

Rensselaer County News

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Correctional Supervisors Training

The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office recently hosted a regional training class for correctional supervisors and candidates for such a position at the Bulmer Telecommunications Center at Hudson

Valley Community College. Five Rensselaer County officers were among those to complete the course and receive their certifications. They are pictured below.



From l to r are Undersheriff P. J. Higgitt Jr., Corrections Chief David Hetman, Sgt. Michael Orecki, Sgt. Kevin Owens, Sgt. Brian Hallett, Sgt. Daniel Simmons, Officer Gavin Boyer as well as Sheriff Pat Russo. Photo by Amy Modesti.

4-H Clover Chefs Virtual Workshops

Many youth are interested in learning about preparing foods and are attracted to the hands-on aspect of cooking. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County 4-H Junior Chefs program continues to offer valuable life skills to youth through programs such as this. The 4-H Junior Chefs program offers cooking workshops for youth eight years and older as well as Cloverbud workshops for our 5-7 year old members. These cooking opportunities transitioned to a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants receive recipes and information about what they will be cooking a week prior to the class and on the evening of the workshop they cook along with 4-H Program Coordinator, Eileen DePaula, via Zoom from their home kitchens.

During each workshop, youth are provided with instruction in kitchen safety, sanitation, nutrition, food safety, and introduced to a variety of food items. Each session has a different theme, such as international foods, baking, and New York State Produced Products (using ingredients found locally).

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.

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30 Vaccination Clinics Planned This Summer

Submitted by the Office of the County Executive

Rensselaer County will be hosting a number of vaccination clinics throughout the county during the summer to make vaccinations more convenient and accessible to residents, County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas have announced.

The pop-up vaccination clinics will include town concerts throughout the county, Troy Night Out and several Tri-City ValleyCats games, including the Cats' home opener on June 4.

All county pop-up clinics will feature the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine.

"Rensselaer County is committed to providing vaccinations to all who want them, and this summer, we will be bringing the vaccines right to the people at many popular and well-attended events," said McLaughlin.

"Our vaccination efforts have been well-received by residents, thanks to the outstanding work of our Health Department and our Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. We look forward to bring that same high level of service to these pop-up vaccination clinics," added McLaughlin.

The vaccines will follow the same protocol followed at the county vaccination POD, with vaccine doses administered under the supervision of the county Health Department, with county Medical Reserve Corps volunteers assisting in the process.

"We understand there are still some residents hesitant about getting vaccinated. These clinics will be easy, accessible and feature a one-shot vaccine. We encourage those who have not been vaccinated to take advantage of these convenient opportunities throughout this summer," said Wachunas.

"We continue to encourage those who want to get vaccinated to take advantage of these convenient opportunities that have been provided by Rensselaer County and our partners," said Chairman Michael Stammel of Rensselaer.

"I'm thrilled that our vaccination rates in our County are climbing and I'm hopeful that this push will help us all moving forward. These convenient opportunities for residents to get vaccinated while attending ball games and concerts will make getting vaccinated that much easier," said Chair of the Legislature's Health Committee Scott Bendett of Averill Park.

June Clinics

Friday - June 4
ValleyCats Game
Joe Bruno Stadium
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Monday - June 7
Rensselaer Riverfront Park
Broadway, Rensselaer
5 to 7 pm

Saturday - June 12
Troy Farmer's Market
River Street
10 to 12 pm

Thursday - June 17
Schaghticoke Town Hall
290 Northline Drive
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Saturday - June 19
ValleyCats Game
Joe Bruno Stadium
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Thursday - June 24
Butler Park
35 Gettle Road
Sand Lake
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Friday - June 25
Troy Night Out
Troy 5 to 7 pm

Tuesday - June 29
Brunswick Community Center
18 Keyes Lane
5:30 to 7:30 pm



4-H Junior Chefs Saige and Skyla Myers of Petersburg enjoy working together in their home kitchen. Photo provided.

A Sweet Return To Normal

As restrictions ease up and covid numbers decline, Stewart's Shops is celebrating the transition with a dedicated ice cream flavor suitably named *Sweet Return to Normal*. Enduring fourteen months of covid restrictions has been tough on everyone and the easing restrictions on mask usage and social distancing requirements calls for a sweet celebration. Stewart's Shops is celebrating in the best way they know how— with ice cream of course.

Sweet Return to Normal is now available at the cone counter. This fully loaded vanilla flavor features chewy brownie bites, soft cookie dough pieces, and a rich fudge swirl. The flavor will be available at all Stewart's Shops for a limited time.