

# Herkimer County Newsletter

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## Herkimer County joins Tractor Supply at the grand opening of their new Frankfort Distribution Center

MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> was certainly a day to celebrate in Herkimer County. After a year and a half of construction, the new Tractor Supply Distribution Center in Frankfort is officially open for business. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on site at the over 900,000 square foot facility and it was well-attended by local and state elected officials. The Frankfort site is the largest of Tractor Supply's distribution centers and it currently employees 280 individuals, with that number continuing to grow. Additionally, the facility is the largest economic development project in Herkimer County in the last 30 years.

WELCOME TO HERKIMER COUNTY!



**Upcoming 2019 Legislature Meeting Dates:**

- April 3— 2:00 PM
- April 24—7:00 PM
- May 15—7:00 PM
- June 12—7:00 PM

All meetings are held in the  
Legislature Chambers  
109 Mary Street  
Herkimer, NY 13350  
Check our website for  
Meeting minutes at  
[www.herkimercounty.org](http://www.herkimercounty.org)

# HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETINGS

Legislator Peter Manno presents a proclamation to the 2019 Herkimer College Men's National Championship team.



**Civil Service Exams:**

- May 11
- June 1
- June 22

Please visit [www.herkimercounty.org](http://www.herkimercounty.org) and click on "Civil Service Exams" for more information!



**Legal Holidays, All Herkimer County Offices will be closed:**

- April 19— Good Friday
- May 27— Memorial Day

\*Highway and Deputy Sherriff's Association Employees excluded



County Office Building  
Winter Hours  
8:00AM—5:00PM  
September 4, 2018 to May 24, 2019.



Chairman Bernard Peplinski presents outgoing Clerk of the Legislature, Sally Deming, with a plaque to demonstrate the County's gratitude for her 24 years of exceptional service.



Chairman Bernard Peplinski presents a proclamation to the honorees from little mended hearts.



## MENTAL HEALTH VISITS

Mental Health Clinic Visits		
Dec. - 630	Jan. - 787	Feb. - 637

Mental Health Jail Visits		
Dec. - 52	Jan. - 52	Feb.- 42

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MEET THE NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD:



**JENNIFER WILLIAMS,  
DEPUTY CLERK  
OF THE  
LEGISLATURE**

We welcome Jennifer Williams to her new position within the County, as Deputy Clerk of the Legislature. Jennifer has been with the County since 2015, when she assumed the position of Deputy Commissioner for the Board of Elections. Jennifer was appointed to the position of Deputy Clerk on March 26, 2019, after having served in the seat temporarily since January 21, 2019.

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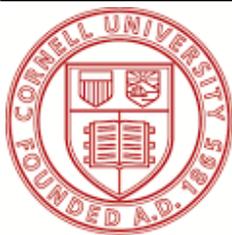
**UNITED WAY DAY OF THANKS! MARCH 13, 2019**



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**FROM THE HERKIMER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:**

Reminder of the new Primary Date of June 25<sup>th</sup> and of course we are always looking for Poll Workers. Also there have been a lot of changes in Election Law this year so please contact the Board of Elections with any questions. 315.867.1102.



## Cornell University Cooperative Extension Herkimer County



Left to right: Legislator Peter Manno, Alexandra Sutherland, Madison Muller, Caitlin Russell, Eian Knudsen, David Ehrensbeck, and Chairman Bernard Pepinski Back row: Brittany Johnston, and Joseph Townsend

The 4-H Government Intern Program, sponsored by the Herkimer County Legislature and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program of Herkimer County, concluded another successful semester. Seven students from two Herkimer County school districts participated by exploring current issues and learning more about the functions of their county government through the committee system. Students reviewed issues, toured county facilities, interviewed county legislators, and attended a county legislature meeting.

Students included Madison Muller from Poland High School; David Ehrensbeck, Brittany Johnston, Eian Knudsen, Caitlin Russell, Alexandra Sutherland, and Joseph Townsend from Town of Webb High School.

Key presenters involved in the success of this program included: Joanne Mower of the P.I.N.S. Unit; Chris Farber, Herkimer County Sheriff; Steve Billings, Personnel Officer; Linda Patten from the Department of Social Services; James Wallace, County Administrator; Sylvia Rowan, Herkimer County Clerk; and Family Court Judge John Brennan.

At the final session, the interns staged a simulated legislative mock meeting and provided presentations on current issues confronting county government. Topics discussed were alternatives for salt use in winter, better internet for rural Herkimer County, and tobacco tax and ban in school zone. Youth thanked all of the participating Herkimer County Legislators for their visits and help in researching topics that made the program an engaging experience.

For questions on this or other 4-H programs, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County at (315) 866-7920.



### Martin Luther King Food Drive

The Herkimer Working Solutions Career Center once again participated in the Martin Luther King Food Drive promoted by the NYS Department of Labor. Nonperishable food donations were collected through February 14, 2019 and sent to either the regional food bank or to a local food pantry. Thank you to those that donated!

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### 2019 Herkimer County College Corps. Internship Program

This 200 hour summer internship program is open to any Herkimer County residents who will be entering their junior or senior year of college in the fall. Youth are paid \$12.00 hour with this cost being shared between the county and the host employer. This program is limited to 20 individuals. For more information, interested youth or employers can contact Karin Piseck or Mike Werenczak at:

Herkimer County Employment & Training Administration  
located at  
Herkimer Working Solutions Career Center  
320 N. Prospect St.  
Herkimer, NY 13350  
315-867-1400

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## 2019 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

This summer youth employment program is specifically targeted at low-income youth ages 14-20 who are currently a member of a family receiving public assistance, food stamps, HEAP, Medicaid or SSI. Youth will



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They will also be available to be printed off the Working Solutions Link on the Herkimer County website at:  
[www.herkimercounty.org](http://www.herkimercounty.org)

FROM HERKIMER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING:



## DO YOU HAVE **Concerns** **about falling?**



### A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. The Parkway Center presents **A MATTER OF BALANCE**, an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

#### **YOU WILL LEARN TO:**

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

**Classes at John Guy Prindle Apartments, 80 E. North St.,  
Ilion, NY**

**Dates: Tuesdays – April 9, 16, 23, 30<sup>th</sup>; May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019**

**Registration for 8-session class required.**

**Time: 10:00am-12:00noon**

**Location: Community Room, Prindle Apartments**

**Cost: Class is FREE**

**For more information or to sign up, please contact Jackie Murphy at 315-867-1371.**

AGING CONT'D:



## Aging Mastery Program®

National Council on Aging



## Aging Mastery Program®

### Join the adventure!

Parkway Center will be running the all NEW **Aging Mastery Program®** (AMP.) AMP encourages mastery—developing behaviors across many dimensions that will lead to improved health, stronger financial security, and overall well-being.

**Special Class in Herkimer County—Nathan Galinsky Apartments, 105 Protection Ave., Herkimer**

**Thursdays, May 23rd through August 1st, 2:00-4:00pm**

*By participating in this program, you will:*

- \* Make and maintain small but impactful changes in your health behaviors, financial well-being, and enrichment in later life.*
- \* Get REAL incentives and rewards for taking small steps that can improve your well-being.*
- \* Meet new friends, provide support and encouragement to your peers, and become more involved in your community.*

Class is **NOW FREE** for participants.

- Limited spots available: Sign up now!**  
**Call Debby at the Parkway Center—315.223.3973, Ext. 115**

Funded in part by:



FROM HERKIMER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING:



**Herkimer County  
Falls Prevention  
STEP UP TO STOP FALLS**  
The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties and  
Wesley & Marion Small Fund



## **Tai Chi Exercise Classes**

Begins on  
Monday April 1st, 2019

At Newport Firehouse

7370 Main St., Newport NY 13416

From 10:30 AM— 11:30 AM

The class will run every Monday and Wednesday  
for 8 weeks

If you want to improve your strength & balance  
come join us!

Please call to register for the class. There will be a  
limit of 25 participants, so register early!

Call Herkimer County Office For the Aging  
At **315-867-1371**

The instructor will be  
Jackie Murphy



## FROM HERKIMER COUNTY STOP DWI:

### TEST YOUR VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW I.Q.

Here are 20 questions on vehicle and traffic law (VTL) and traffic safety. This article repeats the questions, gives the correct answers and the authority for the answers.

#### True or false

1. A driver facing a steady red right turn arrow may proceed with the right turn after having first stopped and determined it is safe to complete the turn. [False, VTL section 1111(d)(3); you may not enter the intersection to turn in the direction indicated by a steady red arrow]
2. Amber rear turn signals are safer than red ones. [True. Studies have proven amber rear turn signals safer. They are mandatory in Europe. (IHS)]
3. If your vehicle has daytime running lights, you are not required to turn on your headlights when your wipers are on. [False, VTL, article 375(2)(a) mandates "headlights" whenever wipers are in use – daytime running lights are not headlights under VTL]
4. A battery-powered wheelchair used by a person with a disability is considered an assist to a pedestrian and therefore, if there are no sidewalks available, must be ridden against traffic. [True, VTL sections 130, 130(a), and 1156(b)]
5. As long as you are licensed to drive the vehicle, you may legally park in front of a fire hydrant provided you remain seated in the front seat and can immediately move such vehicle in case of emergency. [True, VTL 1202(3)(b)(1)]
6. When riding in the front seat of a taxi, fastening the seatbelt is not required. [False; seatbelts are required for all front seat passengers, including the taxi driver, and rear seat passengers under age 16; VTL 1229-c(3-c)]
7. At an intersection controlled by a stop sign, if there is no stop bar and no painted crosswalk, you must stop at the stop sign. [False – no section in VTL requires stopping at the spot of the stop sign; the MUTCD states the purpose of a stop sign is to control right-of-way]
8. You approach an intersection controlled by a non-working traffic light (i.e. power outage). All drivers must treat the intersection as an "ALL-WAY" STOP. [True. VTL section 1117]

#### Multiple choice questions

9. A conviction for using a handheld electronic device while driving carries: a) 0, b) 2, c) 3, d) 5 driver violation points. [d-5 points; NYS DMV]
10. If facing a blinking yellow left turn arrow, it means: a) don't turn – the yellow arrow is about to turn red, b) you may turn left only if it is safe to do so, c) you must wait for a green light to make a left turn, d) trucks only may turn left [b – Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices]
11. At a signalized intersection, you are facing a green light and want to turn left, but there is a string of oncoming traffic. You should: a) stop at the stop bar and wait, b) go straight so as not to hold up traffic behind you, c) turn right and then make a U-turn, d) proceed into the intersection and wait for a break in oncoming traffic or the light to change, then complete your left turn. [d – NYS Driver's Manual]
12. Parking is prohibited: a) within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, b) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, c) on a crosswalk, d) on a sidewalk, e) where prohibited by an official sign, f) all of these. [f – VTL 1202]
13. If a snowplow hits and damages your rural mailbox, the municipality that owns the snowplow must repair the mailbox within a) 48 hours, b) one week, c) by the following April 1st, d) is under no obligation to repair it. [(d). Highway Law, section 319]
14. When parallel parking a vehicle on a village street with curbs, you must park within: a) 6 inches from the curb, b) 12 inches from the curb, c) 18 inches from the curb. [b, VTL section 1203(a)]
15. Unless other times are specified on a SCHOOL SPEED ZONE sign, the school speed limit is in effect: a) at all times, b) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on school days, c) only when students are present. [b, VTL 1180(c); however, times should be stated on all school speed zone signs without flashing beacons]
16. All drivers must, by law, obey regulatory signs. Which of the following signs is NOT a regulatory sign: a) speed limit, b) no parking, c) round yellow railroad crossing in advance of a RR crossing, d) the white cross-buck railroad crossing sign at the near edge of the tracks? [c; the round yellow RR crossing sign is a warning sign, not a regulatory sign. MUTCD]
17. On county and town roads within towns having a population of less than 50,000, the authority by law to set speed limits rests with: a) the town, b) the largest city within the town, c) NYS Dept. of Transportation. [c; VTL section 1622]
18. Which State recently lowered their BAC limit for DUI to .05: a) New York, b) California, c) Utah, d) Virginia? [c; Utah, December 2018]
19. On a street or road with a median, if a school bus is stopped on the other side of the median with red lights flashing must you stop? Yes. [NYS Driver's Manual]
20. While driving, your cell phone rings. You put on your right turn signal, pull over to the side of the road and answer your phone. While you complete your conversation, you leave your right turn signal on. Is this a violation? Yes. Turn signals must not be flashed on one side only on a parked or disabled vehicle. Hazard lights must be used. [article 1163(d) & (e)]



FROM HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:



# Herkimer

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

### Herkimer College is Ranked as the BEST Online Community College in New York State

New York is home to 22 community colleges that provide opportunities to earn an online associate degree or certificate. Of the schools on [this list](#), Herkimer County Community College is ranked #1 by the SR Education Group. Herkimer offers 19 degree and four certificate programs entirely online, along with a variety of online support services. Rankings were based on retention and graduation rates, online enrollment percentage, and the number of online associate degrees offered. For more information about Herkimer College's Internet Academy, visit [www.herkimer.edu/ia](http://www.herkimer.edu/ia).



**Online Legal Studies Program is Ranked Among the Best**  
Herkimer County Community College is ranked third by TheBestSchools.org on their 2018 list of best online associate degree programs in Legal Studies. TheBestSchools.org ranked all accredited online associate degree programs in Legal Studies in the U.S. to select the top programs in the nation. Rankings are based on a methodology that considered quality of program and range of courses provided, as well as school awards, rankings and reputation. More info about Herkimer's Legal Studies program is available [here](#).

**GREGORY B. JARVIS  
DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**FRIDAY, MAY 3RD  
10:00 AM**

**HERKIMER COLLEGE  
ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN BUILDING**



**Please join us as we unveil artifacts and memorabilia  
sent by NASA relating to Challenger astronaut  
Gregory B. Jarvis's life.**

**These items were received as a result of hard work  
and commitment by students in Herkimer County.**

**\*This event is free of charge and open to the public\***

FROM HERKIMER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING:

## Volunteer Information

The Herkimer County Office of the Aging will be holding the 4th Annual Inter-generational Clean Up that will serve senior citizens residing in Herkimer, Ilion, Little Falls, Frankfort, & Mohawk.

**Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019 (RAIN DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2019)**

**Meeting location:** East Herkimer Fire Department- 193 Main Road Herkimer

**Project:** Light Yard Work

**Description:** Rake leaves and green waste to street curb

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm (Meet at the Fire Station to obtain assignments)

**We have a shortage of leaf rakes, if you have one to bring for the day that would be great.**

Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any other questions you can contact **Jackie Murphy at 315-867-1195, Nora Stever at 315-867-1370, or Kathy Fox at 867-1125.**



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