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Meet the Zempoaltecatl Family of Fallsburg

The Zempoaltecatl's are a closeknit family with four children in the Fallsburg Central School District. One of the unifying forces is their devotion to the sport of boxing. Their father, German (pronounced Herr' man, loved to box as he worked during the day in the fields of Mexico where he grew up. After he came to America and was raising a family with his wife, Arianna Martinez, he bought a pair of the smallest sized gloves for his twoyear-old firstborn child, Ryan. German enjoyed teaching his son, and the boy took to the sport even as young as he was.

In the next year, Nataly was born. She watched her older brother sparring with dad. Three years later, Kimberly joined the family, and a year after that came Jocelyn. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Jocelyn, Ryan, Kimberly and Nataly

Get Your Shopping Done Courtesy of a Sullivan County Bus New Schedule Released; Masks Required

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Office for the Aging continues to provide shopping bus services on a modified schedule. All riders are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.



"The shopping bus provides round-trip transportation from seniors' homes to Monticello shopping," says Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "Registration with our office is required. The suggested contribution is \$3 per round trip. Please dial 845-807-0244 to make a reservation at least 3 business days prior."

- Shopping runs will start at 7:30 a.m.
- Riders will get two hours to do their shopping.
- Buses will be limited from 5 to 6 people due to social distancing, and seats will be marked.
- The amount of allowed shopping bags is currently 8
- Shoppers will be limited to two runs per bus per day.

A waitlist will be maintained for any last-minute cancellations and to provide priority for the next ride available. Please only make a reservation if you're absolutely sure you will be able to keep it.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER:

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Proverbs 29:13

Obituary

Raymond M. Cole, Jr. of Neversink, passed away on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 with his family by his side. He was 92. He was the son of the late Raymond M. Cole, Sr. and Beatrice (Beadle) Cole, born on April 16, 1929 in Liberty, NY.

Raymond proudly served his country in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Raymond worked as a truck driver for Quickway Metals in Monticello, NY. His love for being behind the wheel did not stop with his career, he had been involved in dirt track racing since the 1950's. He was the proud owner of a vintage 1940 Chevy Business Coupe which is still racing today by his son Michael. He was a founding member of the Northeast Vintage Stock Car Club, a member of the Midstate Vintage Stock Car Club and participated in the Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modifieds and Dirt Modifieds Nostalgia Tour. In 2021 he was inducted into both the Accord Speedway Hall of Fame and the Hudson Valley Historical Racing Hall of Fame. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, brother and friend to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Thelma (Houghtaling) Cole, whom he married on February 10, 1951; his children Ellen Bertholf of North Carolina, Lorraine Dolgas and her husband Thomas of Vermont, Michael B. Cole and his wife Lori of Neversink, and Wendy Cole-Dean of Loch Sheldrake; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; siblings Lee Cole of Florida and Pat MacArthur of Ferndale; as well as his extended racing family. He is predeceased by two grandchildren Chad and Kurt Bertholf and his son-in-law Marvin "Mike" Bertholf.

A graveside service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Claryville Cemetery, with full military honors.

Donations in Raymond's name can be made to Sullivan County Veterans Coalition, P.O. Box 1527, Monticello, NY. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Siegfried Ralph Hajek formerly of Neversink, passed away on August 15, 2021 at the age of 93 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Marie A. Jaeck, 78 of W. Shokan died Thursday August 19, 2021 at Kingston Hospital. She was born Sept. 15, 1942 in Manhattan daughter of the late Andrew and Anna Speckman Bane. An area resident since 1965, She lovingly raised her family, and was active in the community. Many enjoyed bantering with her at the counter of the Singer-Denman Lumber Center in Boiceville where she worked for over 14 years.

An avid patron of the Olive Free Library, she often feared they would run out of her type of books with the glossy covers and engaging pictures. Oh she loved to read and support the library. On St. Patrick's Day she made a cake which has become a family favorite for its glossy icing and lime green color, dubbed, "Aunt Rieses Green Cake," the sugar content alone matched just how sweet she was to all who met her. Another fond memory, one we laugh at now, was how Marie insisted all kids whether they were hers or not take a "Nap" for an hour in her home. Often met with contempt for napping, we believe there are some adults now who celebrate learning this art from Marie at such an early age! Hot tea with lemon was her go to drink de jour and boy did she like her tea, but you better have lemon! Her husband spoke very little because she took care of the talking for two with her never lost New York accent. You can take the girl out of the city, but you can't take the city out of the girl. We know you are safe, resting in heaven.

Surviving are her husband Fred whom she married in 1966, a son Edward of MN, 3 daughters:Lisa Jaeck Fisher of Saugerties, Jill Triana of CA, and Gale Jaeck Quick of Samsonville. 3 brothers: Harold, Ernest, and John Bane, 7 grandchildren: Aubrie, Annika, Emily, Brynn, Dylan, Alexander, and Derek. She was predeceased by her brother Andrew Bane.

A Memorial Gathering to celebrate the life of Marie will be held at a date to be announced. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Olive Library. You may share a special memory or condolence with the family on Marie's Tribute Wall at gormleyfuneralhome.com (Contd. Pg.

Obituary (From Pg. 2)

John "Jack" Molloy, 91, formerly of West Shokan, NY, passed A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have away August 21, 2021, in Westminster, Maryland.

NY during the summers as a child where he met his future wife and moved to the town full time in 1953. On June 6, 1953, he married Patricia Molloy (Purfield), who preceded him in death in 2003.

He is survived by his five children: Mary Pat Gale (Dennis) of Kremmling, Colorado, Christopher (Kathleen) of Denver, Colorado, Kevin (Cathleen) of Parker, Colorado, Terence (Carole) of Westminster, Maryland and Megan Johnson (Christopher) of Ringwood, New Jersey. Grandchildren: Brendan, Matthew, Cameron, Jordan, David, Ryan, Benjamin, Daniel, and Michaela. Great Grandchildren: Jonathan, Hannah, Jack, Colin, Ava, Sean, Natalia, and Cooper and numerous nieces and nephews all of whom were near and dear to him.

After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he was employed by The Kingston Trust Company before transitioning to his long-time career as the Assessor for the Town of Olive where he served on the Executive Board of the N.Y. State Assessors' Association. Following his retirement in 1995, he particularly enjoyed golf and the NY Mets' spring training in Port St Lucie, Florida.

He truly valued volunteering his time to the community including roles as a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St Augustine's Chapel, as a lifetime member of Olive Fire Department Company #3, as a member of Olive Post #1627 of the American Legion, as leader in the Knights of Columbus and as the Republican chairmen for the Town of Olive for several years.

John was a 44-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous where he remained active in the program until he passed. He was proud to have sponsored many new members over the years and was considered a particularly wise and strong support for his sponsees. He often spoke about how AA was an important framework for his life's success and was dedicated to ensuring those in need have ready access to the program.

A funeral mass/service was held September 1, 2021 at St Augustine's Chapel in West Shokan, NY. with burial at the family plot in St Francis DeSales Cemetery, Rt. 28 Allaben, NY. . The family suggests memorial donations may be made to the Olive Free Library, PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494.

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 homestead in Grahamsville where they were married 30 years ago. (Contd.)

Household Hint:

Trap Fruit Flies

Are you bothered with fruit flies this time of the year? Fill an old jar about halfway with apple cider. Punch a few holes in the lid, screw it back on and you have a great fruit fly trap!

Nature Column - Linda Comando

lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, He was born May 17, 1930, in the Bronx, New York, the only *Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara* son of the late John and Joan Molloy. He lived in West Shokan, *Slater and Shirley Davis*.

The American Chestnut Tree

Many older houses and barns around Grahamsville have floors and beams of chestnut whose wide grain and tawny color are beautiful. Chestnut forests once covered the whole Eastern seaboard so thickly (every fourth tree was a chestnut) that a squirrel could trav-

> el from Maine to Georgia without ever coming to the ground.

> The American chestnut (Castenea dentata) was a magnificent tree reaching a hundred feet high and eight feet across the stump.

> Its oval leaves were six inches long tapering to a point with dainty sawtooth edges and bright green color.

After the greenish long calkins

bloomed in June-July, two or three nuts squeezed together in brown prickly burs.

For forty million years chestnuts were staple food for wildlife and humans worldwide since the tree also grew in Europe and Asia. Its beautiful wood was prized for homes, barns, fences and furniture. It was durable because of the tannic acid it contains.

Chestnuts grow to great age and size. A European one in Gloustershire, England is a thousand years old.

Another in Sicily grew from a stump bearing five saplings that united into a single trunk one hundred feet around.

Before the early 1900s one in every four hardwood trees in North America's eastern forests was an American chestnut. A squirrel could travel from Maine to Georgia without ever coming to the ground! Every spring with so many chestnut trees, from a distance the white blossoms on the hills appeared to be draped in quilts of snow. The abundant chestnut trees shaped the forest ecosystem. They once provided abundant food and shelter for animals and people alike. Bear, deer, small mammals and birds feasted on fallen chestnuts, which sometimes piled so high on the forest floor that people would scoop them up with shovels.

Then in 1904 disaster struck the American species. A fungus blight was imported on Chinese nursery stock. Our trees had never evolve resistance to the foreign fungus. One year later, all our chestnuts were dead. None survived.

The American chestnut would surely have prospered if only humans had not inadvertently infected the forests with the deadly fungus. Instead of reclaiming old forest sites like other tree species, the chestnuts shriveled into a meager existence, which in turn changed the whole ecosystem in which they were enmeshed.

Over the years scientists and groups of chestnut enthusiasts including The American Chestnut Foundation have researched and developed cross descendants of the original American chestnut with a smaller variety that has some natural immunity to the Asian fungus. Should they succeed in planting young transgenic blightresistant chestnuts in the wild, chances are good that the trees will successfully expand their domain-relatively quickly in some areas; slowly but surely in others and over the decades this new generation of American chestnuts will change the forest from floor to canopy: Their uppermost branches will bring shade to areas that have too little; their quickly decomposing leaves will carpet the soil and drift into streams and standing water, staining the water with nutrients; their trunks will be home to billions of insects and mammals, their branches the foundations of nests; and, one day, when the trees are mature enough, they will drop scores of chestnuts for the first time in more than a century.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 3) - **September 12, 1951** 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 skimmelton 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 bold 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.

September 17, 1981

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.

Meet the Zempoaltecatl Family of Fallsburg

(From Pg. 1) One by one, when the girls reached eight or nine years old, they joined their big brother training and boxing as part of the Junior Olympics Tournament. The age for beginners is eight years old.

Arianna and German are incredibly supportive of all the children. Dad has been their personal trainer and coach. Mom has made sure that they eat well and take care of their health. Both have taken the kids to practice at local or regional gyms and, most importantly, to all regional, state and national competitions for the past seven years.

From July 7 through 17th, National Junior Olympic Boxing was held in Lubbock, Texas. The children have been successful at these national events since they started attending. This year all four added Gold Medals in their weight and age classes! The family house in Fallsburg is filled with medals and championship belts earned by the young boxers.

When asked how she got started boxing, thirteen-year-old Nataly said she was a chubby little girl and wanted to lose weight. So, she started boxing with her dad and older brother. She soon lost several pounds and "got in shape." She began to eat better and got stronger. When she first competed at age nine, she realized that she was good at the sport. Moreover, she added that the discipline and exercise of boxing was helping her with her academics. Nataly was more focused as a result of her training and awareness in the boxing ring. (Contd. Pg. 7)

Moving Sale!

September 25 & 26 from 9 am to 5 pm at 2328 Denning Road in Claryville

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Sleeping Bear Mysterious Book Report No. 463 by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Sleeping Bear, (Atria/Bestler, \$27.00, 400 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-6639-7) by Connor Sullivan, announces in loud and clear language, the arrival of an author who has the promise of greatness written all over him, as he's come up with one of the best espionage novels since Robert Ludlum penned *The Bourne Identity*.

The story begins when a thirty year-old woman named Cassie Gale disappears while on a solo camping trip in a remote northern latitude of Alaska, just a short distance over the international boundary line between Canada and the U.S.A. . Because of a lack of resources in the area her father dude ranch

operator and former intelligence officer Jim Gale organizes search efforts using friends, family and

employees. They eventually begin to think that Cassie was taken by the Russians.

Cassie is in fact being held on the Russian Kamchatka Peninsula where she and other kidnapping victims are being used for medical experiments and in a particularly despicable act . . . used in gladiatorial fights to the death for amusement and betting wagers by certain elite Russian officials. A Russian General named Viktor Sokolov who is the arch-villain and a confidante and mentor of Valdimir Putin is an old adversary and bitter enemy of Jim Gale who has special plans for Cassie when he learns that his old enemy has a daughter.

The novel begins a little bit slowly but roars to a satisfying and stunning action filled and electrifying conclusion that won't leave readers hanging. If you like *The Bourne Identity* you're gonna love *Sleeping Bear*. Take our word for it Connor Sullivan is the real deal and we're personally looking forward to enjoying many more similar yarns from him in the future!!

And hey . . . check out our interview with the author Connor Sullivan which follows the MBR.

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Interview With The Author: Connor Sullivan

by John Dwaine McKenna

Hey Connor. . . it's great talking to you. Thanks for taking the time. We know you're busy so we'll be brief. Here's our first question:

When do you write?

I'm not a morning person, so my ideal writing time occurs late morning into the evening, and then again at night.

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Where do you write?

I have to write in complete, quiet isolation with no distractions around me. That means no phone/internet etc...

How many books do you read in a year?

I read between 35-50 books a year.

What's the most important element for writing success?

Showing up every day and not giving up, ever. The more you can make writing a habit, the easier it gets!

Who inspired you to write?

My dad for sure. He's been a novelist for my whole life. I've seen his ups and downs, but I've also seen how he's persevered. Watching him achieve his dreams inspired me to achieve my own. I also loved the works of the great Vince Flynn. His Mitch Rapp series was the reason I entered the genre.

Do you plot-outline, or wing it?

I do a bit of both. I have to know generally where I am going in the story, so I do outline. But as the story morphs, I let it go where it needs to go, and I even try to surprise myself.

Why do you write?

I write because it's a compulsion. I have to do it. It's what I enjoy doing most of all. And it beats working!

Contact me at: connorsullivanauthor.com

Bio-

Connor Sullivan attended the University of Southern California, where he was the recipient of the Edward W. Moses Award for Creative Writing. During college, he interned for Warner Brothers reading screenplays before relocating with his family to the Gallatin Valley in Montana. His first novel is *Sleeping Bear*.



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The Olive Jar By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Katydids

Without looking at the calendar, there are signs that summer is waning and autumn is around the proverbial corner. Here's here's how I sense that fall is upon us:

Katydids Back to school ads Sweatshirt needed at night Bathing suits go on sale It gets darker at night and the dog wakes me earlier I have had my fill of hotdogs and macaroni salad,

I start craving meatloaf and mashed potatoes The annual flowers on my deck are in full bloom Tomatoes and pumpkins are for sale at farm stands I no longer need the fan on to sleep Every church and organization hosts a chicken barbecue

Perhaps it is my age, but this summer went by at warp speed. Perhaps it will be missed more because it existed in that nether region between waves of Covid. I fear that I may need to resurrect my flannel face masks as well as switch to my flannel nightgowns.







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(From Pg. 1) Please note: Route 2 Highland Area and Route 5 Town of Delaware are open to the general public. Please check www.sullivanny.us/Departments/Transportation for pick up locations. The same reservation procedures apply.

Route 1: Sept. 7th, Sept. 23rd, October 12th, October 28th, November 23rd, December 14th

A. Town of Fallsburg- Woodridge, Mountaindale & South

B. Town of Rockland- Livingston Manor & Roscoe.

Route 2: Sept. 9th, Sept. 28th,October 14th, November 4th, November 30th, December 16th

A. Highland Area- Narrowsburg, Eldred, Barryville, Glen Spey, etc. * and some surrounding areas, not all areas included

B. Town of Thompson- All of Monticello, Mongaup Valley

Route 3: Sept. 14th, Sept. 30th, October 19th, November 9th, December 2nd, December 21st

A. Town of Bethel-Smallwood, Cochecton, Bethel Senior Housing and White Lake.

Town of Neversink -Neversink, Grahamsville, Foxcroft Village.

Route 4: Sept. 16th, October 5th, October 21st, November 16th, December 7th, December 28th

A. Town of Liberty - Golden Park, Barkley Gardens & White Sulphur Springs

Town of Mamakating- Summitville, Wurtsboro & Bloomingburg.

ROUTE 5: Sept. 2nd, Sept. 21st, October 7th, October 26th, November 18th, December 9th

A. Town of Delaware- Fremont, Callicoon, Hankins, Jeffersonville, etc.

B. Liberty Village & Fallsburg- Liberty Village Apts., Hurleyville, Loch Sheldrake & Kiamesha Lake.

Meet the Zempoaltecatl Family of Fallsburg

(From 4) Mom says that all the children will say the same thing about how much they have learned from their involvement in the sport. That was what motivated German as a young boy and man to encourage his children.

The Zempoaltecatl children bring pride to the family, to their schools and to the Fallsburg community. As the children get older and the cost of travel increases, it is more and more challenging to afford the costs. Right now, mom and dad are pursuing sponsorship and community support for these young athletes. The children will be defending their titles in Shreveport, Louisiana in December.



Monticello, Thompson Join Competition for \$10 Million NYS Grant

Give Your Support and Ideas on How to Spend the Funds Monticello, NY - Village of Monticello, Town of Thompson and Sullivan County residents are invited to a virtual public meeting to demonstrate support for the Town and Village's joint application to compete for a \$10 million grant from New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. on the ZOOM platform. To join, log on to the ZOOM app or go to www.zoom.us/join and enter the meeting ID# 857 4861 1221.

After a hiatus in 2020, the DRI program is returning for a fifth round. This year, the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council (MHREDC) has \$20 million to award to downtowns in the seven-county mid-Hudson region to help fund projects that will make them more vibrant places to live, work and play. It may award the whole amount to a single community, or it may make two \$10 million grants. Previous competitions awarded \$10 million grants to Middletown, Kingston, New Rochelle and Peekskill.

Another change to the program this year is that two municipalities with a contiguous downtown can apply together. Thompson is joining Monticello to apply for funding to improve the downtown corridor that encompasses all of Broadway - including East Broadway, where Route 17's Exit 106 connects the downtown with the Resorts World complex, and West Broadway, where 170 new townhouse units are under construction. This area was the focus of the joint Thompson-Monticello Grow the Gateways Strategic Economic Development Plan, which both communities adopted in 2018 as an addendum and update to their shared Comprehensive Plan.

Communities competing for the 2021 DRI are required to show public support for downtown projects, which is why the September 9th meeting is being held. Participants will learn about new housing, commercial and recreational projects now being built or planned in downtown Monticello.

"They will also be asked for their opinions on what is being proposed, and to provide their own ideas about what's needed," explained Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg. "A strong showing will help the application be more competitive.'

Bagelfest-goers in August had the opportunity to weigh in on what they would like a \$10 million grant to address in the downtown. Nearly 200 stopped by a table where they were offered three pom-poms to place in jars representing Public Art, Housing Opportunities, Filling Vacant Storefronts, Fixing Downtown Parking Lots, and Recreational Opportunities.



East Broadway (running left to right in the foreground) is a focal point for both Monticello and Thompson, as it connects to Route 17's Exit 106 (traffic roundabout at right) and the downtown area. Resorts World Catskills is in the distance, framed by the Catskill Mountains, in this northward view.

Color-coded to reflect the interest of different age groups, most of the pom-poms went toward providing recreational opportunities and filling vacant storefronts. People adding comments said they wanted the downtown to have higher quality food stores, a variety of medical practitioners, co-working space, a movie theater, and a tutoring center. Recreational needs included playgrounds, a YMCA, teen rec center, skate park, dog park, jogging trail, splash pad, and senior game facilities.

"The DRI is very important, and I believe Monticello has a good chance of winning it due to the growth we've seen throughout

all sectors," noted Monticello Mayor George Nikolados. "This is a time when it could make a major impact in the village."
"We're excited to participate with the Village and the County. The focus is on the gateway entrance from the casino to the Village and rehabilitating the downtown business corridor, particularly adding parking," affirmed Thompson Supervisor Bill Rieber. "Every dollar is worth people getting involved!"



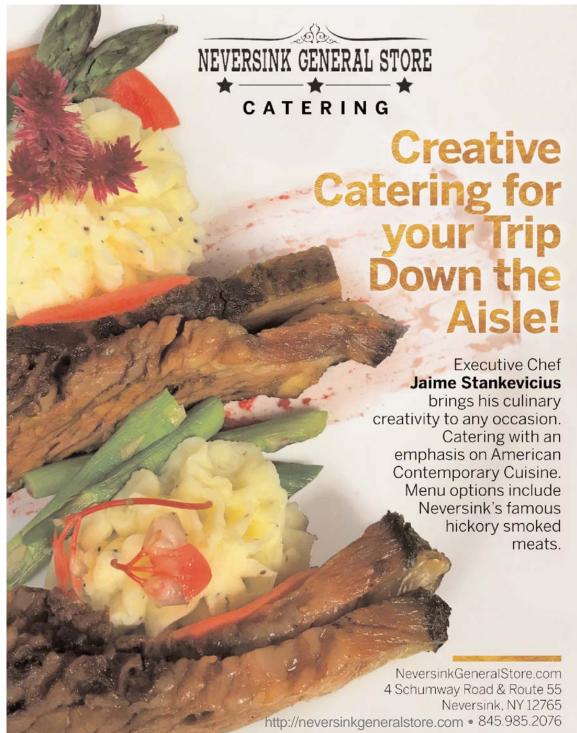
News from

Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

CALLING ALL YARD SALE, CRAFT & PRDUCT DISTRIBUTOR **VENDORS!!!!!**

We still have some spots left at our Annual Community Yard Sale on Sept. 25th and 26th. We will be holding the yard sale during the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Antique Tractor Show & Swap Meet at the Grahamsville Contact Cher at Fairgrounds. cwparksandrec@gmail.com for the details and to obtain the registration form for your space! Check out the flyer in this Townsman to get a glimpse of what else is happening at this If you have any questions on the Tractor Show contact Hank Samyn @ 985-2548 or Paul Kelly @ 985-0081.

I know you've been waiting patiently for our Movies at the Fairgrounds. Well our equipment is finally here, but we are still in the testing mode. My better half, Walt, is working hard at trying to get the sound system working so that the movie sound can be heard and understood. I hope to get at least one movie in this year before the snow starts, but if it doesn't happen, I apologize! I do promise that as soon as that snow melts next spring we will have our movie nights at the fairgrounds!! Thanks everyone ate the support, as will everyone attending the event! for your patience.



On that note, I want to take some time to talk about volunteering to support our community. The Annual Giant Pumpkin Volunteers are critical to the success of these activities and events. And yet it's becoming harder Party will be held on October and harder to get volunteers to help. I know everyone has busy schedules ¬-we all have busy This is a great event for schedules and have things that must be done. But if we can carve out even a couple hours in those kids of all ages- young and old schedules to help an organization on an event or activity, we can keep these things going. alike. It takes a lot to make this community has so many wonderful events and activities that I know you and your families enjoy party happen, and the Daniel going to. Many of these events and activities have been happening for years and are a tradition Pierce Library (sponsors of the for multiple generations of families. The Grahamsville Little World's Fair has been happening for Pumpkin Party) need your sup- over 140 years! Our Little League will be celebrating 50 years next year! This is the 34th year port. They are looking for volun- for the Giant Pumpkin Party. These events need volunteers to succeed. And many activities and teers to help, including help on events are starting new traditions for families and friends. The Community Ice Rink, for example. setting everything up. If you Last year was the first year for our Community Ice Rink, and it was a great success with families have a few hours to give swing and friends meeting at the rink to enjoy the ice and share time with each other. We cannot continby the library and sign up on their ue this without volunteers who will help with the monitoring and management of the rink. (Contd. volunteer list. They will appreci- Pg. 10)



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News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

(From Pg. 9) So folks, I guess I'm trying to say that when you see a "CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS" take the time to read what they need, and then really consider giving a few hours of your time to help. I cannot promise that you might not have to give a little sweat. I can promise that you will enjoy the experience—-you may make new friends. But most of all you will feel good about the time you have given when you see the success of your work!



Don't forget to mark your calendars for:

- o The SULLIVAN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S PARADE on Saturday, September 18,
- o The 34TH ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY on Saturday, October 2,
- o The 2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU on Friday, October 29,
- o The TRUNK OR TREAT AT TRI-VALLEY on Saturday, October 30.

And don't forget that when Parks & Rec, or Daniel Pierce Library, or Tri-Valley Little League, or AYSO (soccer league), or Tri-Valley CAST, or Time and the Valleys Museum, or any of our organizations in the community ask for volunteers please consider giving some of your time to them. It will be a rewarding experience and it will help us keep our community events happening. Otherwise these events, activities and organizations may go the route of Neversink Blooms (Renaissance) which disbanded due to the lack of volunteers-and believe me the community felt the lack of flowers and beautification efforts this year!

That's it for this week. Keep reading your Townsman for our Parks & Rec updates. I hope to see you at the upcoming Town of Neversink events!

And as always, any questions reach out to me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Take care everyone. Be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy.

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

There was a new group out at CABERNET FRANK'S that simply call themselves THE FAR TRIO. There are many interesting things about this group not the least of which is, music aside, one swears that they've seen them before. It was a thought that I heard from a few that night. They actually had me at their first song, a cover of 'For What it's Worth' by Buffalo Springfield with a pleas-





ant twist. DREW AZZINARO (guitar and vocals) is one of those wonderfully animated performers that is just fun. ETHAN FOX displays that same fun energy behind the drums. Bassist EAMON RAYHN is the exception, delivering his bass notes and vocals from a staid stance. But make no mistake, this is NOT a frivolous or ordinary band. This is a powerhouse. Each hails from either further upstate or Connecticut which adds a refreshing difference to their music. If they had had a CD for sale, I would have bought one. This group is destined for much bigger things and I'll be glad to say "I saw them when...."

I apologize for the pictures, my phone is acting up again.

Another new band I saw was at THE CATSKILL BREWERY in Livingston Manor, another new venue. The Catskill Brewery has actually set up a stage for the groups that perform there so patrons can sit outside, socially distanced, to enjoy the music and the fabulous beers produced there. Now, I'm the first to admit I'm not a beer drinker, but I've known the guys at this brewery for a couple of years now and I can say that they have produced a few

that could make me change my mind. The group performing was an impressive eight piece called HIGHER LOVE and devoted to covering the music of STEVIE WINWOOD. Well, there was a





first, which is what brought me to see them. They are all Orange county based, which makes sense since most venues in Sullivan County are not set up for a band this large. This group is impressive! BRIAN ORZELL on bass and vocals, MIKE STIEN on drums and vocals, CHERYL DAEHER on vocals, JIM AGNETA on keyboard, JOHN MISTI on guitar, JAY ORZELL percussion and guitar and BRANDON SPARKMAN on saxophone, flute, keyboard, guitar and mandolin.

Should we ever get back to where I can post a schedule of where you can catch either of these groups, I highly recommend you go see them.

LONCON was fabulous! More next week.

A very popular lawyer in Sullivan County passed away this week. I didn't know Larry Gold, but those who did really liked and respected him. What I know is he contracted CoVid and had been on a ventilator before becoming the county's 81st death. Please, please please take precautions. This man got it from SOMEONE, and I hope it was not you.

Stay well, stay safe, and MASK UP!!! God willing, you'll be able to read next week's column.

Until next time.....



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Radio Catskill Announces 2021 Community Awards Recipients

Honors "Healthcare Heroes" at Event on September 30 (Jeffersonville, NY) Radio Catskill, public radio for the Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania, announces its 2021 Community Awards honoring "Healthcare Heroes" for making a difference in their communities through extraordinary contributions in the face of uncertainty.

The honorees who will be recognized at the September 30 ceremony are:

- o Jonathan Schiller, Chief Executive Officer & Suzanne Lange, Chief Nursing Officer and VP of Patient Services, on behalf of Garnet Health Medical Center-Catskills
- o Frederick Jackson, Executive Director, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers, on behalf of Wayne Memorial Hospital & Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers
- o Nancy McGraw, Director, Sullivan County Public Health
- o Amanda Langseder, Executive Director, Sullivan 180
- o Julie Pisall, Founder, The Kingfisher Project

"There are countless professionals and volunteers who have worked tirelessly these past eighteen months," says Radio Catskill Board President Kirsten Harlow Foster. "We hope many of our listening community will join us on September 30 in recognizing these inspiring representatives of all our health care heroes and pay homage to a community that has rallied together during these difficult times."

The 2021 Community Awards take place from 5 -7 p.m. at The Barn at Callicoon Hills, 1 Hills Resort Road, Callicoon Center, NY.

Tickets are \$75 per person and may be reserved at: https://wjffradio.kindful.com/e/2021-community-awards-

ABOUT RADIO CATSKILL

Radio Catskill is a non-commercial educational radio broadcaster whose mission is to make available to its community a broad range of ideas and ideals useful to a full and enlightened life. It also aims to involve the community in preserving and transmitting the community's cultural heritage and artistic expressions in addition to those of the global community and to promote understanding among people of diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

Radio Catskill is available on-air at 90.5FM, online at wiffradio.org, on smartphone via the WJFF app, and on smart speaker.





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1 c. chopped sweet red pepper or 2 (4 oz.) cans pimentos, drained 1 1/4 c. chopped onion 1 1/2 c. sugar

1 1/2 tsp. mustard seed 1 Tbsp. salt 1 tsp. celery seed 1/2 tsp. tumeric 2 2/3 c. white vineger

Sterilize six 1- pint jars and lids. Boil fresh corn 5 minues. Drain.

Plunge in cold water. Let stand until cool enough to handle. Cut kernels from cobs (should have 2 1.2 quarts).

In a 6 -quart Dutch oven, combine corn, water an all remaining ingredients. Bring to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 20 minutes. Bring to a full boil.

Pack boiling hot into sterilized jars, leaving 1/8 inch head space. Seal.

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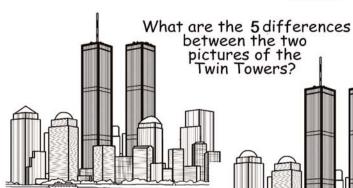
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Tri-Valley's Board of Education has two scheduled September 2021 Board Meetings:

- 1) Thursday, September 9, 2021, Anticipated Proposed Executive Session 6:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Upper Level, Regular Meeting #5, 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level
- 2) Thursday, September 23, 2021, Anticipated Proposed Executive Session 6:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Upper Level, Regular Meeting #6, 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level.

These meetings will be on our YouTube Live channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nA WhR6NVao24w/live

> **Fallsburg CSD Board of Education September Meetings** September 8, 2021 and **September 22, 2021**

Sullivan 180 Announces Project Director for Rural Health Network Federal Planning Grant Health Promotion Strategies LEC chosen to lead the Sullivan

Hands4Health Network

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan 180 and its partners are pleased to announce that they have chosen Health Promotion Strategies, LLC, located in Monticello, to lead the planning effort for the development of the Sullivan Hands4Health Network as part of the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Network Planning Grant. The Network development is being funded by a one-year planning grant from HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant will support a strategic plan for a Community Health Worker Program to serve people in the county at risk of or already diagnosed with chronic disease such as high blood pressure or diabetes.

Carol Ryan, President of Health Promotion Strategies, is a Registered Nurse who earned her Master of Public Health Degree at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Ryan, who was the previous Sullivan County Director of Patient

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

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 Scrap metal can be taken anytime will be punched. 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.

Services and Public Health Director, is a proven leader in community health planning, research and strategies. She is also well versed on the impact of the social determinants of health for county residents.

Ryan has already begun outreach to network partners to have individual conversations in preparation for convening as a network. There is a lot of work to do but she is eager to embark on such an important effort. "I am very excited to engage Network Partners in planning for the development of a sustainable Community Health Worker model that will help Sullivan County residents to spend less time as patients in emergency departments and hospitals. This is a project that is close to my heart after a career of witnessing the economic and social disparities that lead to such unfortunate health outcomes for so many people. Community Health Workers are effective as peers who support healthy behaviors by assisting residents in overcoming social and economic barriers to good health," said Ryan.

Amanda Langseder, Director of Sullivan 180, shares "I have personally seen the enormous impact a Community Health Worker can have on someone's life. They oftentimes intervene right when someone is most in need and most open to getting help, exploring new resources and developing healthier habits. I have no doubt that, with Carol's expertise, we can work together to develop a program that will bring help right to the homes of those who have been diagnosed with chronic disease, and I am thrilled that our partners unanimously chose Health Promotion Strategies to lead this critical planning process."

Health Promotion Strategies is a New York State consulting firm certified as a woman-owned business enterprise and is created by policy and education experts in the health, public health, and the mental health fields. To learn more about Health Promotion Strategies please visit www.HealthPromotionStrategies.org.

Sullivan 180's mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and an active lifestyle. To learn more about Sullivan 180, please visit: www.Sullivan180.org.

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The 2021 Summer Reading & Exercise Challenge is Winding Down

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill Urges Studentsto Turn in Their Flyers

(Kingston, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) would like to remind area students that it is time to conclude the 2021 New York State Assembly Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge. Program brochures including a calendar to track progress during the summer months were distributed this past June to district grammar schools and libraries. Completed forms may be returned to Assemblymember Cahill's District Office by mail to or in person at 1 Albany Avenue, Suite G-4, Kingston, New York, 12401. Forms can also be electronically submitted by email to cahillk@nyassembly.gov.

"It is my hope that many young people and their families took advantage of this opportunity to spend quality time together, learning and staying active while participating in the Challenge," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Dozens of forms have been received by my office already and I am optimistic that we will have a record number of participants this year. The continued success of the Assembly Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge shows how committed local children are to expanding their horizons through literature and physical activity."

An award celebration is being planned with entertainment and a "goody bag" contributed by area vendors and non-profit organizations for all who completed the pro-

gram.

"I look forward to once again presenting participants in person with their certificates of merit, recognizing their diligence and success in completing the program. We wait with anticipation to see you among the many youngsters at our celebration at the Kingston Library on October 15, 2021," concluded Assemblymember Cahill.

Questions or requests to replace a missing form may be directed to Lorne Montague at Assemblymember Cahill's District Office via phone (845) 338-9610 or email at montaguel@nyassembly.gov.

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop (SCDW) September Schedule of Events

September 10 , 2021 -The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents the comedic, murder mystery CLUE - live on-stage - at the Rivoli Theatre, South Fallsburg, NY at 8:00PM. Tickets \$15/\$12 at box office or on-line at www.scdw.net.

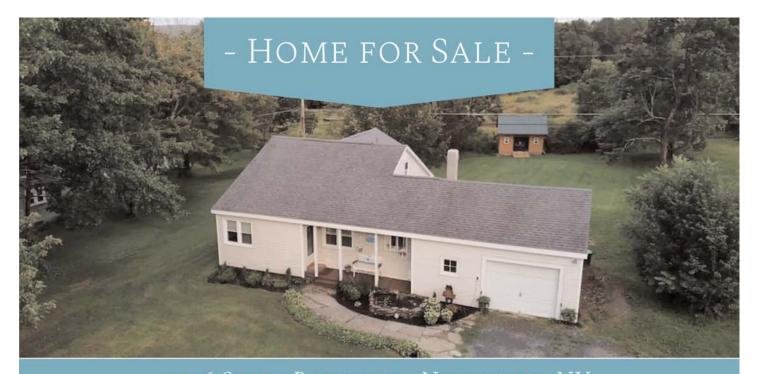
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September 12 , 2021 -The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents the comedic, murder mystery CLUE - live on-stage - at the Rivoli Theatre, South Fallsburg, NY at 2:00PM. Tickets \$15/\$12 at box office or on-line at www.scdw.net.

September 17, 2021 -The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents the comedic, murder mystery CLUE - live on-stage - at the Rivoli Theatre, South Fallsburg, NY at 8:00PM. Tickets \$15/\$12 at box office or on-line at www.scdw.net

September 18, 2021 -The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents the comedic, murder mystery CLUE - live on-stage - at the Rivoli Theatre, South Fallsburg, NY at 8:00PM. Tickets \$15/\$12 at box office or on-line at www.scdw.net

September 19, 2021 -The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents the comedic, murder mystery CLUE - live on-stage - at the Rivoli Theatre, South Fallsburg, NY at 2:00PM. Tickets \$15/\$12 at box office or on-line at www.scdw.net



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Time and the Valleys Museum

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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 againhave 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





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 VanWagn

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For information contact:

The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide, Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill **Episcopal Ministry** PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY

vicardcem@gmail.com 845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

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=R21JYU hyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09 Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740 Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm. The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rtc. 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

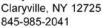
Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator (845) 434-7643

> Grahamsville Reformed Church 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



Worship Services @ 10:00 am

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

St . Augustine's Chapel

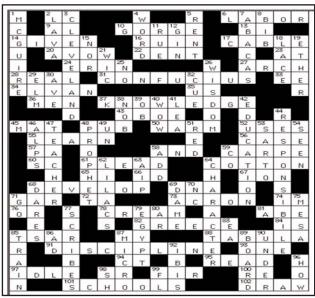
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY Sunday Mass - 9:30 am Holy Days 5:30 pm Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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Ans to last week's Crossword





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Community Driver Safety Programs Defensive Driving Classes

Community Driver Safety Programs will be offering two Defensive Driving Classes this summer. The first class will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 and the second class will be offered on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. Both classes will be take place from 10:00AM to 4:00PM at the Callicoon Town Hall located at 19 Legion Street in Jeffersonville, New York. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc. at (845)807-6005 to register for a class or to obtain further details.

Courses are instructed by a RSVP volunteer and consist of lecture, discussion and video presentation. Participants will receive a certificate at the completion of the course which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. This program can help reduce your auto insurance by up to 10% and may reduce up to four points on your license. The fee for the course is \$25 for individuals over 50 years of age and \$30 for individuals under 50 years of age.

These courses are sponsored by Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., Sullivan County RSVP and Office for the Aging.

SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Fish Stocking Program

The District is now taking orders for the annual Fish Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with rainbow or brook trout or fathead minnows this fall, the District will be accepting orders until **Monday, September 27, 2021.** The pick-up date is Friday, October 1st. Trout should be stocked in cold-water ponds. Anyone stocking a pond with fish must apply for a fish stocking permit through the NYS-Dept. of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, NY. For more information, you can go to the District's website at sullivanswcd.org or contact the District office at (845) 292-6552 for a brochure, order form and a permit application

Poets Invited to Enter Poetry Festival The Liberty Museum & Arts Center invites poets to participate in its 12th Annual

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center invites poets to participate in its 12th Annual Poetry Festival to be held at 2 PM, <u>Saturday, September 25th</u>. 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 <u>Saturday, September 25, 2021</u> 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.

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., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/7/21	Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm warren Cole Hall in Claryville
9/8//21	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
9/11/21	Sundown UMC Annual Chicken BBQ - 4 - 7 pm. See pg. 17 for details
9/12/21	A Day in the Life of a Farm Family - Time and the Valleys Museum - 1 to 4 pm
9/14/21	Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
9/16//21	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
9/21/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 9/7/2021
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

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 <u>Town Board meetings</u> are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at <u>7:00 pm.</u> Town Board Meetings are the <u>second Tuesday of each month</u> with the <u>audit/workshop meetings</u> being held the <u>Monday preceding the second</u> <u>Tuesday.</u>

<u>Town of Olive Planning Board</u> meets the <u>first and third Tuesdays of each month</u>. 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 6 - September 10, 2021

Monday, September 6

o Labor Day Holiday - County Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 7

- o 5:00 PM Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 886 3512 0760, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 869 5542 3516, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, September 8

o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2021, A Local Law Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Subcontractors That Provide Services To Ulster County, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston o 5:15 PM - Ulster County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2021, A Local

Law Amending Local Law No. 7 of 2014, A Local Law Respecting the Outdoor Restraint of Companion Animals, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o 5:30 PM - Ulster County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2021, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2019, A Local Law Establishing the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For the Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston o 6:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 854 4070 7648, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, September 9

o 6:30 PM Caucus: Republicans, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 875 4962 9439, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, September 10

o No Meetings

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.

Book selection for September: "Their Eyes Watching God", by Zora Neale Hurston.

Refreshments are provided by its members.



Daniel Pierce Library's 35TH ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

SAT [OCT 2] SAM-4PM

Grahamsville Fairgrounds

Rain or Shine / Free Admission



NO PETS ALLOWED

PUMPKIN PAINTING

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

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.



<u>Pumpkin Decorating Contest:</u> (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.

Kiwanis of Woodridge Pulls Scholarship Raffle Winners at Annual Installation Dinner



A fun evening was had by all at the Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc., and Shawangunk Valley Kiwanis Club Annual Installation of Officers Dinner at The Papermill Restaurant in Napanoch on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Hudson River West Division Lt. Governor Geoff Stafford installed the following officers who will lead the Kiwanis of Woodridge during the 2021-2022 year: Diane Garritt, President; Deborah Vice-President; Rosalind Jacobsen. Treasurer; Dawn Kaplan, Secretary; along with Board Members: Katherine Helms, Ken Kalter, Sue Kasofsky, Marie Quick, and Jill Weiner. The following newly installed officers will lead the Shawangunk Valley Kiwanis for the 2021-2022 year: Sue Nibe,

President; Christine Tobin, Vice-President; Cassie Spoor, Secretary/Treasurer; along with Board Members Dan Couse and Michael Guiney.

Sue Kasofsky, Kiwanis of Woodridge Membership Chairperson and Sue Nibe, Shawangunk Valley Kiwanis President, worked together to plan the dinner and they did a wonderful job. Everyone enjoyed their meal as well as the atmosphere at the Restaurant and the comradship

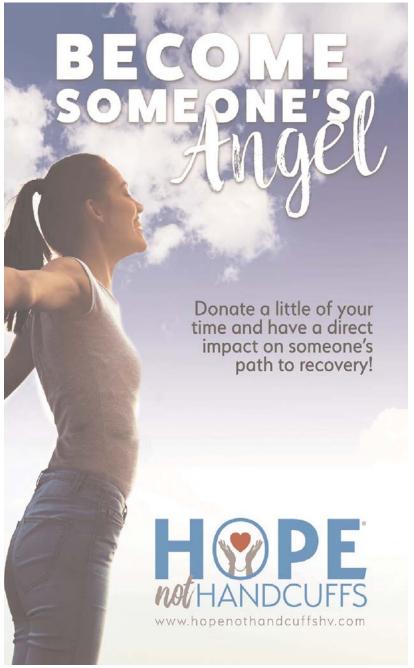


of all the other Hudson River West Division Kiwanians in attendance.

Winners of the Kiwanis of Woodridge annual Scholarship Raffle were:

1st Prize of \$500 to Matthew Taub, 2nd Prize of \$250 to Paul Kirtack, and **3rd Prize** of \$100 to Jarred Collins. A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the Scholarship Raffle and a hearty "Congratulations" to the winners.

If you would like to find out more about Kiwanis please contact Sue Kasofsky at (845)434-8052 or Sue Nibe at (845)647-0668.





Tenney calls on the CDC to Release Data Behind Mask Mandate for K-12 Students

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today called for CDC Director Rochelle Walensky to release the data and reasoning behind the CDC's recent recommendation to require all K-12 students to wear a mask. In a letter to CDC Director Walensky, Tenney and several of her House colleagues expressed concern over the CDC's lack of transparency when putting these new mask mandates for students into place.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, children across the country have missed out on the key social interactions required to support their healthy development and mental well-being," said Congresswoman Tenney. "Study after study is now showing that children suffered significantly from being out of the classroom and isolated from their peers. It is imperative the CDC immediately release their data on the risk of coronavirus in a school setting and provide greater clarity on the educational impacts of masks and other restrictions for K-12 students.

"The lack of publicly available evidence supporting this universal K-12 mask mandate demonstrates a clear need for greater transparency," Tenney also said. "It is important we know the reasoning and metrics that drove this change.

"The American people deserve to see that these important decisions are motivated by science and not political pressure from radical activists," Tenney concluded. "The future of our children cannot fall victim to the knee-jerk reactions of an institution that appears to be driven by politics just as much as science and fact."

The evidence has been widely reported that children,



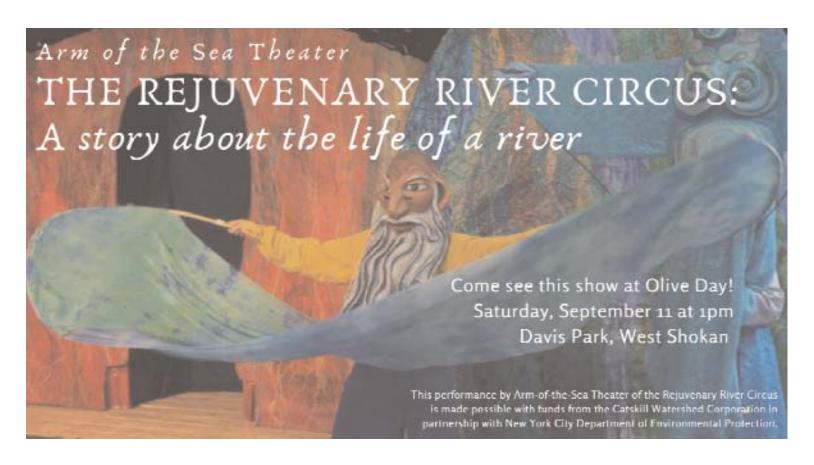
Please call for availability first

(914) 672-3952

and especially young children, are at very low risk of serious complications from COVID-19. In addition, with vaccines widely available for adults, all concerned school staff have access to the protection they need to teach during the upcoming 2021-2022 school year without excessive new restrictions on students.

A copy of the final letter Tenney sent, which was led by Congressman Jay Obernolte and joined by 32 other members, can be found here:

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CRAFTSPEOPLE WANTED!

35th ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

Sponsored by the Daniel Pierce Library



Saturday, October 2, 2021 Grahamsville Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE

Craft Sale Vendor Space Available

We are seeking vendors for the 2021 Giant Pumpkin Party.

The Giant Pumpkin Party attracts thousands of people each year and is a great place to showcase your handcrafted items.

(Handcrafted items only. No manufactured items.)

Accepting Applications Now through September 15, 2021

To request an application:

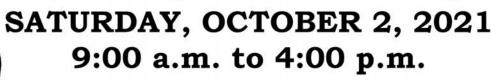
Call (845) 985-7233 or Email ccoombe@coombefinancial.com



CRAFT VENDOR APPLICATION

35th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party

Sponsored by the Daniel Pierce Library



EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE

VENDOR FEE: \$30.00 \$40 for larger, end spaces

Only items that are handcrafted by the craftsperson are permitted. No dealers, agents, manufactured items or imports will be allowed. Sorry, no refunds. Vendors are required to file a copy of their New York State Sales Tax Certificate with the Daniel Pierce Library before September 15, 2021.

Limited premium end spaces may be available for an additional fee.

Please specify interest below. Spaces will be assigned on a first come basis. We will contact you with space assignment. Vehicles must be unloaded and parked in the specified area by 8:30 a.m.

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NAME OF BUSINESS:
CONTACT NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
EMAIL:
TYPE OF CRAFT & DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS
A copy of your NYS Sales Tax Certificate must be enclosed or application will be returned.
Premium End Space Is Preferred (not guaranteed): YES: NO:
Please email us pictures of your crafts so we can advertise your business on our Facebook page for the Giant Pumpkin Party. Email to coombe@coombefinancial.com

DEADLINE DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:
Daniel Pierce Library / Craft Vendor
P.O. Box 268
Grahamsville, New York 12740

PAGE 32 THE TOWNSMAN SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Welcomes Families



Fallsburg Junior Senior High School welcomed families to the 2021 Middle School Orientation and BBQ on the evening of September 1, 2021.

Principal Kyle Roddey and Assistant Principal Shana Bruestle organized the event with a lot of support from the school administration, My Brother's Keeper Family & Community Engagement Grant, the Positive Behavior Intervention and

S u p p o r t Program and the S t u d e n t Government Association.

The flow of over two hundred parents and children went very smoothly despite the heavy rainfall from tropical storm Ida. All



visitors had their temperature taken upon entering the lobby, signed attendance sheets, and passed through different tables of information including My Brother's Keeper, Student Government Association help with clubs and activities available for students, healthcare information for families, and overall answers to any questions from school administration.

The barbecue fixings were served in the cafeteria by BOE Members, teaching staff and cafeteria workers. PBIS leaders and math teachers Daniel Redmond and Anthony Cordero were cooking burgers and franks under a small tent in the pouring lane by the cafeteria loading dock. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz was moving through the building greeting students and families.

Instructional Technology Staff Jane Tingley and Jamie Dymond were distributing chromebooks to each student outside the Principal's Office. They were also giving each student a raf-

fle ticket for a mountain bicycle made by Giant. FCSD was



donating this incredible bike thanks to the Board of Education.

Next on the agenda, was a slide show and video presentation for the children in the school auditorium led by Ms.

Bruestle, and for the parents in the cafeteria led by Mr. Roddey. They answered all questions about activities in the middle school. Director of Family & Community Engagement Dr. Aleta Lymon invited students to join the My Brother's Keeper Program. Athletic Director Suzanne Lendzian detailed the opportunities in sports activities.



Left to right Board of Education Member Dr. Sean Wall-Carty, 8th grade student and winner of the bicycle raffle Mariah Vega, and Fallsburg Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz

Next, everyone convened in the auditorium where Dr. Katz introduced BOE Member Dr. Sean Wall-Carty to pick the winning ticket for the bicycle. The winner was eighth-grader Mariah Vega. A grateful audience ended the evening with guided tours of the building with SGA students. By 7:00 PM, happy families left the school after a night filled with delicious food, lots of helpful information and the assurance that the school was ready to safely welcome students back to classes on September 8.

Last weekend of Olive Free Library 4th Annual Juried Group Exhibition

Our fourth annual juried summer group exhibition-Eye to Eye-runs until September 11 and features 58 works by over 50 different local and regional artists, covering all styles and media. Juried by renowned local artist Tom Sarrantonio. Come and check it out!



"A Shift in Reality" by Diane Christi



"Yellow Circle" by Ted Dixon



"Four Sisters" by Joseph Cozad

eye to eye

July 24 - September 11, 2021

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE 0 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!

Governor Hochul Signs New Moratorium on COVID-Related Residential and Commercial Evictions into Law Effective through January 15, 2022 Governor Kathy Hochul Signed into law a new moratorium on COVID-related residential and commercial evictions for New COVID-related residenti

on COVID-related residential and commercial evictions for New York State which is in effect until January 15, 2022. Under the new law, all protections of the Tenant Safe Harbor Act for residential tenants who are suffering financial hardship as a result of the pandemic will remain in place, along with new protections on commercial evictions.

"The pandemic has created unimaginable anxiety for families and business owners who have lost income and are struggling to pay the rent every month," Governor Hochul said. "To help remedy the Supreme Court's heartless decisions striking down the New York and the Biden administration's moratoriums on evictions, we are enacting a new moratorium on residential and commercial evictions and extending the protections of New York's Safe Harbor Act to January 15. These steps will alleviate the crisis facing vulnerable New Yorkers who are suffering through no fault of their own."

Governor Hochul urges New Yorkers who are struggling to pay their rent to apply for assistance through the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, or ERAP. Applicants to this program are automatically protected from eviction while their application is pending and will receive a year of eviction protections if they qualify for assistance. The application is available here.

As of August 31, more than \$1.2 billion in funding has either been obligated or distributed through ERAP, including more than \$300 million in direct payments to more than 23,000 land-

Senator Brian Kavanagh said, "From the very beginning of the pandemic, we have been committed to ensuring that all New Yorkers -- including renters and homeowners -- are protected from losing their homes because of the hardships wrought by COVID-19. We've also worked hard to ensure that the financial burden on tenants and landlords is lifted, through generously funded, effective relief programs, and to protect small businesses. Today, as COVID-19 continues to be a threat to the health and wellbeing of New Yorkers throughout the state, we are taking decisive, comprehensive steps to extend and strengthen the pillars of our legislative strategy to keep all New Yorkers safe. I thank Governor Kathy Hochul, Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Assembly bill sponsor Jeffrey Dinowitz for their partnership in getting this critical legislation enacted."

The new law will permit anyone who resides in a locality that opted out of the state's program to administer their own rental assistance program, to apply to the state program when local funds are exhausted. People applying directly to their local programs will now also automatically benefit from the state's more expansive eviction protections.

The law also creates a \$25 million fund to provide legal services to tenants facing eviction proceedings and to help them maintain housing stability in areas of the state where access to free legal assistance for such services is not available.

The law establishes a new \$250 million Supplemental Emergency Rental Assistance program to serve additional households and to better support landlords. Through this program, \$125 million will be made available to provide assistance to households with income that exceeds 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), and up to 120% of AMI. Additionally, \$125 million will be made available for assistance to landlords whose tenants refuse to participate or have vacated the residence with

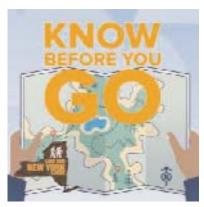
Under New York's enacted moratorium, tenants must submit a hardship declaration, or a document explaining the source of the hardship, to prevent an eviction proceeding from moving forward. Landlords who believe that their tenant has not suffered a financial hardship will now be permitted to request a hearing in court.

Landlords can also evict tenants that are creating safety or health hazards for other tenants, intentionally damaging property, and where a tenant did not submit a hardship declaration.

The legislation places a moratorium on residential foreclosure proceedings so that homeowners and small landlords who own 10 or fewer residential dwellings can file hardship declarations with their mortgage lender, other foreclosing party, or a court that would prevent a foreclosure.

The legislation's moratorium on commercial evictions and commercial foreclosure proceedings apply to small businesses with 100 or fewer employees that demonstrate a financial hardship. Tenants must submit a hardship declaration, or a document explaining the source of the hardship, to prevent evictions.

Peekamoose Blue Hole Permit Updates



DEC issued special regulations for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce impacts to environmental resources. Before planning a trip to these areas, please make sure to review the regulations. Some highlights you need to know before you go are below: Visitors are required to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America seven days a week May 15 through September 15, consistent with fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve; Each permit will be linked to a vehicle, and the permit must be displayed on/in the vehicle; Parking is limited to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone; Visitors are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste;

The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at the nearby designated camping area only): Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Camping; All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves); Use of portable generators; Alcohol; Glass containers; Coolers larger than 12" in any dimension; Radios and other audio devices.



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Governor Hochul Announces Confirmation of Tremaine Wright and Christopher Alexander to Lead Implementation of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act First Confirmed Namingas of Governor Hochul's

First Confirmed Nominees of Governor Hochul's Administration Will Move Cannabis Implementation Forward Tremaine Wright to Serve as Chair of Cannabis Control Board; Christopher Alexander to Serve as Executive Director of Office of Cannabis Management

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the State Senate confirmed Tremaine Wright as Chair of New York's Cannabis Control Board (CCB) and Christopher Alexander as Executive Director of the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM). The confirmations were made during an extraordinary session of the New York State Legislature, and these are the two first confirmed nominees of Governor Hochul's administration. The Cannabis Control Board and Office of Cannabis Management will create and imple-

ment a comprehensive regulatory framework for New York's cannabis industry, including the production, licensing, packaging, marketing and sale of

cannabis products.

The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA), passed on March 31, 2021, sets out one of the nation's most comprehensive and progressive legal frameworks for the regulation of the adult-use, medical and hemp industries, with a focus on ensuring the greatest possible participation by communities historically impacted by prohibition. The law calls for a five member board to oversee the creation and implementation of the OCM and contemplates the appointment of a Chief Equity Officer charged with developing a social equity plan designed to facilitate and support participation by social equity applicants. The MRTA also limits the number of licenses that can be owned by one company and prohibits the vertical integration of production and retail services, further ensuring that small businesses have an opportunity to compete in the new market.

"One of my top priorities is to finally get New York's cannabis industry up and running - this has been long overdue, but we're going to make up for lost time with the Senate confirmation of Tremaine Wright as Chair of the Cannabis Control Board and Christopher Alexander as Executive Director of the Office of Cannabis Management," Governor Hochul said. "These two individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their new roles, and I know they will do a tremendous job of outlining and implementing regulations that are safe, fair and transparent, and that recognize the need to remedy the impact that prohibition has had on communities of color. I look forward to working with them on building our state's cannabis industry and effecting real change for New Yorkers."

Tremaine S. Wright to Serve as Chair of Cannabis Control Board

Tremaine S. Wright is a former member of the

New York State Assembly and currently serves as the first Director of the DFS Statewide Office of Financial Inclusion and Empowerment. Ms. Wright is an attorney, entrepreneur, small business owner and activist who is a second-generation Bedford Stuyvesant resident invested in preserving the rich legacy of her community and building a strong foundation for the future. She has dedicated her career to empowering and creating opportunities for her neighbors and her community.

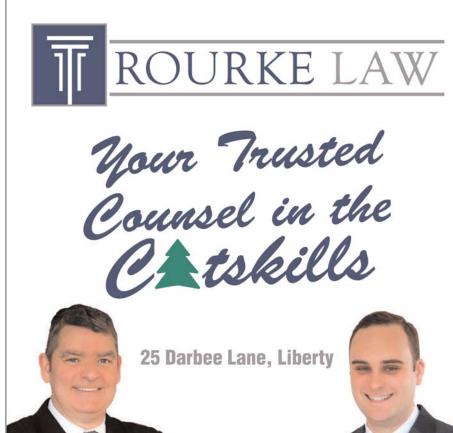
Ms. Wright was elected to the New York State Assembly on November 8, 2016. She served the 56th Assembly District of Brooklyn, NY which represents the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Northern Crown Heights neighborhoods. She served as Chair of New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus and Chair of the Assembly Subcommittee on Foster Care.

As the former Chairwoman of Community Board 3, Ms. Wright fostered longstanding relationships with past and current elected officials, community leaders and a cross section of local residents committed to improving Central Brooklyn. She has served on CB3 for 13 years and previously held positions as the Executive Secretary, Treasurer and Budget Coordinator.

She has practiced law at Brooklyn Legal Services and private law firms. While working as an attorney at major law firms, Ms. Wright also served as a pro bono lawyer for the Volunteers of Legal Services' Incarcerated Mothers Project.

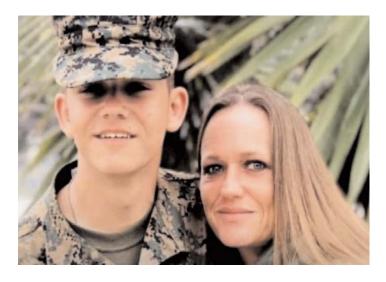
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Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Demands Answers after Big Tech Censors Target Gold Star Mother



Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), member of the House Republican Big Tech Task Force, sent a letter to the Head of Instagram, Adam Mosseri, and Chairman and CEO of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, demanding answers after the social media companies temporarily suspended Shana Chappell's account. Ms. Chappell is a Gold Star Mother who lost her son Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui in Afghanistan recently along with 12 other service members.

Ms. Chappell's social media post was censored by the companies after she publicly mourned the loss of her son online and criticized President Biden over his negligent handling of the withdrawal from Afghanistan. Although Ms. Chappell's account was restored after public outcry, the original act of censorship follows a disturbing trend from Instagram and its parent company Facebook, where free speech and political discourse are censored on the platforms.

Tenney's letter follows:

Dear Mr. Mosseri and Mr. Zuckerberg:

I write to you today regarding Instagram's censorship of the Gold Star mother of a recently fallen Marine. Shana Chappell, mother of Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui, posted on Instagram about the devastation she felt over her son's death in Afghanistan. She described the heartbreak she experienced upon the grim realization she never would be able to hug her son again. As an American and the mother of a Marine, my heart aches to hear these emotional and devastating words from this grieving Gold Star mother. Regrettably, Instagram decided to disable Ms. Chappell's account for this post without explanation.

Although Ms. Chappell's account was restored after public outcry, the original act of censorship follows a disturbing trend from Instagram and its parent company Facebook, where free speech and political discourse are censored on the platforms. I'm deeply troubled by Instagram's lack of an explanation for this mishap. Big tech has sunk to new lows by silencing the parent of a fallen soldier. Our Gold Star families and the American public deserve better more. After sacrificing so much for the safety and security of our Nation, the words and opinions of those so deeply affected by these events should not be stifled by authoritarian Silicon Valley censors

While a representative from Facebook told the press that Ms. Chappell's post did not violate the company's policies, that did not stop the firm from attempting to get away with shutting her down. Many questions remain as to why her post was originally flagged and her account disabled. It is disturbing to witness acts of blatant censorship emanate from Silicon Valley even as firms such as yours enjoy unique protections under the law.

I also seek assurances that no outside influences were involved in the disabling of Ms. Chappell's account. I am aware that the White House acknowledged it would be flagging for Facebook, Instagram's parent company, posts it deemed "problematic." Weaponizing the power of the Executive Branch against an open public discourse is wholly un-American, and it would be a crucial error for Instagram to assist in this. It would also be a mistake for Facebook and related companies to proactively censor speech in a blatantly partisan manner in an attempt to curry political favor and avoid legal scrutiny.

I therefore demand answers, along with supporting documentation, to the following questions about what led to the decision to disable Ms. Chappell's account and censor her personal and heartfelt tribute to her son - one of our Nation's bravest heroes:

Why was Ms. Chappell's account disabled? Did her tribute to her fallen son violate any of Instagram's policies?

Which office within Instagram was responsible for making the decision to disable Ms. Chappell's account?

Where is the office responsible for the decision to disable to Ms. Chappell's account located? Were any foreign nationals or governments involved in this process?

Was any person or agency from the Executive Branch consulted before making this decision? Was this decision made to curry favor with persons or agencies responsible for oversight of Instagram or Facebook?

What steps are Instagram and Facebook taking to ensure that similar errors do not occur in the future?

I would appreciate a reply no later than September 15, 2021. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

CLAUDIA TENNEY Member of Congress

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Olive Day 2021

10 a.m. Frog Jump (bring your own frog)
11 a.m. Memorial to Honor 9/11 Heroes
11 a.m. Town of Olive Police Dept. - Bike Safety
12 pm Frog Hop Race 2 pm Egg Toss 3 pm Treasure Hunt
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September 11, 2021

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Music

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Governor Kathy Hochul Announces Designation of COVID-19 as an Airborne

Infectious Disease Under NYS's Hero Act Designation by State Department of Health Requires All Employers to Implement Workplace Safety Plans to Help Protect Workers from COVID-19

Law Protects Employees from Retaliation for Making a Complaint About Employer's Failure to Comply with the Law or the Adopted Plan

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the commissioner of health has designated COVID-19 a highly contagious communicable disease that presents a serious risk of harm to the public health under New York State's HERO Act, which requires all employers to implement workplace safety plans in the event of an airborne infectious disease, helping to prevent workplace infections. The NY HERO Act mandates extensive new workplace health and safety protections in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the law, all employers are required to adopt a workplace safety plan, and implement it for all airborne infectious diseases designated by the New York State Department of Health. Employers can adopt a model safety plan as crafted by the New York State Department of Labor, or develop their own safety plan in compliance with HERO Act standards.

"While we continue to increase our vaccination numbers, the fight against the Delta variant is not over, and we have to do everything we can to protect our workers," Governor Hochul said. "This designation will ensure protections are in place to keep our workers safe and support our efforts to combat the virus and promote health and safety."

The HERO Act's purpose is to ensure that businesses are prepared with protocols and resources to protect their employees and the public from the spread of airborne infectious diseases, like COVID's Delta variant.

Under the HERO Act, the DOL in consultation with the DOH has developed a new Airborne Infectious Disease Exposure Prevention Standard, a Model Airborne Infectious Disease Exposure Prevention Plan, and various industry-specific model plans for the prevention of airborne infectious disease. Additional information and industry-specific templates for employers are available on the DOL's website.

Senator Michael Gianaris said, "I'm very thankful Governor Hochul has acted quickly to save lives and protect workers by implementing the New York HERO Act. It took too long to effectuate and too many workers have already sacrificed their health for our community's benefit, but we can finally recognize their efforts by giving workers the tools to protect themselves while on the job."

Assemblymember Karines Reyes said, "New Yorkers have been eagerly awaiting the safe reopening of our state. With the more contagious COVID-19 Delta variant on the rise, we must take every active measure we can to keep the virus under control. I commend the Governor for swiftly taking action and directing the Health Department to identify COVID-19 as "highly contagious." The complete implementation of the NY HERO Act will ensure that businesses across the state have safety protocols in place to protect employees and customers against airborne infectious diseases like COVID-19."

Mario Cilento, President, New York State AFL-CIO, said, "I thank Governor Hochul for taking decisive action, particularly on Labor Day, to ensure the critically important NY HERO Act is applied as intended, to protect workers from COVID-19 and future communicable disease events. From day one, Governor Hochul promised to work collaboratively with the Legislature and Labor to deliver for working people, and this action fulfills that promise."

Pat Kane, RN Executive Director of the New York Nurses Association, said, "I thank Governor Hochul for making workplace health and safety a priority by acting on the NY HERO Act on this Labor Day. This will ensure



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our nurses and all working people will finally have their rights to a safe working environment during the COVID-19 pandemic enforced and protected."

Vincent Alvarez, President, New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, said, "We are grateful to Governor Hochul for her strong leadership as we continue to battle the COVID variants, and for taking action to keep workers safe. Workers have sacrificed too much already during the pandemic, and this designation will help ensure that no worker has to risk their own health and safety, or that of their family, as they continue to provide essential services for our City and State."

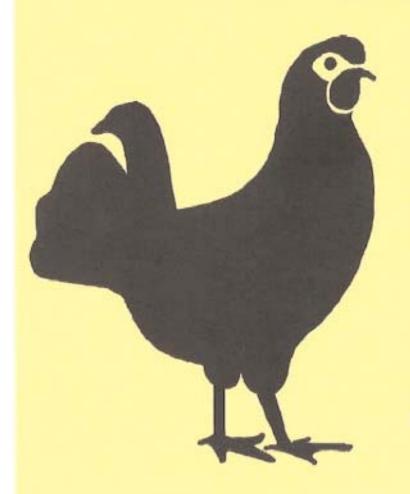
Stuart Appelbaum, President, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, said, "As the pandemic has highlighted yet again, workplace safety must be prioritized. We need the enforceable standards at the state level provided in this Act to keep all working New Yorkers safe. No worker should be forced to sacrifice their health and safety in order to earn a living. We thank Governor Hochul for announcing that the Commissioner of Health has designated COVID-19 a serious risk to public health under the NYS Hero's Act. (Contd. Pg. 43)



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Governor Kathy Hochul Announces Designation of COVID-19 as an Airborne Infectious Disease Under NYS's Hero Act

(From Pg. 41)

This is the appropriate way to celebrate Labor Day in 2021."

Teamsters Joint Council 16 President Thomas Gesualdi said, "Teamsters and other essential workers stayed on the job through the height of the pandemic, often without the protections they needed to be safe, to get our state through the crisis. As the Delta variant continues to circulate and more New Yorkers return to work, this designation will ensure that workers have the enforceable standards they need to do their jobs safely and go home to their families. We commend Governor Hochul for taking this action to protect our essential workers."

Beverley Brakeman, Regional Director, United Auto Workers Region 9A, said, "There is no more fitting tribute to honor Labor Day today, and all the workers still working during the COVID-19 pandemic, than to fully implement the NY Hero Act. We thank Gov. Hochul for her leadership in telling employers that they must provide their workers, the lifeblood of their businesses, with a safe working environment. Fully implementing the NY Hero Act, that labor and community groups worked together to achieve, is a great first step."

The plans adopted by employers must address a number of safety measures, including but not limited to: employee health screenings, masking and social distancing requirements, workplace hygiene stations, workplace cleaning protocol, quarantine protocol, and building airflow technology.

Employers are required to distribute their work safety plan to all employees and post it in a visible and prominent location within each worksite.

Additionally, the HERO Act includes anti-retaliation protections for employees which prohibit discrimination or adverse actions taken against an employee for following the requirements of these plans, reporting concerns on the implementation of a plan, or refusing to work.

Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Extending Virtual Public Meetings Legislation (S.50001/A.40001) Allows New Yorkers to Participate in State and Local Government Meetings

Virtually to Reduce the Risk of COVID-19 Spread; Helps People with Disabilities Participate in Their Government

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.50001/A.40001) extending virtual access to public meetings under New York State's Open Meetings Law, which allows New Yorkers to virtually participate in local government meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation, which was initially implemented by Executive Order during last year's State of Emergency, allows state and local government meetings that are

normally held in person to be held remotely instead, as long as the public has the ability to view or listen to the meeting and as long as the meeting is recorded and later transcribed. This statutory change will reduce the need for congregation at public meetings while the Delta variant is prevalent, while ensuring public business can continue.

"Let's be clear-the COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and I've heard from government officials across the state who are concerned about the inability of their constituents to access public meetings virtually," Governor Hochul said. "This commonsense legislation extends a privilege that not only helps New Yorkers participate safely in the political process, but also increases New Yorkers' access to their government by allowing for more options to view public meetings. This law will continue to bolster the open and transparent style of government that we're committed to maintaining in the Empire State."

Meetings can be held either over a video service such as Zoom or by phone. There is no change to the requirement that Public Bodies must provide notice to constituents that a meeting is taking place, and they are required to inform constituents how to access the public meeting virtually.

On March 12, 2020, Executive Order 202.1 suspended the portion of New York State law requiring meetings to take place in person, and authorized public meetings to be held virtually. On June 25, 2021, the State Disaster Emergency ended, removing the provision suspending the law.

Senator Jeremy Cooney said, "Now, more than ever, transparency and accessibility are critical to governing in New York. This law will allow public meetings to be held remotely but still be available to all who would like to view, which has been critical for communities to stay engaged with their governments during this public health crisis. These measures are needed so that New Yorkers can continue to access elected officials while staying safe as we continue to recover from the pandemic."

Assemblymember Karen McMahon said, "While the state of emergency has been lifted, it is clear that the pandemic has not ended and that some flexibility is still required to ensure that government can function safely. This legislation allows municipalities and other political subdivisions to conduct their meetings remotely so that the business of government can continue without risking the health and safety of meeting participants. I thank Governor Hochul for addressing this important issue in our extraordinary session."

New York State Association of Counties President Jack Marren said, "Counties applaud Governor Hochul, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie for taking the extraordinary step of convening a special session to enact legislation granting counties boards and other public bodies the authority to convene meetings remotely, in the unfortunate event that this becomes necessary. As the Governor recently stated, local elected officials from across the state have called for this temporary authority given uncertainties with the Delta COVID-19 variant and we appreciate the Governor listening to the concerns of local governments. We serve New Yorkers best when all branches of government are working together constructively and this special session was an example of local governments working in partnership with the Governor, Majority Leader, Speaker and all state lawmakers to ensure government continues to function safely and efficiently as we fight COVID-19."

New York State Conference of Mayors Executive Director Peter A. Baynes said, "During the pandemic's first fifteen months, Executive Order 202.1 allowed public bodies to conduct meetings remotely. This experiment proved to be effective and popular from both a public health and governmental administration perspective. (Contd. Pg. 44)

Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Extending Virtual Public Meetings

(From Pg. 43) By all accounts, public attendance at local government meetings increased while health risks were minimized. Consequently, giving local governments the authority to once again conduct meetings remotely will allow government business to continue while keeping their constituents healthy and safe. This is especially important in light of the emergence of the Delta variant and the recent increase in COVID cases across the state. Importantly, the Governor's program bill makes no changes to the law regarding the right to public participation, which allows for a local governing body to establish its own policy." (Contd. Pg. 44)

Education Council Consortium Co-Chair Shino Tanikawa said, "Conducting hybrid meetings has been extremely challenging for Citywide and Community Education Councils and participation by the members of the public has plummeted since the OML waiver expired in late June. To exacerbate the issue, the infection rates have climbed to over 4% in NYC, making many parents weary of in-person meetings. I am deeply grateful for Governor Hochul's initiative to allow public bodies to return to virtual meetings. We will be able to enhance participation and fulfill our responsibilities more effectively and without compromising our health."

Empire Justice Center President and CEO Kristin Brown said, "The public has the right to attend meetings of public bodies, listen to debate and watch the decision-making process, and a pandemic or any other emergency should not be an excuse to shutter our democratic process. As a statewide legal service provider for low-income New Yorkers, we believe transparency and accessibility are especially important to people who may have a hard time getting time off work, ability or resources to travel in order to meaningful share their viewpoints with government officials. We thank Governor Hochul for taking immediate action to ensure transparency in our government."

Association of Towns Executive Director Gerry Geist said, "As the COVID-19 Delta variant spreads and infections rate rise, towns across New York have expressed an increasing need for renewed authority to hold public meetings remotely. By giving public bodies this authority until January 15, 2022, Governor Hochul's program bill amending Open Meetings Law perfectly responds to this call while ensuring optimal citizen participation and engagement. The Association of Towns strongly supports this legislation and thanks Governor Hochul and the Legislature for listening to and working with local governments."

Governor Hochul Announces New Requirements and Guidance for the Safe Reopening of NY Schools Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that her strategy to

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that her strategy to reopen schools safely took a major leap forward on two fronts, demonstrating her administration's commitment to making the health and well-being of students, teachers, and families a top priority. Earlier today, the Public Health and Health Planning Council passed an emergency regulation and the Health Commissioner issued a determination requiring all teachers, administrators and other school employees to submit to weekly COVID-19 testing unless they show proof of vaccination, with either a CDC vaccine card or the Excelsior Pass.

The Governor also announced that the New York State Department of Health has finalized and released official guidance for classroom instruction. These new actions follow the Governor's announcement last week of a mask requirement for everyone in school buildings during instructional hours and extracurricular activities. The guidance prioritizes in-person learning and details recommendations and requirements for vaccinations, face masks, physical distancing, and testing to monitor potential transmission, among other areas. The guidance largely tracks with the CDC guidance which districts were advised to follow. It is also intended as a floor and schools have the flexibility to go beyond the guidance.

"My top priority is to get children back to school and protect the environment so they can learn, and everyone is safe," Governor Hochul said. "On day one of my administration, I announced a series of bold back-to-school initiatives, including a universal mask requirement for anyone entering our schools. We are now issuing guidance to make sure our school staff are vaccinated or tested regularly for themselves and their families, our students, and our communities. Our children deserve to be safe and protected in schools, and I am doing everything in my power to guarantee that."

The emergency regulation, which authorizes the Commissioner to require weekly testing or proof of vaccine, will apply to all schools in New York State until it is no longer necessary as described in the language of the regulation.

During a recent Zoom meeting, school officials, union leaders, and other education advocates asked for State public health professionals to provide additional clarity and guidance on school re-opening. Per the new guidance, schools should implement physical distancing to the extent possible within their structures but should not exclude students from in-person learning to meet a minimum distance requirement. Further, a distance of at least 3 feet is strongly recommended between all students and a distance of at least 6 feet is recommended between students and teachers/staff, and between teachers/staff who are not fully vaccinated. Students and drivers must wear masks on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, regardless of vaccination status, subject to applicable exclusions and exemptions.

State Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker said, "We need to get all of our children back in schools and in a safe environment which promotes healthy learning. While we continue to work with local school districts and local health departments, we listened to feedback from parents, teachers and education advocates who asked for additional statewide guidance on masks, vaccines, social distancing and testing and for recommendations on challenges like school bus safety and navigating high-risk sports and extracurricular activities."

The Commissioner's determination for masking in schools, issued August 27th, applies to all indoor settings, including indoor sports and extracurricular activities. For indoor sports and extracurricular activities in which masking is not possible, such as swimming, a minimum distance of 6 feet must be maintained. Schools are encouraged to implement required screening testing for participants who are not fully vaccinated.

Schools must have capacity and offer screening testing for any teachers and staff at least once a week. Schools must also have the capacity to provide diagnostic testing for any student, teacher, or staff member who is symptomatic or has been exposed to someone infected with COVID-19. There are a variety of options and significant funding to achieve this testing and schools should continue to work closely with their local Department of Health.

In addition to implementing the test-vaccine requirement, DOH recommends that all public school districts and non-public schools should support opportunities for students and staff to access COVID-19 vaccination clinics in collaboration with local health partners. The guidance continues the daily reporting requirement for school districts to ensure they are providing data to the NYS School COVID Report Card, another tool to share COVID-19 information with families and communities.

For more information, please see the DOH school guidance go to: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/sch ool-guidance.pdf and the PHHPC regulation go to: https://regs.health.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/emergency_regulations/COVID-19%20Reporting%20and%20Testing.pdf

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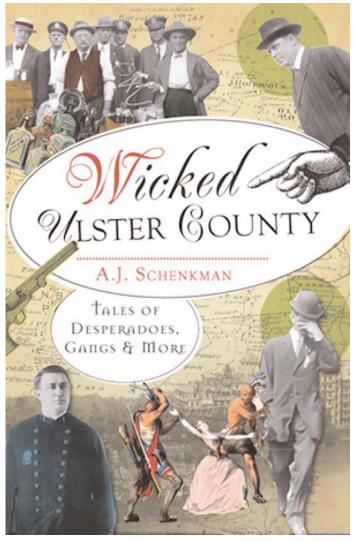
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Denning History Afternoon and Talk on Wicked Ulster County

A Virtual and In person Program on Sunday, September 19th 1 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Denning History Afternoon (a virtual and inperson program) will be held Sunday, September 19th at 1 p.m. at the Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

The Museum's rich collections from Claryville and the Town of Denning that bring life to the history of the Upper Neversink and Upper Rondout valleys will be open and available to visitors from 1 to 2 p.m.. Sharing items relating to the Claryville or Denning area is welcome.

Special program at 2 p.m.: Author and Town of Gardiner Historian A.J. Schenkman will speak on his book, *Wicked Ulster County*. Situated in the scenic Hudson Valley, Ulster County is a lovely location to make a home and raise a family, but it wasn't always so pleasant. Unsavory characters and immoral events have sullied its name. In the 1870s, the Shawangunk Mountains inspired fear rather than awe, as groups like the Lyman Freer and Shawangunk gangs robbed and terrorized locals, descending from the protection of the wooded peaks. Kingston was torched, arson blazed in Kerhonkson and even the Mohonk Mountain House was threatened by flames. In 1909, the Ashokan Slasher's bloody crimes and sensational trial captured headlines across the country. Discover these and other salacious stories buried in Ulster County's history.

Books will be available for signing and sale. The Museum's exhibitions and the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m..

Members are free, and non-members: \$5. In Person attendance is limited to 30 and registration is required. To register please email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org with your name and number of attendees, and put In Person Registration in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. To attend the program virtually on Zoom, email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for the link, and please put Zoom Program Registration in the subject line.

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

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

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

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

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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Directed by **Kay Cannon**. *Cinderella* has an all-star cast,





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