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Hearings eye ducks, marijuana retailers

By **Melanie Lekocevic**
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RAVENA — A pair of public hearings are scheduled for Aug. 17 to gauge community reaction to two very different issues — the sale of cannabis in the village and a law prohibiting the feeding of wild animals.

A public hearing will be held Aug. 17 to discuss a proposed local law that would make feeding waterfowl and other wildlife illegal in the village.

The issue arose as multiple homeowners in the area have complained that the feeding of waterfowl — in particular, ducks — has created problems. The food draws many ducks to the area and they have caused damage, officials said.

Mayor Bill Misuraca said at the July 20 meeting the board has received multiple complaints from residents on Biechman Road, Cary Street and Woodlawn Drive, and the problem has been accelerating over the past year or so.

The village board is proposing a local law that would ban feeding wild-



A public hearing will be held Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. to gauge public reaction to a proposed law that would prohibit the feeding of ducks and other wildlife in the village.

life other than songbirds in the village. The final touches were being put on the proposed legislation as of the Aug. 3 village board meeting.

“As soon as we get the final draft, we will get it

posted on the website so everyone can view it with adequate time before the meeting,” Misuraca said. “But essentially it will be no feeding of wildlife with the exception of songbirds — so no deer,

turkeys, ducks, geese, buzzards — whatever you are feeding, can’t be done anymore.”

Residents with bird feeders must have them at least four feet off the ground so they are not

accessible to waterfowl, and those found violating the law would face a hefty fine.

“The fines are substantial — \$300 to \$600 for a first offense, \$600 to \$1,000 for the second,”

Misuraca said. “They are not criminal charges — no one is going to jail for this, but we would encourage people that it is just easier to stop. Please — you are not helping them.”

Feeding waterfowl causes more harm than good, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Waterfowl such as ducks and geese that become dependent on humans feeding them face issues such as poor nutrition, delayed migration and unnatural behavior. Having so many ducks in close proximity can also lead to the spread of disease, and the practice can cause other problems such as water pollution, according to the DEC.

“It would seem that providing food for ducks and geese would make them healthier. However, this is not the case,” according to the DEC. “Waterfowl at artificial feeding sites are often found to suffer from poor nutrition. In natural settings, water-

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Local officials call for Cuomo’s resignation, impeachment

By **Melanie Lekocevic**
Capital Region Independent Media

COEYMANS — Local officials are calling for Gov. Andrew Cuomo to step down following an independent investigator’s report the governor sexually harassed multiple women.

The 165-page report led to a whirlwind of controversy and scandal for Cuomo since the report was released last Tuesday by New York State Attorney General Letitia James.

This weekend a new controversy erupted when Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple announced a criminal complaint had been filed with his office.

“On Wednesday, Aug. 4, at approximately 8:30 p.m., I received a call from a local attorney,” Apple announced at a press conference Saturday. “He indicated that he had a female client who had come forward to file an allegation of criminal conduct against the governor.”

The attorney, Brian Premo, and his client met with Apple and a special investigator.

Apple would not divulge specifics about the criminal complaint, but said it was “of a sexual nature.”

“I cannot get into the nature of her specific allegations at this time, obviously,” Apple said. “We are in the very infant stages of this investigation. We have a lot of fact finding to do, interviews to conduct and it would be totally premature for me to comment on it.”

The complaint alleges the incident occurred in the city of Albany, Apple confirmed.

The sheriff pledged to conduct a comprehensive investigation regardless of the governor’s position.

“We treat victims the same, we investigate the same,” Apple said.

Calls from both sides of the political aisle have poured in for Cuomo to



Officials are calling for the resignation or impeachment of Gov. Andrew Cuomo on the heels of a report released by the Attorney General’s Office on Tuesday and a criminal complaint announced Saturday by Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple.

resign, including President Joe Biden, a Democrat.

Locally, demands for the governor’s resignation were announced since the attorney general’s report was released.

“Based on today’s report, the governor must resign immediately and allow for new leadership,” Coeymans Town Supervisor George McHugh, a Republican, said in a statement released Aug. 3. “I also believe the behavior and incidents detailed in the attorney general’s report are serious and should be reviewed by law enforcement.”

The scandals enveloping the governor make it impossible for him to govern, McHugh said.

“New York is facing major challenges, hurdles and opportunities,” the town supervisor said. “The people of our state deserve a leader who can govern without delay or distraction. The governor is

no longer able to provide that leadership or service and should resign now.”

Ravena Mayor Bill Misuraca, a Republican, said in a social media statement the governor should step down.

“The compelling evidence in the A.G.’s report has shown that Governor Cuomo is unfit to lead our state,” Misuraca said. “While everyone deserves their day in court, credible claims from 9+ women is quite enough to cast a permanent shadow on his administration. It’s time to step down and reflect upon what you’ve done.”

Since the attorney general’s report released last Tuesday, the governor has staunchly refused to resign. His attorney Rita Glavin said Friday the attorney general’s report was one-sided and omitted important facts.

“The investigation was conducted to support a predetermined narrative and

in our legal system, both sides are heard and given access to the evidence, but here, instead of acting as independent fact-finders, the investigators acted as prosecutors, judge and jury,” Glavin said Friday.

With the governor refusing at this time to step down, calls are growing for the state Legislature to begin impeachment proceedings.

Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy, a Democrat, said Tuesday the state must take action.

“The report released today following the investigation overseen by Attorney General Letitia James confirmed state and federal laws of workplace sexual harassment were violated by the governor,” McCoy said in a statement. “We were promised the governor would do the right thing following the investigation. However, the governor refuses to resign. Accordingly, I call upon the New York State Legislature to move swiftly to complete the impeachment process.”

The Albany County Legislature on Aug. 4 issued a proclamation calling on state lawmakers to begin the impeachment process in light of the attorney general’s report.

“The Albany County Legislature calls on the New York State Assembly to expeditiously introduce articles of impeachment and begin the process of removing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo from office, and allow Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Hochul to assume the duties of the governor’s office,” according to the proclamation.

Legislator Rich Touchette, who represents Coeymans, and Legislator Matthew Miller, who represents Selkirk, both Democrats, were among those who

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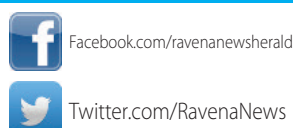
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fowl seek and feed on a variety of nutritious foods such as aquatic plants, natural grains and invertebrates. Many of the items commonly used to feed waterfowl (bread, corn, popcorn, etc.) are low in protein and are very poor substitutes for natural foods."

Feeding the animals has drawn so many to the area and caused property damage that some homeowners are considering taking their neighbors to court over it.

"People have asked about taking people to court because some of them have quite a lot of damage," Village Trustee Mary Ellen Rosato said. "I told them DEC recommended to do that — they can take them to court."

Misuraca said he hoped that won't come to pass.

"Hopefully it doesn't come to that," the mayor said. "We will do our part

to help alleviate this."

If the law is adopted, Deputy Mayor Nancy Warner said wildlife feeders should be on the alert — neighbors are keeping an eye out for the practice.

"Make no mistake that neighbors are telling on neighbors. So if you think you are safe, neighbors are documenting names and addresses of where this is occurring," Warner said. "So let's get along in this neighborhood — there is too much animosity going on about the feeders and the nonfeeders. Just be aware of that."

A second public hearing will be held at the same meeting to discuss the sale of cannabis in the village.

The sale of adult-use marijuana, both for medical and recreational purposes, was legalized in New York state after Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation March 31.

Communities around the state have been debat-

ing the issue as municipalities have the choice to opt out of permitting cannabis sales within its jurisdiction. If the local government does not opt out by Dec. 31, marijuana dispensaries would be automatically permitted in the community.

The Ravena Village board will hold a public hearing Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. to gauge local reaction to the issue.

"As most people know, the state has approved it — the language isn't there yet and it is not official, but you can opt in or opt out from selling it in your community," Misuraca said. "We want people's input so there would be a chance for people to talk about that."

The public hearings on both the sale of cannabis within the village and the legislation prohibiting the feeding of wildlife will take place Aug. 17, at 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.

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signed the proclamation.

The Republican Conference of the county Legislature issued a similar proclamation Aug. 6 demanding the governor's resignation and if he refuses, called on the state Assembly to move forward with impeachment proceedings.

The Albany County Democratic Commit-

tee released a statement accepting the "independence and thoroughness" of the attorney general's report and called for the governor's impeachment.

"We recognize the fortitude of the individuals that came forward and presented their truths. These women should never have had to endure this behavior and we stand behind these victims as they continue to be strong enough to bring to light these actions that

are unbecoming of any elected official," according to the committee's statement. "Andrew Cuomo can no longer remain in office as governor of New York and we implore the New York State Assembly to move forward the impeachment proceedings."

The Albany County Republican Committee called the governor's actions a "pattern of consistent misconduct."

APA chicken BBQ, Aug. 26

ALCOVE -- The Alcove Preservation Association is sponsoring its annual Take-Out Chicken BBQ on Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until sold out at the Ravena Grange on SR 143. For your convenience, this is a drive thru delivery. The BBQ includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Donation: \$13.00

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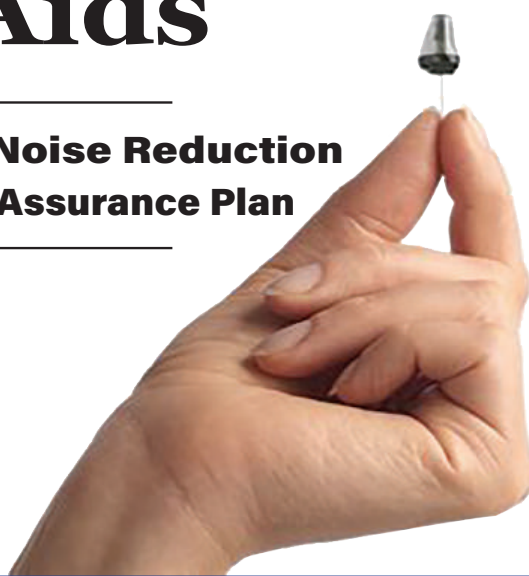
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Attorneys give Cuomo deadline to submit evidence

By Kate Lisa

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ALBANY — The clock is ticking for Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

And time runs out on Friday.

A team of attorneys with independent law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP advised Cuomo's counsel in a letter Thursday the governor and his attorneys have eight days to submit evidence in the Assembly's impeachment investigation — warning the nearly five-month probe is coming to an end.

"We write to inform you that the committee's investigation is nearing completion and the Assembly will soon consider potential articles of impeachment against your client," according to the letter. "Accordingly, we invite you to provide any additional evidence or written submissions that you would like the committee to consider before its work concludes. To the extent that you wish to share any such materials with the committee, please do so by no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 13, 2021."

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, D-Bronx, said the chamber's investigation to remove the governor from office over several scandals that erupted in March is being prioritized to conclude as quickly as possible after state Attorney General Letitia James' office released a 168-page report last Tuesday that found the governor sexually harassed at least 11 women, breaking state and federal laws. The report detailed numerous accounts of Cuomo engaging former and current state employees in jarring gropes, hugs, kisses and increasingly suggestive sexual comments and confirmed allegations the governor slipping his hand beneath one current female staffer's blouse and cupping her breast

during a hug in the Governor's Mansion last fall.

Davis Polk & Wardwell leads the ongoing Assembly's impeachment investigation into Gov. Cuomo, hired by the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Committee counsel have previously requested Cuomo submit relevant documents in his possession pertaining to the investigation and issued a subpoena for the materials, according to a statement from Assembly-member Charles Lavine's office Thursday.

"The Assembly has said it is doing a full and thorough review of the complaints and has offered the governor and his team an opportunity to present facts and their perspective," Rich Azzopardi, Cuomo's communications director and senior adviser, said in a statement Thursday. "The governor appreciates the opportunity. We will be cooperating."

The 21-member committee continues to expect full compliance from the governor, according to Lavine.

Lavine, D-Glen Cove, chairs the Judiciary Committee, which last provided an impeachment probe update into Cuomo on June 30. A team of counsel with independent law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP continues to examine more than 100,000 documents including emails, texts, letter correspondences, personnel records and more as part of the Assembly's investigation.

Earlier this spring, Lavine said he is pleased with the investigators' progress.

Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, would take over leading the state after articles of impeachment are delivered, which would force Cuomo to step aside.

An Assembly impeachment resolution must be passed by a simple 76-vote majority in the

state Legislature, forcing the governor to resign.

The lower house has 150 members. If passed, the Assembly speaker would draw up articles of impeachment and deliver them to the state Senate, which would hold a trial to convict the governor.

Senate Minority Leader Rob Ortt, R-North Tonawanda, feels Cuomo, who denies the facts in the attorney general's report and refused to resign as of press time, is in denial that lawmakers would vote to remove him from office.

"Everything I know about him and all of his actions, and you look at his statement thus far have been of a person who's going to fight to the very end, and they're going to try to cling to that power," Ortt said on the Joe Piscopo Show on Thursday morning. "This is what he knows. This is his life."

Cuomo, in his third term, has been governor for more than a decade. He previously served as the state attorney general and worked as the Housing Secretary in President Bill Clinton's administration.

"I don't think he believes that the state Legislature that the Democrats in the Assembly and in the Senate... I don't think that the governor believes that they're actually going to impeach him, and until he believes that, he's going to continue to try to dig in and stay there," Ortt said.

Every New York state and federal lawmaker in both parties has called for Cuomo's resignation after the release of last Tuesday's bombshell report.

The governor has continued to lose the support of longtime political allies, including Democratic Party Committee Chair Jay Jacobs on Wednesday, and a growing number of labor unions.

NEWS FROM THE PAST/AS COMPILED BY HARRY A. STURGES

News Herald - August 12, 1921 - F.E. Bleearde, Publisher

Coeymans:
• The heavy shower on Sunday evening washed away considerable (portions) of the surface of Church Street hill away and caused the formation of several deep ruts.

• The Scalzo property at the corner of Main and Westerlo streets, formerly the Hotaling Hotel, has been greatly improved in appearance by the application of a coat of paint.

• Mrs. Augustus Zeller, who has been spending some time in Kingston, is home until September first, when she will return to Kingston where she is being treated by a specialist for her health.

• The Board of Town Auditors met in Sherman Hall on Monday and audited the books of the late L. Romaine Carhart, and they were then turned over to his successor in office, Bennett Briggs.

• E. Capparella has improved his Main Street store property by the addition of a wooden awning and the laying of a concrete walk in front of the building.

• Mr. and Mrs. Frank Southard, and daughter Louisa and Frank Southard Sr., enjoyed a sail to Kings-

ton Point on Sunday on the Day Line steamer, but they were not favorably impressed with their return trip to this village Sunday evening during the heavy rain as the auto which they hired to bring them home from Albany ran out of gasoline, and they were obliged to wait by the roadside for a couple hours until supply could be obtained.

Ravena:

• The dedication of Odd Fellows Temple in this village will be one of the biggest fraternal events held in a number of years, and it will be one of the first large street parades in which a large number of out-of-town people will parade. The big event occurs on Aug. 27. Odd Fellows lodges from all the nearby cities and villages will participate in the parade and the Odd Fellows band of Albany will furnish the music.

• Two bathroom outfits will be installed in the Cowie farmhouse on Main Street.

• Richardson & Jones have purchased an additional bus for their rapidly increased patronage on this bus line between Coeymans and Albany.

• H.W. Calder has purchased two lots of T.J. Cowie in the new section south of the village, being the lots on the

corner of Russell Street and Wendell Avenue. Mr. Calder contemplates the erection of a dwelling.

• The state counselor of the Daughters of America and her staff will give an official visit to LeRoy Whipple Council in this village on Saturday evening and delegations from the lodges in Schenectady and Troy are expected to be present.

• Wanted — Ten passengers to make auto bus load to Ashokan dam Sunday, Aug. 14. Richardson & Jones.

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• Camp Leland, on the riverbank north of the village, entertained a group from Albany on Sunday.

• The barge Briggs has been overhauled at Baldwin's boat yard and is now in good condition.

• The brick industry here has been honored with an excellent season, thus large quantities of bricks have been shipped.

• A two-barge excursion from Troy visited Baeran Island Sunday.

• A party of young people from this place consisting of about 14 couples, held a picnic on the Palisades, west of the village on Monday.

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Tickets can be purchased at the door or online through Eventbrite.com.

Additional information can be found through the Rip Van Winkle Wine, Brew & Beverage Facebook page.

Last year's fundraising event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year, the Fortnightly Club of Catskill

is geared up to have lots of wine tasting, craft beers, distilleries, food and unique vendors. The event will host live music throughout the day.

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The proceeds stay in the Catskill community to build and maintain handicapped accessible playgrounds and recreation areas for children and adults.

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Senior Projects of Ravenna reopened to the public July 12 for the first time in more than a year after being closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Dinner is being offered every weekday at 4 p.m. Call 518-756-8593

for information and the menu. Exercise classes are also being offered.

The Meals on Wheels program and the transportation program are still available, according to the organization's Facebook page.

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TAKE AND MAKE TUESDAYS

Sponge Paint Take and Make: Make a sponge

painted butterfly using a kit of materials provided by the library. Remember to wear an apron or clothes you don't mind getting messy.

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Did you know there are over 16 parks in the area? Summer is a great time to get out and explore the parks of the community with your camera in hand. Visit one or more, send in your best shot and the library will display them at the library and as part of the Friendship Festival!! The submission deadline is Aug. 20.

MAGIC SHOW!

Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Families, the library invites you to celebrate summer reading! Spend a magical evening at the Mosher Park Pavil-

ion when magician Brian McGovern joins us. Be prepared to be baffled and amazed! Registration is limited and required, register once per family via "Events" on the library website.

BIG TRUCK DAY

Thursday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

What's cooler than a bunch of big, working trucks all parked together that kids can explore? On Thursday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, the library's parking lot will have lots of big rigs for kids to see, climb, sit in the driver's seat and maybe even honk the horn! Carpooling or walking to the event is encouraged and registration is required. Sign up today on the library website under "Events."



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Surfing through the years

I was sitting in my recliner the other day doing my exercises.

I'm into surfing, mostly the educational type channels. Sure, it's tiring and sometimes my thumb cramps up, but I usually fight through the pain and get right back to my usual three to five channel changes a minute.

I came upon a real blast from the past when Bert and Ernie appeared on the screen. It's been years since I had seen my old pals. They brought back fond memories of The Princess curled up on my lap. I watched for a while hoping to see my personal favorite put in an appearance, but Cookie Monster was nowhere to be seen. Elmo did something with that big yellow chicken and the Count counted. All was right with the world.

I wondered how many of our old favorites were still to be seen. I know Babar is still around, I stumbled onto him a few weeks back. I suppose and hope that Mister Rogers still lives somewhere in the back of my television set. I know that to the youth of today that he's kind of hokie and old-fashioned, but I trusted him with my children and he never let me down. In these days of computer graphics and special effects, his sock puppets don't have the dazzle that kids have come to expect, but the last time I saw young ones watching one of his reruns, they were watching with their mouths open as the Trolley took them to The Land of Make Believe.

You never got reality confused with the imaginary with Mr. Rogers. The Trolley separated the real world from the imagined in a clear and tangible way and for a small child, there was comfort in that.

I never really got into Barney, an overweight dancing purple dinosaur with a weird voice just didn't turn me on. I don't think it was Barney so much as the plastic kids he hung out with that

WHITTLING AWAY



DICK BROOKS

irritated me. A bigger bunch of goodie-goodie two-shoes has never been assembled in the same place in the history of entertainment. They all had impeccable manners, sang and danced on cue and were always smiling about something. As a teacher, they made me nervous. They probably will grow up to become serial killers or politicians.

I got thinking about some of the kids' shows that I grew up listening to — no pictures, just words. We gathered around the radio and listened to Sky King, The Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers and my favorite, Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B. I wonder whatever happened to Bobby. The other three made the jump to television and I was able to follow their adventures, but Bobby Benson just sort of disappeared. He probably took over

the ranch when his dad retired and raised cattle until beleaguered with terminal saddle sores, he retired and today rocks on the ranch's front porch and watches his grandchildren roar across the range on their four-wheelers.

I can still name all the major characters that appeared on the Howdy Doody Show. He was the first real truly television kids' show character that I can remember. He looked a lot like my brother Bud, who used to do an amazing impersonation of Howdy. He even got a Howdy Doody puppet for Christmas. It was hard to tell them apart, although the puppet did have more freckles, a better personality and a higher IQ.

I haven't watched any of the latest string of kids' shows. They just don't interest me. I like the ones that I can identify with, the ones that meant something to me and my little ones.

God love you Mr. Rogers, wherever you are.

Thought for the week — "We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress."

— Will Rogers
Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

Reach Dick Brooks at Whittle12124@yahoo.com.

The first, and possibly last, 'Beyfussini'

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July 2021 was the third wettest and also the third coolest on record at Albany International Airport, but for some of us, it was THE wettest and THE coolest July, ever.

Local weather patterns vary greatly, especially when fast-moving storms race through an area. In some cases, 6 or more inches may fall in only a few hours, as was the case in my watershed a few weeks ago, while only a few miles away the rainfall total was less than an inch.

Prolonged periods of cool, damp weather are always welcome in the spring, since this slows down the natural sequence of bloom that we get to enjoy for a bit longer, but when we are anxiously waiting for our vegetables to ripen, it is not so welcome.

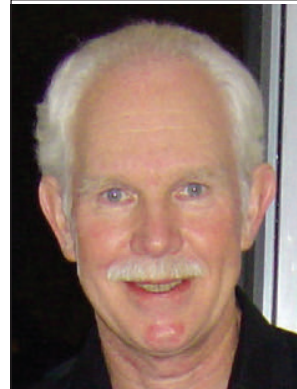
I am still awaiting my first ripe tomato and although I have one fruit that has now turned orange, it seems like it is taking much too long to fully ripen. Tomatoes ripen fastest when temperatures are between 70 and 80 degrees, and we have not had those temperatures for more than a few hours a day in the past month. Temperatures below 60 and above 90 slow down the process.

Anticipation often does make rewards more satisfying, though. I have not purchased supermarket tomatoes at all in the past year.

My cucumbers are just starting to ripen and within a few days of the first harvest, I find myself already overrun with wax and green beans. Wax beans are usually a few days to a week earlier than green beans in my garden and bush beans are at least two weeks earlier than pole beans.

I found six jars of last season's pickles in my

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BOB BEYFUSS

back-room refrigerator that I had forgotten about, so I am not as anxious as I would normally be for a homemade pickle. Of course, I have run out of tomato sauce already. Last season's dry conditions reduced my tomato harvest by at least two-thirds, but this year it looks like a bumper crop is on the way.

It seems that I usually end up with more "volunteer" potatoes than those I plant. I really don't know how I manage to not dig them all from the raised beds I use, but it seems that every year, I miss some. This year I have "volunteers" from two different beds that I grew them in the past two seasons. Since volunteer potatoes grow from whole tubers that were left in the ground, they are often much larger than those planted from cut pieces. Small pieces of cut potatoes will usually produce more in numbers, but they will be smaller in size.

After experiencing seed price "sticker shock" two seasons ago, I decided I would save seed from some of my own winter squash plants. I really don't like having to pay \$3 or more for a packet of seed when each ripe squash contains dozens of perfectly viable seed.

The problem with saving seed from cucurbits, such as all squash and pumpkins, is that these

plants are capable of cross pollination and the resulting offspring may or may not look, or taste, exactly like the parent plants, which are often hybrid varieties to begin with. In fact, if you grow gourds, it is not recommended to save seed from any cucurbits they may have crossed with, since some gourds are toxic to eat.

I don't grow gourds, so I decided to give it a try. For the past three seasons I have had "volunteer" squash plants pop up in the garden, which were a mystery to me, until the fruit formed. They turned out to be spaghetti squash, one of my favorites, so I saved the seed and replanted them with good results for two years in a row.

Last fall I bought some buttercup squash as well as butternut squash and some mini "Jack B. Little" pumpkins at my local roadside stand. For the price of a single fruit, I got dozens of "free" seeds as a bonus.

This spring I planted them and I was pleased to see the mini pumpkins have produced exact replicas of their parent, as have the buttercup and butternut squash.

The seed I saved from my spaghetti squash produced normal-looking transplants this spring, but instead of producing yellow-colored spaghetti squash, they grew green-colored fruit that look almost exactly like zucchini, except they are rounder and much thicker than typical zucchini. They taste delicious sliced thickly, grilled and make a wonderful vegetarian substitute for a hamburger. Served on a bun, garnished with lettuce, onion (soon tomato) and thousand island salad dressing, I named them as the first and perhaps only, "Beyfussini" in existence.

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Saying goodbye

In my first book, "Playing with the Enemy," I wrote a story about my father and in my father's honor. To me, "Playing with the Enemy" was more than a best-selling book. For years, it has been a dream of mine that somebody would make it into a movie – and I still pray it comes to pass.

But that's not why I wrote it. I didn't even write it for fame or glory or to eventually make my way into becoming a syndicated columnist. Instead, I wrote "Playing with the Enemy" because my father's life impacted me so profoundly, and I wanted my children to know, embrace, love and celebrate his legacy.

"Playing with the Enemy" is about passing down family legacies and family traditions. I can only hope that my children's children, and their children, and their children will know the story of Gene Moore

Positively Speaking



Gary W. Moore

because of "Playing with the Enemy."

Well, the time has come for me to pass on a new legacy to my first-born son as I soon will pass into glory. I have spent the last four years writing about positivity woven into the ordinary fibers of my life. I have found ways to spin on anything from pork tenderloin sandwiches to politics to eating squirrels positively.

Positivity hasn't just saturated the words of this column; positivity rang in the ears of my children since the day they were born. Never once did I tell them not to chase their dreams.

Anytime they came to me with a dream, I hoped to encourage them to go for it – even when the odds were against them. Positivity is a family tradition, and we aim to keep the tradition going.

Saying goodbye has never been easy for me—especially when speaking to a group of people I love so dearly.

Unfortunately, that time has come. Speaking to you every week about my thoughts, words and tears has been shared for almost four years. That time has come to an end. We have shared life, and we are now sharing death.

To say that writing Positively Speaking has been a ball would be an understatement, so I won't even try.

I'm hoping, however, this column will continue under my son Toby's name as I am no longer able to write or focus. So let me quit while I'm ahead.

In many ways, Toby thinks like me. When

it comes to feeling positive, Toby thinks exactly like me.

Toby has starred in such films as Paramount's "A Separate Peace," USA Channel's "Murder in Greenwich," has guest starred in Law & Order SVU, and CSI: Miami.

Toby has also written several screenplays. One was optioned by a production company owned by the Oscar-winning producer of "Schindler's List." Toby is now the CEO of a very forward-thinking company that I fully expect to shake up the current Hollywood system.

He tells me that he can do all of this because of the principles I taught him. Whether that's true or not, I cannot say. I can say that he fully embraces the principles I've so often written about in this column.

One funny moment Toby and I shared was when he was helping me change my email password. The security

question came on the screen and it read: Who is your favorite actor? Toby confidently typed his name, Toby Moore, as the answer. The reply was, "Wrong answer, please try again." A look of shock registered on his face as his eyes met mine.

"I'm not your favorite actor?!"

Reassuringly I chuckled back to him, "You are my favorite actor! John Wayne was my favorite actor when I was a child, but as an adult, you are my favorite actor!" I want to say again, that was just a slight misnomer on my part because, indeed, my favorite actor is Toby Moore.

So by the grace of God, maybe this column will live on and continue. It would undoubtedly be my prayer and most tremendous honor if it did. A column such as this must continue — it is a column that speaks truth and values and hopefully encourages all who read it.

I hope this newspaper will continue the column under the authorship of my firstborn son, Toby Moore. As the saying goes, "The show must go on."

I thank you all for reading every week. The best is yet to come.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are sorry to announce that Gary W. Moore died on Wednesday, July 14, at 5:32 p.m. In our next issue we will publish Gary's final submission, a farewell letter to his readers. Capital Region Independent Media would be honored to continue the tradition of "Positively Speaking" by Gary's son, Toby Moore.

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Bill to help craft beverage makers awaits signature

By Kate Lisa

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ALBANY — Brewers, distillers and craft beverage producers across the state are waiting for the governor to sign a bill into law to make it easier for the growing local businesses to get off the ground.

If signed into law, the bill, sponsored by Sen. Michelle Hinchey, D-Saugerties, who represents Coeymans and Ravena, would require the State Liquor Authority to create a new temporary permit for breweries, distilleries, cideries and wineries.

The six-month temporary permit would help craft beverage producers — commonly small, local businesses — cut through the red tape as they open their establishments, allowing them to produce and sell products while state agencies process their permanent approval.

“We want to make sure everyone who has invested their time and their money and their energy to bringing small businesses into the community are being supported in every way, and this is one of those very important tools,” Hinchey said Friday inside Mixed Breed Brewing — a family-owned business in Guilderland, Albany County. “We can’t support the growth of that industry without supporting business-friendly policies.”

Temporary permits are only available to wine makers under current



Sen. Michelle Hinchey, D-Saugerties, and Guy Bucey, owner of Mixed Breed Brewing in Guilderland, raise a toast Friday after calling for the governor to sign Hinchey's bill to create temporary permits for all New York alcoholic beverage producers to help them get off the ground when they first open.

state law, which dates back to 1993.

The State Liquor Authority has 45 days to approve or deny the temporary permit application.

“At least in that time, they’ll be able to be up and running, building that customer base,” said Hinchey, who chairs the Senate Agriculture and Food Committee. “Starting a business should not be that hard. It should not be something you invest all of your time

and money into and then you get stuck by every layer of bureaucracy.”

The measure had not been delivered to the governor’s desk as of Friday.

Any person who is governor of the state can sign the bill into law as the state Assembly expects to conclude its impeachment investigation into multiple scandals plaguing Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, in the coming weeks.

Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul would become governor if Cuomo steps down or is removed from office.

The bill, passed unanimously in both houses of state Legislature, must be signed by Dec. 31.

Tom Crowell, owner of Chatham Brewing on Main Street, recalled the six-month wait for the village business’s permanent state permits to be approved in 2007.

An alcoholic beverage producer must first secure federal approval

before filing for its subsequent state licenses.

“It can be several months of time once you get your federal permit for you to get that state approval,” Crowell said Friday. “Much of the information requested in both applications is the same, so once you’ve been vetted by the federal government, the state review should be pretty much in line.”

“There’s no risk or downside giving that interim approval while

they go through the process,” he added.

When Chatham Brewing first applied for permits in 2007, New York had about 50 breweries, Crowell said.

That number has swelled to more than 600 breweries, cideries and craft beverage producers since. More than 485 are breweries.

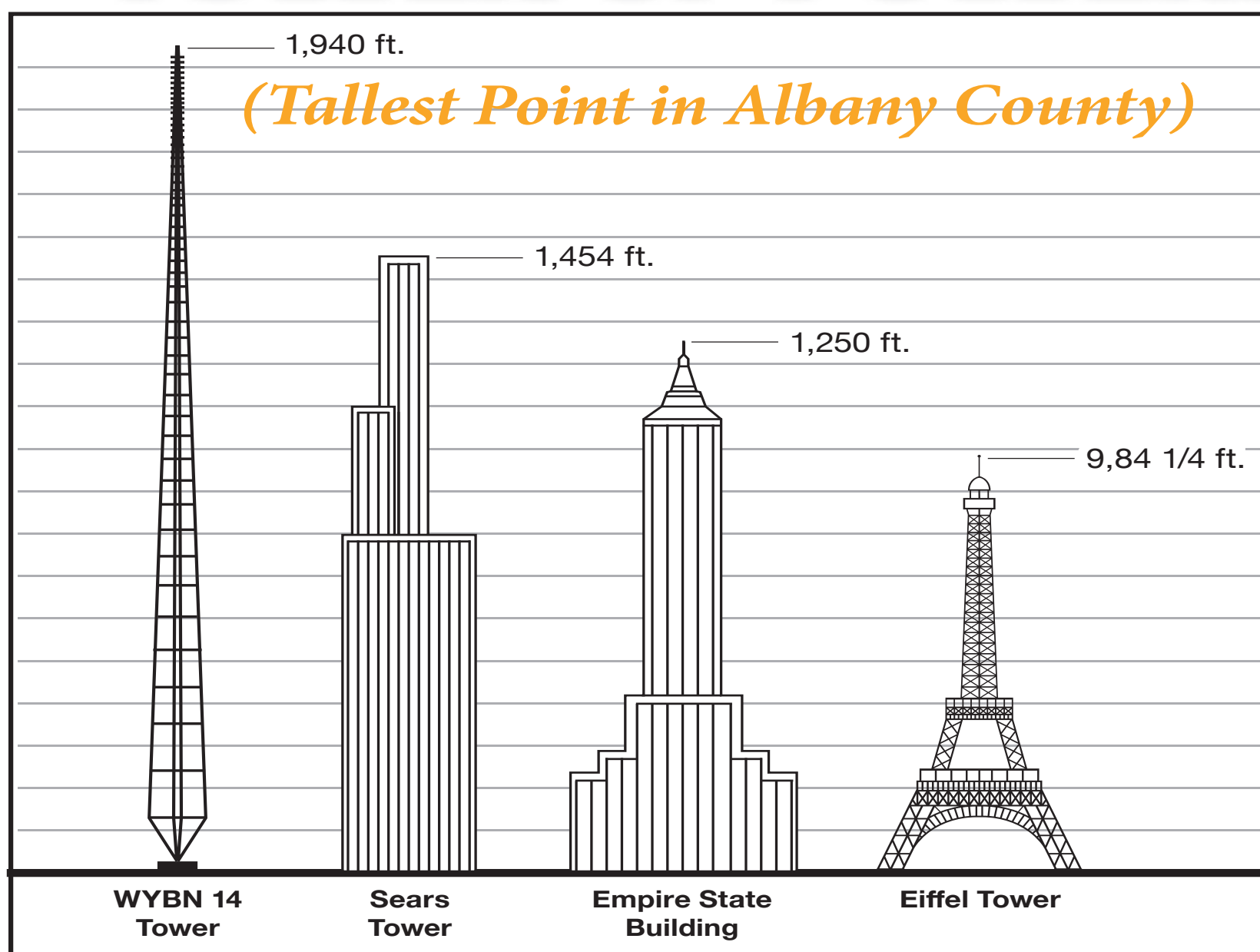
If signed into law, Hinchey’s bill would establish parity in the temporary permit only open to wine makers under the current law, supporting further growth of New York’s alcoholic beverage industry.

The state is a national leader in craft beverage producers and the popular agribusiness continues to expand.

New York ranks first in the nation for its number of hard-cider producers and second in craft distilleries and breweries and ranks fourth for its number of wineries — amounting to a total economic impact of \$10 billion, supporting about 100,000 industry jobs, the senator said.

“The New York Cider industry contributes \$1.7 billion dollars annually and over 6,000 jobs to the state’s agricultural economy,” New York Cider Association Executive Director Scott Ramsay said. “In order to see this industry continue to grow, especially during such challenging economic times, we are thrilled to support Sen. Hinchey’s bill and urge the governor to sign this bill into law.”

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The department is also teaming up with the Department of Labor to host virtual job fairs to help recruit qualified workers as part of a recurring process to hire and train staff on various types of technologically advanced heavy equipment and best practices so they are ready to excel in a career utilizing some of the largest and most advanced equipment in the state, including those used for essential snow and ice operations in NYSDOT's Region 1, which covers the Capital Region. More than 400 positions are currently available across the state.

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During the winter,

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The state Department of Transportation employs approximately 4,500 full and part time maintenance and fleet related employees. Maintenance employees have various challenging responsibilities on a daily basis, including but not limited to, bridge maintenance and repairs, drainage work, guiderail repairs, tree pruning, highway incident responses, roadway patrols and above all snow and ice removal. In addition, fleet mechanics help ensure that a diverse fleet of plow trucks and heavy equipment are ready to maintain the state's highway system. Fleet mechanics are also responsible for the procurement, maintenance and disposal of many types of equipment including sweepers, mowers, loaders, plow trucks, snow blowers, backhoes excavators and much more.

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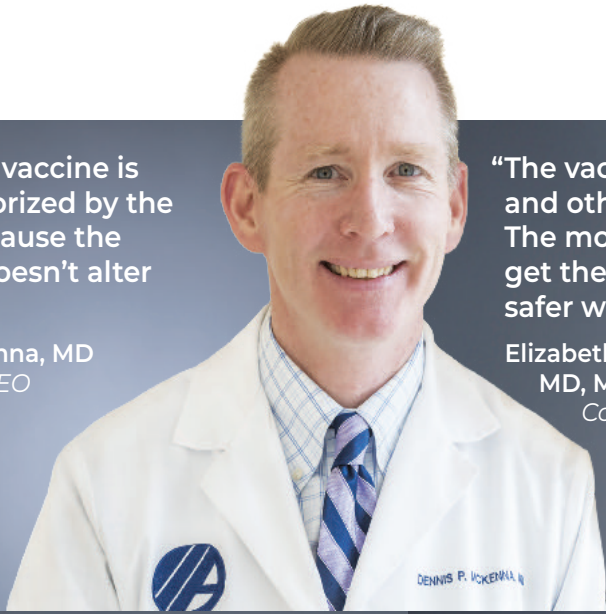
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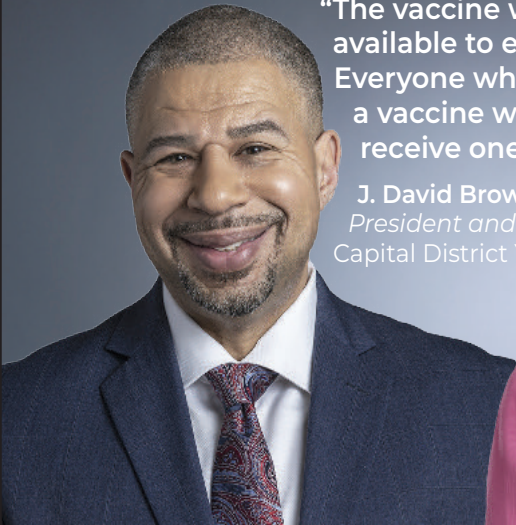
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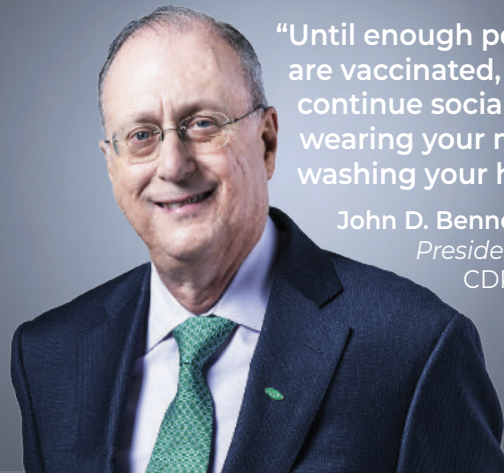
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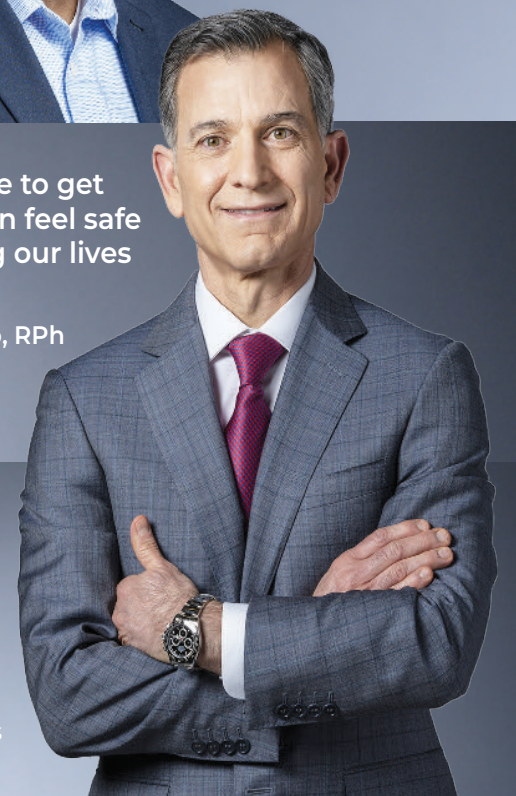
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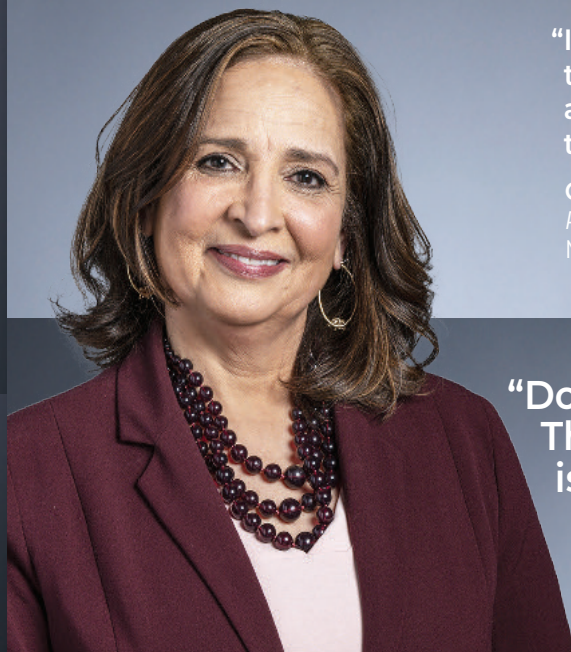


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18 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.

18 - Evenings on the Green, Biggie & The Brutes performs from 6-8 p.m., Coeymans Landing gazebo. Free admission.

21 - "We Give Water" Golf Tournament, Sycamore Country Club, Coeymans Hollow. All proceeds go to build a well for a school in The Gambia, a fundraiser started by RCS students. Cost is \$100 per person. Includes lunch and BBQ dinner, prizes and raffles awarded. Call Kate Robertson at 518-225-1495.

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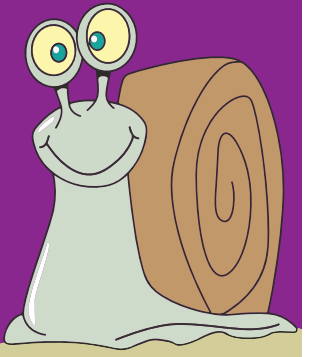
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Kid Scoop Together:

Funny Fill-In Story

Ask a family member for each kind of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud for lots of laughs!

On the first _____ of school, I made a new friend.

We have a lot of _____ in common!

We both love to eat

_____ for lunch almost every day.

And we both carry our lunch in identical _____.

My friend is the only person

I've met who enjoys

watching "The _____ Show" more

than I do! We also like a lot

of the same music, and our

favorite sport is competitive

_____ racing.

Yesterday, I forgot to bring

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Guess who had an extra

one? That's right, my new

friend! So I was able to

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This week's word: **ADMIRE**

The verb **admire** means to think very highly of someone.

Dustin **admired** the soccer skills of his friend Dylan.

Try to use the word **admire** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Make New Friends Game!

Try this fun back-to-school activity. You might spot a new friend!



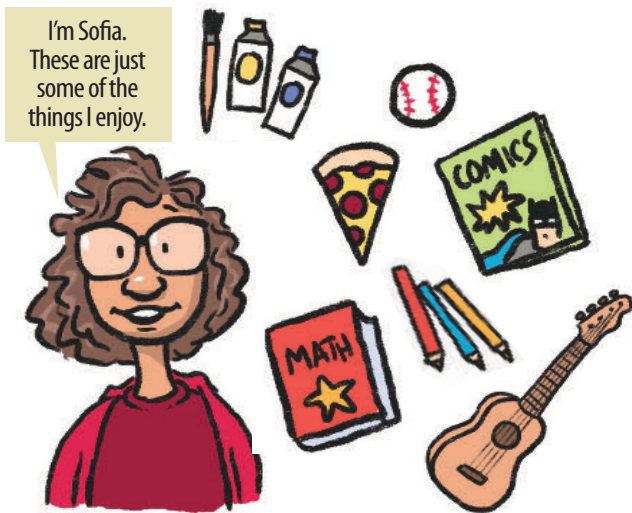
HOW TO PLAY BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO:

1. Make copies of the **Back to School Bingo Game** and pass them out among a group of kids around your age. These could be classmates, teammates, members of a club or even kids who live near you.
2. Each kid completes the information in each square. When you finish this, the Bingo Cards will have a lot of information all about each of YOU!
3. Share your cards with other kids and spot kids with similar answers.
4. When you spot a match, put your initials on each other's cards.
5. How many matches can you find?

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO A Make-New-Friends Game			
Favorite subject: _____ Initial: _____	Birthday: _____ Initial: _____	Favorite ice cream: _____ Initial: _____	Where I was born: _____ Initial: _____
Favorite color: _____ Initial: _____	Favorite team: _____ Initial: _____	Favorite book: _____ Initial: _____	Favorite movie: _____ Initial: _____
Pencils or pens? _____ Initial: _____	Dogs or cats? _____ Initial: _____	Place you want to visit: _____ Initial: _____	Something you're good at: _____ Initial: _____
Favorite snack: _____ Initial: _____	Famous person you admire? _____ Initial: _____	Number of pets you have: _____ Initial: _____	Favorite game: _____ Initial: _____

Spot the Similarities

Sofia and Soren have a lot in common. Circle the things that are the SAME about Sofia and Soren.



Extra! Extra! All About Me

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that describe you and things you like and cut them out. For example, if you see a picture of a taco, and that is a food you like, cut out the picture. Glue the pictures and words on a piece of paper and title it, "All About Me!"

Standards Link: Use a variety of media for art projects.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Missing Vowels The vowels are missing from this famous quote about kindness. Can you replace them all?

A = ☺ E = ★ I = 🌸 O = ❤ U = ☾

"H _ m _ n k _ ndn _ ss h _ s n _ v _ r w _ k _ n _ d
th _ st _ m _ n _ r s _ ft _ n _ d th _ f _ b _ r _ f
fr _ p _ pl _ . A n _ t _ nd _ s n _ th _ v _
t _ b _ cr _ l t _ b _ t _ gh."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- FAVORITE SUBJECT
- FAMOUS ADMIRE
- SHARE VISIT
- MOVIE BINGO GAME
- PENS BORN PETS
- TEAM BOOK DOGS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Same or Different?

Cut out two photographs from the newspaper. Study each photo. Make a list of ways the photos are the same. Then make a list of ways they are different.

Standards Link: Observe and compare using detail.



What kind of school do you attend if you're a surfer?

ANSWER: Boarding School

Write On!

Best Friend

What makes a best friend? Write about the things that make a best friend so special.

Poll: 78% of New Yorkers want a new governor

By Kate Lisa

Courtesy of Columbia-Greene Media

The majority of New Yorkers want Gov. Andrew Cuomo out of office, according to a Marist poll released last Wednesday, showing his re-election prospects are bleak on the heels of a damning report from the state Attorney General's Office confirming Cuomo sexually harassed at least 11 current or former female staffers.

The poll showed 59%, or nearly 6 in 10, New Yorkers are calling for the governor to resign, or that he should be impeached if he does not step down after state Attorney General Letitia James' office Tuesday released a 168-page report concluding a five-month probe that found the governor sexually harassed at least 11 women, breaking state and federal laws. The report detailed numerous accounts of Cuomo engaging former and current state employees in jarring gropes, hugs, kisses and increasingly suggestive sexual comments.

The report also confirmed allegations of one current female staffer who said the governor slipped his hand beneath her blouse and cupped her breast during a hug in the Governor's Mansion in

November.

Only 11% of New Yorkers, and 12% of registered voters, think Cuomo should be re-elected, according to the poll.

A large majority of state residents, or 78%, agree it's time for someone else to serve as governor of New York. About 36% of registered voters statewide thought Cuomo should be re-elected in Marist's last poll about Cuomo's favorability in late February.

"The court of public opinion believes the allegations against Gov. Cuomo warrant his removal from office," Marist Poll Director Lee M. Miringoff said. "If he does not resign, nearly six in 10 New Yorkers believe he should be impeached. Even if he survives this scandal, his re-election prospects are rock bottom with even his Democratic base deserting him."

Representatives with Gov. Cuomo's office declined to comment about the poll at press time.

About 52% of registered Democrats want Cuomo, a Democrat, to leave office and if not, 48% are confident the Legislature should vote to impeach him.

Only 18% of Democrats, 8% of those not

enrolled in a party, and 5% of Republicans think Cuomo deserves to be re-elected.

Registered Republicans and residents upstate are traditionally less supportive of Cuomo and elected Democrats, with 77% of Republicans and 66% of people upstate calling for the governor's resignation, while 80% of state Republicans and 63% upstate think he should be impeached if he does not leave office, according to the poll.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, D-Bronx, said the Assembly Judiciary Committee is working as quickly as possible to complete its impeachment probe into the governor for a myriad of accusations, including the sexual harassment of multiple state employees.

The Assembly impeachment resolution must be passed by a simple 76-vote majority in the state Legislature, which would force the governor to resign. The lower house has 150 members.

Cuomo refused to resign after every elected state and New York federal official has called for him to leave office, including President Joe Biden and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Cuomo has not officially announced seeking a fourth term.

About 32% of 614 New York adults who participated in the survey think the governor should complete the rest of his third term, or through the end of 2022.

The governor continues to deny the facts in the report published by former federal prosecutor Joon Kim and

Should Gov. Cuomo be re-elected?

Poll data collected by Marist Poll Aug. 3 from New York adults

Do not re-elect Re-elect Unsure

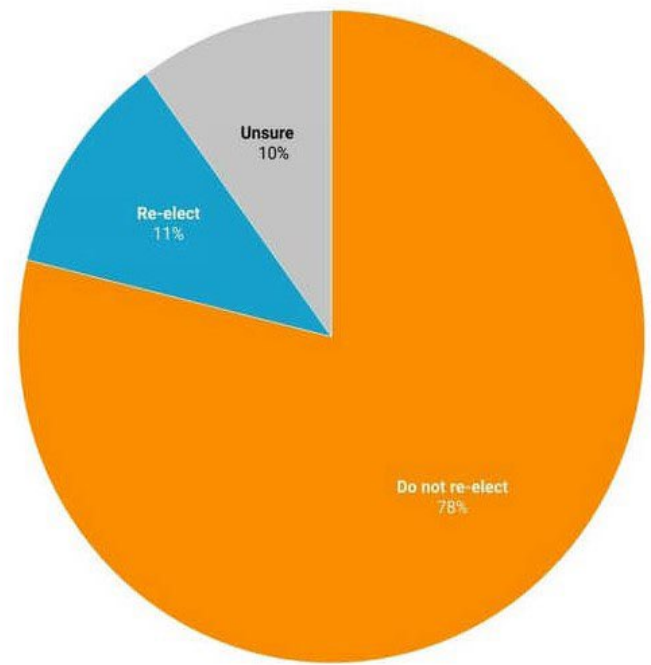


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Anne Clark, a prominent employment lawyer, who state Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat, tasked to lead the investigation March 8.

The attorney general's office oversaw a civil investigation without criminal charges or consequences.

About 44% of New Yorkers believe the governor did something illegal, while 29% feel he was unethical, but did not break state or federal law.

The Manhattan and Albany County district attorneys offices have requested the investigative materials and more than 74,000 pieces of related documented evidence from James's office.

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Attorney David Soares said on NBC Nightly News last Tuesday that his office is conducting a separate investigation into the allegations of sexual harassment against Gov. Cuomo, and the office made overtures and efforts to contact a few of the survivors.

"It's pretty clear that we have an obligation here, and thus we've reached out to the attorney general's office seeking all the evidence, upon which they uncovered and relied upon to offer their report," Soares said to NBC News's Lester Holt. "The allegations early on certainly led myself and other prosecutors with concurrent jurisdiction to believe that criminal

activity in fact had taken place, but we will conduct our own independent investigation that will be done expeditiously and we will arrive at those conclusions."

Roughly 7% believe Cuomo did nothing wrong with 6% saying they have not heard enough about the report's conclusions. Thirteen percent of respondents are unsure.

Live interviewers with the Marist Poll conducted the survey of 614 state adults and 542 registered voters Aug. 3 with adults ages 18 and older who reside in New York via telephone.

The survey has an error of margin of 5.5% plus or minus the results, according to the poll.

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Racing season heating up

CHASIN' RACIN'

By Mark Kane

For Capital Region Independent Media

There was a chill in the air for a July Friday night at the Albany Saratoga Speedway, but the action on the track more than made up for it.

ALBANY SARATOGA SPEEDWAY

It was "Stan De Man" Night in tribute to promoter Lyle DeVore's dad, Stan DeVore. The Modifieds were running 32 laps for \$3,200 to win, along with each heat winner, James Meehan, Matt DeLorenzo and Mike Mahaney taking home \$320 from Grady's Vintage Photos.

Earlier in the night the heat races were worth the price of the admission with great racing on a fast-racing surface in all divisions and that did not change throughout the night with 2 and 3 wide ground-pounding action.

At the drop of the green on the Modified feature to go right along with the 32 theme James Meehan, who drives the 32C, jumped out to the early lead looking to collect some of the extra money that was on the line. Looking fast after picking up the first Modified heat, Meehan was just as fast during the feature hitting his marks at both ends of the speedway as the race behind the leader was heating up.

Don Ronca, Derek Bornt, Matt DeLorenzo, and Keith Flach were in a tight battle inside the top 5. Mid pack Ronnie Johnson, Ken Tremont Jr. and Mike Mahaney were racing hard to work their way into the top 10. There was good hard racing no matter where you looked on the track with both upper and lower grooves, and yes, they will use the middle to go 3 wide. Then you ask where Marc Johnson is and point leader Anthony Perrego, well, they started deep and they were putting on a charge.

With Meehan still out front the battles continued in the top 5 as DeLorenzo started to work his way to the top 3 and found the bottom to his liking working his way around Ronca for second as Tremont Jr. was working his way forward as well inside the top 5 and driving forward.

Working their way through lap traffic the leaders found the high side the fast way around after running low early, a change in grooves that would find the 32C of Meehan jump the bank giving up the lead as DeLorenzo and Tremont Jr. were first and second going down the back chute as the race remained green.

Once out front, DeLorenzo would open up a lead until the yellow flew for Kris Vernold as now Johnson and Perrego had worked their way into

the top 5 and battled with Mike Mahaney. On the restart the 32C of Meehan went up in smoke, spreading liquid on the racing surface and making it very slippery for those on the gas behind him. Once back to green and the yellow was out as the 14 of CG Morey slowed. As they say cautions breed cautions.

Back to green and once again it was the 3D of DeLorenzo getting the jump and held on for his popular first win of the 21 season with Tremont Jr., Mahaney, Marc Johnson and Anthony Perrego put on great drives to round out the top 5 with the "Ravena Rocket" Keith Flach held on for sixth

SPORTSMAN

When Tim Hartman Jr. has his car on rails like he did last week he is tough to beat, even if he starts from the 16th starting position against a very good field of 602 Sportsman. Finding the low side to his liking and using early race cautions, Hartman Jr. was on the move early and would be the new race leader on lap 19 and would cruise on to his — here is that number again — 32nd career win, tying him with Mike Ballestero, who is still competing today. With his fine run with a strong third, Ballestero might just have a few wins left in him as well.

Following Hartman Jr. to the line was Joey Scarborough, Ballestero, Marty Kelly III and Travis Witbeck. After picking up his first Sportsman win at Glen Ridge, local young gun Garret Poland won his heat and the Dash for Cash at Albany Saratoga. The Limited Sportsman had a great race going for the 31-car starting field. The race went until lap 11 before the first yellow flag flew.

Up front it was a good battle with Joe Venditti, at the ripe old age of 14, who was out front and holding his own. Last week's winner Chris Jakubiak was on a charge from his 14th starting position working his way into the top 5 and within the next few laps he was running second and not done yet. He would be the new leader on lap 17 and never looked back to claim his third win on the year.

PROSTOCK

For Chad Jeseo, it has been a magical year coming into the night leading points and five wins in the tough Pro Stock division and by the end of the night he added another win, padding his point lead.

It was Shane Henderson out front early before Norman Loubier would grab the lead going down the back stretch with Rich Crane in third. On



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Above, Rocky Warner came to the track with a new car and Retro Mike Romano paint scheme and walked out as the new point leader at the "Track of Champions."



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Above, following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father, Tanner Warner became the third generation of Warners to grace Victory Square at Fonda Speedway.



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Above, Matt DeLorenzo picked up the "Stan Da Man Night" 32-lap Modified feature at Albany Saratoga for his first win of the season.



Mark Kane/For Capital Region Independent Media

Above, back home again and on Victory Lane, Ronnie Johnson dominated the Fonda Speedway SUNOCO Modified feature and now sits at second in points.

the move was Kim Duell, working his way from the eighth starting spot into the top 5 and did not stop there and quickly was pressuring the top 3 and working his way around Henderson for the lead.

On the move was Luke Horning, who was starting to show his power moving to the front as Jeseo still on a charge was quickly all over Horning and making the pass to second then set his sights on Duell.

A late race tangle closed up the field and Jeseo got the jump and was the new leader and would never look back picking up the win with Duell, Jason Casey, Luke Horning, and Scott Towslee rounding out the top 5.

Other action found Jaxson Ryan pick up the 4-cylinder and Kaleb Shepard picked up the Street Stock feature.

FONDA SPEEDWAY

It was a special night at the Fonda Speedway, with a third-generation driver picking up his first ever

on the other side of the fence for Autism Awareness and Crossroads Center for Children. A special night put on by Stewart and Jessica Friesen and we can't forget Parker — he might just win popular driver award. A chicken barbecue, drivers and promoter were in the dunk tank, raffle prizes and when all was said and done, the Fonda fans, drivers, teams, track officials and anyone else who helped or donated should feel proud to have a total of \$21,405 going to the Center.

SUNOCO MODIFIED

The SUNOCO Modified feature found Dave Constantino use the high side to grab the early lead with Mike Mahaney all over his rear deck and Steve Akers in third. On lap 2 the caution was out for Hanson and Corradi, both slowing on the back stretch with flats and headed to the hot pit for repairs. Back to green it was Mahaney finding bite on the bottom and would be the new leader down along the Mohawk.

On the move was Ronnie Johnson taking a liking to his new car and the high side quickly worked his way inside the top 5 and by lap 4, with Warner following him through as Stewart Friesen was working his way from deep in the pack. The march for Johnson continued working his way into second and setting his sights on Mahaney as lap 10 found Mahaney, Johnson, Warner, Constantino and Hanson, who had worked his way back from an earlier pit stop to a top 5, with Friesen just outside the top 5.

Once Mahaney found lap traffic Johnson started to close and close fast changing lanes to the bottom and being the new leader down the back stretch. A tough night for point leader going into the night Jack Lehner slowed in the Nelson 85, ending his night in 20th place and dropping him to fifth in points, bringing out the caution. Back to green and R.J. was back out front with Mahaney, Warner and now Friesen inside the top 5 as he quickly went to work on the 97 of Warner as David Schilling was looking for room.

The caution again was out for two cars slowing on the racing surface. Once back to green Johnson's new winning combination was working with perfection as Warner worked his way into second. The last yellow would be out as Ryan Odaz, who was making his maiden voyage in the self-owned 14 machine, had heavy damage to his ride going off on the hook. Once back to green it was all R.J., Ronnie Johnson, in for the popular win his first since Aug. 20, 2016, and his 31st career with Warner, Friesen, Mahaney

and Josh Hohenforst had another steady drive to round out the top five.

ALGONKIN MOTEL PRO STOCKS

Another Saturday night and another exciting night in the Algonkin Motel Pro Stocks that found Steve Cosselman out front, but it was Luke Horning on the move early, making his way into the top 5 after starting in the fourth row. Coming out of turn two, Bill Knapp was on the bottom and Ivan Joslin was on top going down the back chute Horning split the two cars as Joslin went spinning high collecting Josh Coonrad and Scott Towslee with a heavy hit ending their night.

On the restart it looked like a parking lot sending Nick Stone to the rear and the other three cars done for the night. Back to green and it was Cosselman out front with Horning lurking, then making his move in turn two to be the new leader. On the move was Nick Stone coming from the back on the high side and worked his way back into the top 5 and was putting on a drive and would grab 2nd from Cosselman. The caution flew on lap 14 bringing the field back to Horning's bumper. Once back to green the duo ran side by side before Horning was able to get clear of Stone and cruise to the win over Stone, Dumblewski, Cosselman and Kyle Hoard rounding out the top 5.

MORE RACING

All-time Pro Stock feature winner Kenny Gates won his first ever Utica Rome Speedway Pro Stock feature. In fact, this was his first ever win at a track other than at Fonda. Great work Kenny!

Jason Greco grabbed the early lead but it was Mark Mortensen who was on the move coming from his seventh starting spot to 3 in the first lap. The yellow was out for Brett Mortensen, who went to the hot pit for a new tire.

Once back to racing we had a new leader with Tanner Warner taking command with Greco and Mortensen in tow racing hard with Mortensen getting the second spot. Once in second, Mortensen set his sights on Warner. Using the high side, a place Mortensen has become more comfortable with, he made the move and was the new leader. On the final restart of the race Mortensen chose to start from the bottom and Warner made him pay for it using the high groove to make the move to be the leader with two to go and would hang on for the win over Mortensen, point leader Chad Edwards, Tim Hartman Jr. and Brian Calabrese rounded out the top 5. Other action found Stephen Gray won the Limited Sportsman, Kerrie Hollenback 4-cylinder and Mike Kiser picked up the CRSA Sprint feature.

Precious memories will last forever

By Dr. Billy Holland
For Capital Region Independent Media

There are different seasons in life and now in my retirement, I'm enjoying this opportunity where my daily schedule is not as demanding as it once was.

I'm not saying there are not plenty of things to do, but I can plan my days instead of obligations controlling me.

In this season where most everyone hopes to reach eventually, I've discovered that having more "me time" also allows me to think about things that maybe I would normally be too busy to ponder. As a writer, I can express this endless flow of thoughts and considerations and for that I am grateful. I usually have at least 10 articles going at the same time and when a thought comes to me, I will add it to ideas I've

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already started. I know it sounds strange, but it works for me.

I rarely had the chance to contemplate when I was younger because I always had a lot to do. I would try to relax in my backyard and would usually notice some weeds that needed to be pulled or a fence plank that could use an extra nail and before I knew it, I was up and working again.

I'm finally coming to a place where my internal peace is more important than digging up a dandelion.

I am sitting here in my office writing today and I

see it is 3:00 in the afternoon and I've not even thought about lunch. This is not unusual as some days in the winter I will write until 7 or 8 in the evening and then join my wife for one of our ministry programs or survival reality shows. She is also retired and stays perfectly content during the day with cooking, gardening, Bible study and watching her YouTube videos about people who are trying to live off the grid.

We are satisfied to have our own quiet space, which keeps us from driving each other crazy. For those of you who are not retired yet, these are

important issues you will also learn to adapt to and deal with.

This morning, as I was deep in thought about the significance of John 3:16, for some reason I started thinking about my dad. There is no actual connection with this, but my mind just drifted off to a time long ago and I was reminded how much I miss him. He was a great father and I often wonder how his life and our family's lives would have been different if he had not spent the second half of his journey battling a devastating kidney disease and being on dialysis. It just seems he was so focused on staying alive that he forgot how to live.

Our past is filled with memories, and the good ones are precious. I remember the times when my dad and

I would go fishing and mom would pack us lunch in an old picnic basket. We would be out on the lake and I can still recall all these years later the calm water, the sun shining, and a light summer breeze. It was so much fun to see who could catch the most and the largest fish.

These were special times where it seemed he and I stepped out of the normal world of daily routines and into a personal realm that only we shared. He would get excited with childlike joy and these moments I store in a secret chamber within the corridors of my mind.

When I grew up, I started my own family and then he became very sick. Not only did I not have the time to go places with him, but he also did not feel like doing any-

thing. As the years went by his condition deteriorated and in 2016 he went to be with the Lord. I believe the enthusiasm and compassion he had in this life cannot compare to the happiness he enjoys today. Of course, I am sad he is not here, but at the same time, I rejoice with him in knowing that all is well and I will see him again.

I also think about my children and now that I have the time to do things with them, they are busy with families of their own. I encourage you today, whether you are a parent or a child, to take the time and spend some special moments with each other. These are the precious memories that will last forever.

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Columbia-Greene signs eight for women's soccer team

Courtesy of Columbia-Greene Media

HUDSON — The Columbia-Greene Community College Athletics Department is proud to announce the 2021 recruiting class for women's soccer.

Although C-GCC didn't have a 2020 soccer season due to the pandemic, the coaching staff and Athletics Department worked hard to prepare for Fall 2021.

"We are excited to get started with this group," said Twins head coach Andrew Lashua. "With the addition of our returning players from 2020, we will have a fine group of student-athletes. They are all just great people.

They're motivated academically and athletically and are all community minded.

"This group will definitely represent Twins soccer and the community in a positive manner," he continued. "Our returners have been working on their fitness in the off-season and our incoming players are all eager to get started. The majority have a ton of post-season experience. Coach Pape and I are looking forward to getting this team ready to compete on the field and excel in the classroom."

Twins soccer returned to NJCAA competition in 2019. Before that, C-GCC last competed in women's

soccer in 2007. Although the 2019 program finished with a 4-10 record, the Twins earned respect from their competition and placed one player on the Mountain Valley Conference All-Conference Team.

Twins soccer also excelled in the classroom. Thirteen players made the president's and dean's list, six made the Region III Academic All-Region Team, and one player made the NJCAA All-Academic First Team.

The 2020 Twins program was ready to build on the lessons learned in 2019, but the season was canceled due to the pandemic.

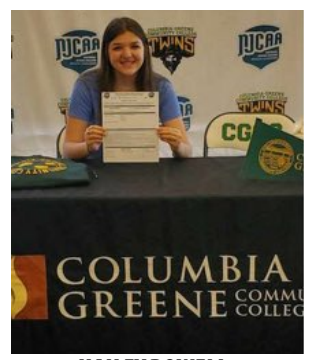
The 2021 season also looks promising for Twins soccer and the team is looking forward to the challenge of competing in one of the toughest NJCAA regions in the country.

The 2021 Columbia-Greene women's soccer recruiting class:

- Madison Delavega/Catskill High School — Madison is an experienced player and will play midfield for the Twins. She will major in Business Administration.
- Hailey Rowell/Catskill High School — Hailey is an experienced player and will play forward/midfield for the Twins. She will major in Individual Studies.
- Taylor Madsen/Chatham High School — Taylor is a Patroon Conference All-Star and will play defense/forward for the Twins. She will major in Early Education.
- Haley Pulver/Chatham High School — Haley will play both women's soccer and softball for the Twins. She is an experienced player and will play goalkeeper/midfield for the Twins. She will major in Criminal Justice.
- Kelsey Pasco/Germantown Central School — Kelsey is a CHVL champion with the Clippers and will play defense for the Twins. She will major in Liberal Arts with a goal of becoming a veterinarian.
- Kaitlyn Stagno/Germantown Central School — Kaitlyn is a CHVL champion with the Clippers and will play midfield/goalkeeper for the Twins. She will be entering the Nursing Program.
- Laney Altomer/Ichabod Crane High School — Laney will play both women's soccer and softball for the Twins. She is an experienced player and will play defense for the Twins. She will major in Education.
- Abigail Garrison/Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School — Abby will play both women's soccer and softball for the Twins. Abby is a Delaware League All-Star and will play forward/midfield for the Twins. She will major in Computer Science.



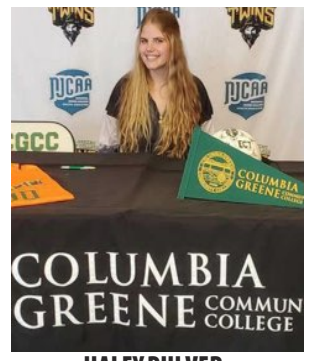
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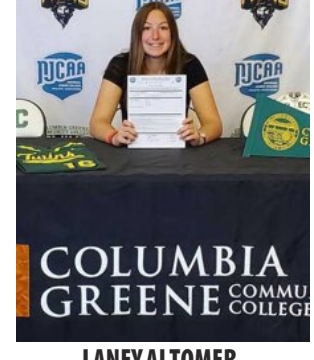
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Greene County seeks nominations for achievement awards

CATSKILL — The Greene County Planning Board is soliciting nominations for the Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards, which will honor worthwhile planning, community and economic development activities that have taken place in Greene County over the past three years.

Awards will be given for outstanding achievement in one or more of the following categories:

- Economic development
- Community design or improvement
- Planning for municipal services or utilities
- Environmental preservation, recreation and open space
- Zoning - Innovative techniques
- Community or Main Street revitalization
- Historic preservation
- Municipal services
- Distinguished

service

In 2020, the county planning board presented awards the Cairo Town Board for their work on hamlet sidewalks and a bike path, creating a more walkable and bikeable community; the Village of Catskill for the update of their comprehensive plan, adopted by the village trustees in February 2020, which prepares Catskill for the next 10 years with the broad goals of enhancing its social and economic vitality; and Hickory Hill Market in Windham for the creation of a new locally-owned market, with outstanding architectural, mountain style design, filling a market niche in the community and helping the local economy through the creation of approximately 30 full- and part-time jobs

Ellen Rettus was a long-time county planning board member who served for several years as chairwoman of the

Greene County Planning Board and chairwoman of the Town of Durham Planning Board. As chairwoman of these boards, Rettus worked to promote sound and thoughtful planning throughout Greene County.

Previous award winners and an 'Award Nomination' fillable PDF can be found on greene-government.com.

Project nominations will be accepted by government entities, quasi-government agencies (e.g. IDA, Chambers of Commerce) and not-for-profit organizations.

Please send nominations by Sept. 10 to: Rich Schiafo, Principal Planner

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Disability vs. survivor benefit

Dear Rusty:

I have a question regarding Social Security. I'm 54 and applying for disability. I've had rheumatoid arthritis since I was 19.

My son, 16 years old, receives survivor benefits from my deceased ex-husband. We were married for 20 years. I was told by Social Security that my monthly payments, if they found me eligible for disability, would be \$1,418 a month.

When would I be eligible to collect my ex-husband's Social Security benefit? He made considerably more income over the years and his benefit will be a good deal more than my projected \$1,418.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS



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Signed: Disabled Widow

Dear Widow:

Your Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefit is based upon your own lifetime work record up to the

point you became disabled. If awarded, the \$1,418 amount would be equal to the benefit you would have been entitled to on your own at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67.

At your FRA, your SSDI benefit will automatically convert to your SS retirement benefit at the same amount. However, if your SSDI is awarded you will be also eligible to apply for your survivor benefit at any time.

Normally, age 60 is the earliest a survivor benefit can be claimed, but those who are disabled can apply for survivor benefits as early as age 50. Whether to apply for your survivor benefit from your ex-husband

this early is a question you should carefully consider, because the amount of your survivor benefit will be reduced by 28.5% if you claim it now. And to be clear, if you have remarried and remain married you are not eligible for a survivor benefit from your deceased ex-husband (even though your minor son is).

Your survivor benefit from your ex-husband will not reach maximum until you have reached your full retirement age. At your FRA you would be entitled to 100% of the benefit your ex-husband was receiving (or entitled to receive) when he died but taken at any age earlier than your FRA your survivor benefit will be permanently

reduced. The reduction is 4.75% for each full year earlier than your FRA that the survivor benefit is claimed to a maximum reduction of 28.5%.

So, if your SSDI is awarded you will have a choice — to take your smaller SSDI benefit and allow your survivor benefit to continue to grow, or to take your survivor benefit early and accept the permanent 28.5% reduction to that survivor benefit. You will need to compare those two benefit amounts to decide which course to take.

For clarity, you can switch to your higher survivor benefit at any later time, but you shouldn't wait beyond your FRA

(when the survivor benefit reaches maximum) to claim it.

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Olympic medal count: SEFCU donates to Special Olympics

ALBANY — Olympics fans in the Capital Region just got another reason to root for Team USA. Every medal earned will help support Special Olympics New York athletes and coaches who are preparing for national competition in 2022.

SEFCU President & CEO Michael Castellana recently announced the credit union would donate \$500 for every gold, \$250 for every silver and \$125 for every bronze medal won by the

USA Olympics Team in Tokyo to Special Olympics New York's own USA Games delegation.

Fans are invited to support the SEFCU campaign by making a donation at sefcu.com/olympics.

"From Carl Lewis and Kerri Strug to Michael Phelps, and, of course, the 'Dream Team,' it is always extraordinary to see American athletes succeed on the Olympic stage. This year, we're pleased to make Team USA's success

even sweeter by helping the talented athletes of Special Olympics New York chase their own Olympic dreams," said Castellana, who also pledged to personally contribute \$100, \$50 and \$25 for medals earned in Tokyo, respectively. "As American athletes go for gold this year, we will be supporting Special Olympics New York, an organization that has already set the gold standard for empowering people with intellectual dis-

abilities. If you needed another reason to root for Team USA in Tokyo, this is it!"

"Having the opportunity to compete at USA Games is a dream come true for our athletes," said Special Olympics New York President and CEO Stacey Hengsterman. "We are proud to be bringing one of the country's largest delegations to USA Games in June, and that's something we could not do without supporters like SEFCU and Michael

Castellana. We are so grateful for this generous, innovative and exciting donation drive from SEFCU. Go Team USA!"

The Special Olympics USA Games will be held June 5-12, 2022, at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Team New York will include approximately 150 athletes and coaches in 14 sports: Basketball, bocce, bowling, equestrian, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, tennis,

triathlon, track and field and volleyball. They will go up against more than 5,500 athletes from across the country and the Caribbean.

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NY airports set for \$937M infrastructure upgrades

By Kate Lisa

Courtesy of Columbia-Greene Media

Airports across the state will receive more than \$937 million combined in federal funds for significant structural, safety and other upgrades as a landmark multi-trillion-dollar infrastructure proposal makes its way through Congress.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., was one of 10 Democrats and Republicans recently to reach a deal and advance the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package to revitalize national railways, highways, roads, bridges, airports and water systems.

New York is slated to receive \$11.5 billion of a \$110 billion national investment for roads and bridges, \$142 million to expand charging ports and infrastructure for electric vehicles and \$1.9 billion to repair ailing bridges, according to a statement from Schumer's office.

Lawmakers reserved \$25 billion for airport upgrades across U.S. states, with \$937,030,865 slated for New York airports.

"The bipartisan infrastructure deal will be a building and jobs boon for critical New York needs from Plattsburgh to Jamestown, and everywhere in between," Schumer said in a prepared statement. "Whether it's critical bridge or highway repairs, safety improvements at our airports or for water systems, this deal represents massive investments that will rebuild and revive the Empire State's infrastructure. From clean drinking water to upgraded sewer to repairing bridges and highways, there is more work to be done, but billions are on the way to move on it and create good jobs while advancing critical projects."

Albany International Airport will receive the state's third-highest award at \$28,662,945 after \$294,682,575 for John F. Kennedy International and \$150,008,970 for La Guardia airports in New York City.

A project to redesign the airport's runway is in the works in addition to funding applications through the Federal Aviation Administration to upgrade the fueling system for smaller planes. The projects were included in the airport's five-year capital improvement plan submitted to National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, said Columbia County Public Works Facilities Director Brian McDonald.

County officials in the Airport Subcommittee will discuss the potential funding and eligibility details as Congress finalizes the infrastructure bill.

The additional federal funding could also be used to convert the airport's taxi way lighting to LED fixtures.

"There's at least 100," McDonald said.

Other potential upgrades include repaving the blacktop by the hangars, replacing the facility's snow loader and blower and constructing a maintenance building to house airport snow removal and maintenance equipment.

A rehabilitation of the terminal building is also part of the plan.

"It's something to think

about to put on the [five-year] plan for 2027," McDonald said. "We're in a talking phase. At least we're moving in the right direction."

Also included in the massive proposed infrastructure bill is \$12 billion to bolster local Amtrak and intercity train service and \$9.55 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers

for waterway projects nationwide.

Billions are reserved to remove contaminants especially common in the state — such as PFAS — for correcting sewer overflows.

Schumer is also planning to push a budget bill of more than \$3.5 trillion to invest in social programs.

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Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation news

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION:

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COMPANY PICNICS SCHEDULED:

The Coeymans Hollow

Volunteer Fire Corporation will hold its annual company picnic for members on Saturday, Aug. 28, for Coeymans Hollow members. If you would like to attend this year's picnic, please sign up in the downstairs kitchen no later than Friday, Aug. 20.

MARDI GRAS AND PARADE SIGNUP:

All Coeymans Hollow members who would like assist or put together a float for the Mardi Gras parade on Sept. 10, or to march in the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary Association Parade to be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, please sign up on the sign-up sheets located in the downstairs kitchen or contact Davin Kryzkowski as soon as possible.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

EMS Captain Pam Rafferty is looking for assistance to assist with the MX races on Saturday, Sept. 11, for practice, and Sunday, Sept. 12, for the race. If you can assist, please contact Pam Rafferty or sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the downstairs kitchen.

EVENTS SCHEDULED BY NEIGHBORING FIRE COMPANIES:

- Ravenna Hose Fire Company's annual steak dinner:

The Ravenna Hose Fire Company will host their annual drive-thru/take-out only, cooked to order steak dinner next Thursday, Aug. 19, from 4-7 p.m.

- New Baltimore Fire pizza and wing night:

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will hold a pizza and wing night next Friday, Aug. 20. To order your pizza and wings, please call 518-756-8222 after 3 p.m.

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The Greene County Volunteer Firemen's and Ladies Auxiliary Association 2021 Convention will be hosted by Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, and concluding Saturday, Sept. 11. The Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company will also be celebrating its 125th anniversary. Events will include:

- Tuesday, Sept. 7, Ladies Auxiliary Dinner and Meeting at the Gill Road firehouse.

- Thursday, Sept. 9 Men's Dinner and Meeting.

- Friday, Sept. 10 Mardi Gras Parade line-up at 6 p.m. step-off at 7 p.m. Skeeter Creek will provide the entertainment following the parade and food trucks will be available to purchase refreshments at the New Baltimore Town Park.

- Saturday, Sept. 11 Formal Dress Parade. Line-up at 1 p.m. Step-off at 2 p.m. A DJ and The Refrigerators will provide the entertainment following the parade and food trucks will be available to purchase refreshments at the New Baltimore Town Park.

FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

The Ravenna Friendship Festival will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28, beginning at 12 p.m. and

ending at 8 p.m. with fireworks. Come out and enjoy a fun-filled day in the village of Ravenna!

• Drill scheduled:

Training Officer Dan Haight has announced that the drill scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 17, will be on communications. The drill will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and all Coeymans Hollow fire-fighters and EMS personnel are encouraged to attend.

SAFETY TIP:

Never leave household cleaning products in the reach of children. Place a child safety lock on the cabinet where they are stored.

FIRE AND EMS REPORT:

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation responded to two fire and three EMS calls in the past week.

The many benefits of CoQ10

Heart disease affects more than 28.3 million Americans and according to the CDC, someone dies from heart disease every 36 seconds. Despite an increased awareness, heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States.

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While a young body can produce as much CoQ10 as it needs, by the time you hit 30, production of COQ10 declines; decreasing your cells' ability to regenerate and handle stress.

CoQ10 is recommended for most people with heart problems, including coronary heart disease, mitral valve prolapse, arrhythmia, angina, atherosclerosis and people with a

history of heart attacks. In a study of 420 people with heart failure, taking a CoQ10 supplement for two years improved their symptoms and reduced their risk of dying from heart problems. CoQ10 assists with the restoring of optimal levels of energy production, reduces free radical damage and improves heart function.

It also plays an important role in the prevention of migraines, reducing the volume and depth of wrinkles and weight loss.

If you are one of the 37 million American that suffers from migraine headaches, here's some promising news. Research published in the February 2005 issue of Neurology followed patients that suffered from migraine

attacks anywhere from two to eight times a month. They were randomly assigned to receive either 100 mg of CoQ10 or a placebo to be taken three times a day. After three months, researchers found that the supplemental CoQ10 reduced migraine frequency by 27%.

In addition to the internal benefits, CoQ10 can play a role in making skin look younger. The lack of CoQ10 results in an impeded ability to produce collagen and elastin resulting in fine lines, wrinkles and sagging skin. By acting as a strong antioxidant, CoQ10 helps create collagen and elastin and neutralizes harmful free radicals that are one of the major causes

of aging.

Can a CoQ10 supplement help with weight loss? As a smart consumer, you know that pills alone will not guarantee weight loss, but CoQ10 can aid in your ongoing weight-loss efforts. By taking a CoQ10 supplement, energy is increased on a cellular level, which boosts your metabolism. And you can improve the impact a CoQ10 supplement has by eating a healthy diet and exercising.

In conclusion, CoQ10 is a beneficial supplement for many health conditions and weight loss. However, please exercise caution when it comes to taking the exact dosage of any supplement by consulting your doctor first.



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Free outdoor yoga series

ALBANY — The Downtown Albany Business Improvement District (BID) and the State University of New York (SUNY) present NamaState Street Yoga, a free outdoor fitness series on the lawn at the H. Carl McCall State University of New York Administration Building, the iconic former D&H Railroad Headquarters, at 353 Broadway in downtown Albany.

Free, 60-minute all-levels yoga classes led by certified instructors will be held every Saturday in August at 10 a.m. and every Wednesday in September at noon.

All events are weather-dependent.

Attendees are encouraged to register for a class to receive updates via email at albany-bid.eventbrite.com, or check downtownalbany.org/yoga for the latest information.

Participants will need to supply their own yoga mat and water.

For all the details on brunching, lunching or shopping after the events, find information on nearby businesses at downtownalbany.org/supportdowntown.

"Whether you're looking for a mindful way to start your weekend before enjoying some Downtown shopping and dining, or a chance to stretch out

on a mid-week lunch break, NamaState Street Yoga is here for you," said Georgette Steffens, executive director of the Downtown Albany BID.

"We are excited to continue our collaboration with SUNY to offer a slate of fun and healthful events to help welcome workers and visitors back to Downtown."

State University of New York Chancellor Jim Malatras said, "SUNY is proud to be a part of the Albany community and we're thrilled to be the site of NamaState Street Yoga on the lawn in front of our historic H. Carl McCall SUNY Building. Together, we will help

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FAMILY FEATURES

Each new school year brings a chance for fresh beginnings and an opportunity to get the family organized for a smooth transition back to the classroom. Easing back into a more structured schedule after a laid-back summer may be easier than you think. From devices that make classwork simple to snack and meal ideas for busy school nights, these tips and products can help the whole family feel ready to jump back into the school year for lots of learning and fun. Find more tips for a successful school year at eLivingtoday.com.

Back-to-School Basics

Simple hacks for a successful year



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An Easy School Day Meal Idea

Make time for things that matter most during back-to-school season with a quick and easy mealtime solution like Minute Ready to Serve microwavable cups. Ready in just 1 minute, they're available in several choices – brown rice, brown and wild rice, brown rice and quinoa, and multi-grain medley – and pair well with a variety of dishes for easy, on-the-go lunches, snacks or dinner sides. Visit MinuteRice.com for additional meal ideas.



A Winning Organization Strategy

One key to back-to-school success: organization. You can choose from the options of Mixed Material Cubes by ClosetMaid, which come in multiple finishes and size formats to match your style and storage needs. The cube organizers can accommodate 13-inch fabric drawers for clutter-free school supply organization, or you can use them to stash a backpack, decorate with plants or display books. The easy-to-assemble organizers are ideal for entryways, living rooms and home offices to help keep your spaces functional and organized. Find more organization solutions at closetmaid.com.



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Start off Right with a Sturdy Backpack

Nothing takes a beating over the course of a school year quite like a backpack, so it's a good idea to start with a quality choice that stands up to some wear and tear. Look for strong seams and sturdy zippers. If your student will be transporting technology, like a tablet or laptop, be sure there's adequate padding to protect the device. Also pay attention to pockets and built-in organization so your student can keep supplies tidy during transport to and from school.



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