger, who represents Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange communities in Central Hudson's service territory, called on the utility to freeze rates as the severe economic contraction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic continues to burden customers.

Senator Metzger's complete comments are available below.

Comments by State Senator Jen Metzger  
***Public Hearing of the New York State Public Service Commission on the Central Hudson Rate Case***  
***Case Numbers 20-E-0428/20-G-0429***  
***October 28, 2020***

Good afternoon. My name is Jen Metzger, and I am the State Senator representing the 42nd District, which includes Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange communities in Central Hudson's service territory. Prior to coming into the State Senate last year, I served as Director of Citizens for Local Power, and have participated in previous Central Hudson rate cases to advocate for our residents and small businesses, and to encourage policies that support the shift to a locally-based clean energy economy.

I am here today to urge the Commission to consider the extraordinary context within which this rate case is occurring. We are in the midst of a major pandemic and severe economic contraction that continues to leave many of Central Hudson's customers without jobs, and many of its small business customers struggling to keep their doors open. You will hear statistics from the Public Utility Law Project later today that paint a bleak but realistic picture of this economic reality, including the fact that the number of households in arrears on their Central Hudson utility bills has increased by 157% since February, and the amount those households owe has increased by 57% during the same period.

Every day I receive calls from constituents facing hardships. My office has been working for months to help literally thousands of people navigate the red tape to get unemployment assistance, and the need has not let up. People are struggling to get food on the table for their families. The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley has seen a 53% increase in demand for emergency food over the same period last year, and has provided 66% more food to school backpack programs.

People are struggling, I cannot emphasize that enough, and a rate increase is just unacceptable right now in this context. Central Hudson recognized this dire economic situation in July when the Company spared customers a rate increase approved in the last rate plan. This was the right thing to do, and I commend Central Hudson for recognizing the financial hardship that so many families face. Unfortunately, this relief from that rate hike is now over, and customers will see their bills go up next month. I urge the Company and the Commission to immediately extend the rate freeze for the duration of the rate year and for 2021-2022.

The freeze for the next rate year can be offset in good part by reducing Central Hudson's regulated rate of profit ("ROE")

below the current 8.8% rather than increasing it to 9.1%, as the Company has unfathomably proposed during a time when its customers are struggling. As I argued in the previous rate case, this guaranteed rate of return is unnecessarily high under normal economic conditions, given that the Company now has the opportunity to earn additional profits from meeting energy and environmental performance goals. Central Hudson has, moreover, proposed in this rate case to receive an additional performance-based incentive to expand use of heat pumps in its service territory--a proposal the Commission should reject. Switching customers to technologies that rely on electricity should be incentive enough for a company in the business of selling electricity.

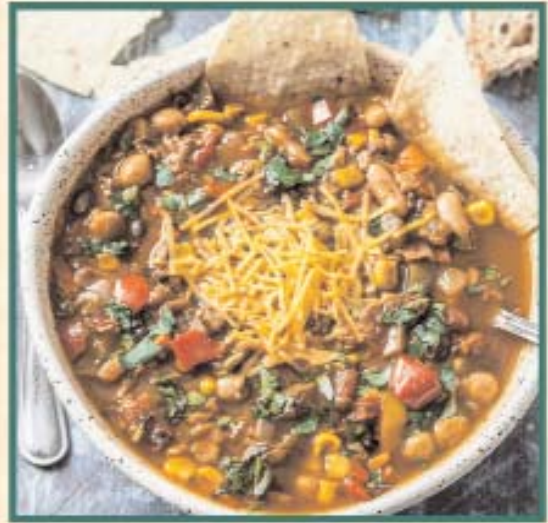
I next want to raise a concern related to rate classes that could discourage developers of multi-family housing from investing in on-site renewable energy and geothermal systems to serve their residents. Currently, a building owner who invests in these technologies for its renters must use a single meter, and as such, is charged a commercial rate that includes a demand charge. The Lace Works in Kingston, designed by RUPCO to be both affordable to low-income customers and environmentally sustainable, with a 160-kW solar array on the roof, was shocked to receive monthly Central Hudson bills with a demand charge as high as \$900. Essentially, renters in multifamily housing face higher costs for the benefits of renewable energy than individual homeowners, which is not only unfair but also discourages efficient on-site generation by greatly lengthening the payback on the renewable investment. In the Town of New Paltz, an innovative net-zero multifamily development is under construction, and the developers are understandably greatly concerned to learn that their plan to site renewable energy on the roof will end up being prohibitively expensive because of the demand charges associated with a single commercial meter. This is a project that was recently awarded New York State's Buildings of Excellence Competition for supporting the state's climate and energy goals. We want to encourage not discourage these projects, and we want to encourage and not discourage compliance with the CLCPA. While I work on legislation to address this issue going forward, I urge the Commission to develop a separate rate for multifamily housing utilizing distributed energy resources that treats these residential customers no differently than individual residential homeowners.

Regarding Voluntary Time of Use (VTOU) rates, Central Hudson wants to reduce its target for achieving an incentive, claiming that the target is not realizable because so few customers are enrolling in the program. The reason for low participation is that the rate design is poor. I am an electric vehicle driver and a perfect candidate for a VTOU rate, but I have not enrolled in the program because it will end up costing my family more even if I charge my vehicle exclusively during off-peak hours. As I argued in the previous rate case, the VTOU rate was developed on the basis of insufficient analysis of bill impacts and inadequate understanding of the possibilities for load-shifting by residential customers. Rather than making it easier for Central Hudson to profit from a poorly-designed rate design, I urge the Commission to require the Company to undertake the necessary analysis and create a rate design that will help customers control their energy costs while at the same time improving grid efficiency.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments today.

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## DEC Announces Grants Awarded to Improve Water Quality, Bolster Resiliency in Hudson River Estuary

Grants will Help Hudson River Watershed Communities Remove Dams and Restore Habitat for American Eel and River Herring

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that more than \$855,000 has been awarded to help communities in the Hudson River Estuary watershed improve water quality, increase flood resiliency, and conserve natural resources. The grants will support projects that will help remove dams and mitigate culverts to restore aquatic habitat connectivity for the American eel and/or river herring that are found in tributary streams of the estuary. The grants are also intended to help communities with existing and projected impacts of localized flooding along tributaries of the river by removing constrictions.

"New York is committed to restoring the state's waterways, bolstering resiliency, protecting habitat, and creating stronger communities," Commissioner Seggos said. "Through the state's Environmental Protection Fund, communities in the Hudson River Estuary will be able to support dam removals and other critical projects that promote sustainability and improve the health of the region's fish, wildlife, and other natural resources."

Grant recipients listed by counties are:

### Columbia, Orange, Rensselaer Counties

**Riverkeeper** - \$200,778: Reconnaissance for Priority Dam Removal Projects in the Hudson Valley to Improve Herring and Eel Passage

Riverkeeper will evaluate at least nine priority dams on six tributaries of the Hudson River to determine if removal will improve water quality and restore connectivity for river herring and American eel. These evaluations include investigating the dams' history, identifying potential issues that may affect removal, researching dam ownership, conducting ecological evaluations of the streams, identifying target species, conducting preliminary sediment assessments, and creating partnerships and communicating with stakeholders.

### Putnam County

**Open Space Institute** - \$113,800: Planning for Removal of the Sloan Dam

The Open Space Institute will complete planning and permitting for the demolition of Sloan Dam and a succeeding spillway and culvert on Arden Brook. Removal of these barriers will improve water quality, reduce the potential for flooding, and restore habitat for native species, including American eel. The barrier removal also will enable the establishment of a natural wetland where a dam-created pond currently exists. Approximately 4,660 feet of stream on Arden Brook will be restored.

### Ulster County

**Town of Esopus** - \$430,200: Culvert Replacements/Right-Sizing

The town of Esopus will replace two undersized culverts at Dashville and Hardenburg roads, which were designated as priorities in the town and Ulster County's recent road-stream crossing joint municipal management plan within the town's boundary. The stream crossing replacements will provide free-flowing conditions, restore aquatic connectivity, improve water quality, and reduce flood hazards. Mitigation of these culverts will reconnect 3.8 miles of a Walkill River tributary stream.

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### Westchester County

**Hudson Valley Arts & Science** - \$110,840: Design and Permitting for Removal of the First Barrier to Fish Migration on the Sprout Brook

Hudson Valley Arts & Science will conduct engineering, planning, and permitting for the removal of a small, obsolete concrete dam on the Sprout Brook in the town of Cortlandt. The dam is the first barrier to fish migration from the Hudson River tide line. Removing the dam will open the stream for migration by river herring and the American eel by restoring the stream bed to natural conditions. Once this dam is removed, an additional 1.25 river miles will be restored on Sprout Brook, providing approximately 2.25 new acres for spawning fish.

Now in its 19th year, DEC's Estuary Grants Program implements priorities outlined in the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda: clean water; resilient communities; a vital estuary ecosystem; estuary fish, wildlife and habitats; natural scenery; and education, river access, recreation, and inspiration. To view the Action Agenda, visit DEC's website.

## Sen. Jen Metzger Introduces New Legislation Requiring Domestic Violence Training by Judges and Court Clerks

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) today announced the introduction of a new bill (S8954A) to require every judge, justice, and court clerk who handles matrimonial, family court, and criminal matters in New York State to attend domestic violence training as part of their mandatory judicial training and education requirements. The ten-hour training must be fulfilled every two years and be approved by the chief administrator of the courts. About half of the states in the country require similar training and education.

"With domestic violence training, judges, justices, and clerks are better able to recognize signs of domestic violence in matrimonial, criminal, and other types of cases before them, and therefore better equipped to protect those most vulnerable to such abuse," said Senator Jen Metzger. "The tragic reality is that one in four women will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and elevating awareness and understanding in our judiciary system will improve outcomes for survivors and will help save lives."

In the 2019 legislative session, Senator Metzger was able to secure \$60,000 through the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for Safe Homes of Orange County, now known as Fearless!, to support their vital services in Orange and Sullivan counties to victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Metzger secured \$24,000 for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley for legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, whose cases account for a third of the organization's caseload. (Contd. Pg. 30)

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## Sunday, November 22

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Joan Gerhardt, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence said, "Judges play a crucial role in helping to end intimate partner violence both in the courtroom and in their communities. It is therefore critical to enhance their understanding of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, and equip them with the tools they need to better support victims of abuse. We greatly appreciate Senator Metzger's focus on this issue and look forward to working with her and the Legislature to get this important measure signed into law."

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## Sen. Metzger, Town of Warwick, Orange County IDA, and Hemp Industry Leaders Announce Major Developments for Warwick's CBD Industry

Warwick, NY...Senator Metzger (SD-42) joined Supervisor Mike Sweeton, farmer Mark Rogowski, Orange County IDA CEO Laurie Villasuso, and hemp industry leaders at a press conference outside of Kaycha Labs in Warwick today to announce major new initiatives to advance Orange County's hemp industry. Metzger, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, announced the release of draft hemp regulations from the NYS Department of Health as required by her legislation (S6184A) passed last year. The draft regulations allow for CBD-infused beverages and food, and if finalized, would greatly expand opportunities for developing a wider range of CBD products in New York State. At the press conference, Senator Metzger also announced \$250,000 in state funding to the Town of Warwick to purchase equipment for rent by local farmers diversifying into hemp production.

Industry leaders praised the work done by Senator Metzger to advance the hemp industry and new opportunities for New York

farmers during the event. The 2018 Farm Bill removed cannabidiol, known as CBD, from the Controlled Substances Act, creating new opportunities for New York farmers and businesses. The state law developed by Metzger and her counterpart in the Assembly, Agriculture Chair Donna Lupardo, establishes the necessary regulatory framework for growing hemp for CBD and processing, manufacturing, and selling CBD products in New York, creating the certainty the industry needs to invest and the standards consumers need for a safe and high-quality product.

The draft regulations based on the legislation and released last night by the NYS Department of Health allow for CBD-infused beverages and foods. At the press conference, Urban Extracts, Rogowski Farms, and Hillview Med announced a new partnership in which locally grown and processed hemp extract will be sourced for a CBD-infused seltzer, Kaló, distributed by Pepsi. "Now we have the rules of the game, and now we know what we're shooting for," said Urban Extracts CEO Eran Sherin, while discussing the opportunities associated with the local manufacturing of hemp, allowing for scale and creating Orange County jobs.

At the press conference, Senator Metzger also announced a \$250,000 state grant she secured for the Town of Warwick to purchase hemp trimming and testing equipment to rent to farmers, reducing the costs to local farms of diversifying into this high-value commodity. The equipment will be housed at the Orange County Industrial Development Agency Accelerator, which CEO Laurie Villasuso announced will occupy one of the historic buildings at the Warwick Tech Park to provide manufacturing and office space for CBD-related small businesses that participate in the IDA's Accelerator program.

"During this challenging economic time, it is important that we capitalize on new opportunities for our farmers and businesses, and create the conditions for the hemp industry to grow and thrive," said Senator Jen Metzger. "New York is well-positioned to be a leader in this promising new industry, and I look forward to continuing to work with our local partners to build on the successful public-private partnership that is well underway here in Warwick."

Warwick Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton said, "Our hemp initiative had stalled since the regulations were under review which forced companies to put their plans for investment on hold. I reached out to Senator Metzger for help and she delivered by working to get NYS to issue these regulations. This will now jump start our effort to redevelop the former prison and create jobs here in Warwick."

Laurie Villasuso, CEO of the Orange County IDA said, "Thanks to the dedication and leadership of our Senator, Jen Metzger, the CBD regulations this industry needs to burst forward have now been released. These regulations-and all of the hard work that went into seeing them through-mean so much for our economic growth here in Orange County, at a time when we need it most."

Mark Rogowski of Rogowski Farm said, "This latest legislation that Senator Metzger put a lot of time into is very encouraging. To be able to expand it into food and beverage gives us another avenue where we can move this product. A lot of us farmers in the Black Dirt region have a lot of faith that we'll be able to pull this off. Hopefully it sparks things on a national level where you'll see CBD demand explode like we thought it would back in 2018. Hopefully 2021 will be great and we can start growing a good quantity in New York."

Eran Sherin, CEO of Urban Extracts said, "Everything that we need to be successful is right here in our community, and it really starts with our farmers... What we've learned over the last three years is we know how to produce [hemp], we know how to extract it, we know how to productize it, but a business is only successful if you have customers and you can distribute, and this set of regulations is so important because it really now gives us the ability to scale and to distribute product."



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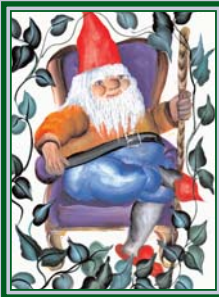


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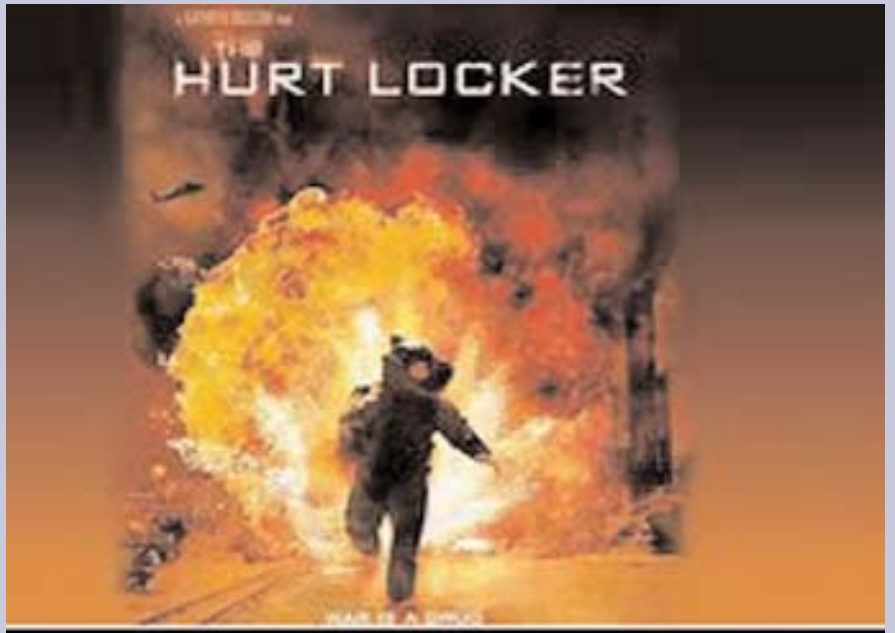


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**Sergeant York**

(1941 - 2h 14m - Drama - TV-G)



The true story of a rowdy, eagle-eyed, Quaker farm boy who saved a thousand lives and received the congressional metal of honor. He, a pacifist, subdued twenty "dug in" machine gun nests saving thousands of lives. World War I hero. Directed by Howard Hawks. Starring, Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, Joan Leslie

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**From Here to Eternity**

(1953 - 1h 58m | Romance | TV-PG)



The beach scene sizzles as enlisted men in Hawaii fight for love and honor on the eve of World War II. Directed by Fred Zinnemann. Starring Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, and Deborah Kerr

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