

Rensselaer County News

CASTLETON

Information Session On New P-Tech Early High School Set

Students and parents interested in learning about the new P-Tech and Early College High School programs being launched by Questar III in partnership with Hudson Valley Community College and Capital Region BOCES are invited to attend a virtual information night on Monday, April 12 from 6 to 7 pm.

Capital Region high school students from 46 school districts in Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, and Southern Saratoga counties looking for pathways to well-paid careers are encouraged to consider the new high school that will be housed on the college's main campus in Troy. The STEM-career focused high school will enable students to take advantage of several career-focused educational tracks through the Pathways in Technology,

P-TECH (six-year) and Smart Scholars - Early College High School, SS-ECHS (four-year) programs.

These state-sponsored programs allow colleges and universities to partner with public school districts, creating an opportunity for students to earn college credits while completing their high school diploma. The programs will place students on the fast track to a college degree, while saving their families thousands of dollars in possible tuition costs. This is the first P-TECH and Smart Scholar Early College High School to be hosted on a community college campus in the Capital Region.

Interested students and families can learn more about the programs and register for the information session here: <https://www.questar.org/ptech-echs/>

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4-H Junior Chefs Workshop

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County 4-H Youth Development program is holding a 4-H Junior Chefs workshop via Zoom on Monday, April 19 at 6 pm. Youth eight years and older are invited to participate. The participants will cook along with CCE Rensselaer County 4-H Program Coordinator, Eileen DePaula from their home kitchens. They will be preparing Grilled Apple Cheese Sandwich and Jackpot Cookies. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. Register for the workshop at: <https://cornell.zoom.us/j/92815011206?pwd=dHpKMHBL09ub3RvYjliZGw2WDd4QT09>

Registrants will receive further information and recipes closer to the workshop. For safety, please have an adult present in the kitchen to assist during the workshop. Pre-registration is required and registration will be limited. For further information, please contact Eileen DePaula at 518-272-4210 or emd32@cornell.edu. For more information about this and other programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, please call 518-272-4210. No one shall be denied the opportunity to participate or receive information based on their ability to pay. If you need any accommodations please let us know at the time of registration.

ALBANY

Alzheimer's Education Series

The Alzheimer's Association will launch a series of new virtual statewide Alzheimer's education programs in an effort to reach more New York families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Each program will feature a special presentation by an expert in their field, as well as a question and answer period where concerns about diagnosis, research, treatment and support may be addressed. Participation is free and registration can take place by phone at 800-272-3900 or alz.org/newyork.

"Across the state we are only reaching a fraction of

those who are impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementia," said Christopher Smith, New York State regional leader for the Alzheimer's Association. "Along with creating more awareness about the impact of Alzheimer's and dementia in New York, we hope this series of virtual programs will allow us to bring people together across the state to learn from experts on a variety of topics and ask questions that will empower them to communicate more effectively with loved ones living with dementia as well as manage the challenging behavioral symptoms of the disease."

More than 410,000 New Yorkers are impacted by Alzheimer's or other dementias.

Some of the Spring programs include:

Tips for Tough Conversations

Doctors Visits, Driving, Legal and Financial Concerns, followed by Approaching Memory Concerns: Tips to Partner with Your Family and Physician Across the Journey, featuring Sarah Harlock, DENT Integrative Center for Memory, Buffalo. Monday, April 12 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Followed by The Importance of an Accurate Diagnosis, featuring Dr. David Hart, Albany Med Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease, Albany. Tuesday, April 20 from noon to 1:30 pm

For the complete list of their programs, please visit their website listed above.

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County Residents Only Please At DMV

Effective immediately, Rensselaer County Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office will only be processing transactions for County residents. Non-residents are encouraged to make appointments with New York State DMV or their county DMV.

Rensselaer County Clerk Frank J. Merola initiated the policy change in response to long lines and service delays that have arisen due to the tremendous increase in non-resident Troy DMV usage, a result of the continued closure of the State and other Capital region DMVs. While he sympathizes with non-County residents, Mr. Merola emphasizes the needs of County residents and that Troy DMV will only be processing Rensselaer County transactions for the foreseeable future. Mr. Merola urges non-residents to either petition the state and their County DMVs to reopen or to utilize the NYS DMV online system for transactions.

Earth Day Event

Grafton Lakes State Park and the Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park will host an Earth Day trails event on Saturday, April 17. Winter has ended, and the park could use your help! Join us to restore and maintain the trail system. Pre-registration is required. Spots are limited. The event is free of charge and will take place from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Please call Grafton Lakes State Park to register: 518-279-1155.



WASHINGTON, DC

Rep. Delgado Reintroduces Legislation to Rebuild Rural Communities

Submitted by the Office of Representative Delgado

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado, along with Reps. Cheri Bustos of Illinois, Angie Craig of Minnesota and Abigail Spanberger of Virginia have reintroduced the Rebuild Rural America Act in the House. This legislation would deliver federal resources directly to rural communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

"As we recover from COVID-19, rural communities need direct and targeted resources to build back better," said Rep. Delgado. "The Rebuild Rural America Act removes bureaucratic red tape disadvantaging rural populations and delivers the support necessary to rebuild upstate counties, villages, and towns. This new kind of federal partnership would provide rural areas with flexible five-year block grants, giving them the money, time, and capacity to carry out regional economic development goals. I thank my colleagues in the House for joining me to reintroduce this bill and Senator Gillibrand for her partnership in the Senate. I am proud to champion legislation to transform rural communities in upstate and across the United States."

The Rebuild Rural America Act would establish a dedicated stream of federal funding for rural com-



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munities and provide guaranteed, multi-year, flexible block grants to support regional economic growth and recovery.

Eastwick Press Website Changes

Starting with our posting of this week's paper, readers of our website will notice something different. The entire paper is now being posted instead of a selection of stories and pictures.

There is a lot of good information and entertaining articles that in the past, for one reason or another, may not have been placed online. Now, it's all there.

To help introduce this improvement, the April 9 edition will be free for all. It will remain there until the April 16 edition is released. After that, you will have to be a subscriber to the website to read the paper online. The cost is \$25 per year for access. You may subscribe by following the directions on the site.

We hope our online audience enjoys this improvement and look for some more changes in the very near future which should be more colorful (hint).

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