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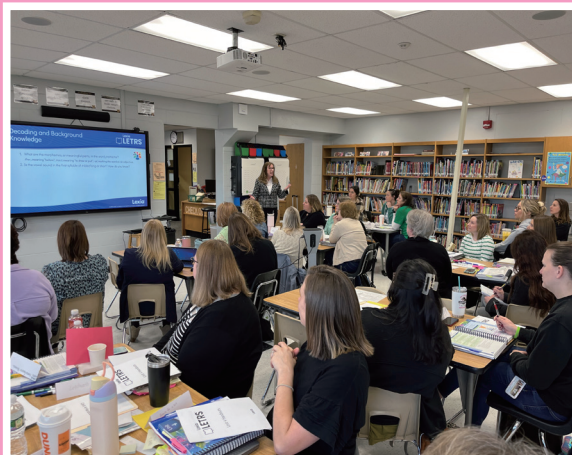
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due to the solar eclipse that will be visible in New York State.

The early release schedule is as follows:

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- Windsor's three elementary schools, Bell, Palmer, and Weeks will release at 2:00.

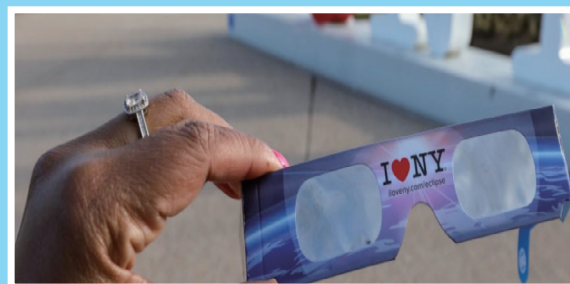
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By [Governer.ny.gov Website](http://Governer.ny.gov)

Governor Kathy Hochul today celebrated Agricultural Literacy Week in New York, announcing a full slate of reading events planned across the state throughout the week. Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball, and New York staff members are joining thousands of volunteers across the state to visit classrooms and engage with students through a book reading and hands-on activities. Now in its 19th year, Agricultural Literacy Week is a statewide effort organized by New York Agriculture in the Classroom to educate students about the importance of agriculture and opportunities for careers in the industry.

"Each year, Agricultural Literacy Week gets our kids reading, learning, and opening their eyes to the opportunities in agriculture that are all around them, and it's key to ensuring that we will have a thriving agricultural industry here in New York State for years to come," Governor Hochul said. "As a former 4-H kid myself, I salute the thousands of volunteers across the state who..."

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## Smith Commits to Mansfield University

By Windsor School District

Windsor Central High School senior Paige Smith is committing to Mansfield University to play softball and study early childhood education.

“I toured the campus, and I loved it. The coach seemed more like a mother figure than a coach. I connected with her and the players. I just loved the campus. It felt like home,” said Smith. “I would not be the person I am today without all the struggles I faced in my life. The coaches in my life taught me life lessons on and off the field. My teachers, my friends, my family helped me through high school, middle school, elementary, I wouldn’t be here without them.”

Paige has played varsity softball for WCHS for three seasons. She has earned All-Division, All-Star, and Scholar-Athlete honors. She has played travel softball for the Lady Rebels and Fury Fast Pitch in Elmira and Lackawanna Lightning in Scranton.

In addition to her success in athletics, Paige has been a member of the WCHS Student Council, and National Honor Society. She has also been a High Honor Roll student.

Paige is the second member of her family to play for Mansfield. Her sister Cassidy played for the Mountaineers from 2016-2020.

See picture on Page 4!

## Angelo Commits to Alfred University

By Windsor School District

Windsor Central High School senior Sydney Angelo will attend Alfred University to play lacrosse and study biomaterials engineering.

“It’s a small campus, a good distance from home, the major is exactly what I’m looking, the sports will give me that physical activity I need to stay in shape,” said Angelo. “The girls on the team are really nice. I met them when I went on the visit.”

Angelo has played varsity lacrosse for four seasons, serving as team captain. Angelo has been 1st-Team All-Division and 1st-Team All-Star for defense in lacrosse. She has also been a member of the Greater Binghamton Elite 10 team for field hockey and won the NYSPHSAA State Tournament Sportsmanship Award.

Angelo has played four years on the varsity field hockey team where she earned First-Team All-State honors, three seasons on the varsity girls basketball team, and two seasons on the Windsor flag football team.

In addition to her success on the field, Angelo is a member of the WCHS Varsity Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. She is also a High Honor Roll student.

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## Superintendent’s Conference Day

By Windsor School District

Windsor teachers engaged in professional development over a range of subjects during the district’s Superintendent Conference Day Thursday.

Elementary educators continued their two-year training in LETRS, a program that teaches the skills needed to master the foundational and fundamentals of reading and writing instruction, using research-proven strategies.

LETRS training will continue until March 2025. New York Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced that all teachers and teacher training programs will shift to the Science of Reading.

The science of reading refers to a body of research from the fields of education, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, and neuroscience, that explains how individuals learn how to read and best practices for reading instruction. Teachers in grades 6-12 studied interventions to ensure all students achieve a guaranteed and viable curriculum to meet the district’s mission to ensure all students are future-ready by providing empowering educational experiences.

“To do that we’re going to look at 26-week in-term progress reports, identifying students that may need a push to succeed this quarter and designing plans to ensure they succeed in doing so,” said Barb Tasber, Director of Learning and Continuous Improvement.

Teachers in grades 6-12 spent the afternoon in one of five teacher-led breakout sessions: one on co-teaching led by Kevin Smith and Greg Milunich, another on using edoctrina data to drive student interventions by Jill Houseknecht, and one on using educational technology and artificial intelligence to create engaging lesson plans by Cole Battaglini.

Another breakout session was on designing thinking classrooms which is a math practice where students actively problem solve with white boards around the classroom while teachers facilitate. Christina Matt and Christine Carle led that session. Daina Kocak and Deanna Verspoor led the fifth breakout session on finding clarity in standards-based grading.

Windsor school nurses visited Vestal Middle School which hosted the Regional School Nurses’ training Thursday.

2024-2025

### Universal Pre-kindergarten (4PK) and Expanded Pre-kindergarten for Three-Year-Old Students (3PK)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Universal Prekindergarten Program (4PK) and Expanded Pre-kindergarten for Three-Year-Old Students (3PK) in the Windsor Central School District. The program is free for Windsor school district residents. To be eligible for 4PK, a student must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2024. To be eligible for 3PK, a student must be 3 years old on or before December 1, 2024. All students must meet New York State immunization requirements. If interested, please visit our website ([www.windsor-csd.org](http://www.windsor-csd.org)) and follow the UPK & Expanded UPK for 3-Year-Old Students link under Programs or contact Amy Barton at 607-655-8216 for assistance. Students may attend the UPK program in any building but must attend Kindergarten in the elementary building for the attendance zone that encompasses their residence. At the present time all program planning for the 2024-2025 UPK is tentative – contingent upon adequate funding from the State Education Department.



**March 25**

Harpursville School District Board Of Education Meeting, See Page 1 for more info

**March 29**

Spring Recess - No School  
Location: Windsor Central School District

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**Senior Events**

--See page 8 for all Windsor Wednesday Senior Events!

### Interested in a Seasonal Job?

The holidays are one of the best times to get a new seasonal job in New York State. Whether you’re looking for a part-time gig to give you a little more gift-giving cash, a second job to support your family, or you’re looking for a fresh start in a new career field, there are so many seasonal jobs that are hiring right now.

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## Expert Says That Mild Temperatures Shouldn’t Affect Crops Yet

Above-average temperatures have become routine across the Southern Tier for several weeks now.

Jason Londo, an Associate Professor of Horticulture at Cornell University, noted that while trees are beginning to bud, there is currently no immediate concern for potential crop damage. He emphasized that the main risk would arise from a cold snap occurring in April, following an extended period of mild weather, which could harm crops.

The prolonged mild weather is prompting trees and plants to bloom as they respond to environmental cues indicating it is time to grow.

According to Londo, trees and crops possess inherent resistance to cold, which varies depending on the type of winter they endure. Despite the recent mildness, they can tolerate a certain degree of cold. Even with overnight lows dipping into the 20s, apple trees can endure such temperatures.

Londo cautioned against premature planting of home gardens due to temperature fluctuations, advising to wait until the region is clear of frost threats before starting any planting endeavors.

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## The Town of Binghamton is looking for a Senior Citizens Program Coordinator. Can you help us?

Many years ago, the Town of Binghamton had a very successful Senior Citizens Program under the leadership of Prudy Drake. Prudy had the gift of organizing and creating wonderful trips, lunches, craft classes, and other special activities for the Town's seniors to enjoy. After serving for many years, Prudy eventually stepped down from this voluntary position. The Town made many attempts over the following year to find a new Coordinator but to no avail, and the program ended.

Ten years have now passed, and Councilperson Vickie Conklin would like to see if there is anyone out there who might be interested in volunteering for this position, bringing fresh new ideas and activities to our senior community. This person would organize activities for seniors, which could include bus trips, luncheons, tours, educational classes, etc.

If you have an interest in becoming the Town of Binghamton's Senior Citizens Program Coordinator, please contact Vickie at: [Council2@townofbinghamton.com](mailto:Council2@townofbinghamton.com)

Thanks, everyone. :)  
Becky at the Town Hall



## Taylen Flynn Commits to Newberry College

By Windsor School District

Windsor Central High School senior Taylen Flynn will attend Newberry College to play lacrosse and study business management.

"I just really loved it there. Everyone felt super welcoming. I've always wanted to go to the south. I chose it and it felt like the right fit for me," said Flynn. "I'm super grateful for everyone. I'm so glad that this many people could make it (today). I'm just so happy that they're there for me and can support me through this decision."

Taylen has played varsity lacrosse for four seasons, including a stint as a team captain. She has been a 1st-Team All-Division selection, 1st-Team Section IV All-Star, Scholar-Athlete Award winner, and a member of the Greater Binghamton Elite 7 team. She has also played travel lacrosse for BC 607.

Taylen has also played for two varsity seasons on the Windsor volleyball team, earning All-Conference honors.

In addition to her success on the field, Flynn is a member of the WCHS Varsity Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, and National Honor Society. She is also an Honor Roll student.

See picture on Page 4!



## Day With Professionals

By Windsor School District

Windsor Central High School juniors had a first-hand look at their potential future careers at the school's seventh annual Day With Professionals Tuesday. 26 professionals from a range of careers helped students jump start their career exploration. Students spoke either one-on-one or in small groups with each professional.

Broome County District Attorney Paul Battisti and New York State Supreme Court Justice and Administrative Judge for the 6th Judicial District, Eugene Faughnan met with with students interested in a career in law, including WCHS junior Nora Drexler.

"I got to really connect to the professionals and learn what they do and how they help their communities," said Drexler. "I really enjoyed talking to both of them. I learned more about what I want to do what their day-to-day looks like. Surprisingly, I found they really had a lot of fun at their jobs. They make a difference which is what I'm passionate about and what I'd like to do."

The professionals met with high school juniors to talk about their professional paths and what the students can do to get the best start in their careers, whether their next step is college, the Military, or the workforce.

"Day with Professionals is an opportunity for students to meet someone in a field they're interested in pursuing after high school. It gives students the ability to connect with someone local, begin forming their network, and start finding opportunities like job shadows" said WCHS Career Counselor Heather Noyd.

This event is part of Windsor's Future Ready Knights program, which allows students to pursue careers through ten different pathways: Business/Finance, Career & Technical Education, Computer Science, Agriculture, Biomedical Science, Human Services, Fine Arts, Education, Construction Trades, and Engineering, with the help of internships, mentorships, and apprenticeships.

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## WCHS College Signings!



### Angelo Commits to Alfred University



### Taylen Flynn Commits to Newberry College



### Smith Commits to Mansfield University

## Graduating students from SUNY CCC Guaranteed Acceptance and Junior Standing at Elmira College

Leaders from Elmira College and SUNY Corning Community College held a ceremonial signing of a new transfer agreement between the two institutions. The agreement provides a smooth path for graduating CCC students to transfer to and attend Elmira College where they can earn a bachelor's degree.

"This event formalized a new agreement that will help remove some of the financial obstacles for Corning Community College students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree," said Dr. Charles W. Lindsay, Elmira College President. "While CCC and EC have had academic articulation agreements in the past, this new agreement focuses on scholarships and guarantees that CCC graduates who meet grade point average criteria will receive generous funds."

"This agreement is a testament to our mission - Empower Our Students. Elevate Our Community. - as it will create opportunities for our students to pursue a bachelor's degree while staying close to home," said Dr. William P. Mullaney, SUNY Corning Community College President. "We are particularly excited about the new, career-focused programs EC has been launching that pair well with CCC's academic programs."

Students transferring with an Associate's degree from CCC to EC with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher will receive a \$20,000 Transfer Scholarship. Students transferring with a GPA of 3.2 and lower will earn a \$15,000 Transfer Scholarship. Additional need-based grant funding will be available to students who qualify based on demonstrated need. Funding for these scholarships is renewable as long as the student is enrolled and remains in good academic standing.

Beyond the scholarship information, further details are outlined in the agreement. EC will transfer up to 68 credits earned at CCC toward the completion of a Bachelor's degree. This applies to CCC students who receive an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree and have at least 54 college transfer credits. For their part, students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher and the courses in which the grades were earned must apply to the degree. For full details and requirements, interested graduating CCC students should contact the Enrollment Advisement Center (EAC) at 607-962-9151.

"We are proud of this transformative partnership with Elmira College which will provide a seamless pathway for our students to reach new heights and lessen the financial barriers to obtain a four-year degree," said Dr. Robert Koble, Vice President of Academic Affairs at SUNY CCC.

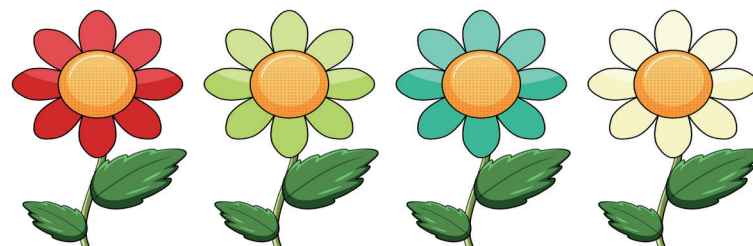
"Together, EC and CCC can help develop a local and regional workforce that has benefited from the emphasis our two institutions place on life-long learning, leadership, and community involvement," said Dr. Patricia Ireland, Provost at EC. "We are excited to welcome CCC graduates and delighted to offer a more affordable journey towards a bachelor's degree."

### About SUNY Corning Community College

SUNY Corning Community College's (SUNY CCC) main campus is located in Corning, NY. SUNY CCC serves life-long learners by providing access to high-quality, affordable transfer, career, and workforce development educational opportunities. Our learning environment fosters diversity, empowerment, leadership, and teamwork for academic, professional, and personal success. To learn more, visit [corning-cc.edu](http://corning-cc.edu).

### About Elmira College

Founded in 1855, Elmira College is a private, residential, liberal arts college offering 25-plus majors, an honors program, 17 academic societies, and 16 Division III varsity teams. Located in the Southern Finger Lakes Region of New York, Elmira's undergraduate and graduate student population hails from more than 20 states and nine countries. Elmira is a Phi Beta Kappa College and has been ranked a top college, nationally, for student internships. The College is also home to the Center for Mark Twain Studies, one of four historically significant Twain heritage sites in the U.S., which attracts Twain scholars and educators from around the world for research on the famous literary icon. Proud of its history and tradition, the College is committed to the ideals of community service, and intellectual and individual growth.



# Governor Hochul Celebrates Agricultural Literacy Week in New York State

By *Governor.ny.gov Website*

Governor Kathy Hochul today celebrated Agricultural Literacy Week in New York, announcing a full slate of reading events planned across the state throughout the week. Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball, and New York staff members are joining thousands of volunteers across the state to visit classrooms and engage with students through a book reading and hands-on activities. Now in its 19th year, Agricultural Literacy Week is a statewide effort organized by New York Agriculture in the Classroom to educate students about the importance of agriculture and opportunities for careers in the industry.

“Each year, Agricultural Literacy Week gets our kids reading, learning, and opening their eyes to the opportunities in agriculture that are all around them, and it’s key to ensuring that we will have a thriving agricultural industry here in New York State for years to come,” Governor Hochul said. “As a former 4-H kid myself, I salute the thousands of volunteers across the state who are taking the time to teach our students where their food comes from and to care for the land around them.”

“I’m proud to once again participate in the statewide Agricultural Literacy Week effort and get the chance to read to some of our youngest New Yorkers,” said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. “There’s nothing more important than reaching our students and encouraging them to broaden their learning. With this initiative, we’re planting seeds of opportunity for our kids, teaching them about agriculture in the state, and its impact on their everyday lives, as well as the world around them.”

New York State has one of the longest running and largest Agricultural Literacy Week programs in the country. Each year, volunteers visit schools throughout the state to read an agricultural-themed book to students. This week, Lieutenant Governor Delgado will visit John James Audubon School No. 33 School in Rochester on Tuesday, March 19. Commissioner Ball will also visit a second-grade classroom at Schoharie Elementary School on Thursday, March 21. In addition, nearly two dozen Department of Agriculture and Markets staff members are joining the statewide volunteer effort to visit classrooms and conduct lessons, nearly double the number of staff members that participated last year. For classrooms that are unable to host a volunteer this year, and to share the educational lessons of this year’s Ag Literacy book far and wide, a video recording of the book reading by Commissioner Ball is available here.

Agricultural Literacy Week 2024 celebrates strawberries, one of the sweetest fruits of summer. This year’s selected book, “I LOVE Strawberries,” written by Shannon Anderson with art by Jaclyn Sinquett, shares one girl’s unstoppable mission to grow her own food from seedling to table in a colorful introduction to the joy of growing the popular perennial. In the book, young Jolie is determined to convince her parents to let her grow strawberries and she models the qualities of responsibility, creativity, and tenacity. Ranking 8th in the nation in production of strawberries, New York’s strawberry crop is one of the first local foods available in markets and roadside stands during each harvest season.

In 2024, a record 103,000 students statewide will be a part of Agricultural Literacy Week. During volunteers’ visits, students benefit from an interactive lesson with volunteers sharing their personal experiences in agriculture. Teachers are provided with follow up activities to continue these important educational opportunities throughout the school year.

To learn more about NYAITC and Agricultural Literacy Week, including a list of previous years’ books, visit [newyork.agclassroom.org/programs/literacy](http://newyork.agclassroom.org/programs/literacy).

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball said, “One of the most important responsibilities we have as an agricultural community is to instill in our young people an understanding and appreciation of how our food is grown and where it comes from. Getting young children excited about food and agriculture is essential to building healthy eating habits and to introducing them to the many possibilities for future jobs in this critical industry. I am thrilled to join Lieutenant Governor Delgado, my staff, and so many other volunteers who are heading into the classroom this week to share the story of agriculture, and I encourage others to learn more and get involved.”

New York State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said, “Agricultural Literacy Week provides a unique opportunity for individuals with a vested interest in our state’s food supply system to engage students in the promotion of literacy through agriculture-themed books and hands-on activities. Agricultural sustainability is vital for our economy, our health, and nutrition. In a state where nearly one-quarter of our land is used for farming and cultivation, it is vital to educate the next generation of farmers and dairy producers. We are lucky to live in a state where fresh and local is a way of life and we are proud to be a part of this initiative to raise awareness for New York agriculture while integrating the principles of literacy for our state’s students.”

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, “In its 19th year, Agricultural Literacy Week continues to be an incredible tool for educating our youngest about where their food comes from, how it’s grown, the importance of having a local food supply, and instilling an early sense of responsibility for caring for their environment. I thank all the agricultural educators across New York State who are empowering our next generation with valuable skills and knowledge, inspiring young minds to start their own gardens, and maybe one day pursue future careers in agriculture.”

Assemblymember Donna Lupardo said, “Each year I look forward to participating in Agricultural Literacy Week. It’s inspiring to see agriculture come to life for students through stories and activities. These experiences will help develop a deeper appreciation of where our food comes from, along with a responsibility for protecting our land. Thank you to all of New York’s agricultural educators for their commitment and dedication to this important work.”

New York Agriculture in the Classroom Director Katie Carpenter said, “Agricultural Literacy Week is our favorite celebration of the year. There is so much excitement in connecting volunteer farmers, food and agriculture industry partners, and youth in agriculture with schools to read a great book highlighting one of our sweetest crops in New York – strawberries! Our hope is that through an authentic and fun experience around agriculture, we are growing an agriculturally literate population who understands the complexities and importance of local, national, and global food systems in their daily lives.”

New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Chair Bill Zalakar said, “Agricultural Literacy Week is a wonderful opportunity to share agriculture’s story with students across the state. It opens the door for them to learn about where their food comes from and the hard-working people who farm every day. New York Farm Bureau has been a longtime partner in the project, and we will have member volunteers reading to students in school districts throughout New York. We encourage everyone to share the story of our family farms that provide so much to their communities.”

Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (Cornell CALS) Ronald P. Lynch Dean Benjamin Houlton said, “Food and agriculture are the building blocks of society. CALS has been focused on developing the next generation of leaders in agriculture for more than 150 years, inspiring new solutions that benefit New York and the world. I’m grateful to Governor Hochul for raising awareness about Agricultural Literacy Week, and for the commitment of so many educators and extension specialists across New York who are working hard to foster appreciation for where our food and fiber come from. Their collective efforts are expanding knowledge and skills in young people who will translate this knowledge into future action for the benefit of us all.”

Expanding Agricultural Education Throughout New York State

The Governor’s 2024 State of the State address and FY 2025 Budget continue to prioritize investments in agricultural education to support workforce development and ensure that agriculture remains a viable industry in New York State. Governor Hochul has proposed a youth agriculture leadership conference, increased support for the FFA in the Executive Budget by \$250,000 for a total of \$1.25 million, and dedicated \$1 million to support the NYAITC program and increase the number of certified agricultural educators in New York State. In addition, \$250,000 is included in the Executive Budget in support of Urban Agricultural Education and \$50,000 for the MANRRS program. Together, these programs help meet the growing demand for agricultural education across New York.

About New York Agriculture in the Classroom Established in 1985, New York Agriculture in the Classroom is a partnership of Cornell University, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the New York State Education Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the New York Farm Bureau.

Its mission is to foster awareness, understanding, and appreciation of how food and fiber are produced, what we eat and how we live, by helping educators, students, and their communities learn about and engage with agriculture and food systems. NYAITC works with pre-K through high school teachers, pre-service teachers, Cornell Cooperative Extension and other community educators, farmers and producers, volunteers, parents, and community partners to increase agricultural literacy in New York State. Learn more at [agclassroom.org/ny](http://agclassroom.org/ny).



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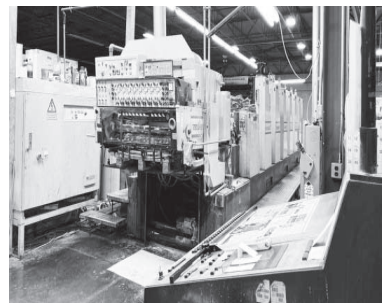
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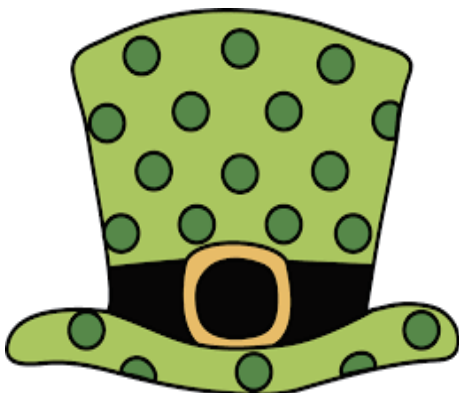
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# Governor Hochul Launches Effort to Protect New Yorkers Ahead of Total Solar

## Eclipse on April 8 (From Page 1)

By Governor.ny.gov Website

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched a state-wide effort to protect New Yorkers ahead of the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8. The effort includes statewide distribution of limited-edition I LOVE NY eclipse glasses at 30 locations throughout the state – including New York State Welcome Centers and select service areas along the NYS Thruway – as well as a reminder for stargazers to be wary of scams, fake merchandise and phony accommodation listings. In addition, the Governor expanded an I LOVE NY campaign to urge New Yorkers to take proper safety precautions during the eclipse. Today's announcement builds on previous actions to prepare the state, as well as New York stargazers, for the once-in-a-generation celestial event.

"The total solar eclipse will be a once-in-a-generation experience for our state, and it's critical that New Yorkers have the tools and information to enjoy it safely," Governor Hochul said. "From heightening awareness of scams to providing thousands of New Yorkers with eclipse glasses, I'm focused on giving everyone the resources they need to safely experience this extraordinary event."

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will encompass the western and northern parts of New York State with the roughly 100-mile wide path of totality entering in the southwestern part of the state at just after 3:15 p.m. and departing northern New York just before 3:30 p.m. Cities and towns within this path include Jamestown, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Watertown, Old Forge, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh. The entire event will last for up to 2 ½ hours, marking the time the sun is first obstructed to the last moments when the moon's shadow is cast.

### I LOVE NY Eclipse Glasses

During the eclipse, it is especially unsafe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection and can result in serious injury. The partial phases of the solar eclipse can only be safely observed directly with specialized eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer – regular sunglasses are not a safe replacement.

A limited quantity of I LOVE NY eclipse glasses will be available beginning today at locations throughout the state, including New York State Welcome Centers and select service areas along the New York State Thruway (at the Applegreen C-Stores). A full list of locations distributing I LOVE NY glasses, as well as other sources for eclipse glasses, are available here. Glasses will be limited to two pairs per person, while supplies last, with a limited amount distributed daily. The glasses were approved by the New York State Department of Health and carry an ISO certification.

A digital marketing campaign was launched in January to promote general awareness of the eclipse and viewing options across New York State. Messaging of the campaign has expanded to include safety and preparedness information as well as information on eclipse glasses distribution. The campaign will continue to run up until the eclipse on April 8.

### Protecting Stargazers From Scams

The New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is providing tips for the hundreds of thousands of consumers planning to travel to New York State to witness the solar eclipse over New York. Consumers need to be informed of their rights, shop smartly to safeguard their hard-earned money and stay vigilant to protect themselves from scams.

According to the Better Business Bureau, scams

associated with the 2024 solar eclipse may include:

**Travel Scams:** Scammers may advertise discounted travel packages or transportation services for viewing the eclipse, only to disappear with customers' money or provide subpar services.

**Fake Merchandise:** Unscrupulous vendors might sell counterfeit or overpriced eclipse-themed merchandise.

**Phony Accommodation Listings:** Scammers could create false hotel or rental listings claiming to have optimal views of the eclipse while these listings may not exist or properties may not be as described, or the lister is not really the owner.

To safeguard against these scams, consumer should:

Try to pay with a credit card. Credit cards often offer more protection than paying by cash, check or debit card. Some credit card companies also offer perks like trip insurance or concierge service while traveling and may offer additional protections if the trip is cancelled. Check with your credit card company on the conditions of travel expenditure reimbursement.

**Purchasing Merchandise.** Purchase eclipse viewing glasses and other related products only from reputable vendors or verified sources. Look to see if the glasses include the ISO stamp and message. When seeking eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers, your best bet is to start with the AAS list of suppliers so you can be sure your viewers are safe.

**Personal Information.** Exercise caution when providing personal or financial information online. This advice is good all year round, not just for the eclipse.

**Do Your Research.** Verify the legitimacy of accommodation listings by researching the property and reading reviews from trusted sources.

Any consumer who encounters a marketplace problem while enjoying the eclipse in New York can file a complaint with the Division of Consumer Protection at [dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection](http://dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection).

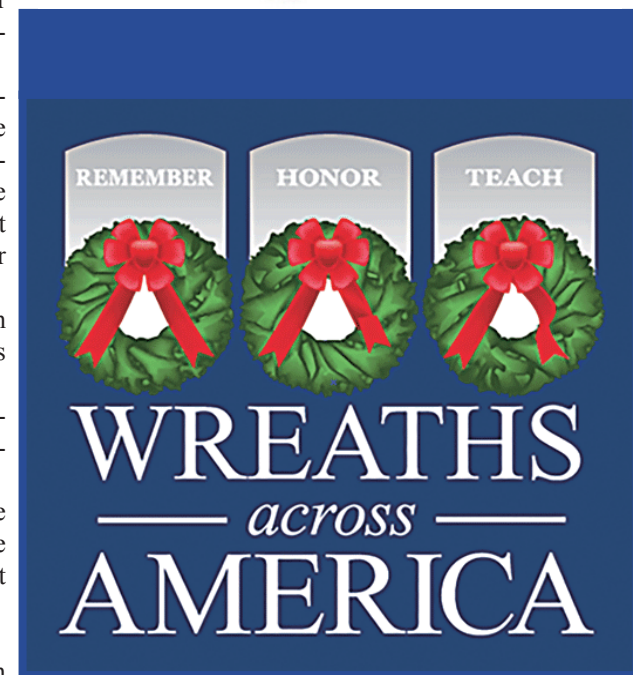
**Additional Preparations for Total Solar Eclipse** New York State is committed to providing a safe and fun

eclipse experience, recognizing the convergence of public safety and tourism promotion. Travelers are encouraged to plan an extended getaway for a more enjoyable event, including avoiding post-eclipse traffic like the massive backups following the Great Eclipse of 2017, which bisected the United States from Oregon to South Carolina.

### Educational Information and Viewing

Earlier this month, Governor Hochul announced the eclipse events and activities scheduled at New York's State Parks, in coordination with NASA. I LOVE NY has launched the multi-platform "Come for the Eclipse, Stay for New

York" campaign to present New York as THE place to be to witness this event. The campaign and a special eclipse website highlight viewing location information in the five regions that will experience the path of totality, a variety of attractions and special eclipse-related events happening across the state across its digital platforms including Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and Twitter/X. A downloadable special edition eclipse poster is also available, created through I LOVE NY's partnership with acclaimed artist and professional astronomer Dr. Tyler Nordgren. Visit [iloveny.com/eclipse](http://iloveny.com/eclipse) for viewing locations and additional safety tips.



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## Village of Windsor

### General Notices

By Village Of Windsor Website

#### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

– Windsor Churches United will be holding an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. at the Riverside Cemetery (Soldiers / Firefighters Monument) All are welcome! Please park at the High School.

#### BREAKFAST WITH THE KNIGHTS

– Every Saturday starting January 6th, come join us for breakfast with the Windsor Knights at Our Lady of Lourdes Church located on Kent Street. From 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eggs, pancakes, home fries, sausage, coffee, tea or milk and juice. \$10 for adults; \$5.00 for children.

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**Village Office hours** are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Village Board of Trustees meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House located at 107 Main Street in the village. If you need to get in touch with the Code Enforcement Officer, please call the office and leave your name and number and we will forward it to him. He will get in touch with you soon. (607) 655-2024

## Windsor Wednesday

### Seniors:

#### March Schedule: History Month!

**March 6:** Eileen Ruggieri, presentation on Windsor’s and surrounding area’s history

**March 13:** Dan Burdick plays Irish music for St. Pat’s Day

**March 20:** Dan Price, presentation on America’s history

**March 27:** Pastor Russ Lockwood on the piano, classic 40’s, 50’s, 60’s tunes

Windsor Wednesday Seniors meet every Wednesday for great fellowship and entertainment at the Windsor Community House, 107 Main Street, Windsor, from 12 noon until 2pm. A covered dish lunch is from noon to 1pm. Entertainment is from 1pm to 2pm. Seating is at 11:45.

Call Carolyn at 607-655-1028 if you have any questions.

## All Rise

By Windsor School District

Eugene Faughnan, New York State Supreme Court Justice, and Administrative Judge for the 6th Judicial District, visited Mr. Symons Public Policy class Wednesday to share his journey to the bench and the role he plays in the legal system.

“I want to talk about education and civics, and what a judge does. The Chief Judge has put an emphasis on civics and educating young people,” said Faughnan. “A lot of the younger students believe that history began when they were born and don’t understand the underpinnings of our laws and history.”

Students asked questions about Faughnan’s most interesting cases, how judges keep their impartiality, and the role of religious freedom in the context of the law. Faughnan stressed that judges aren’t there to decide based on what they think should be done, they are there to follow the law.

“I want them to understand that there’s every reason to believe in the law. As long as you put the right people in the right positions, the system does work, and the law makes sense. People don’t believe that, but I think it does make sense. There are times you look at a statute and wonder if it makes sense and if you look at it, it does,” said Faughnan.

As Administrative Judge for the 6th Judicial District, Faughnan oversees 500 employees in over 10 counties, including those with backgrounds in social work, law enforcement, and clerical workers.

“We have jobs that with a HS diploma that you start at \$50,000 and within a few years you can make close to \$100,000,” said Faughnan.

Faughnan told students that people can become lawyers from many backgrounds, but the one common thread is the ability to write.

“I thought it was very insightful. I had a lot of questions Mr. Symons couldn’t answer so getting him to answer was a privilege,” said WCHS senior Drew Diesel.

“I thought it was cool. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to speak to a judge unless you get in trouble. It’s an honor to meet someone that high up in government,” said WCHS senior Caeden VanZandt.

“It was a wonderful opportunity for our kids to get to speak to a (NYS) Supreme Court Judge about his education and work experience. I hope they understood a judge is a human being but looks at the law in an impartial manner,” said Mr. Symons.



## More March Fun Facts!

### Famous March Birthdays

--March 2, 1904 — Dr. Seuss (a.k.a Theodor Geisel)

Theodor Geisel with the ‘ghost name’ of Dr. Seuss is well known for the whimsical children’s book known as ‘Cat In The Hat.’ A fun fact to note is Geisel was initially rejected 27 times from publishers before his manuscript was finally published by Vanguard Press.

--March 14, 1879 — Albert Einstein

If you’re also born on March 14th, perhaps you have a streak of ‘genius’ in you as well! In fact, March 14th is celebrated as ‘International Pi Day’ as March 14th is also known as 3/14 in honor of the great ‘Albert Einstein’.

March 28, 1986 — Lady Gaga (a.k.a. Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta)

If your birthday happens to fall on March 28th, perhaps you have an ‘entertainment’ side you need to pursue! Lady Gaga is known professionally as an American singer, songwriter, and actress. She is also well-known for her image reinventions and musical versatility.

## WCHS Holds 7th Annual Day With Professionals

### Tuesday, March 19th

Battisti, Faughnan Headline List of 26 Professionals In Student Career Event

By Windsor School District

Windsor Central High School’s seventh annual Day With Professionals was Tuesday, March 19th beginning at 9:05am. 26 professionals from a range of careers will help students jump start their career exploration. Students spoke either one-one-one or in small groups with each professional.

The event took place over two sessions. The first was 9:05am-9:45am and the second was from 9:45am-10:25am.

Broome County District Attorney Paul Battisti and New York State Supreme Court Justice and Administrative Judge for the 6th Judicial District, Eugene Faughnan met with students interested in a career in law during both sessions.

The professionals met with high school juniors to talk about their professional paths and what the students can do to get the best start in their careers, whether their next step is college, the Military, or the workforce.

“Day with Professionals is an opportunity for students to meet someone in a field they’re interested in pursuing after high school. It gives students the ability to connect with someone local, begin forming their network, and start finding opportunities like job shadows” said WCHS Career Counselor Heather Noyd.

This event is part of Windsor’s Future Ready Knights program, which allows students to pursue careers through ten different pathways: Business/Finance, Career & Technical Education, Computer Science, Agriculture, Biomedical Science, Human Services, Fine Arts, Education, Construction Trades, and Engineering, with the help of internships, mentorships, and apprenticeships.