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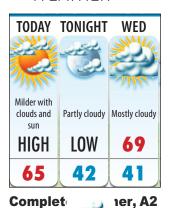


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Woman accused of DWI with kids in car

By Bill Williams Columbia-Greene Media

COXSACKIE — A Catskill woman was arrested Saturday afternoon on multiple felony charges for allegedly driving while impaired by drugs with two small children in the car, state police Troop T public information officer Tara McCormick, said Monday.

Katie A. Warren, 31, was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child in the vehicle, two counts of driving while ability impaired by drugs and

first-degree aggravated unli- violation. At that time, police censed operation, all class E felonies, McCormick said.

Warren was also charged with endangering the welfare of a child, a class A misdemeanor, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, a Class U misdemeanor, McCormick said.

Warren has a prior DWI conviction within the last 10 years, McCormick said.

On Saturday, at about 12:30 p.m., troopers stopped a vehicle on the New York State Thruway in Coxsackie for a vehicle and traffic

determined that Warren was impaired by drugs while driving with two 4-year-old children in the car, McCormick

Police did not disclose the relationship between the children and Warren, Mc-Cormick said.

Warren was found to have a suspended driver's license and an active arrest warrant from Schenectady City Police, McCormick said.

Warren was taken into custody and transported to State

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The New York State Thruway in Coxsackie where a Catskill woman was charged with DWI with two children in the car.

\$15M project means hotel for downtown Coxsackie

Contributed photo

An artist's rendering of the Newbury Hotel.

By Melanie Lekocevic

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Developer Aaron Flach checks out the plans for the South

COXSACKIE — Work is underway on a luxury hotel and event center in downtown Coxsackie.

Developer Aaron Flach is building the Newbury Hotel and The Wire wedding and event center on South River Street and expects to have them up and running by May 2022, in time for next year's wedding season, he said.

The project is expected to bring 38 full-time jobs to the area and is projected to cost about \$15 million, Flach said.

Flach acquired a \$2 million grant from Empire State Development for the hotel and event center, and is working with the U.S. Small Business Administration for more funding, he said.

Once completed, the project will be a boon to the county economy, particularly during

the COVID-19 pandemic, said Karl Heck, director of Greene County Economic Development and Planning.

"Building any kind of hotel during the pandemic has been a challenge," Heck said Monday. "We are very fortunate to have Aaron [Flach] and his company moving ahead."

The project will also capitalize on one of the village's most

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NY pushes to vaccinate college students

By Kate Lisa

Johnson Newspaper Corp.

ALBANY — State University of New York campuses and private colleges will receive an allocation of COV-ID-19 vaccines as the state prioritizes vaccinating young people ages 18 to 24 in an effort to end the coronavirus pandemic.

River Street project.

The state will allocate 21,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for oncampus and non-commuter SUNY students and 14,000 doses for private colleges.

The state is prioritizing vaccinating younger New Yorkers after a spike in new coronavirus infections in residents ages 18 to 24 from 9% to 14%.

"Even if they believe in what I call the superhero theory, that they can't get hurt by COVID, they can transit COVID to someone who can get hurt," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said during a telephone call with reporters



Courtesy of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office

A Suffolk County Community College student receives a single-dose Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine at the Long Island campus on Monday after Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the state will allocate separate vaccines for SUNY schools and private colleges to inoculte young people.

to get students vaccinated in the

Monday afternoon. "We're trying schools before the schools are out." The age group was not eligible to

get vaccinated until April 6, or one week ago, which Cuomo said is the reason for the spiked infections.

Medical personnel at the public institutions, and private colleges that decide to participate, will administer

the vaccines on campus. SUNY and CUNY colleges will model the program. Students can make appointments through their universities.

"We've vaccinated many of the older population now," State Health Department Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said on Monday's call. "A lot of this goes to behavior, and we need to get vaccinated. They should be out there getting the vaccines."

All New Yorkers ages 16 and older are eligible to get vaccinated. To make a COVID-19 vaccine

appointment, visit am-i-eligible.

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