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It's "Tee Time!" Tri-Valley Senior Class Hosts Fundraising Tournament



Attention golf lovers! While their junior year may have been "under par" due to the pandemic, the Class of 2022 is coming out swinging this year with a Golf Tournament Fundraiser and community event!

Because extra-curricular activities were limited last year, the students were unable to raise the necessary funds to finance their senior year activities, such as the senior trip, end-of-year celebration, and other special events to honor their accomplishments. Golfers are invited to participate in a Golf Tournament Fundraiser for this year's graduating class on Sunday, October 17th, at Terry Brae Golf Course in Loch Sheldrake. Tee time is 1 pm, with registration, BBQ lunch, and gift basket tricky tray taking place beforehand from 12-1 pm. Four-person team scramble, at \$100 per player. Invite your friends! Bring the whole family! The event is rain or shine.

For information, to donate tricky tray prizes, or to register in advance, contact Tanya Huggler at 845-807-7502 or sign up online at www.trivalleycsd.org. Contributions may also be made payable to TV Class of 2022 and mailed to Tri-Valley Secondary School, Attn: Tanya Huggler, 34 Moore Hill Rd, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Thank you for your support!

Fallsburg Retired Teachers and Staff Meet for Breakfast

The Annual Breakfast Meeting of retired staff and teachers from FCSD resumed on September 9, 2021 after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Host Eileen Kalter welcomed twenty-four people at the Liberty Diner. The original breakfast meeting dates back to 1984 when a group of retired teachers and staff met the morning before classes commenced for the new school year.

During the past two years, several retirees passed away, and Ms. Kalter asked for a moment of silence for Ruth Shursky, Joe LaRuffa, Bruce Rogers, Bob Longo, Pat Naso, and Paul Sherrington. She also had cards with good wishes for recovery to Mona Bogan and Arlene Hussey. Ruth Phillips announced that she had been in contact with Connie Stengel and her husband, who celebrated a 97th and 99th Birthday recently. (Contd. Pg. 4)



From left to right, Art Rosenshein, Ed Park, Arlene Halchak, Louanne Sheard and Margaret Coombe

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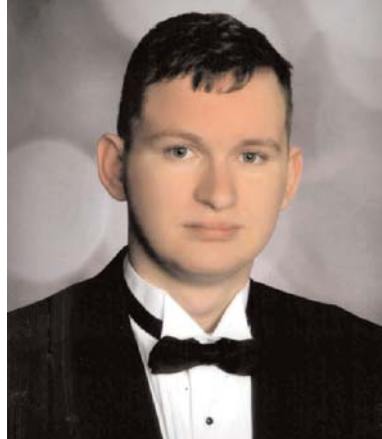
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ON THE FRONT BURNER:

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Proverbs 29:13

Obituary

Jake John Eherts of Liberty, NY, a student at SUNY New Paltz in New Paltz, passed away unexpectedly on September 14, 2021. He was 19 years old.

The son of Douglas K. Eherts and Michelle Oldfield Eherts, he was born April 12, 2002, in Middletown, NY.

Jake was a graduate of Tri-Valley High School, Class of 2020 and a graduate of Sullivan Community College, Class of 2021. Jake had been a member of the Tri-Valley Theater Club. He was a history buff and hoped to become a Social Studies teacher one day. Jake also loved animals and gaming.

Jake is survived by his parents, Douglas and Michelle Eherts, of Liberty, NY; his sister, Jessie Eherts, of Liberty, NY; his maternal grandparents, Thomas and Susan Oldfield, of Howells, NY; his paternal grandparents, Judith and Walter Eherts, of Liberty, NY; his great grandmother, Virginia Laird, of Unionville, NY; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Jake was a loving son, grandson, brother, nephew, cousin and friend. He will be missed by all.

Visitation was held September 22, 2021 the Harris Funeral Home, West St. and Buckley, Liberty, NY with funeral services held immediately after with The Rev. Bridgette LeConey officiating.

Memorial contributions in Jake's name may be made to The Ehlers-Danlos Society, 1732 1st Ave #20373, New York, NY 10128.

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

Donald N. VanDenberg of Parkville, NY, the retired co-owner of Hillside Greenhouses in Liberty, NY and a longtime area resident died Sunday, September 19, 2021 at the Care Center at Sunset Lake, Liberty, NY. He was 95.

The son of the late Clarence and Ruth Fields VanDenberg, he was born January 18, 1926 in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Donald proudly served Our Country during World War II in the United States Navy; he was a former member of the Liberty Masonic Lodge #521; and a former member of the Liberty Lions Club. Donald enjoyed his horticultural work at the greenhouses and traveling all over the world.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn VanDenberg and his wife Bonnie of Claryville, NY and Dale VanDenberg of Liberty, NY; one sister, Phyllis Barbee of Bedford, MI; two granddaughters, Jennifer Pisaniello and her husband Michael of Neversink, NY and Amy Smith and her husband Craig of Holland Patent, NY; three grandsons, Michael VanDenberg and his companion April Wright of Grahamsville, NY, Kevin VanDenberg of Liberty, NY and Daniel VanDenberg of Liberty, NY; five great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, all of Michigan.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marion VanDenberg on April 4, 2021; one grandson, Jonathan VanDenberg; two sisters, Virginia VanDenberg and Marge Travis; and one brother, Paul VanDenberg; and one daughter-in-law, Carol VanDenberg.

Memorial services will be private.

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DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****September 12, 1951**

Mr. Oakley E. Evans of Ellenville announces the engagement of his daughter, Barbara Lea to Mr. Carl Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Carlsen of Grahamsville. Miss Evans graduated from Kenbridge High School, Kenbridge, Va. and is employed in the office of the Napanoch Institution. Mr. Carlsen graduated from Ellenville High School. He is employed at the First National Bank in Ellenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gillette celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary September 3rd at the Reynolds home-stead in Grahamsville where they were married 30 years ago. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History**September 12, 1951** -(From Pg. 2)

Mrs. Fred Mickelson and Miss Marilyn Mickelson attended a stork shower given for Mrs. Stewart Bonnell on Saturday at Mrs. Kortright's in Neversink.

A number of people from this vicinity gave Mr. and Mrs. Delos Brooks an old fashioned skimmerton at the Herbert Brooks home Tuesday evening.

The two new houses in Unionville are progressing nicely and it looks as though our new neighbors, the Donald TerBushes and the Roger Bantas will soon be moving in.

September 13, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eighmey are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ellen Louise, born at the Liberty Loomis Hospital on Friday Sept. 8th. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Carson Eighmey are the paternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Porter of Neversink are the maternal grandparents and Mrs. Flora Countryman is the proud great-grandmother.

The cloudburst and severe electrical storm at Sundown village on Saturday afternoon lasted about one and a half hours. Torrential rain which was described by older residents as the heaviest they had ever seen was spiked by hail stones the size of pigeon eggs. Lightning struck in a number of places. At the Ivan Sheeley home it set the house on fire. At the Floyd Burch home a bolt of lightning seen by the family silenced a clock, blew out the television and hurled objects, including a large plank, all around the cellar floor. At the George Smith home it blew out a circuit and at this writing the damage caused is still being repaired

September 22, 1971

Services were held Monday for Bruce W. Fuller, 77, of Grahamsville who died Friday at his home. A lifetime area resident, he was born November 12, 1893 to Orson and Etta J. Perry Fuller. He was married to Genevieve Dean February 5, 1918 in Neversink, N.Y. Mr. Fuller was an electrician for 20 years. Surviving are his widow; a son, Eugene W. Fuller of Grahamsville; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Hill of Grahamsville; four grandchildren.

A special wish is sent to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sheeley who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 18th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Hill of Neversink on the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn, born September 15th at Monticello Community Gen. Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dean, Jr. of Neversink. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hill of Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hint:**Before Putting Your Lawn Mower for the Season Clean the Blades with Vinegar**

Grass, especially when it's damp, has a tendency to accumulate on your lawn mower blades after you cut the lawn -sometimes with grubs or other insects hiding inside. Before you park your mower this year, wipe down the blades with a cloth dampened with undiluted white vinegar. It will clean off leftover grass on the blades, as well as any pests that may have been planning to hang out there for the winter.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Owls in the News

Recently there have been quite a few stories about owls that have made it into the media. If you recall last year, Rocky, a tiny saw-whet owl was rescued from the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. After being rehabilitated at Ravensbeard Wildlife Center she was released near Saugerties - in the Catskill Mountains. In August a great horned owl stranded in a field in Dover, NY (Dutchess County), during Tropical Depression Ida, was rescued by an ECO and taken to a rehabilitation facility. In September another great horned owl that was injured was rescued near the Delaware River in Sullivan County.

The Saw-whet owl is the smallest owl with the Great Horned Owl, the largest of owls living in the Catskills. Doing a little research I found there are 8 types of owls that live in our Catskill Mountains -they are the Barred Owl, Barn Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Snowy Owl (remember the owl in Harry Potter), Short-eared Owl, Long-eared owl, the Great Horned Owl and the Saw-whet.

The Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) is a large owl native to the Americas that is an extremely adaptable bird with an extensive range and is the most widely distributed true owl in the Americas. They do not migrate like many other bird species.

Great horned owls are very large with conspicuous ear tufts on the head; their overall body color is mottled with reddish brown to gray or black and lighter streaked undersides; they have large yellow eyes with a reddish brown face bordered by black and a white throat.

Their primary diet includes rabbits and hares, rats, mice and voles, and it will freely hunt any animal it can overtake, including other rodents and small mammals, with a big appetite for skunks and other larger mid-sized mammals, various birds, reptiles, and amphibians.

The Great Horned Owl uses its sharp eyesight, acute hearing and specially edged feathers for an almost silent flight to hunt and capture prey

While the Great Horned Owl is sometimes harassed while at roosts or nests by crows calling loudly from branch to branch, they basically lack predators.

The great horned owl is one of the earliest nesting birds in North America. They often lay eggs weeks or even months before other raptorial birds. They build their nests in hollow cavities, broken parts, or stumps of trees and in abandoned nests of squirrels, hawks, herons, and crows. They are also found on rocky ledges, caves, barns, and on artificial platforms.

Great horned owls are quite common statewide and are found in a wide variety of habitats including open and secondary growth forests and agricultural and open fields. They also can be found around cliffs and suburban or urban areas

If you decide to look for a Great Horned Owl, you should look for gray cylindrical pellets, which are clusters of indigestible, regurgitated parts of prey, such as bones, feathers, and fur; and whitewash or liquid droppings. They are most active at night, but on occasion may hunt during the day. They can be seen perched in their nests starting as early as January or February. Another clue to seeking out a Great Horned Owl is to listen for three to six noted hoots that are loud, consistent, and easily recognized. Calling usually begins in late summer, continues during the fall and throughout winter. Thus the eerie hoot that you may hear on a Halloween night is most likely a Great Horned Owl.

There is a very informative website on owls - <http://allaboutbirds.org> - that describes the Great Horned Owl as the "quintessential owl of story-books".



DAYS OF YORE... Today' History September 17, 1981-(From Pg. 3)

September 12th marked the 25th wedding anniversary of Rhoda and Lester Sheeley with a party held in their honor at the home of a niece and her husband, Catherine and Gary Van Buren of Yeagerville.

Don and Wanda Terwilliger enjoyed Wanda's 25th High School Reunion at the Sandstone Restaurant on Sat. evening. There were 17 classmates present. Besides the past students, three former teachers were present, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Condon, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Robinson.

The U.S. Postal Service, through mechanization, handled 25 percent more mail - 105 billion pieces last year - using 10 percent fewer employees.

Alice Many Brooks of Orangeburg, SC, a former area resident for some 70 years, died Sept. 12, 1981 at Cypress Nursing Home in Orangeburg after a long illness, at the age of 90. The daughter of the late Eli Bennett Many and Mary Ann Brooks Many, she was born June 16, 1891 in Ferndale, NY. She was the widow of Frank Brooks at the Stevensville Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stoddard of Liberty. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauchuck, Jr. of Big Hollow Rd., Grahamsville.

Don and Debbie Hibbard are the proud parents of a baby boy, Noah, born on Sept. 5th in Honolulu, Hawaii. Noah weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 21 inches. The first-time paternal grandparents are Norman and Marie Hibbard of Peekamoose Rd., Sundown.

Fallsburg Retired Teachers and Staff Meet for Breakfast



Sue Krutman, Judy Lucyk, Robin Pantel and Ruth Phillips

(From Pg. 1)The attendees were: Richard Steiglitz, Margaret Coombe, Art Rosenshein, Richard Topper. Stan Levy, Judy Lucyk, Robin Pantel, Lou Ann Sheard, Arlene Halchak, Ed Park, Michele Denenberg, Steve Tollin, Denise Schlau, Jeanne Mueller, Eileen Kal-ter, Sue Krutman, Mark Spina, Ruth Phillips, Karen Bil-lig, Ellyn Levy, Ellen Pavloff, Lynne Cawley, Sue and Leo Cecil.

35h Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade

The 35th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville. This traditional fall festival has always focused on the children and their love for reading books! It's a family day out in the country with something for everyone - from the costume parade to pony rides, giant pumpkin growing contest, craft fair, hay rides, hay maze, a Book Sale, live music, delicious food and other amusements! And of course- there will be pumpkins and gourds available for purchase! The children's costume parade and contest (open to children of all ages) starts the day's activities on stage at the Fairground with registration at 9:00AM.

The Tri-Valley School Band, under the direction of Matthew Weyant, will follow the Costume contest at 11:30 AM. The Giant Pumpkin Party is thrilled to welcome the Manaklin Brothers, a country band with a rock twist to the entertainment lineup. The Manaklin Brothers play country, new and old, along with music from the 50's and 60's and Rock and Roll. They are sure to please everyone.

Visitors to the Giant Pumpkin Party will also enjoy children's games, craft activities, handmade crafts, and raffle featuring more than forty prizes. In addition to these activities, Giant Pumpkin partiers may participate in the many scheduled contests: Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest (adult and children's categories), Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and Hay

Bale Throw Contest. Please refer to the booklet or our website (www.danielpiercelibrary.org) for more information on contests and rules.

Every library benefit needs a book sale and the Giant Pumpkin Party is no exception. A collection of gently used books, the best of the best donated to the library over the course of the year, will be featured in the Giant Pumpkin Party Better Book Sale. Find a book and take a refreshment break in between the fun with sumptuous treats of homemade donuts, strawberry shortcakes, chili, hot dogs, hamburgers, hot apple cider and drinks available for purchase.

Remember, the event is held rain or shine! And admission and parking are free! Funds raised will be used to benefit the Daniel Pierce Library Children's Program and to purchase needed books for all age groups. For entry forms, contest rules, a schedule of the day's events, or additional information, please call the Daniel Pierce Library at (845) 985-7233 or visit the Giant Pumpkin Party page on the library website <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>.





False Flag

Mysterious Book Report No. 322

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

In the world of espionage, *The business of spies* is lies, which makes it impossible at times, to distinguish between friend and foe . . . because all covert operations are designed to advance the interests and objectives of the spying country. Put it another way and the axiom becomes: TRUST NO ONE. They all lie all the time. And nowhere is this illustrated better than in a thrilling new spy yarn in which a trusted ally and friend becomes a deadly enemy. *False Flag* (Blackstone Publishing, \$26.99, 320 pages, ISBN 978-1-5047-9772-

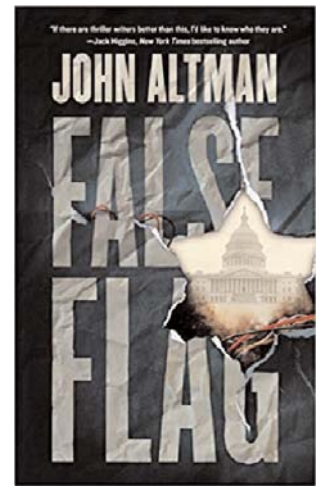
6) by John Altman, posits a scenario in which a rogue Israeli Mossad agent attempts to mount the deadliest terrorist attack the world has ever seen against the United States, while leaving behind a set of clues that implicate Iran. In spy jargon it's known as a *false flag*, and the hope of the renegade agency is to create an incident which will lead one's ally and friend—the USA—to go to war in retaliation against the enemy state. Which, in this case is Iran, where crowds routinely chant: *Death to America* and *Death to Israel*, with depressing regularity. The plot is accidentally uncovered by an elderly Israeli-born woman named Dalia Artzi, who's a lecturer at Princeton University in the art, tactics and history of warfare. And although she's considered a genius in her field, Dalia's life experiences have left her a pacifist, and her only son a prisoner in the hands of Islamic fanatics. She's reluctant at first, to get involved. But her strong Jewish faith, which has instilled in her a desire to try and make the world a better place, compel her to do otherwise. And so, Dalia is pitted against another Israeli citizen, a young Mossad agent known only as Jana, who's as deadly as she is dedicated and beautiful.

Thus begins a game of hide-and-seek-to-destroy that begins in Washington state and culminates in Washington, D.C., with stakes that are impossibly high, to prevent an act that's unspeakably evil. *False Flag* is so eerily prescient and electrifying that readers of all ages and sizes will find it hard to put down. It's a thriller of thrillers because it's so entirely possible, and utterly plausible in today's raucous, unstable, uncivil, unpeaceful and war-torn world. *False Flag* is bound to become a classic among spy novels!

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Mountain Dale Rail Trail Fall Festival

Join in on the fun at the Mountain Dale Rail Trail Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2021 behind the Mountain Dale Fire House on the beautiful rail trail, hosted by the Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. Free Admission!!! Rain date: Sunday, September 26th.

There will be a Scavenger Hunt on the Rail Trail for children aged twelve and under as well as a pumpkin painting contest and other games, with prize drawings for the contestants. Vendors will be showcasing their wares and Kiwanis will be having raffle drawings for fabulous prizes that both children and adults will enjoy. It will also be a very short walk to downtown Mountain Dale where you can enjoy the beautiful shops and delicious foods from the local restaurants.

While you're here, take a walk on the beautiful trail of the former O&W Railroad that runs from Mountain Dale along Silver Lake to Woodridge and then on to the Neversink River.

We want to thank the Town of Fallsburg and their Parks & Recreation Department for allowing us to hold this Festival at the Mountain Dale Rail Trail. We also want to thank and acknowledge Kristt Kelly Office Systems Corp. for being a Sponsor of this event.

Please feel free to contact Jill Weiner at 845-798-6058 or Diane Garritt at 845-866-3204 if you have questions or need further information.

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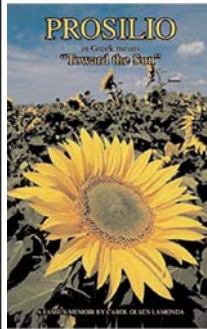
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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda
TRASH OR TREASURE



They say that one man's trash is another man's treasure. We value different things for whatever reason. Perhaps an item is connected to a special memory; perhaps it is the reward for a struggle; perhaps it is aesthetically pleasing; perhaps it translates to wealth or rarity. We all use the word "treasure" to mean something we like, adore, or value to a superlative degree.

I come from a long line of "pickers." My dad would think nothing of rooting through the cast-offs on garbage day in Long Island. He found treasures among the trash. Literally, treasures among the trash. From a young age I learned the difference between Tiffany or Norwood carnival glass and that which came from the Five and Dime. I could tell antique from "junque." I visit yard sales with the excitement of a treasure hunt.

My Norwegian grandmother used to call him the "Yunk" man using the Norske "Y" for "j" as the antique collection grew. He eventually got a dealer's license and one never knew what he would bring home. He would find and buy but never sell! Much of it my siblings and I have today. My brother wore a silk top hat to his daughter's wedding. I serve inexpensive wine from a crystal decanter.

I collect milk glass, Westmoreland or Fenton, and the white stuff spills from cabinets and shelves. I use it, but no one needs more than two sets of sugar and creamers or multiple vases and candy dishes. My fear is that someday my "treasure" will wind up at a yard sale with a fifty cent price tag or "make me an offer."

Along with antiques, my treasures include a homemade macaroni necklace, my wedding ring, a note from a student, photos, and artwork from my children and grandchildren. The word "treasure" is a personal valuation.





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CRISP Partners Virtual Meeting - Featured Topic: Beech Leaf Disease

The September CRISP Partners Virtual Meeting will feature updates from partner organizations after the 2021 field season. Our featured speaker is Maria MoskaLee, DEC Forest Health Specialist, who will discuss Beech Leaf Disease (BLD). BLD affects and kills beech tree species. It is associated with a nematode, *Litylenchus crenatae mccannii* and is spreading in New York State.

Music on Market Children's Concert

Join us on Sunday, September 26 at 3:00 pm for our first concert back after summer break! We are starting off the fall series of Music on Market with the Children's Concert.

An interactive retelling narrated with musical emphasis from strings, winds, and percussion.

Trio-Solitude with guest artists Chris Earley, Stefani Starin, Dale Demarco, and Jessica Barkl.

This program is a collaborative event between Music on Market, MISU, and the Ellenville Public Library.

This concert will be live on Zoom as well as in person at 40 Market St. Ellenville, NY 12428.

Click the link below to reserve your space if you would like to join the concert online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-concert-for-children-of-all-ages-aesops-fables-tickets-16990289513>

Maria MoskaLee is a forest health specialist for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. For the past 15 years she has worked with forest health problems such as beech leaf disease, hemlock woolly adelgid, emerald ash borer, spruce decline, and many others. Maria earned her bachelor's degree in forest biology at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and is a certified arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture.

Beech leaf disease is the latest threat to beech trees in the northeast. It can kill mature beech in five or six years and younger trees even quicker. There is still much unknown about how it works and how it spreads. This presentation will go over the identification, biology, and history of beech leaf disease, as well as our monitoring and research efforts in NY.

Pre-register for the meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZyude-gqTwjGdHm1MXY5Lpf3JU9v1OVpvFF>

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Balkan Mountains Music Festival

On Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 3 pm (note revised start time) - 7 pm the Phoenicia Library will celebrate the music and dance of the Balkan peninsula with a FREE festival of New York City and Hudson Valley bands playing odd meters and unusual scales and harmonies in a gorgeous setting at Glenbrook Park in Shandaken.

"Balkan" means "chain of wooded mountains" in modern Turkish and has been the Turkish word for the Balkan Peninsula since Ottoman times. Some of the countries of Eastern Europe that are situated in or near the Balkans are Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Turkey.

Lineup

4 pm - Bourbon & Breastmilk - Acapella Georgian and Balkan Polyphonic Songs

Bourbon & Breastmilk is a community choir of Hudson Valley farmsteaders and locals that meet weekly to share songs, food and drink.

4:30 pm - Eva Salina & Matthew Schreiber - Accordion & Voice
Eva Salina is a leading interpreter of Eastern European musical traditions, performing and teaching internationally. Eva's performing work centers around the beautiful variety of Romani musical traditions in the Balkans, and she is thrilled to share some of her favorite songs with Rhinecliff accordionist Matthew Schreiber.



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5:15 pm - Mac & Cheez Balkan Power Trio - Southern Balkan Dance Music

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6:15 Dolunay - Turkish Folk

The Brooklyn, NY based trio Dolunay (Turkish for "full moon") draws upon the songs from the Turkish people living across Rumeli, the former region of the Ottoman Balkans. Dolunay's intimate sound, sparse in loudness and textured with the dissonance of eastern blues, gives way to a sound at once earthy and celestial, the size of which defies that of the small makeup of the band.

The festival is being coordinated by Matthew "Max" Fass, who organizes the Hudson Valley Brassroots Festival in Kingston, Balkan night at the Colony in Woodstock and an annual fall festival at the Rail Trail café in New Paltz. He is also the music director for the NYC Village Halloween Parade.

Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic, and a chair although there are picnic tables and benches at the park. Glenbrook Park is located at 48 NY-42 Shandaken, NY 12480 Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/NcdiFhWzjJQF6jc1A>

The event is sponsored by Ulster Savings Bank in conjunction with the Phoenicia Library. It will be held rain or shine. For more information see phoenicialibrary.org.

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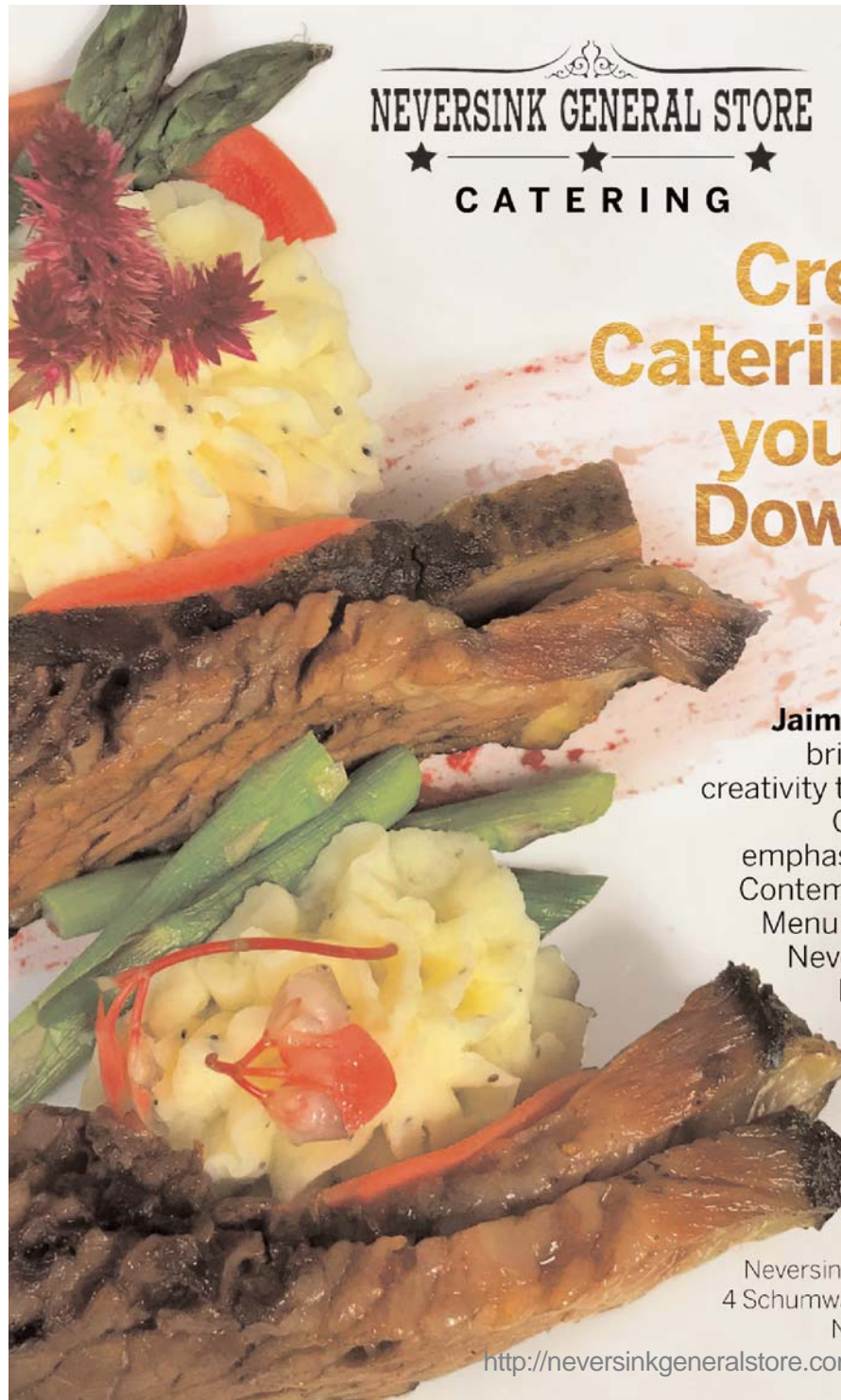
There's a tinge of color in the leaves now throughout our Sullivan Catskills - a harbinger of a new season to come. But there is still a full week of summer left. So, before we say so long 'til next year, let's put an exclamation point on it and send summer out with a bang.

The temperatures promise to be in the mid to upper 70s this week. Sounds perfect for water sports, doesn't it? You can float a raft, a tube, a canoe, or a kayak down the Delaware with our friends at Landers River Trips and spend the weekend camping. Golfing is glorious this time of year with those bright blue skies and light breezes, and there are trails galore perfect for hiking or biking and enjoying a great big dose of Catskills fresh air and wide-open spaces. Not sure exactly what activity will float your boat? Check out all you can explore during your visit- from water and land adventures, to arts, culture, and attractions for the whole family.

Summer's last weekend was celebrated in Jeffersonville on Saturday, at the 2021 Jeff Jamboree. It was a full day of fun including food, shopping, music and more. The day got started at 7:30 am at the pancake breakfast hosted by the First Presbyterian Church. At noon the tractor parade kicked off, and at 2:00 pm the always popular Duck Race took off at the footbridge by the Callicoon Creek. And over twenty-five craft vendors lined Main Street.

Now that you've got a taste of small-town life, consider a visit to our other small towns and do some Main Street shopping. Or you can visit a farmers' market or the Bethel Woods Harvest Festival.

All that activity might leave you needing a java jolt. Check out the Upstate Coffee Crawl! Get your Crawler Passport here then visit all 12 including our very own Sullivan Catskills participants: Java Love Coffee Roasting Co., Jeffersonville Bake Shop, The Tusten Cup, 2 Queens Coffee and others scattered across Orange and Pike counties in New York and Pennsylvania. Crawl to all these locations and submit your card by September 29th for your chance to win grand prizes valued at \$2,000 which included a stay



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The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Last week turned into a CASWYN MOON week, not by design, but I'm glad it did. By Wednesday, the inundation of a variety of work was getting to me big time, so I decided to head out to CABERNET FRANK'S for the Open Mic "ghosted" by CASWYN. If you remember it was rainy and gloomy and not a night I generally go out, but trust me, I needed a break.

The usual group of musicians and singers that frequent Open Mics, have not shown up at this one. You CAN, however, be assured of fresh talent from all over. One would never know it from talking to him. He is serious man and a bit reserved with a sense of humor on the sardonic side. We get along well.

CASWYN is also a bit of a 'magic man'. It was he who brought the all star CRAWDADDY to CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. and then to the DALE in Mountindale. But I digress.



Being a crappy night so it would have to be indoors, the slow but steady rise of CoVid both new and breakthrough cases, which makes many patrons and musicians think twice about 'indoors' and the stark reminder that summer is over, I really wasn't sure what to expect. What I got in the short time I was there, were two performers of notable talent! First was MOSHA SOKAL. You may remember my mentioning her in a previous column. A bit shy, great voice. But wow! That night the voice resonated bringing a great deal of power to her songs. And her songs! These are almost protest songs but not from America but seemingly from Eastern Europe or possibly Russia but again, not from this era but from long ago. I know now why some call it music with a Gypsy flavor. But again, it seemed so much more.

And then there was the guy in the top hat, AARON SADOVSKY, lead singer and front man from a band known as LONZ FRENZDZ from the LONCONFEST. I know him. He's from Queens. What was HE doing there? He put over a couple of tunes including JANIS JOPLIN'S 'Bobbie McGee' with Tammy, a friend and patron. I know, I know, I've been promising to write about LONCON FEST, but I've been trying to get in the last vestiges of the summer music.



I hadn't seen CASWYN for a while before that Wednesday night. It was nice to reconnect. Then I get a text from him on Thursday letting me know about a gig on Saturday at THE DALE in



Mountindale where he would be with MATT ALBECK, IAN CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS and SEAN T. MURRAY and opening for RICHARD TRAVISS. If you're not familiar with these names, I suggest you google them.

If CASWYN texts me, it's very special. And it was. First, it was the first time I'd seen him with a band, it's usually solo. And second, is RICHARD TRAVISS. What an amazing talent with



quite a following. His major performance work is with THE ELECTRIC CHORDS that I've been trying to see all summer but something always seems to come up! That Saturday night, I got the full RICHARD TRAVASS experience. A bit ZAPPA, a bit WARREN ZEVON, a bit grunge, a bit Reggae and totally original!! JUST BLOODY WOW!! And that's why I got the text and that's why I went. And RICHARD, I didn't get a chance to talk to you, but I will.

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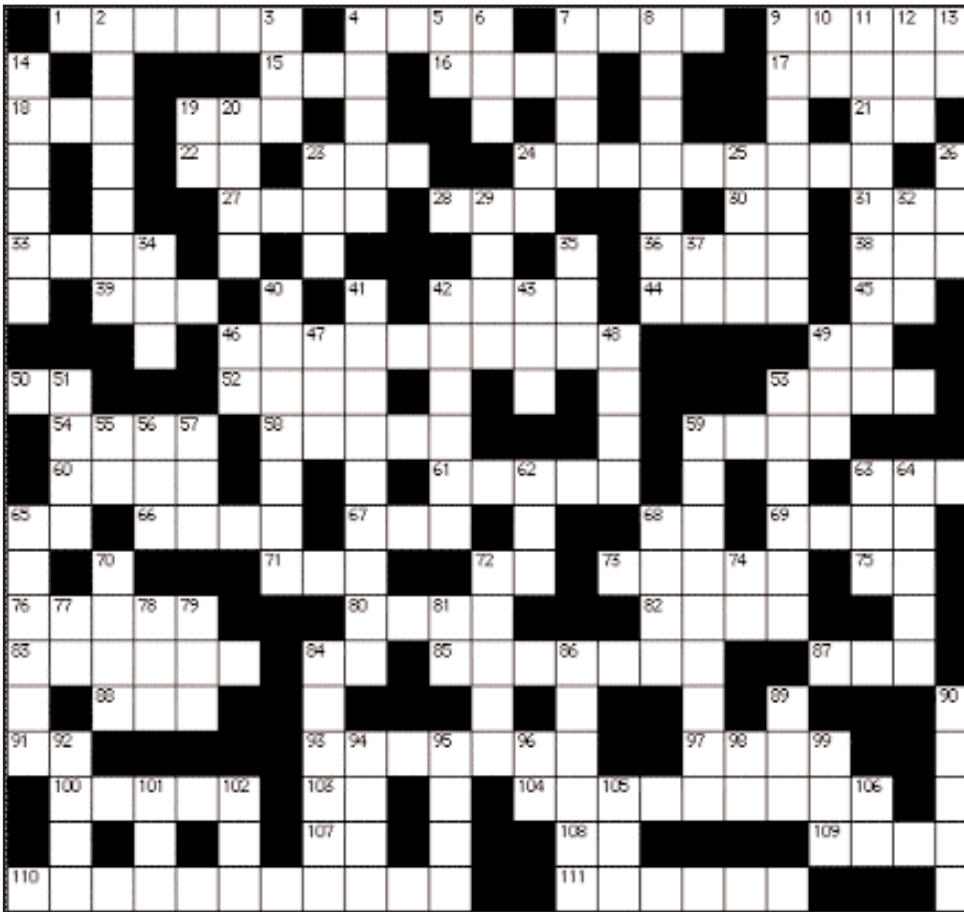
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- 4 In a short time
- 7 Spouse
- 9 Recommend
- 15 By way of
- 16 Star that shows sudden increased brightness
- 17 Progeny
- 18 Uniform
- Resource
- Locator
- 19 Consumed food
- 21 Registered Nurse
- 22 Perform
- 23 Order of St. Ursula
- 24 A place for domestic fire
- 27 Genteel woman
- 28 In the past
- 30 Utah
- 31 Hot brewed drink
- 33 Appearance
- 36 Make food in small cubes
- 38 Eastern Standard Time
- 39 Grassy ground
- 42 Stare openly

- in a rude manner
- 44 Fifth Avenue clothing store
- 45 Loss Angeles
- 46 Profitability
- 49 Man's name
- 50 Printer's measure
- 52 Half a quart
- 53 Angle
- 54 Adam and Even's son
- 58 Used t remove the central part of fruit
- 59 Pellets of frozen rain
- 60 Clarified butter
- 61 Cool color
- 63 Unit of energy
- 65 Maine
- 66 Legend
- 67 Untruth
- 68 Public Relations
- 69 Instead
- 71 Pair
- 72 Expressing the relationship between a part and the whole
- 73 Raised a question

- 75 Rhode Island
- 76 Woody perennial plants
- 80 Courage
- 82 Adjusts the hands of a clock
- 83 Floor of a fireplace
- 84 Belonging to the speaker
- 85 Lack of liquid to sustain life
- 87 Past tense
- 88 Inquire impertinently
- 91 Common Era
- 93 Chart
- 97 Portent
- 100 Method to find water
- 103 Part of the human psyche
- 104 Flower that is covering our landscape with yellow
- 107 ___ dai, part of the Vietnamese dress
- 108 Egyptian sun god
- 109 Soft mineral used for powder
- 110 Butterfly or moth larva
- 111 Arachnid

DOWN

- 2 Comes together
- 3 Night before an event
- 4 Bold
- 5 Resting atop
- 6 Bob; dip
- 7 Arabic speaking country
- 8 Pals
- 9 Persons dedicated to religious lives
- 10 French (abbrev)
- 11 Predicts
- 12 Indefinite period of time
- 13 Road
- 14 Season that is now upon us
- 19 Advertisement
- 20 Type of painting used to decorate domestic items
- 23 Lyric poem
- 24 Field Officer
- 25 Fortune
- 26 Feline
- 29 Appliances
- 32 European Space Agency
- 34 Present time
- 35 Suitable
- 37 Iowa
- 40 On the hearth

- of your fireplace he will bring you good luck!
- 41 Horoscope
- 42 First U.S. President
- 43 Mental sharpness

- 46 Past participle
- 47 John Lennon's wife
- 48 Spun thread used for knitting
- 49 Afflict
- 51 Learned person
- 53 Pastures
- 55 Chemical element Bohrium
- 56 Snakelike fish
- 57 August sun sign
- 59 A good luck shoe
- 62 Gnome-like creature
- 63 Energy Efficient Ratio
- 64 In a state of complete disintegration
- 65 Relating to a legend
- 68 Enter in a ledger
- 70 Pile
- 72 Alternative
- 74 Extraterrestrial
- 77 Regarding
- 78 Make a mistake
- 79 Pigpen
- 81 Used to identify something
- 84 In the middle
- 86 Gossip
- 89 Feminine pronoun
- 90 Wares
- 92 Collection of Norse poems
- 94 Effigy
- 95 Wild ox
- 96 Chem element silver
- 98 Minnesota
- 99 Negative expression
- 101 Little
- 102 Extra-sensory perception
- 105 A round
- 106 District Attorney

Apple Crisp Oatmeal Dessert

- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoons apple pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1-2/3 cups 2% milk, divided
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 medium apples, peeled and finely chopped
- Vanilla ice cream, optional

In a large bowl, whisk oats, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, pie spice and salt. In a small bowl, whisk eggs, 1 cup milk and vanilla until blended. Add to oat mixture, stirring just until moistened. Fold in apples.

Transfer to a greased 3-qt. slow cooker. Cook, covered, on low until apples are tender and top is set, 4-5 hours.

Stir in remaining milk. Serve warm or cold, with ice cream if desired.

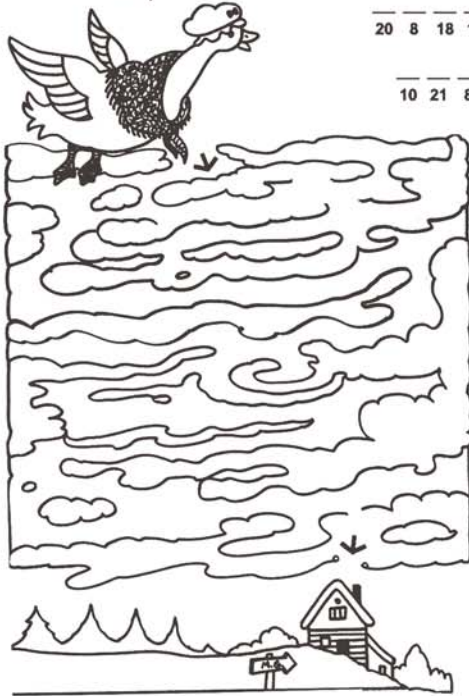
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Mother Goose is getting ready to fly south. Can you help her find her way?



AUTUMN CRYPTOGRAM

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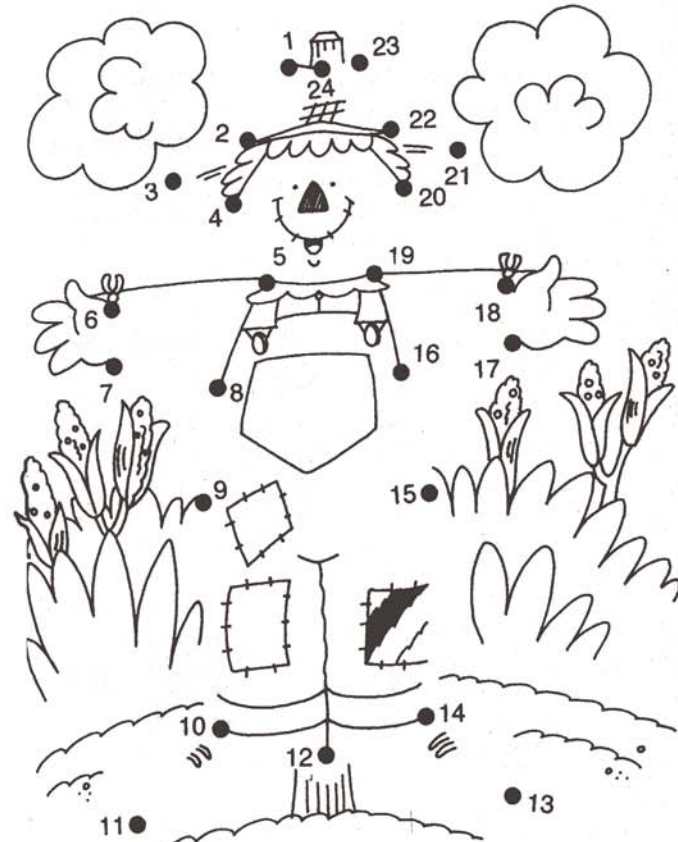
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1. Walk on the living and they don't even mumble, step on the dead and they mutter and grumble! What are they?
2. How do you fix a flat pumpkin?

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Kids' Autumn Fun

Page L. Comando



The kids are playing in the fallen leaves. What are 5 differences between the two pictures?

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Ans.

2. With a pumpkin patch
 1. Leaves

Fallsburg Welcomes Students Back to School

Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz said it best about the re-opening of school on September 8, 2021: "I want to thank everyone - parents, kids, all staff, Rolling V, the Fallsburg PD and anyone else who should be recognized - for making the first three days of school as successful as possible, given a number of challenging circumstances we are working through. Thank you for working with us! Each day will hopefully be an improvement over the day before."



Principal Kyle Roddey has just opened the front exterior door into the new security vestibule for incoming students

In this era of the pandemic, Fallsburg is grateful to do things that were once considered "normal" like sending our children off to school. In the Junior/Senior High School (FJSHS), students entered the building into the new security vestibule, where Principal Kyle Roddey and Guidance Counselor Sonja Ferreira greeted them at the front door. After having their temperatures checked, they entered through the lobby doors.



are custodians with Director of Facilities Nick Tranchina, left to right, Angelo Pacheco II, Kyle Donnelly, Nick Tranchina, and Rakir Watson

Teachers, staff, custodians, food service personnel were everywhere in the building. High School students went into the cafeteria and Junior High students to the Auditorium to receive their schedules. Students then went to their homerooms to start the school day.

At Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), the day began about an hour later. Many parents drove and brought their children directly into the building through the gymnasium. These children were greeted, given instruction where to go, and had their temperatures checked. At the front entrance

buses dropped off children in grades one through six. Once inside, the students had their temperatures checked, met with several different teachers with laptops, and were escorted by other staff to their classrooms.



Mazariego Family, 4 year-old Daniel, mom Karla, father Carlos, and 2 year-old Javier.

One of the busiest areas was the kindergarten wing entrance, where buses dropped off the youngsters into the capable hands of Assistant Principal Dave Viglione. Rolling V Bus drivers and monitors were very careful and assisted the children down the bus steps with BCES staff. Temperatures were taken by staff with portable devices. Kindergarten teachers and aides met students outside the building to help sort out the different classes.



Left to right Marina Sabovic with her daughter Victoria and Adel Koljenovic with his mom Suanita Koljenovic.

A little after ten o'clock, parents arrived with the morning pre-K class. On the first day, parents meet with teacher Mindy Conciatori and aide Jennie Varner. Most kids began playing with toys at their desks. Others played alongside their parents. Ms. Conciatori went from student to student and greeted them warmly. Ms. Varner was doing the same in another part of the classroom. The children and their families seemed totally at ease thanks to the atmosphere created by the staff.

It was evident that staff in BCES and FJSHS were prepared and eager to greet every child and family that entered. The Principals and Assistant Principals deserve high praise. Thank you, Kyle Roddey, Shana Bruestle, Mary Kate Stinehour and Dave Viglione for the good start of school year 2021-2022.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**Tri-Valley CSD
Board Meeting**

Anticipated Tri-Valley School
District Board Meetings

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00
p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level
Regular Meeting #6 - 7:00 p.m., Secondary School
Library Lower Level

The meeting will be on our YouTube Live Channel
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckI224vKQ8nA
WhR6NVao24w/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live)

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00
p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level
Regular Meeting #7 - 7:00 p.m., Secondary School
Library Lower Level

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Thursday, October 14, 2021

Board Audit Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Secondary School Library Lower Level

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00
p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level
Regular Meeting #8 - 7:00 p.m., Secondary School
Library Lower Level

This meeting will be on our YouTube Live Channel
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WhR6NVao24w/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live)

**Governor Hochul Announces
State Actions to Address
School Bus Driver Shortage**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a multi-agency plan to address the school bus driver shortage affecting schools across the state. The plan includes short-term steps to remove barriers and recruit traditional and non-traditional Commercial Driver's License holders, expand CDL testing opportunities, and enhance processes all designed to get more drivers into school buses. Additionally, New York State is launching outreach to more than 550,000 CDL license holders in New York State.

The longer term steps include changes to address the training and licensing of drivers, as well as broader recruitment into the bus driver profession.

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
FALL CLEANUP 2021**

Fall Cleanup will be held on **Saturday October 9, 2021, Wednesday October 13, 2021 and Saturday October 16, 2021.** The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Green 2021 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires per year, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked **NOT TO** bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

**Fallsburg CSD
Board of Education
September Meetings**

September 22, 2021

October 6, 2021

October 20, 2021

"Our schools and public health officials have moved mountains to ensure our children receive an in-person education this year, and we are leaving no stone unturned to make sure schools have adequate bus service to bring students to school and back," Governor Hochul said. "While the shortage of school bus drivers is not unique to New York State, I have directed state agencies to utilize creative approaches and use every tool at their disposal to help districts affected by the bus driver shortage, so we can bring in as many qualified bus drivers as possible as quickly as possible."

Governor Hochul directed state agencies to utilize a multi-organizational recruitment effort to persuade CDL drivers to become school bus drivers. Interested drivers will be surveyed and their information then shared with local school districts who are seeking drivers. The schools can work through these lists to recruit interested drivers in their area. In addition, the state will target currently unemployed drivers through the Department of Labor. The state will also work with partners in law enforcement, firefighters, military and other organizations that have trained drivers in order to find more individuals interested in becoming school bus drivers. (Contd. Pg. 19)

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(From Pg. 18) Those who are interested in obtaining a Commercial Driver's License can find information here: <https://dmv.ny.gov/commercial-drivers/get-cdl-%E2%80%9Cs%E2%80%9D-endorsement-school-bus-drivers>

Additionally, DMV is enhancing and expediting the process for CDL completion by removing the 14-day waiting period between the permit test and the road tests. Through enhanced cooperation with county-run DMVs the state will also help to increase capacity to administer written exams and road tests.

The State is opening up new CDL Driver Testing sites by partnering with SUNY, the Thruway Authority, New York Racing Association, and the Office of General Services to use large lots on their various sites for the road test. For school staff who currently hold a CDL, the State will set up expedited testing to obtain a permit to drive vans and buses temporarily.

The State is continuing conversations with stakeholders to identify longer term strategies that will help to recruit and retain school bus drivers. This includes looking at alternative licensing entities and expanded partnerships with other state agencies to help train and recruit drivers.

The State encourages schools to pursue creative and innovative ways to offer a wide array of benefits for school bus drivers that were previously not considered. This includes signing and retention bonuses, expansion of benefits to the drivers, and other options to recruit drivers in a nationally competitive market. Schools can use federal funds to provide these benefits. Many school districts receive a significant percentage of these funds in reimbursement from the state and are in a position to offer more competitive pay without absorbing the full cost at the local level.

Ulster Trending Upcoming events in Ulster County

September 24 Ellenville Market On Market: Shopping, Retail; Music; Food and more. A monthly artisan and farmer's market. 4-8 PM; 11 Market St., Ellenville: https://www.instagram.com/ellenville_marketonmarket

September 25 Equus Fest East: This down-home day outdoors offers a host of equine-related events, businesses and vendors, along with an array of mobile food options. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets \$10. Children under eight years, free. Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Rd, New Paltz. <http://equus-fest.yolasite.com/About-Equus-Fest--East.php>

September 25 Fifth Annual Catskill Conquest Rally Commemorating the 1903 Automobile Endurance Run: Noncompetitive tour open to all vintages. Travel a 75-mile section of this historic route up the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway and beyond. Starts 9 a.m. at the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center. Register online. Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mount Tremper; 1903autorun.com 25 Rock The Ridge: Endurance challenge. Set in the natural beauty of the Shawangunk Mountains, an area described as "one of earth's last great places," the goal is to run or hike a 50-mile course within 18 hours. Registration closing soon. 845-255-0919 or 845-255-5646; mohonkpreserve.org 25 50th Annual Apple Festival: Whole pies(come early), apple pancakes, apple pie ala mode, fried dough, bags of apples, sausage and peppers, hamburgers, hot dogs, assorted drinks, handcrafted items, and more. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Town of Esopus United Methodist Church, 151 Main Street, Port Ewen. 845-338-0356;

Sept. 25; Oct. 1-3, 9-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31 Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions: Named "#1 Haunted Attraction in America." New theme each season. Includes a haunted walking trail, corn maze, eight haunted attractions, gift shops and eateries. Visit website for dates and times. Starts at Dusk. Reservations strongly recommended. Also featuring Headless Horseman Escape Rooms. Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; <http://headlesshorseman.com>

September 26 18th annual Bike for Cancer Care 5K Run/Walk at Dietz Stadium: Annual fundraising event to raise much needed funds for the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund - in partnership w/ Benedictine Health Foundation - to aid in the treatment, care and support of cancer patients in need. The Dan Barnes Memorial Ride will start and finish at Dietz Stadium where Dan excelled as a football and lacrosse player. Dietz Stadium, 170 North Front Street, Kingston. For more information visit <http://www.bikeforcancer.org/the-ride/>

Sept. 29-Oct. 3 22nd Annual Woodstock Film Festival: Fiercely Independent. Roster of over 150 films, concerts, panels and the Maverick Awards Ceremony. Various locations. Woodstock Film Festival, 845-679-4265. <http://woodstock-filmfestival.org> (Contd. Pg. 27)



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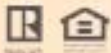
Beautiful home in the town of Neversink! Well maintained 3 bedroom 1.5 bath with lot of charm. Walking distance to Neversinks town pool, sports field, firehouse, and park. Extremely low taxes, Tri-Valley Schools, great location, move in ready! Updates include, newer roof and windows, interior paint and kitchen remodeling. Plenty of storage with an attached car garage, partially finished basement, and a large shed. Schedule your viewing asap as this house wont last.



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THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK PARKS & REC
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WILL BE ON **SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 26**
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Do you like antique tractors and farm equipment? Do classic old cars remind you of the good old days? Do you love to listen to music and eat good food? Do you love shopping for bargains and unique finds? Then the

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SAVE THE DATES: SAT. 9/25 & SUN. 9/26

Donation: \$3.00 per car

More Info needed? Contact:

Hank Samyn (845)985-2548 for tractor show ?'s

Cher Woehl (845)985-2401 cwparksandrec@gmail.com for yard sale ?'s

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

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

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



Sundown United Methodist Church

Sundown Ladies Harvest Sale
Sept. 25

See page 28 for details



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale

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No donations at this time, hopefully soon!



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Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion
 Music by Fred VanWagner

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 845-436-7539

Temporarily closed due to COVID

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

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

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

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

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



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
 Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
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 Dial by your location
 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
 The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041



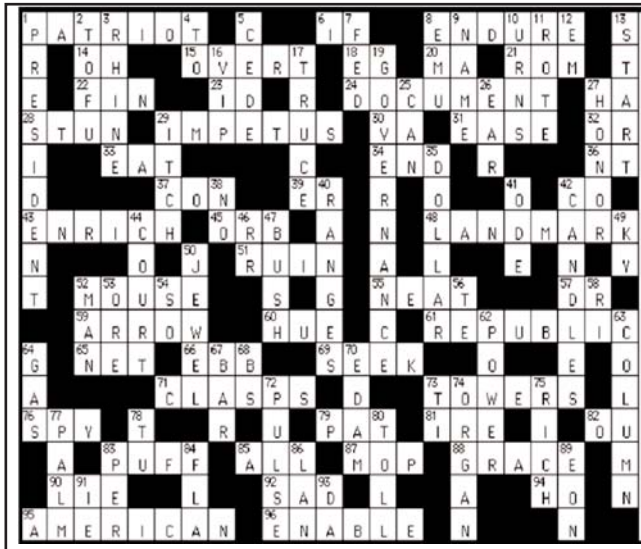
Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent
 Call - 845-985-2041 for information

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Loucks Funeral Home
Geoff and Heather Hazzard
"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"
 79 North Main Street
 Ellenville, New York
 (845) 647-4343

Ans to last week's Crossword



Poets Invited to Enter Poetry Festival

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center invites poets to participate in its 12th Annual Poetry Festival to be held at 2 PM, **Saturday, September 25th**. Poets, published and unpublished, working in all styles, are welcome. We are planning this to be a hybrid event, to be held at the newly-renovated Liberty Public Library and via ZOOM. The festival is one of the Museum's most popular events.

The festival highlights the talents of the region's finest poets and the readings range from light humorous pieces to free verse to intense Gothic and expressionistic work. Organized and moderated by poet Marilyn Laufer, the festival continues to attract more and more poets each year. Ms. Laufer was recently named the second Poet Laureate of the Village of Liberty.

Please submit poems for consideration to Marilyn Laufer, PO Box 87, White Sulphur Springs, NY 12787 or email them to mbfrumess@gmail.com. Include your full name, address, telephone and email contact information. The last date to submit poems is August 26th (no exceptions). For more information, contact Marilyn Laufer at (845) 292-6628.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Mountain Dale Rail Trail Fall Festival to be held on **Saturday, September 25, 2021** on the rail trail in Mountain Dale, New York. Rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021.

Each 10'x10' space is \$20.00 for merchandise, \$25.00 for food. Electric is not available. You are responsible for bringing your own tables, chairs, canopies, etc.

Vendor applications available by contacting Jill at 845-798-6058 or jweiner@gmail.com or Diane at 845-434-7023 or dsenn10151@aol.com.

The Forestburgh Playhouse is ready to do the Time Warp Again!

The Rocky Horror Show Live will be performed in the Forestburgh Tavern 8 times for patrons to enjoy! This immersive production features amazing Playhouse talent, a fantastic live band of the best local musicians and a ton of fun! Join Brad and Janet as they travel to the mansion of Dr. Frankenfurter and experience the wild ride-- complete with transylvanians, phantoms and more! With iconic songs like Time Warp, Sweet Transvestite, Touch a Touch Me and More--Rocky Horror is an iconic treat for all! Rocky Bags will be available with all the props needed to fully experience this wacky and wonderful show!

Show dates are: October 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30.

Doors open at 6 for dinner and drinks and showtime is 8PM.

Cocktails available right up to showtime and at intermission. Don't miss it!

Visit fbplayhouse.org or forestburghtavern.com for tickets today!

Follow Forestburgh Playhouse on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube



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Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
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WANTED
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AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/25/21 **Sundown UMC Ladies Harvest Sale** - Sundown Church Hall - 9 am - 3 pm
 9/25 & 26/21 **Neverink Parks & Rec Yard Sale + Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Annual Tractor Show + Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Event** - All at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 9/25/21 **Any Make Any Model Car Show** - Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 10/2/21 **Annual Giant Pumpkin Party** - Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 10/12/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
 10/11/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **COLUMBUS DAY**
 10/13/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
 10/19/21 Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
 10/19/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submission date 10/5/2021
 10/21//21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm

Save the Date!

Neversink Parks & Rec Yard Sale/The Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Tractor Show & Swap Meet & Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club - September 25th and Sunday, September 26th

Oct 2 - 35th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party**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.

During these uncertain times -PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION for updates & changes

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of September 20 - September 24, 2021

Monday, September 20

- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 832 0275 7503, Passcode: 927408, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, September 21

- o No Meetings

Wednesday, September 22

- o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, at the Rosendale Town Hall, 1915 Lucas Tpk., Cottekill, NY 12419
- o 7:00 PM - Fire Advisory Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 867 2598 9375, Passcode: 703570, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Soil & Water Conservation District Board, at 5 Park Ln, Highland

Thursday, September 23

- o 3:00 PM - Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 858 0183 3924, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 4:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board, Hosted by Microsoft Teams. Dial (845) 768-3864, Phone Conference ID: 204 969 258#
- o 4:30 PM - Trail & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC), Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 834 2863 0247, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, September 24

- o 12 Noon - Resolution Deadline

Do you like to read?

Why not join our book club!

The first Friday

of the month book discussion group meets at
 the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y.

from 1 to 3 p.m.

Refreshments are provided by
 its members.

It'll Be a Scream!

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents its wildly popular Haunted Theatre Tours this season at the Rivoli Theatre with three floors of fright - it'll be a scream! YOURS! Come if you dare!

Join our staff as they entertain you with the unexplainable, murmurs, ghosts and spirits. Be prepared for goosebumps but remember, as long as you stay with your group, you'll be just fine.

Tour dates are only on Fridays and Saturdays - October 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Tours are limited to groups of four and run continuously starting at 6:00 PM - last tour of the evening starts at 10:00PM. Please note that this tour includes stairs and is sometimes in complete darkness. Also, please note that this tour is NOT recommended for children under 13!

All tickets are \$10 which includes admission and a free gift from the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. Advance tickets recommended at www.scdw.net.

For more information: 845-436-5336



Daniel Pierce Library's
35TH ANNUAL
GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

SAT | OCT 2 | 9AM-4PM

Grahamsville Fairgrounds

Rain or Shine / Free Admission



**NO PETS
ALLOWED**

PUMPKIN PAINTING
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LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
PRIZE WINNING CONTESTS
CRAFT FAIR • BOOK SALE

GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

CONTEST INFORMATION

Win Great Prizes!



Enter our contests at the Giant Pumpkin Party for both children and adults for a chance to win great prizes! For entry forms and complete contest rules and information, please refer to the **Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet**, which is available throughout the community, call the **Daniel Pierce Library** at 985-7233, or visit our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org and click on the "Giant Pumpkin Party" link.



Costume March: (pg. 7) All participants receive a special book prize and a sweet treat. There is also a separate raffle in all of the age groups. Registration will begin at the fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m. The Costume March begins at 9:00 a.m.



Giant Pumpkin Contest: (pg. 9) **Trophies and Cash Prizes awarded to all winners!** Adult Contest with prizes of \$250, \$150, \$100, \$75, and \$50 (3). Children's Pumpkin Growing Contest with prizes of \$50, \$25, and \$15.



Pumpkin Decorating Contest: (pg. 10) **Cash Prizes and ribbons awarded to all winners!** Categories for children and adults for both carved and uncarved pumpkins!



Scarecrow Contest: (pg. 11) **Cash Prizes and ribbons awarded to all winners!** Categories for children, adults and groups.



Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin: (pg. 8) **The easiest contest to enter! Prizes awarded to the closest 5 guesses.** Visit the library now through Friday, September 24th, 5:00 p.m., to fill out a "guess slip." This contest is for children only.

Ulster Trending

Upcoming events in Ulster County

(From Pg. 19)

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 The Hudson Valley's First Contemporary Fine Art Faire _ OMG Art Faire: OMG Art Faire features a curated selection of fine art galleries, who represent artists working in photography, painting, sculpture, mixed media, video and digital. Artworks will be available for sale, including work from both established and emerging artists. VIP and other special events to be announced closer to the date. For more information including ticketing and visiting hours please visit the OMG website. OMG Art Faire, Wall Street Music Hall, 323 Wall St., Kingston. 917-715 2877; <http://omgartfaire.com>

Oct. 2-3 Hudson Valley Garlic Festival- 2021 Hudson Valley Garlic Festival (moved from September to October). Garlic farmers, garlic food, crafters, live music. Rain or shine. No pets, please. Cantine Field, Washington Avenue Extension, Saugerties. 845-246-3090; <http://hvgf.org>

Kingston YMCA Farm Project Farm Stand Thurs. 3:30-6 p.m. (through Oct. 28) 507 Broadway, Kingston 845-332-927 <http://kingstonymcafarmproject.org>

Woodstock Farm Festival Wednesdays 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Parking Lot 20 Mountainview Ave Woodstock <http://woodstockfarmfestival.com>

Saturdays:

Saugerties Farmers Market 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 115 Main Street Saugerties <http://saugertiesfarmersmarket.com>

Kingston Farmers Market 9 a.m.-2 p.m. County Courthouse parking lot, Kingston info@kingstonfarmersmarket.org or <http://kingstonfarmersmarket.org>

Sundays:

Rosendale Farmers Market 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Willow Kiln Park, just behind The Rosendale Theatre, at the base of Joppenburg Mountain. <http://rosendalefarmersmarketny.com>

New Paltz Open Air Market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 45 Main St., New Paltz <http://newpaltzfarmersmarket.com>
D&H Canal Sunday Market 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Grady Park Route 213, High Falls canalmuseum.org/market/

Belleayre Farmers Market 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Discovery Lodge base area <http://belleayre.com/todo/farmers-market/>

Kingston Waterfront Farmers' Market 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Alongside the Rondout Creek in TR Gallo Park, Kingston. <http://thekingstonwaterfront.com/farmers>

New Citizens to Take Oath in UC

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place in the Legislative Chambers of the Ulster County Office Building located in Kingston on Friday, September 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 7 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

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

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Christopher E. Cahill, Justice of the Supreme Court, Ulster County. Judge Cahill will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 7 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

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

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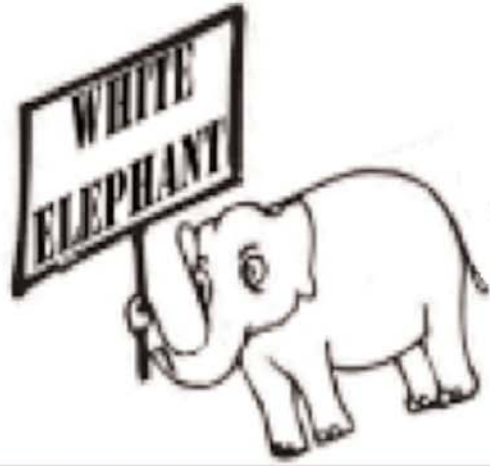


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TABLE



baked goods

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Sundown Community Hall

Hope Farm Gets Harvesting Help from “The Knights Order” Bikers

Volunteers from The Knights Order, Law Enforcement Motorcycle Group of first responders, law enforcement and civilians, visited Hope Farm, on the grounds of SUNY Sullivan in Liberty, NY to assist with the busy harvesting season of picking and packing vegetables this past Sunday. The 3-acre organic farm, which is operated by New Hope Community, of Lock Sheldrake, NY, provides hands-on opportunities for men and women who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Food grown on the farm is used in New Hope Community's residential homes and by the college's culinary arts students in meal preparation. Harvested items are also be donated to community nutrition programs and food pantries in the region to combat food insecurity.

Motorcycle enthusiasts from the fraternal group arrived and met the staff, including individuals with

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services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to

developmental disabilities, to pick and pack the crops.

About The Knights Order

Founded July 15th, 2018, The Knights Order is a social organization formed as a Law Enforcement

Motorcycle/Public Safety Club that is dedicated to the support of our fellow brothers, their families and our community through not-for-profit fund raising efforts. Our members share a passion for motorcycles and uniting on the open roads to show a unity between law enforcement, military, first responders and our fellow citizens in the establishment of one cohesive unit. The

strength of the Knights Order LEMC relies solely on the Loyalty, Bravery, Honor and Commitment of its members and supporters.

About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human

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



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P.O. Box 119, Phoenicia, NY 12464
September 2021

September/Annual Meeting: Notice is hereby given that the chapter's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 26th at an outdoor venue. The meeting will start at 1 PM and run until approximately 3 PM during which time election of officers and directors will occur. Afterwards members are invited to fish the Esopus Creek. Several days prior to the 26th, another email will be sent to all members in good standing listing the exact meeting location and providing a list of officers and directors being put forth by the nominating committee. It will also provide details on how to vote via email in the event you can not attend. If you would like to serve, or have candidates you wish to put forth, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Tony Coccozza at: Flyfish@hvc.rr.com or President Mark Loete at: mark@loetephoto.com with your input.

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP): AWSMP, in cooperation the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Trout Unlimited, is hosting "Family Fun and Fish Day" at Kenneth Wilson State Campground at 859 Wittenberg Road, Mount Tremper, NY on Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is FREE to all participants, except there is a \$6 fee/car to access the NYS Campground.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, all participants, not from the same household, are requested to maintain at least six feet of distance apart and to wear masks if this is not possible. Registration forms must be filled out and received prior to the event. The last day to register is September 15th. Participants who fail to fill out the required forms, fail to adhere to Covid-19 safety guidelines, or fail to follow staff direction will not be allowed to participate in the program. All fishing supplies will be provided, though you are welcome and encouraged to bring your own if you have them. No fishing license is required.

For more information, to register, contact Brent Gotsch at 845-688-3047 ext. 103, or by email at bwg37@cornell.edu. Help is always needed. If you can help, please contact Brent.

AWSMP continues to conduct a number of Working Group watershed meetings, which various chapter members participate in. The last such meeting was held on July 1st and was for Stream Access and Recreation.

Esopus Creek/SPDES Permit: On August 26th New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) conducted its semi-annual Shandaken Tunnel SPDES Permit review meeting virtually, via Internet. The meeting was chaired by David Warne, Assistant DEP Commissioner with participants from DEP, NYS DEC, NYS Health, Greene County Soil & Water, CCCD, various individuals plus Mark Loete, Tony Coccozza, and myself on behalf of our chapter. DEP reviewed past and present water conditions in the Schoharie Reservoir and Esopus Creek at the time, plus the status and costs of ongoing rehabilitation projects at the Schoharie Reservoir and Shandaken Tunnel.

It is anticipated that DEP will need to shut down the Shandaken Tunnel for approximately six weeks late October or November to complete all scheduled work on the Tunnel. It is also anticipated that a High Level Outlet (HLO) in Gilboa Dam will be in place by 2027, allowing for downstream Schoharie Creek water releases.

Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported the following results for the months of June, July, and August. In June there were 6 measurable events as recorded in Boiceville; these had a 6.0 weighed pH with 2.14 inches of rain.

In July there were 11 measurable events; these had a 5.7 weighed pH with 8.86 inches of rain. In August there were 4 measurable events; these had a 5.1 weighed pH with 8.00 inches of rain, clearly Henri and Ida making their impacts on the region.

By comparison in June 2020 there were 7 such events with a total of 4.24 inches of rain and 6.2 weighted pH.

In July 2020 there were 8 such events with a total of 4.13 inches of rain and 5.6 weighted pH. And in August 2020 there were 9 such events with a total of 6.45 inches of rain and 5.4 weighted pH.

There's little doubt about, Climate Change is really influencing our weather, and ultimately will affect our wild trout fisheries. It has already with floods--- like that of Christmas 2002-- that wreak havoc on watersheds. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) recently declared July 2021 the hottest month on earth ever: <https://www.noaa.gov/news/its-official-july-2021-was-earths-hottest-month-on-record>

With summer behind us, perhaps a little late for the season, you still might find this of interest:

[https://www.ausableriver.org/blog/how-does-hot-weather-affect-troutfishing?](https://www.ausableriver.org/blog/how-does-hot-weather-affect-troutfishing?utm_source=ADK_Explorer&utm_medium=The_Waterline&utm_campaign=how-does-hot-weatheraffect-trout-fishing&mc_cid=06dfcf52eb&mc_eid=9eb3dcc66e)

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Membership: As of this newsletter, our membership stands at 118 members.



This month we welcome Joe Winslow of Shokan. As always new TU members can join for half the "regular" membership fee, or \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from National. Membership forms:

http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf

Russell Martin has assumed Membership Chair responsibilities and can be reached at: sunyesf@gmail.com

I will assist Russell in these matters. Thank you Russell!

The chapter conducted membership outings, evenings fishing the Esopus Creek, on June 23rd and July 28th. Over fifteen members and friends attended each event, and then enjoyed pizza at the Boiceville Inn afterwards, recounting stories of wild rainbow trout caught those evenings.

Chapter OnLine Auction: Given Covid restrictions, and our limited ability to gather, Todd Spire will be putting together an OnLine Auction for our chapter. This will help refill chapter conifers so we can continue to effectively function and respond to important issues, like the recently proposed, but highly ill-conceived, Ashokan Reservoir Pumped Storage application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Watch for details on the auction in the near future. Thanks Todd! (Contd. Pg. 34)

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NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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(From PG. 32)

Olive Day: On Sept. 11th, Jody Hoyt, Victoria Lawrence, Russell Martin, Roy Meyerhoff, and myself represented the chapter at Olive Day, held at Davis Park in West Shokan. A couple members stopped by and while engaging the general public we potentially recruited some new members. We also took part in a special September 11th Remembrance conducted behind our booth.

Peekamoose Blue Hole Permits: As of Sept. 16th, daily \$10 day-use permits are no longer required to hike, fish along the upper Rondout Creek at the Blue Hole. These will most likely be required by May 15th, 2022. In 2021 DEC instituted a permit system for the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor and it seemed to be a very successful way of cutting down over-utilization, abuses, and garbage at this pristine environment.

Immediate left is a Rondout Creek brook trout, caught after obtaining a day-use permit, in total solitude.

Treasurer's report: Jody Hoyt reports at the end of August the chapter had \$12,530.80, of which \$11,743.12 was in the General Operating Fund and \$787.68 in the Conservation Fund.

Newsletter: This is the first newsletter since our last one of June 14th following a summer recess. They will be monthly again with this issue sent electronically to all chapter members and friends that we have valid email addresses. If you received this and would rather not, please hit REPLY and write REMOVE and hit SEND.

In a couple months production and distribution of the newsletter will be taken over by Todd Spire. I assumed the editor's job, for a second time, in January of 2014, following in the capable footsteps of Hank Rope. I've enjoyed it and look forward to the talents Todd Spire brings to this position. It's a vital piece of communication to all our members, friends, and colleagues of the various agencies and groups we work with.

Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection: The Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection of the Phoenicia Library has some new and exciting Podcasts available. One features our own Jody Hoyt, with others, discussing Ray Smith, the most famous outdoorsman of the Esopus river-valley.

FYI: <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/news.html>
Beyond our watersheds and other news: The New York State Conservationist celebrated its 75th birthday:
<https://cloud.3disside.com/129417/129610/151833/AugustSeptember2021NYSCons/index.html>

If you missed it, the Time and the Valleys Museum held a program on The History of Wintoon: A Grand Neversink Estate by Laura Brock. FYI:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEVmQ9e0qoo>

Perhaps a bit edgy in parts, but while exercising on the treadmill, I happened upon this YouTube video on stocked versus wild trout: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6brH5Kpy6m0>
Blast past any unintended advertisements.

Useful links:

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited:
<https://apwctu.org/>

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program:
<http://ashokanstreams.org/>

CWC Watershed Currents: <https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/>

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District:
<http://www.dcsxcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm>

Esopus Creek hatching chart: <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/>

NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases:

https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_channel_levels.shtml

Rondout Neversink Stream Program: <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/>

Until next time,

Ed Ostapczuk

Sept. 15th, 2021

NYS DEC ECO Raptor Rescue

On Sept. 5, ECO Chomicki received a call from the Ulster



County Sheriff for a report of an injured bald eagle in the town of Marbletown. The ECO spoke to the caller who decided to stay with the bird, covering the animal to keep it safe from predators until help arrived. ECO Chomicki did a quick check of the bird and identified it as a hawk. Seeing no obvious injury, the ECO collected the hawk and transported it to a volunteer with Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center for proper evaluation and rehabilitation.

ECOs Participate in September 11th Security Detail in New York City

On Sept. 11, ECOs participated in a joint agency marine detail to provide security to the waters around New York City during the 20th anniversary ceremonies remembering the September 11, 2021, terrorist attacks.





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Narrowsburg Beautification Group Garden Swap



(TUSTEN) - The Narrowsburg Beautification Group is hosting its biannual Garden Swap benefit on Saturday, October, 2021 in front of the Tusten-Cochecton Library located at 198 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

The "NBG" describes the event as follows - This is your opportunity to exchange plants, seeds, bulbs etc. from your garden with your neighbors. Please label your items with plant name and info. Nothing to exchange? Make a donation instead. For more information visit Facebook.com/NBGtusten.

Funding for this project was made possible in part by a Community Beautification Grant from Sullivan Renaissance. Learn more at <http://SullivanRenaissance.org> or Facebook.com/SullivanRenaissance.

New York Fall Foliage Report

Look for the first signs of the colorful fall foliage by checking in on the I Love NY Fall Foliage report at: <https://www.iloveny.com/things-to-do/fall/foliage-report/>

Every Wednesday afternoon, the report will be updated with the latest color conditions across the state. Autumn leaves change color due to the days growing shorter and colder. Plants slow down, and eventually stop producing the food necessary to produce chlorophyll, the pigment responsible for that leafy green color. As the levels of chlorophyll are depleted, other pigments such as carotenoids cause those classic fall colors. Watch for the differences in colors in maples, oaks, or dogwoods near you. Check out our previ-

ous Facebook Live to learn more about fall foliage, and enjoy nature's brightest colors.

Check out the Hudson River Valley Ramble

Looking at a bridge crossing the Hudson RiverWalk, hike, paddle, bike, and tour sections of the Hudson River by participating in the 2021 Hudson River Valley Ramble. For information go to: <https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/>

The Ramble is an annual event that celebrates the history, culture, and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which extends from the Capital Region through the Lower Hudson Valley. Events run through September, with some events in October and include family-friendly corn mazes, hikes, and boat tours, and may be accessible via public transportation. Check out the Hudson River Valley Ramble guidebook (PDF) to plan your trip. Go to:

<https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/cmsimages/File/2021-Ramble-booklet-accessible-V1.pdf>

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Care Center at Sunset Lake Leased by Infinite Care Management Agreement Signed by Both Parties

Liberty, NY - The Sunset Lake Local Development Corporation (LDC), Sullivan County and Infinite Care Management formally signed an agreement this week to lease the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty to Infinite Care for the next 20 years, renewable if the parties agree.



“This was a complicated endeavor but a worthwhile one,” affirmed LDC Board Chairman Lowell Feldman. “I am pleased to predict that the future for the Care Center, and for the people of Sullivan County, looks very bright.”

“Infinite Care is excited for the opportunity to join the Sullivan County family in providing excellent care for its senior community,” says Sol Klein, principal of Infinite Care. “We appreciate the trust the county has placed in us, and we are looking forward to further earning that trust as we move forward.”

Renewable by either party, the lease agree-

ment guarantees that Infinite Care will invest \$3 million in the Care Center within the first three years of operation, followed by an \$800,000 annual fee paid to the LDC thereafter. Per its charter, the LDC will remit those funds to the County.

“This agreement promises to improve the services rendered to those who depend on the Care Center and relieve taxpayers of having to cover a shortfall every year,” observed Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty.

Klein noted that “Infinite Care’s vision is to strengthen the entire community by partnering with them to preserve and promote job opportunities and quality of life for staff and residents.”

“Residents of Sullivan County,” he said, “can be confident that Infinite Care has the means and the desire to do right by this precious population.”

“As both a legislator and member of the LDC Board, my goal in this process has been to give people what we owe them: excellent care delivered compassionately and competently,” said District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, who also chairs the Legislature’s Health & Family Services Committee. “This is what Infinite Care has promised, and this agreement holds them to that guarantee. I look forward to the improvements they’ll bring to the Care Center.”

Infinite Care plans to rebrand the Care Center in the near future and will make further announcements as updates occur. Sullivan County will remain the employer of record, with workers receiving County benefits.

About the LDC

The Sunset Lake LDC is a nonprofit corporation created by the Sullivan County Legislature in 2020 to handle the leasing of the Care Center at Sunset Lake and the operation of the Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA), subject to approval by the Legislature. Overseen by a five-member board, the LDC currently owns the Care Center and associated property. Its mandate from the Legislature was to recommend potential operators of the Care Center, based (in no particular order) on price, experience with the operation of long- and short-term care facilities, demonstrated quality of care in those facilities, and plans to sustain and enhance these services. It will continue to exist as the property owner.

About the Care Center

The Care Center at Sunset Lake, formally known as the Sullivan County Adult Care Center, is a 146-bed, 24/7 facility located on Sunset Lake Road in Liberty. Operated by the County of Sullivan since 1990, the Care Center’s approximately 150 employees offer long-term nursing care and short-term rehabilitation services.

About Infinite Care Management

Infinite Care Management LLC (ICM) is an experienced and responsible skilled nursing company with a proven track record of success in the maintenance and improvement of senior care facilities in New York and Florida. ICM prides itself on being good neighbors and community partners in all its communities. Our record of improving the quality of life of our residents while improving the bottom-line performance of our facilities, is verifiable, and our residents are always our primary focus.

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Autumnal Advice from a Steward "Don't forget to pack extra layers as the weather turns cooler. Our Catskill Steward Jenny Flavin reminds visitors that evenings in the mountains are often much cooler than at the trailheads below. Follow our stewards on social media @catskillcenter."

Attorney General James Delivers Justice For New Yorkers Burned by Food Festival Fraudster Notorious Event Producer Banned From Producing Events, Ordered To Pay More Than \$310,000 in Restitution and Penalties

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced that she has permanently banned event producer Ishmael Osekre from producing events and festivals in the state of New York. Osekre - who operated his business under African Food Festival, LLC - scammed thousands people who bought tickets to the New York City African Food Festival in 2016 and the New York City Pizza and Burger Festivals in 2017 by deceiving them into paying for food and entertainment that were never provided. Osekre also cheated the production staff, vendors, and contractors that he hired for the events by not paying them or issuing bad checks to those who refused to work without payment. Osekre is required to

pay more than \$310,000 in restitution and penalties, \$111,198 of which are for consumers who were affected.

"Ishmael Osekre's fraudulent schemes were an epic recipe for disaster that scammed New Yorkers out of their time and money," said Attorney General James. "Today's order bans this shameless individual from ever carrying out this type of illegal business in our state. Let this serve as a warning to all fraudsters that their attempts to cheat our communities will be brought to light and will not go unpunished. My office will continue to use every ounce of the law to hold those accountable and ensure that New Yorkers are not burned again."

In October 2017, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) initiated an investigation after receiving dozens of complaints related to the New York City Pizza Festival and the New York City Burger Festival. Complainants - who bought tickets on websites like EventBrite and GoldStar based on false online ads featuring unlimited food samples - were upcharged for VIP packages, drinks, games, and other forms of entertainment. Upon looking further into Osekre's business practices, the OAG found that he had also scammed ticket holders and vendors in the New York City African Food Festival a year prior in similar fashion.

Throughout the investigation into Osekre's fraudulent practices, OAG staff gathered evidence that included numerous online Facebook ads, Osekre's personal and ticket-selling websites, screenshots of tickets, copies of emails and failed checks, and testimony from dozens of defrauded ticket holders and vendors.

The 2016 African Food Festival sold thousands of tickets and generated more than \$100,000 in revenue. However, Osekre kept all of the proceeds and did not issue any refunds, even after the flood of complaints. Ticket holders for the 2017 Burger and Pizza Festivals were able to submit enough complaints to raise flags for ticket sellers EventBrite and GoldStar, so these companies refunded the ticket costs back to more than 1,100 affected consumers.

The court order - granted by Judge Francois A. Rivera in Kings County Supreme Court - enjoins Osekre from being involved in event production or festival production in the state of New York pursuant to Executive Law § 63(12) and New York state General Business Law Article 22-A. Osekre is also required to pay a total of \$311,398 in restitution and penalties, \$111,198 of which will be for consumers who were affected and \$150,000 for the state of New York. In order for Osekre to continue to work at any festival or at any event, he must pay off the financial obligations and obtain a \$500,000 performance bond.

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorney General Matthew Eubank, under the supervision of Assistant Attorney General In Charge of the Brooklyn Regional Office Michael Barbosa. The Brooklyn Regional Office is a part of the Division of Regional Affairs, which is led by Deputy Attorney General for Regional Affairs Jill Faber and is overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

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As Delta Variant Rates Surge and Health Care Workforce Faces Shortages, Senator Gillibrand Pushes for Implementation of the Health Force, Her Mustibillion-Dollar Public Health Legislation Passed in the American Rescue Plan

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is pushing for the implementation of Health Force, her multibillion-dollar public health legislation passed in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) earlier this year. Gillibrand successfully secured nearly \$8 billion for her Health Force legislation - the Health Force, Resilience Force, And Jobs To Fight COVID-19 Act - to create a robust public health workforce to aid vaccine distribution and mobilize community leaders to improve health outcomes in their communities. Now, as COVID-19 Delta variant rates surge across the nation and cases are likely to rise significantly in the fall and winter months, it is imperative that vulnerable communities and health leaders have the resources and capability to distribute vaccines equitably and efficiently, and trusted messengers with whom they can talk through their concerns. In a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Gillibrand pushes to ensure implementation of her ARP-passed provisions behind Health Force in Section 2501, the public health workforce provision, aligned with its original intent, including the implementation of labor standards and wages no less than \$15 an hour plus benefits, and targeted hiring in underserved communities.

“As the Biden administration works to implement Health Force, it is vital that this landmark program is closely aligned with Congress's original intent to create an equitable, efficient, and sustainable public health workforce,” said Senator Gillibrand. “Now that we have secured this bill in Congress, we must revisit implementation standards and use this opportunity to build trust in community-centered health care and build a stronger public health system. We are seeing shortages in the health care workforce in New York and across the country, and Health Force will help equip workers with the skills to go into this growing industry. Implementing a legislative and programmatic endeavor on this scale requires great precision and I am committed to seeing this process through to ensure it is administered efficiently and sustainably.”

Over the last decade, the nation's public health workforce lost nearly 40,000 jobs, while state and local budgets were slashed by 16% and 18%, respectively. Hospitals across the country have been facing a nursing shortage throughout the pandemic, making it difficult for hospitals to meet rising patient needs. In the Capital Region, two of the largest health care employers have stated they are struggling to recruit nurses - a shortage that is only expected to grow. Researchers project that by 2030 New York State could be short as many as 39,000 nurses, leaving hospitals, nursing homes, and patients in jeopardy. To make matters more urgent, it is expected that 80%-85% of the population would need to be vaccinated by the end of 2021 to prevent a revival in case numbers to 2020 levels. The pandemic has also magnified the systemic health inequities rural, Black, Latino and Indigenous communities have faced for far too long that can often lead to anxiety and distrust toward medical treatment, including vaccine hesitancy.

As the United States continues to battle the next phase of the coronavirus pandemic and rebuild the economy, the Health Force, as intended, would support overburdened state and local health departments, provide jobs for thousands of unemployed Americans, build public health capacity in underserved communities, and directly support the nation's efforts to recover. When implemented properly, these community-based public health jobs are known to improve local health outcomes, including vaccination rates, and would help ensure every community is positioned to meet its most pressing needs with trusted partners. Gillibrand is calling for the administration to prioritize equitable hiring and service in low-income and underserved “focal communities,” to pay at least 15 dollars an hour plus benefits, and implement targeted hiring plans that prioritize hiring workers from socially vulnerable communities. Specifically, the letter requests:

- o A clear definition of “focal communities” that would be used to prioritize Health Force funding and activities in communities that are low-income, underserved, or particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.



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When you wear a mask you are saying,
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- o Recruitment efforts for Health Force workers within their home communities, including efforts to recruit among “focal communities” as well as dislocated workers, individuals with barriers to employment, veterans, new entrants in the workforce, underemployed or furloughed workers, graduates and students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and historically marginalized populations.

- o Hiring preferences to individuals who are dislocated workers, individuals with barriers to employment, veterans, new entrants in the workforce, underemployed or furloughed workers, paraprofessionals in harm reduction and similar fields, or community-based nonprofit or public health or health care professionals, from focal communities as described above, or unemployed or underemployed individuals.

- o Robust and specialized job training for Health Force workers.

- o Fair employment and compensation for Health Force workers including full-time employment, no less than a \$15 an hour wage, and benefits in accordance with the Service Contract Act.

- o Sustainability of the Health Force to ensure long-term viability and its ability to address public health challenges after the pandemic.

The Magnetic Fields Announced as O+ Festival Headliner Free Festival in Kingston, NY to take place October 8-10

KINGSTON, NY September 15, 2021 - Indie pop stalwarts The Magnetic Fields and "first lady of graffiti" Lady Pink headline the 11th O+ Festival Oct. 8-10 in Kingston, N.Y. The unique weekend connects participating artists and musicians with vital healthcare, mental healthcare, dentistry and wellness services. Through the generosity of many supporters, this year's festival is free to the public.

O+ (pronounced O Positive) Festival Kingston is a citywide celebration of life while holding space for the complexity that comes with the collective, and personal, trauma of the past year and a half. The weekend will offer joy and connection which are, like this year's theme of O+ygen, essential to our ability to thrive as a community.

O+ Executive Director Holly Kelly says of this year's festival: "We can't wait for the community to experience the incredible outdoor and free offerings of art, music and wellness at O+ in October. O+ is different from other festivals because artists and musicians who participate receive healthcare services in exchange at the O+ popup clinic."

Participating solo artists, bands and ensembles include: Proper (hip hop rap / rock, NYC); Teenage Halloween (power pop, NJ); Pedazo de Carne con Ojo (hip hop / experimental, Philadelphia); Ceschi (progressive hip hop / folk, CT); Tierra del Fuego (rock / indie, NYC); Shana Falana (psych rock / shoegaze, Kingston); Breanna Barbara (blues singer-songwriter, NYC); Toebow (cartoon psych pop, NYC); Bobby Chaniel (hip hop / R&B, New Paltz / NYC); Jelly Kelly (post-punk art rock, Kingston); SSuperDirryDom (hip hop / rap, Kingston); BattleaXXX (hard rock, Albany); Denmark (indie rock, Kingston); Out of System Transfer (anarcho-folk-punk, NYC); Luella Roche (singer-songwriter, Kingston); Geezer (doom / heavy blues, Kingston / NYC); W.S.A.B.I. (performance art prog, NYC); Battle Ave (indie rock, Poughkeepsie); Shayna Blass (indie folk, Kingston); Caprice Rouge (world music, Kingston); COUPY (indie rock, NYC); Shenna (pop / R&B, NYC); Clone (indie rock, NYC); 9 Horses (improvising chamber ensemble, Beacon / NYC); and Carinae (psych rock, MA).

Participating mural, performance, interactive, installation and fiber artists include: Marilyn Arsem (site-responsive performance, MA); Paula Josa-Jones (performance, CT); Ann Lewis (mural, Detroit); Brian Kaspr (mural, CT); Marielena Ferrer (participatory practice / installation, Kingston); David Najib Kasir (mural, WI); Stephanie Loveless (participatory / installation, Albany); Kat Howard (fiber art installation); The D.R.A.W. (Kingston); Elisabeth Motley (live-art choreography event, Brooklyn); Hudson Valley Bee Habitat (hands-on workshop, Kingston); Khonsu X (experimental participatory soundscape, PA); Cave Dogs (video installation, Bloomington); Diana Steinberg and Naomi Steckman (pop-up performance, MA); and Molly Lindsay and Dina Kravtsov (mural and workshop, Kingston); and Performance sin Miedo/Performance without Fear (participatory performance, Kingston).

A festival highlight will be a screening of Street Heroines, a highly anticipated, festival-bound feature documentary film by Alexandra Henry about the courage and creativity of female street artists from around the world, featuring this year's O+ muralists Lady Pink and Ann Lewis. Art offerings also include the Literary

SalO+n featuring beetle bailey (Kingston), Carolita Johnson (NYC), Sara Benincasa (NYC), Onnesha Roychoudhuri (Kingston), Hayley Downs (Kingston) and Cristopher Livecchi (Kingston).

O+ audiences are invited to ExplO+re a variety of wellness offerings, including Qigong, foundational concepts of Chinese medicine, a cooking class, sound healing and digital resilience. There will be a gravel bike ride as well as a mural bike tour.

The 11th O+ Kingston kicks off at the Kingston Library with a parade through midtown and uptown on Friday, Oct. 8. The weekend's venues (outside as much as possible) include Academy Green, Good Work Institute, Keegan Ales, Kingston Greenline, Old Dutch Church grounds, YWCA, Samadhi Recovery Outreach Center and The Yoga House. The footprint of the festival expands a bit this year to the Town of Ulster with Sunday concerts at Blueprint arts collective, located at the former IBM complex.

Participating artists and musicians, many of whom are uninsured or underinsured, will receive health and wellness services in the O+ Artists' Clinic, located at Bethany Hall inside Old Dutch Church. Offerings include primary care, nursing, mental health counseling, osteopathy, dermatology, massage therapy, acupuncture, chiropractic care, naturopathy, physical therapy, sound healing, Reiki, Tarot and more. Dental care will be provided in local provider offices.

Proof of a Covid-19 vaccine for those 12 and older is required for entry to all indoor and outdoor events. Masks are required. Those under 12 may attend if masked.

O+ is presented by WMC with support from Golden Mural Paints, Del's Roadside and Dairy Creme, Institute for Family Health, Athletic Brewing, The Barns Art Center, Rough Draft, Keegan Ales, Abandoned Cider, The Bank of Greene County, Stewart's Shops, Radio Kingston, Catskill Art Supply, Thesis Bikes, Fruition Chocolate, The Kinsley Hotel, the many volunteering health professionals and the Tides Foundation.

RSVPs requested, but not required at: <http://www.operativefestival.org/festivalRSVP>

Sullivan Catskills Unveils Two New Doves

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) announces the unveiling of the two newest Doves of 2021. The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock festival and celebrates its impact on our Sullivan Catskills.

It's a collection of 50 dove sculptures perched in villages, towns, and at several tourism businesses. Each permanently mounted dove is hand-painted by a professional local artist and inspired by the legendary event held here in 1969.

The newest Doves made their landing at The Cabin at Hessinger-Lare in Jeffersonville, NY, a property of Foster Supply Hospitality, where the first ceremony was held last Tuesday. On Thursday, another ceremony was held at The Eldred Preserve in Eldred.

The SCVA previously announced that ten new Doves will be added to the collection and make the Sullivan Catskills their home. The launch of the Dove Trail in 2019 has been met with unprecedented success as visitors have been flocking to the Sullivan Catskills to view the doves and complete the trail, taking photos along the way.

More Doves will continue to be unveiled so stay tuned and follow along. The 50th Anniversary of Woodstock is over, but the SCVA wants to make the Doves a legacy project that will encourage visitors from around the world to appreciate our history and heritage while embracing the new tourism opportunities in the Sullivan Catskills. The Dove Trail is in partnership with Sullivan Renaissance.

They Beat the COVID Challenge!

Despite so many small businesses recently closing their doors as a result of COVID-19, the owners of Carmen's Sabor Latino took a chance and opened a unique little restaurant in Napanoch, NY.



Carmen's Sabor Latino is conveniently located on Route 209 (between Peter's Market and Walmart). There is ample parking space that is just a short walk to the window where you can order the most delicious Puerto Rican cuisine.

There is a main menu, but there are always specials such as the very tasty Puerto Rican Stew or the Cube Steak with onions and peppers, both served with either yellow rice or white rice.

In speaking with the owner, Carmen's Sabor Latino was a dream that slowly evolved to the 1st day of opening on April 30th of this year. They are now open on Fridays from 4 to 8 pm; Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 8 pm. Soon they will be extending their hours to Thursday through Sunday from 11 am to 8 pm.

While waiting for your order, sit and relax and listen to the festive music. When your order is ready to be served you may bring it home or do as we did. sit in the comfortably arranged and COVID safe setting and enjoy your food on the patio style dining area.



Visit during the late afternoon or evening, and you will also enjoy the warmth of their newly installed fire pit that adds to the ambiance –a relaxed atmosphere with a strong expression of little bistro in Puerto Rico, palm trees and all.

If you have never had an Empanada, Carmen's Sabor Latino is a must for you. You will definitely want more!

Liberty Library to Present Poetry Festival

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center and Sullivan County Performing Arts, invites you to hear readings of original works of poetry by the authors on Saturday, September 25 2021, via Zoom on your computer. The reading begins at 2:00 p.m.

This year's poets hail from a variety of local towns, and also from N.Y. City and Westchester. They write in a variety of styles, and on many topics, and there is sure to be something of interest for everyone to enjoy.

This popular, ever-growing event is the twelfth annual Poetry Festival presented by the Liberty Museum & Arts Center. It was started by then- Liberty Poet Laureate Walter Keller, at the Museum building on 46 South Main Street, and was held there annually, until the pandemic created distancing problems last year.

Now coordinated and moderated by Marilyn Laufer, Museum Board member and current Liberty Village Poet Laureate, we are planning a "hybrid" reading this year...some poets will read in person and the others via Zoom.at the invitation and with the assistance of Liberty Public Library director Marj Linko, in the library's newly-renovated and spacious meeting room. In order to be invited to attend on Zoom, contact Marj at mlinko@rcls.org or call the library at (845) 292-6070 with your information and she will send you a link that day.

Any questions, call Marilyn at (845) 292-6628.

September 25 also marks the opening of a new artist show at the Liberty Museum, featuring local painter Janet LeRoy. That event, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., is also free and features refreshments in the summer garden area. Janet's beautiful work will be displayed until October 16.

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Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan has been selected as the new chair of the NYSAC Climate Resiliency Committee replacing Tompkins County Legislator Martha Robertson, who is retiring. The bipartisan committee is composed of officials in county positions most directly impacted by changes in the climate. Its membership comes from all regions of the state and work in diverse areas of county and state government, including emergency services, public health, environmental health, solid waste, and elected office.

"Climate change is the defining challenge of our time and counties have incredible potential to lead meaningful change in our communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and harden our resiliency against the effects of a changing climate," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I'm incredibly proud to be chosen by my colleagues to lead this committee, and I look forward to working with county leaders from across the state and our state partners to develop local solutions to this global challenge."

The NYSAC Climate Resiliency Committee was created in June of 2018 to help counties across the state work cooperatively on climate change in order to identify needs and influence state policies, programs, or enabling legislation.

In April, County Executive Ryan released his Green New Deal plan for Ulster County. Joined by environmental leaders from throughout the Hudson Valley, the report consists of over 30 goals and targets making Ulster County the first County in New York State and among the first in the nation to release a comprehensive Green New Deal plan.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces that Ulster County Will Receive Up to \$7.9 Million From Opioid Lawsuit Settlement

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that Ulster County will receive a maximum of \$7,895,750 as part of a statewide settlement agreement between Ulster County, Johnson & Johnson, and other opioid companies. The settlement funds will be used as part of Ulster County's continued effort to combat the opioid crisis. Ulster County anticipates receiving its first payment in February of 2022 and will continue to receive payments over the course of the next 18-years.

"It is about time that these pharmaceutical companies are held accountable for what they have done," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I am going to continue to do everything in my power to seek justice for those who we have lost. Now more than ever it is critical that we do all that we can to ramp up and prioritize combating the opioid epidemic. These settlement funds will go a long way in allowing us to continue to do critical work that will ultimately save lives. I remain committed to making tackling the opioid crisis a top priority of Ulster County."

"The office of the Ulster County District Attorney is committed to partnering with the Ulster County Executive, the Ulster County Sheriff and all of law enforcement to use the funds from the opioid settlement with major drug companies to prevent addiction, prevent the sale of drugs in our community, and support recovery from addiction through drug court and diversion programs," Ulster County District Attorney Dave Clegg said.

"This Opioid epidemic devastated the lives of many, it overshadowed all demographics," Sheriff Juan Figueroa said. "The silent victims suffered tremendously due to the stigma associated with the addiction of loved ones. Life should never have a price tag, let us begin the recovery of the afflicted and their families."

"It has long been known that the overprescribing of opioid painkillers was at the forefront of causing our current opioid abuse epidemic," Ulster County Legislator Eve Walter said. "We have been paying for this in our county and country; it is important that the pharmaceutical companies responsible now pay as well."

"Ulster County, like so many other communities, has suffered greatly by the actions of Purdue Pharma, among others," Ulster County Legislator Craig Lopez said. "I am thankful that the county has taken this public health crisis seriously and made real progress in getting Ulster County families the help they need. These settlement dollars will go a long way in helping us increase those services, improve delivery and intensify outreach to individuals struggling with substance use disorder. I, and the members of the Public Health and Social Services Committee are committed to working with County Executive Ryan to ensure these dollars are well spent."

This year, through proposals in Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan's Executive Budget, nearly \$1 million was dedicated to opioid use prevention. Through the expansion of the Ulster County High Risk Mitigation Team to the City of Kingston, Ulster County has strengthened its reach into other parts of Ulster County.

In 2020, largely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, opioid-related fatalities increased 94% in Ulster County, resulting in a total of 64 deaths. This surge in opioid-related fatalities mirrors a nationwide trend. This year the Center for Disease Control and Prevention announced that opioid-related fatalities reached its highest number ever recorded in over a 12-month span. However, due to the County's extensive harm reduction efforts and interventions, the overdose fatality rate dropped sharply from 20% in 2018 to 13.5% in 2020.

Nesin Cultural Arts Programs Fall 2021

(Monticello, NY) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) has announced that registration is now open for classes running from September 20th through December. NCA programs will be operating on-site



Guest Artist Sasha Margolis conducts a Klezmer workshop for 2021 Nesin Cultural Arts Summer Arts Academy students.

following Covid safety protocols, but virtual options are available by request to ensure the safety of families and artists. NCA provides professional and affordable arts programs for students of all ages.

Courses include: Young Children's Chorus for grades Pre-K - 1, presented by Emily McConnell and Amy Phillips. Treble Makers Chorus for grades 2-5 presented by Emily McConnell and Amy Phillips with accompanist Jeff Yeung. NCA Chorale for

grades 6-12 presented by Amy Phillips with accompanist Jeff Yeung. Honors Chorus for ages 8-18 presented by Amy Phillips. Students must audition to be accepted into Honors Chorus. Dance Programs run by Taylor Lamerand include: First Steps for Pre-K - 1, Tiny Dancers for grades 2-5, Ballet I/Jazz I for grades 6-12, Demi Pointe/Pointe and NCA Dance Company for ages 8-18. Students must audition to be accepted into Dance Company. The NCA Theatre Program is presented by Alexis Costa: Play Production Practicum for grades 4-12. The Visual Arts Programs are presented by Laurie Kilgore: Children's Art & Crafts for grades K-5 and Drawing, Painting, and Mixed Media for grades 6 and up.

To register or inquire about any NCA Chorus, Dance, Theatre, or Visual Art classes contact: fiona@nesinculturalarts.org.

SCCO Educates - Aspiring Young Musicians (AYM): Private lessons and ensembles, (AYM Orchestra included). AYM Orchestra: Open to all, enrollment in AYM private lessons is not required. Tuition is based on sliding scale. Contact akiko@sccoplayers.org if interested.

NCA Classes (Chorus, Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, and AYM Orchestra) are \$90

per class per semester. Discounts are available when you register for multiple classes. For scholarship information contact: akiko@sccoplayers.org.

Funding for NCA programs is provided by: The New York State Council on the Arts with support from Governor Kathleen Courtney Hochul, Episcopal Charities, Saint John's Episcopal Church, New York Life, Laura Jane Musser Fund, Sullivan County Government, Stewart's Shops, M&T Bank and the Associated Chamber Music Players.

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Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra: Zwilich & Trout

(Monticello) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) quintet will perform in October in Hurleyville and Monticello.



Akiko Hosoi

The program includes a Piano Quintet by Ellen Taaffe Zwilich and Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667 "Die Forelle" (The Trout Quintet) by Franz Schubert with original variation, "Trout Remix" by Gity Razaz. The SCCO artists include: Akiko Hosoi, violin; Colin Brookes, viola; Luke Krafka, cello; Andrew Trombley, double bass and Or Matias, piano. The performances are part of the SCCO Chamber Music Series. The dates are Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 6PM at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, Hurleyville, NY and Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 3PM at St. John's Episcopal Church, Monticello, NY. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students at both venues. Tickets for Saturday's performance in Hurleyville may be purchased at: hurleyvilleartscentre.org. Please call 845-985-4722 with any inquiries. Tickets for Sunday's performance at St. John's Episcopal Church may be purchased by visiting: nesinculturalarts.eventbrite.com or by calling (845) 798-9006. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged, however tickets will be available at the door until capacity is met. For more information, visit www.nesinculturalarts.org or email: marina@nesinculturalarts.org. Seating capacity will remain limited and safety protocols will be followed as per CDC guidelines at both venues. Masks will be required for all upcoming SCCO and NCA events.



Andrew Trombley

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SCCO is a Nesin Cultural Arts supported project. This program is made possible in part by funds from M&T Bank Charitable Foundation and the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathleen Courtney Hochul and the NY State Legislature.



Luke Krafka

When Schubert composed the "Trout Quintet" in 1819, a piano quintet with violin, viola, cello, bass, and piano was experimental and hardly standard for composers. Hummel, Schubert's predecessor, experimented with this format and Schubert's quintet made this instrumentation a standard for the future. This newly formed quintet is, in many ways, the complete ensemble. With a complete set of strings (Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass) and a piano, an ensemble can create a tonal picture using all the sounds and colors available to them in this instrument collective.

Inspired by a lieder (or song) of the same name, The Trout Quintet is a very sunny piece and depicts a larger version of the story used for the lieder. SCCO has added an extra element and will be performing a unique variation "Trout Remix" composed by Iranian-American composer Gity Razaz which will be inserted into Schubert's Theme and Variation movement. Pay close attention in this movement to the bass player who transitions from an upright bass to an electric bass and back for the rest of the piece! The first half of the program will be a quintet composed by Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, the first



Colin Brooks

woman to receive a Pulitzer Prize for composition. Her quintet bears little resemblance to Schubert's Quintet and the instrumentation and a brief quote in her second movement are really the only similarities between the two pieces. The double bass part is significantly more virtuosic compared to the Schubert with her goal to create a piece of chamber music to be performed among "equal partners."

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Or Matias

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Highlights Importance of Early Access to COVID-19 Therapeutic Treatments

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today sent a letter to New York Governor Kathy Hochul urging her to increase early access to lifesaving therapeutic treatment options to COVID-19. Despite their proven effectiveness, New Yorkers are still having difficulty accessing FDA-approved therapeutic options like monoclonal antibody treatments.

"Our state has tragically lost more than 54,200 New Yorkers since the start of the pandemic. While unconstitutional mandates and expansive overreach are not the answers, there is more we can do to expand early access to FDA-approved therapeutics. Increasing access to proven therapeutic options like monoclonal antibody treatments will relieve stress on our strained hospital system and improve health outcomes for New Yorkers, especially the most vulnerable. I am urging Governor Hochul to take immediate steps to increase early access," said Congresswoman Tenney.

Full text of Tenney's letter:

Dear Governor Hochul,

As New York State continues to face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that we work to keep patients out of the hospital and help them recover as quickly as possible without unconstitutional mandates or government overreach. I urge you to expand access to FDA-approved therapeutics to help patients with COVID-19 recover faster in an outpatient setting. This is a strong compliment to voluntary vaccination efforts and will reduce the strain on our hospitals.

Throughout the pandemic, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved multiple medications for their proven ability to reduce the severity and duration of COVID-19. For example, trial data submitted to the FDA has proven that early intervention with monoclonal antibody treatment in high-risk patients reduces hospitalizations and death from COVID-19 by 70%. In response to these developments, many states have worked to expand access to these treatments, acknowledging their efficacy and usefulness in reducing the strain on limited hospital resources. For example, on August 12, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the launch of a rapid response unit in Florida for monoclonal antibody COVID-19 treatment to help keep high-risk patient categories out of the hospital. This initiative has been a success, with the State of Florida announcing on August 30, 2021, that over 30,000 patients have so far received this safe and effective therapeutic treatment.

However, in New York State, many COVID-19 patients, and constituents of mine have complained that they have not been able to access these therapeutic options and are only able to receive the care they need after being admitted to a hospital. This is increasing the strain on hospitals and failing to prevent mild cases of COVID-19 from developing into more serious ones. The deployment of more targeted and nimble therapeutic solutions would allow many patients to receive care at an outpatient clinic and safely recover at home, thereby greatly reducing the strain on our healthcare system across the state.

With the proven results of therapeutics, it is important that New York State act quickly to expand access to these effective treatment options. New York State could use some of the \$12.6 billion it received in state aid in the American Rescue Plan to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to working with you to ensure all New Yorkers have access to these lifesaving treatments.

Sincerely,

Governor Hochul Announces Major Progress in Providing Pandemic Relief to Impacted New Yorkers

- *Nearly \$400 Million in Rental Assistance Paid Out - Nearly Doubling the Amount Paid in Past Three Weeks*
- *New York State Now Ranked First Nationally in Payments Made or Obligated, with More Than \$1.2 Billion*
- *\$125 Million in New State Funding Designated for Renters Previously Ineligible for Assistance Will Be Available Through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Beginning September 15*
- *Over \$1.05 Billion in Excluded Workers Program Funds Approved for Distribution to Date; \$550 Million Will Have Been Released by the End of the Week, Additional \$500 Million Undergoing Final Verification*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced significant progress in providing pandemic relief to impacted New Yorkers through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the Excluded Workers Program. The amount of pandemic-related emergency rental assistance paid out has nearly doubled in the past three weeks - growing to \$399 million - enabling tenants at risk for eviction to stay in their homes and helping struggling landlords to recoup unpaid rent. Beginning Wednesday, September 15, middle-income renters previously ineligible for assistance can begin applying for \$125 million in state funding through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Additionally, while some is undergoing final verification, Governor Hochul announced that over \$1.05 billion in Excluded Workers Program funds have been approved for distribution to date.

"When I was sworn in as Governor just three weeks ago today, I made it clear that my top priority was to accelerate getting relief money out the door as quickly as possible to New Yorkers struggling from the economic devastation of the pandemic," Governor Hochul said. "While we are ramping up those efforts, our work still isn't done. We will continue to provide critical assistance to excluded workers, pandemic-affected households that have fallen behind on their rent, and the landlords who saw their rental income drop significantly during the global health crisis."

Governor Hochul has made providing relief to New Yorkers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as quickly and efficiently as possible a top priority of her administration. Since her first day in office, the Governor has taken several steps to ramp up the state's pandemic relief efforts, including creating the new Office of Pandemic Relief, enacting changes to accelerate the state's rent relief program and attract more applicants, and visiting New Yorkers in hurricane damaged areas to help ensure they were being connected with and receiving the help they need.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Governor Hochul took office in late August with a focus on ERAP and announced a series of actions, including reassigning 100 contracted staff to work solely with landlords to complete pending applications, to accelerate the process. Since then, the number of payments issued has grown from 15,548 payments totaling \$203 million to landlords, to 30,781 payments totaling \$399 million to landlords. (Contd. Pg. 48)

Governor Hochul Announces Major Progress in Providing Pandemic Relief to Impacted New Yorkers

(From Pg. 47) Beginning Wednesday, the state is accepting applications for rental assistance from households adversely impacted by the pandemic and earning between 80 percent and 120 percent of the area median income, a group that was previously ineligible to receive help from the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Under federal guidelines, only those households that were impacted by the pandemic and earning at or below 80 percent of the area median income were eligible for ERAP. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, this program is providing \$2.6 billion in federal funding to pay up to 12 months arrears and three months of prospective rent directly to landlords, while providing approved tenants with up to a year of eviction protection, provided they continue to pay rent.

Area median income varies by county and by household size. Renters interested in applying for either federal or state assistance should visit otda.ny.gov/erap.

New York State is now ranked first nationally in payments made or obligated, with more than \$1.2 billion, and is among the leaders in direct payments, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, which tracks the state-by-state implementation of ERAP.

New York has also far exceeded the threshold to avoid a 'claw back' of federal rental assistance funds and now qualifies to potentially receive funding allocated to other states that aren't distributing this assistance quickly enough. Beginning on September 30, the Treasury may recapture excess funds that have not been obligated and reallocate those resources to high-performing jurisdictions that have obligated at least 65 percent of their original allocation.

OTDA Commissioner Mike Hein said, "With additional funding from the state, New York's Emergency Rental Assistance Program is even more dynamic in the protections provided to tenants and the breadth of assistance afforded to landlords. With Governor Hochul's continued attention to this critical issue, we are now seeing the powerful impact this program is having throughout our state and demonstrating once again that New York is a leader nationally in addressing the most challenging economic and social issues we face amid the global health crisis."

Excluded Workers Fund Program

Governor Hochul has identified one of her top priorities as getting relief money out the door as quickly as possible to help New Yorkers struggling from the economic devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of these efforts, the Governor has worked to accelerate the distribution of Excluded Workers Program benefits. To date, the New York State Department of Labor has approved over \$1.05 billion in Excluded Workers Program benefits for distribution. Of these benefits, \$550 million will have been released by the end this week, and an additional \$500 million is undergoing final verification for applicants identified as eligible, which is expected to be distributed in the next month. The program application launched on August 1, 2021, in 13 different languages, and to date, NYS DOL has received over 130,000 applications, over 75,000 of which have been found to be eligible thus far.

Approved applicants receive one of two benefit amounts based on the level of work eligibility documentation they

provide in addition to verifying their identity and residence. Tier 1 qualifiers receive \$15,600 and Tier 2 qualifiers receive \$3,200. Of those approved to date, 99 percent have qualified for Tier 1 benefits. Approved applicants receive a one-time payment on a prepaid card mailed to the address provided in the application. Cards allow for cash withdrawal or purchases with merchants.

The Excluded Workers Fund was created to bring financial relief to thousands of workers across the state who lost income during the pandemic and did not qualify for government-issued COVID-19 benefits is in the final approval stages.

Applicants can apply online 24/7, and DOL's 600-person multi-lingual call center is available six days a week. The EWF application process utilizes state-of-the-art technology, including an EWF virtual assistant that can provide applicants with their application's status throughout the process. Applicants can also speak with a live representative or receive a callback in 24 to 48 hours. The application and an FAQ document are available in 13 different languages on the Department of Labor's EWF page.

Similar to unemployment insurance claims, the safeguards and fraud detection built into the thorough review process are designed to ensure that funds go to eligible applicants, not scammers.

DOL plans to make available a real-time dashboard that will provide the latest EWF program data in the coming weeks. In the meantime, DOL will post hourly updates of EWF program data to its website.

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "The Excluded Workers Fund is providing real relief to thousands of New Yorkers who played critical roles in our state's pandemic response, but did not qualify for state or federal unemployment benefits. I encourage all eligible individuals who lost wages or income during the pandemic to apply for this vital lifeline."

In early September, Governor Hochul signed into law a moratorium on COVID-related evictions through January 15, 2022. This legislation also established a new \$250 million program to serve additional households and better support landlords. Through this program, \$125 million in state funding is specifically earmarked for those households with an income too high to participate in the federally-funded ERAP.

Additionally, the legislation set aside \$125 million in state funding to assist those landlords with tenants that either refuse to participate in the program or have vacated the apartment with arrears. Federal guidelines require that both tenant and landlord apply to the program, so the additional state funding will allow OTDA to post a separate application for landlords seeking this assistance sometime in early October.

New York's program does, however, allow for a tenant to be provisionally approved for assistance, while the other side of the application is pending, and a robust effort is undertaken to persuade the landlord to participate. If a landlord refuses to provide information needed to complete an application or refuses to accept the funds, the tenant is provided with a letter that can be shown in court in the event of eviction proceedings.

Tenants approved for the program cannot be evicted because of an expired lease or for failure to pay rent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Once a landlord accepts a payment, the tenant cannot be evicted for not paying rent during the period covered or for an expired lease during the 12 months following this payment.

Governor Hochul continues to encourage New Yorkers struggling to pay back rent that accumulated during the pandemic to apply for the program. More than 200,000 applications for ERAP have already been received.

NYS DEC ECO Highlights

Rain-Soaked Owl Rescue

On Aug. 23, ECO Wamsley received a call about an owl in distress in the town of Dover. Upon arrival, the ECO found the great horned owl stranded in a field and getting drenched by rain from Tropical Depression Ida. ECO Wamsley grabbed his net and approached the bird. The owl could not fly due to an injured wing and had recently been sprayed by a skunk. It was quickly captured and transported to a local rehabilitation facility for treatment.



ECO Wamsley with injured great horned owl

Saved by an Owl

On Sept. 6, National Park Service (NPS) Ranger Babus contacted ECO Parker to collect an injured great horned owl rescued from the Delaware River. ECO Parker met NPS Ranger



Babus and NPS Ranger Bunn at a halfway point at the Ten Mile River Delaware access point. After collecting the owl, ECO Parker and Ranger Babus heard an individual screaming for help in the middle of the Delaware River at the Ten Mile River junction. Officers noted that a kayaker had flipped their kayak and was struggling in the current. Ranger Bunn responded with a canoe to rescue the boater while Ranger Babus and ECO Parker stood ready with a throw

rope. Ranger Bunn escorted the boater back to shore where the subject was assisted by Ranger Babus and ECO Parker. The subject did not require medical attention. After assisting the boater, ECO Parker brought the owl to Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center for further care.

Juvenile Alligator Caught at Dutchess Co School

On Sept. 14, at approximately 1:19 am, ECO Eyler received a call from the East Fishkill Police Department reporting a four-to five-foot alligator roaming around the Van Wyck Junior High



ECO Eyler with alligator found on school grounds

School. A next door neighbor, who just happened to look out her living room window, saw the 50-pound animal scurrying from a culvert and into the parking lot of the nearby school and immediately called 911. ECO Eyler arrived on scene and safely subdued the animal to transport it to an area animal rehabilitation specialist for evaluation

Public Comments on Proposed Regulation Accepted through Nov. 14, 2021

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the release of a proposed regulation that, if adopted, would allow counties to opt out of the recently established end-of-year deer hunt, slated to occur annually between Dec. 26 and Jan. 1. The 'holiday hunt' is an extension of the late bow and muzzleloader deer season in New York's Southern Zone.

"DEC adopted the holiday deer hunt earlier this year, providing hunters with new opportunities to venture afield when families and friends are gathered for the holidays and students are home on school break," Commissioner Seggos said. "Today's proposed regulation addresses concerns expressed by some local leaders about a holiday hunt interfering with snowmobiling opportunities in their communities. Snowmobiling and small game hunting have safely coexisted for decades, and I encourage all interested stakeholders to share comments on the proposed regulation that would let counties 'opt out' of the holiday hunt before the deadline on November 14."

DEC encourages counties to work cooperatively with snowmobile organizations, landowners, and hunters to share the snow. The proposed regulation was designed to address concerns raised by some communities and stakeholders that landowners might choose to prevent snowmobile access to trail networks that cross private land during the holiday deer hunt, limiting opportunities for snowmobilers during the last week of December. Historically, snow cover deep enough to support snowmobiling is present only occasionally, and in certain locations, in the southern zone during the holiday period.

If the proposed regulation is adopted, Southern Zone counties that choose to prohibit hunters from participating in the holiday deer hunt in their county must annually adopt a local law specifying exclusion from the Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 portion of the late bow and muzzleloader season. For this year, counties that pass such a local law will need to send a copy of their adopted law to DEC before Dec. 25. In future years, counties that withdraw must send a copy of their adopted law to DEC by May 1 of each year to allow publication in DEC's annual hunting and trapping regulations booklet.

Counties that do not wish to opt out need not take such action. Details of the proposal are published in the Sept. 15 issue of the NYS Register and on DEC's website.

DEC invites public comment on the proposal through Nov. 14, 2021. Comments may be submitted by email or in writing to: Wildlife Regulations, NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4754.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html>

DEC Confirms Spread of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease to Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Oswego, Suffolk, and Ulster Counties

Disease Is Not Transmissible to Humans; New Yorkers Encouraged to Report Sick or Dead Deer to DEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today confirmed Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Oswego, Suffolk, and Ulster counties. DEC is tracking suspected cases in Albany, Jefferson, Oneida, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Sullivan, and Westchester counties and new reports of dead deer to track the spread and estimate the number of deer succumbing to this disease. To date, DEC has received reports of approximately 700 dead deer.

In New York, EHD virus is typically a fatal disease for deer that is transmitted by biting midges, small insects sometimes called no-see-ums or 'punkies.' The disease is not spread from deer to deer and humans cannot be infected by deer or bites from midges.

EHD virus was first confirmed in New York deer in 2007, with relatively small outbreaks in Albany, Rensselaer, and Niagara counties, and in Rockland County in 2011. From early September to late October 2020, a large EHD outbreak occurred in the lower Hudson Valley, centered in Putnam and Orange counties, with an estimated 1,500 deer mortalities.

Once infected with EHD virus, deer usually die within 36 hours. EHD outbreaks are most common in the late summer and early fall when midges are abundant, although initial cases this year were detected in late July. Signs of the EHD virus include fever, hemorrhage in muscles or organs, and swelling of the head, neck, tongue, and lips. A deer infected with EHD may appear lame or dehydrated. Frequently, infected deer will seek out water sources and many succumb near a water source. There is no treatment or means to prevent EHD. Dead deer do not serve as a source of infection for other animals. EHD has been in New York since July, and has had time to circulate and spread prior to the first killing frosts. Consequently, it has been more widespread this year than during previous outbreaks.

EHD outbreaks do not have a significant long-term impact on regional deer populations, but deer mortality can be significant in small geographic areas. EHD is endemic in the southern states, which report annual outbreaks, so some southern deer have developed immunity. In the northeast, EHD outbreaks occur sporadically and deer in New York have no immunity to this virus. Consequently, most EHD-infected deer in New York are expected to die. The first hard frost is expected to kill the midges that transmit the disease, ending the EHD outbreak.

Sightings of sick or dead deer suspected of having EHD can be reported to DEC via a new online EHD reporting form, at: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/6c0603ce13444102be6858bc7dd577e9>

Also available via DEC's website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/123773.html>

or by contacting the nearest DEC Regional Wildlife Office. DEC will continue to collect samples from deer and analyze data from deer reports to determine the extent of the outbreak. In addition, DEC has alerted Department of Agriculture and Markets veterinarians in the region to be aware of the disease and to report suspicious cases among captive deer.

For more information, visit DEC's EHD webpage or Cornell University's Wildlife Health Lab website at: <https://cwhl.vet.cornell.edu/disease/epizootic-hemorrhagic-disease>

DEC Announces Start of Small Game Hunting Seasons Special Youth and Military Hunting Opportunities Available

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that most small game hunting seasons open on Friday, Oct. 1, across New York State.

"Every fall, more than 60,000 hunters venture afield to pursue New York's abundant small game species," Commissioner Seggos said. "It's a great way to introduce new hunters to the sport and teach them how to be a safe and responsible member of the hunting community while reconnecting to the outdoors, establishing new traditions, and experiencing New York's diverse wildlife." Season dates, bag limits, and other hunting regulations for New York's small game species are available in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, which can be obtained from a license-issuing agent or on DEC's website.

Waterfowl Hunting and Special Youth and Military Days

New York offers vast waterfowl hunting opportunities as hunters may harvest more than 30 species of waterfowl. New York has five waterfowl zones and nine Canada goose zones that help to maximize hunting opportunity across diverse habitats. Most waterfowl zones also have special hunting days for youth and members of the military (both active duty and veterans) that often begin prior to the regular hunting season, giving these hunters the opportunity to hunt with less competition and hunting pressure.

Youth Waterfowl Days:

Northeast Zone: Sept. 18-19

Southeast and Lake Champlain zones: Sept. 25-26

Western Zone: Oct. 2-3

Long Island Zone: Nov. 6-7

Military and Veteran Hunting Days:

Northeast Zone: Sept. 18-19

Southeast Zone: Oct. 9-10

Western Zone: Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) and 13

Long Island Zone: Nov. 13-14

There are no special Military/Veteran days for the Lake Champlain Zone.

Opening dates for the Regular Duck Seasons:

Northeast Zone: Oct. 2

Lake Champlain Zone: Oct. 13

Western and Southeast zones: Oct. 16

Long Island Zone: Nov. 20

For more on waterfowl hunting season dates and bag limits, visit the Waterfowl Seasons page on DEC's website.

Ruffed Grouse Hunting

Ruffed grouse hunting season runs from Oct. 1 through the last day of February in most parts of the state. In Northern New York, the season opens on Sept. 20, and runs through the last day of February. In New York City and Long Island, the season is closed. Ruffed grouse hunters in the Northern Zone are reminded to positively identify quarry before shooting. The Northern Zone, specifically Wildlife Management Units 5C, 5F, 6F, and 6J, is also home to the spruce grouse, a State-endangered species that is illegal to hunt. Loss of a single spruce grouse, particularly a female, could be a significant setback for a small local population. For tips on how to discern the two species, view the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or the Ruffed Grouse Hunting Information page on DEC's website.

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(From Pg. 50) DEC encourages ruffed grouse hunters to take part in the grouse hunting log program and submit feathers from harvested birds to assess recruitment (number of young produced per adult female grouse) for different parts of the state. Interested hunters should visit the DEC website.

Pheasant Hunting

DEC will release approximately 30,000 adult pheasants on lands open to public hunting for the upcoming fall pheasant hunting season. The pheasant hunting season begins:

Oct. 1, in northern and eastern portions of New York

Oct. 16, in central and western portions of the state

Nov. 1, on Long Island

Since 2007, DEC has offered a special youth-only season to provide junior hunters the opportunity to hunt pheasants during the weekend prior to the regular pheasant hunting season. In Western New York, the youth pheasant hunt weekend is Oct. 9 and 10. In northern and eastern New York, the youth pheasant hunt weekend is Sept. 25 and 26, and on Long Island, it is Oct. 30 and 31. Both the junior hunter and their adult mentor must have a hunting license. Only the junior hunter can carry a firearm and harvest birds on these dates.

All release sites for pheasants provided by State-funded programs are open to public hunting. Pheasants will be released on State-owned lands prior to and during the fall hunting season and at several sites on New York City Watershed lands thanks to a partnership with New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Pheasant hunting opportunities have also been augmented by private landowners who have opened their land to public hunting. A list of statewide pheasant release sites and sites receiving birds for the youth-only pheasant hunt weekends can be found on DEC's website.

Squirrel, Rabbit, and Hare Hunting

Opportunities to pursue squirrels and rabbits can be found throughout the state, including on many public lands. Squirrel seasons started Sept. 1, in Upstate New York and begin Nov. 1, on Long Island. Rabbit hunting begins on Oct. 1, in Upstate New York and on Nov. 1, on Long Island. With ample opportunities and mild weather, squirrel and rabbit hunting are great ways to introduce novices to hunting.

Snowshoe hare (or varying hare) season starts Oct. 1, in the Northern Zone. Hare hunters in the Southern Zone, where the season starts in late fall or early winter, are encouraged to report their observations to DEC through the DEC website.

Wild Turkey Hunting

Wild turkeys can be found throughout the state but reach their highest densities in landscapes that have a mix of forests, old fields, and farmlands. Wild turkeys are less vulnerable to harvest in areas with abundant food (e.g., hard and soft mast), because they don't have to roam far and wide foraging, so scouting before the season is important. Season dates for fall 2021:

Oct. 1 - 14, in the Northern Zone

Oct. 16 - 29, in the Southern Zone

Nov. 20 - Dec. 3 in Suffolk County, Long Island

The statewide season bag limit is one bird of either sex. Hunting hours are sunrise to sunset.

Furbearer Hunting Seasons

With 16 species of furbearers living in New York, furbearer hunting and trapping opportunities are abundant. Coyote hunt-

ing season begins Oct. 1, across much of the state and hunting seasons for other furbearers such as bobcat, raccoon, and fox begin on Oct. 25. Season dates and zone boundaries for all furbearers can be found on DEC's website and in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide.

Citizen Science

Citizen science efforts such as the Grouse and Woodcock Hunting Log, Ruffed Grouse Parts Collection, and the Bowhunter Sighting Log provide hunters the opportunity to partner with DEC to monitor game species. To learn more about how to participate in these efforts, visit the DEC website.

DEC Encourages Hunter Safety

While statistics show hunting in New York is safer than ever, mistakes are made every year. DEC believes every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable, and Commissioner Seggos encourages hunters to use common sense this season and to remember what they learned in DEC Hunter Education Course.

Firearms Safety:

Point your gun in a safe direction.

Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

Be sure of your target and beyond.

Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

In addition to blaze orange or pink being required for hunting big game with firearms, DEC encourages small game hunters to wear blaze orange or blaze pink. Wearing orange or pink prevents other hunters from mistaking a person for an animal or shooting in a hunter's direction. Hunters wearing blaze orange are seven times less likely to be shot.

For more information and other important safety tips, please visit DEC's website and watch videos about hunter safety. For more information about getting outdoors safely and responsibly, visit DEC's Website.

NYS DEC ECO Thunderbird Air Show ATV Detail

On Aug. 28 and 29, the Orange County Airport in Montgomery hosted the 2021 New York International Airshow featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Orange County-based ECOs patrolled the airport grounds on ATVs to provide crowd and traffic control and security. The Officers worked in coordination with New York State Police Troop F, Orange County Sheriff's Office, town and village of Montgomery Police, Town of Wallkill Police, and the FBI Joint



ATV sitting in a field as the U.S. Airforce Thunderbirds fly overhead

Terrorism Task Force. Setting the stage for the Thunderbirds this year were the West Point Parachute Team, B-25 Bomber "Panchito," and an F-18 Rhino.



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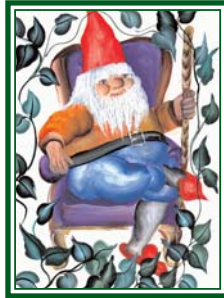
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This film a biographical drama of a young Native American, Jim Thorpe as he pursues his dreams of Olympic accomplishment. He is forced to defend himself from the horrors of violence, racial prejudice, bigotry, both in peace time and war. Directed by Michael Curtiz, and starring Burt Lancaster, (as Thorpe), Charles Bickford, Steve Cochran

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The Devil's Disciple

(1959 / 1h 22m | war | TV-PG)



During the beginning of the American Revolution, a rebel leader and a minister change places, each changing their dreams as the British begin a terrible reign of terror. Directed by Guy Hamilton. Starring Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, and Laurence Olivier

**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE IV ”
ON TCM WEDNESDAY**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 3:45 PM

SEVEN DAYS IN MAY

(1964 / 1h 58m | Drama | TV-14)



Is history now making the movies come true? Is a General of the United States committing treason as he usurps the power of the people to start a military coup? A rouge general's group is on a quest to destroy the sovereignty of these United States.

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III
ON TCM TUESDAY**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 1:45 PM

The Crimson Pirate

(1952 / 1h 44m | Adventure | TV-G)



FUN! FUN! FUN! As a pirate, played by **Burt Lancaster**, and his buddy **Nick Cravat** enchant us during a Caribbean revolution with their comical unbelievable stunts —some of the best in motion picture pirate films. Directed by **Robert Siodmak**. Starring **Burt Lancaster**, **Nick Cravat**, and **Eva Bartok**



Directed by **John Frankenheimer** and starring **Burt Lancaster**, **Kirk Douglas** and **Fredric March**

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