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Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony Veterans Day -2021

Veteran's Day 2021 in the Tri Valley area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 11th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The ceremony will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of Edgar Allison, an Army Veteran that served from 1942 - 1943. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor Archibald Dulaff who served in the Army during WW1, which will fly for six months.

Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troop 97 and Cub Scout Troop 87, as well as the Girl Scouts Troop 314 and an Honor Guard of local veterans. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

Following the Flag Exchange at the Cemetery, all are invited to the Neversink Town Hall for a brief flag exchange and wreath laying ceremony as well as light refreshments.

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency gratefully accepted more than 90 handmade greeting cards on November 1 from the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs, Monticello High School Key Club, Mrs. Weiner's Liberty Middle School students and the Aktion Club of Sullivan County, which is comprised of individuals from Arc of Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community and The Center for Discovery.

Featuring messages of thanks and encouragement, the cards are being distributed to local veterans at Castle Point and Stratton VA medical centers, along with Achieve and the Care Center at Sunset Lake, both in Liberty.

"It is easy for those veterans who have moved to adult homes and VA Centers to feel forgotten," noted Veterans Service Agency Director John Crotty. "We are so grateful for organizations like the Kiwanis to spearhead the team effort to make these beautiful cards for our veterans. The cards will be distributed in time for Veterans Day."

For more information about Kiwanis activities, call Monticello Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655 or Woodridge Kiwanian Sue Kasofsky at 845-434-8052.

Sullivan County Groups Create Cards to Remind Vets They're Not Forgotten



Local Kiwanians and Aktion Club advisors Sheila Lashinsky, center left, and Sue Kasofsky, center right, delivered over 90 handmade greeting cards to Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency Director John Crotty, left, and Veterans Service Officer Pablin Santiago-Lugo on November 1, in time to ensure local veterans in homebound or hospitalized settings get to see them before Veterans Day.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone was hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. St. Mark 10:42

OBITUARY

Berdella A. Smith, "Honey" of Grahamsville, NY, passed away on Saturday, October 30, 2021. She was 92 years old. Berdella was born on April 6, 1929 in Middleburgh, NY; she was the daughter of Daniel and Beatrice (Edwards) VanDyke.

Berdella graduated from Middleburgh Central School and furthered her education at Ulster County Community College where she earned an Associate's Degree in Science. She was a civilian employee for the Department of Corrections and retired after 30 years of service from the Eastern Correctional Facility. Following her retirement, she went onto work for the Town of Wawarsing where she was the secretary to the Supervisor where she remained for 18 years. Berdella was a friend to everyone she met, kind, and fun loving. She will be deeply missed.

In addition to her parents, Berdella was predeceased by her brother, Lawrence VanDyke.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Fredenburgh; her granddaughter, Kimberly Costa and her husband Fernando, their children, Colby, Jordan and Craig; granddaughter, Stacey Fredenburgh and her children, Virginia and Terri; grandson, Ronald Fredenburgh and his daughter, Shyanne; grandson, Daniel Fredenburgh and his daughter Adina; nephew, Bruce; nieces, Nancy, Beth, Sue, Debbie, Diane and Denise. Also surviving are many dear friends that Berdella held close to her heart.

A luncheon will be held from 12:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 21st at Unity Hall, Napanoch

Memorial contributions may be made in Berdella's name to the Wounded Warrior Project or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

DAYS OF YORE....**Today's History****November 28, 1951**

Miss Sophia Bonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kortright of Neversink, and the late Mr. Bonnell, became the bride of Mr. Anthony Ruocco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amellio Ruocco of Corning. The wedding took place on Thanksgiving Day at St. Vincent de Paul's Church at Corning, N.Y.

A pretty fall wedding took place at the Liberty Baptist Church on

November 24th when Miss Ethel Mary Low, daughter of Mrs. Abram Low of Loch Sheldrake Road in Liberty, became the bride of Mr. Paul Creighton Benton, son of Mrs. Warren Benton of Livingston Manor. After a honeymoon in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Benton will make their home at 15 John Street in Liberty. The bride graduated from the Kingston City Hospital School of Nursing and American Univ. in Washington, D.C. Mr. Benton is a member of the firm of Benton Bros. in Liberty.

November 29, 1961

Charles McGuire of Neversink has announced the engagement of his daughter, Margaret Mary, to John P. Powers of Lake Paradise, son of Mrs. Mary Powers. Miss McGuire is employed at the Frakin Farm in Hurleyville. Mr. Powers is employed by the Town of Neversink Highway Department. A December wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boncek are the proud parents of a daughter, Mary Ann, born at Maimonides Hospital last week.

John Deagle, a resident of Grahamsville, died on Nov. 22nd at Horton Memorial Hospital. He was a water plant operator at Lackawack. Mr. Deagle, who was 50, was born Sept. 29, 1911 in Newtonville, Mass., the son of John Patrick and Elizabeth Martell Deagle. He was married on April 13, 1953 at Grahamsville to Catherine Winters who survives. He was also survived by four sons and four daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edison are the parents of a daughter born on November 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Woods of Liberty are the parents of a daughter born on November 17th. Mrs. Woods is the former Marion Houghtaling. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nial Houghtaling of Neversink.

November 24, 1971

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pond, 15 years on November 24th.

Mr. Manville B. Wakefield, SCCC commercial art faculty chairman and a resident of Grahamsville, was slated to be featured on the CBS television evening news either Tuesday or today. He was awarded a commendation certificate by the American Association for State and Local History for his recent published history of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad.

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DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

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The book also traces the development of the Catskill resort industry fostered by the railroad. He has also been names to Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who in the East.

November 19, 1981

Dr. Karl Messenger, formerly a doctor here for many years in Grahamsville, passed away Nov. 10, 1981 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Among the survivors is Sam Messenger of South Hill, Grahamsville.

County and Town of Neversink officials went to Willowemoc on Monday evening, Nov. 16th to be a part of an impromptu surprise birthday party for 89-year old Hillary Conklin who has been a Town of Neversink Republican Committeeman for at least 40 years.

Anthony John Donelli, infant son of James and Deborah Donelli, was christened Nov. 8th at St. Joseph's Church in Marietta, Ga. Anthony is the first grandson of the proud grandparents, John and Mary Jane Donelli of Pepacton Hollow Rd., Grahamsville. They are also the proud grandparents of 3 lovely girls.

The TVTA Annual Holiday Drive

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee, along with other community groups, will again be assisting families during the holiday season. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in purchasing gifts for families in our school district. You could be an individual, a group of people, or an organization that is willing to help out to make a family's holiday even more special.

There is a great need again in this upcoming holiday season to help the people in our community. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Deb Swett at debraswett@trivalleycsd.org or 985-2296 x 4229, or Jessica Shafer at jessicashafer@trivall-

Household Hint:

Getting Ready for the Holidays? Clean china, crystal, and glassware

To rid drinking glasses of cloudiness or spots caused by hard water, heat up a pot of equal parts white vinegar and water (use full-strength vinegar if your glasses are very cloudy), and let them soak in it for 15-30 minutes. Give them a good scrubbing with a bottle brush, then rinse clean.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater and Shirley Davis.

Autumn Showcase



What a splendid display of autumn colors! Driving along Rt 55A alongside of the Rondout Reservoir last week, Mother Nature's exhibit of fall colors was extraordinary.

Did you ever wonder how and why a fall leaf changes color? Why a maple leaf turns bright red? Where do the yellows and oranges come from?

The annual change in tree leaf color actually starts just after the longest day and first day of summer, June 21 in the Northern Hemisphere, when the earth tilts to the point where the sun returns on a path back toward the Southern Hemisphere. You will not see the change yet but internal changes begin to occur then. Chemical changes that turn leaves from pale green in spring to dark green in summer to yellows and reds in fall are quite complex. The green pigment in chlorophyll, and stored in plastids, diminishes and is replaced by a pigment color without chlorophyll. The exact color is determined by each tree species. There are three major components for pigment change in leaves. Plastids (1) are minute leaf structures that carry green chlorophyll and color the summer forest. Carotenoids (2), stored in plastids, and anthocyanins (3) in leaf sap are the leaf paints (pigments) that color the forest of autumn.

During the summer there is so much chlorophyll in an active leaf that the green masks other pigment colors. Light regulates chlorophyll production, so as autumn days grow shorter, less chlorophyll is produced. The decomposition rate of chlorophyll remains constant, so the green color starts to fade from leaves.

At the same time, surging sugar concentrations cause increased production of anthocyanin pigments. Leaves containing primarily anthocyanins will appear red. Carotenoids are another class of pigments found in some leaves. Carotenoid production is not dependent on light, so levels aren't diminished by shortened days. Carotenoids can be orange, yellow, or red, but most of these pigments found in leaves are yellow. Leaves with good amounts of both anthocyanins and carotenoids will appear orange.

Leaves with carotenoids but little or no anthocyanin will appear yellow. In the absence of these pigments, other plant chemicals also can affect leaf color. An example includes tannins, which are responsible for the brownish color of some oak leaves.

Temperature affects the rate of chemical reactions, including those in leaves, so it does play a part in leaf color. However, it's mainly light levels that are responsible for fall foliage colors. Sunny autumn days are needed for the brightest color displays, since anthocyanins require light. Overcast days will lead to more yellows and browns.

Now that we are several weeks into autumn, there will not be enough light or water for photosynthesis. The trees are shutting down their food-making factories. They will live off the food stored in other parts of the plant. It is time for the trees to take a rest before starting the whole process again next spring.

Daniel Pierce Library Board Announces New Director Jennifer Thomas

The Daniel Pierce Library Board is pleased to announce our new director Jennifer Thomas joined our staff on October 25th, 2021. We are delighted to have Jennifer join our incredible employees along with our volunteers and know that programs and services will continue under her leadership.

Jennifer M. Thomas, a native of Northern New York, began her career in higher education as an aid administrator at SUNY Potsdam and later at SUNY Canton. She transitioned to the library world in 2008 and became director of the Dexter Free Library in 2009. For the last twelve years Jennifer has shared her passion for libraries by encouraging community partnerships and developing programming to support community members of all ages.

Libraries have held a special place in Jennifer's life. Her love of libraries began as a child with Saturday morning visits to the local library with her dad.

Jennifer is excited and honored to be a member of the Daniel Pierce Library team and is looking forward to joining the Tri-Valley community.

The next time you are in the library, please take a few minutes to meet Jennifer and welcome her to our area.

Mari Martin and the Daniel Pierce Library Board

Heritage Farm Baking Afternoon

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Explore baking and bakers of the past at the Heritage Farm Baking Afternoon on Sunday, November 14th at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.



Did you know that Pyrex glassware has been around since 1919 and Bisquick Baking Mix since 1931? Explore the differences in baking from the early 20th century to today with Cathy Russo and Penny (Phyllis) Coombe, who have created the new Heritage Farm Baking Book for the Time and the Valleys Museum. The afternoon will include a presentation by Penny (Phyllis) Coombe on meal

preparation in the 1920s through the 1940s as compared to today, and Cathy Russo will explain the recipe testing process, how to interpret and understand early recipes and how to overcome obstacles such as not knowing the baking time or temperature.

The new 70 page Heritage Farm Baking Book will be available for sale, and includes tried-and-true old



time treasured recipes for cakes, muffins, pies, cooking and more, all from local bakers of the past. It includes a history of baking and information and photos of many of the early local bakers. The cost of the book is \$15 and \$12 for museum members, and is a fund raiser for the Museum's second phase of the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm.

The baking afternoon also includes a taste testing of several recipes from the book, a display of early cookbooks and kitchen implements and admission to the Museum exhibitions, both before

and after the program. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own treasured early family recipes to share and for help in interpreting vintage directions, measurements and ingredients.

Admission: Members are free, and non-members: \$5 for non-members. In Person attendance is limited to 30 and registration is required. To register please email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org with your name and number of attendees, and put In Person Registration in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

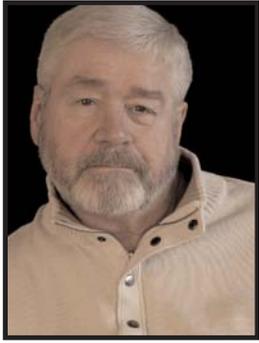
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

- o New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700



A Private Cathedral

Mysterious Book Report No. 412

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Whenever CWA Grand Master and Guggenheim Fellowship recipient James Lee Burke brings forth a new work of fiction, the world of mystery, thriller and crime readers and writers sits up and takes notice. We know it will be lyrically written and thought provoking . . . as well as exciting, violent and philosophical . . . all at the same time. Mr. Burke's ability to compare beauty and squalor, kindness and violence, as well as the struggle to do good by committing evil in the world—all in exquisite beautiful prose—is nothing less than magical

In his newest release (and 40th novel) entitled:

A Private Cathedral, (Simon and Schuster, \$28.00, 416 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-5168-3) James Lee Burke has created a genre-jumping, mind-bending and captivating yarn that many will consider to be the best of his 23 novels set in Louisiana and featuring an imperfect, tortured detective named Dave Robicheaux. The MBR is one of them.

As the novel begins, it's late in the 1990s. Dave Robicheaux is battling his addiction to alcohol, trying to get his job and his badge back and mourning the deaths of two wives; the first by violence and the second from disease. And, as if that's not enough to deal with, he has profound guilt and flashbacks from his time in the Vietnam War. The last thing he needs is to get sucked into one of the most bloody and deadliest criminal feuds in Louisiana history. But of course, that's just what happens when Dave comes to the aid of a pair of star-crossed young lovers named Johnny Shondell and Isolde Balangie.

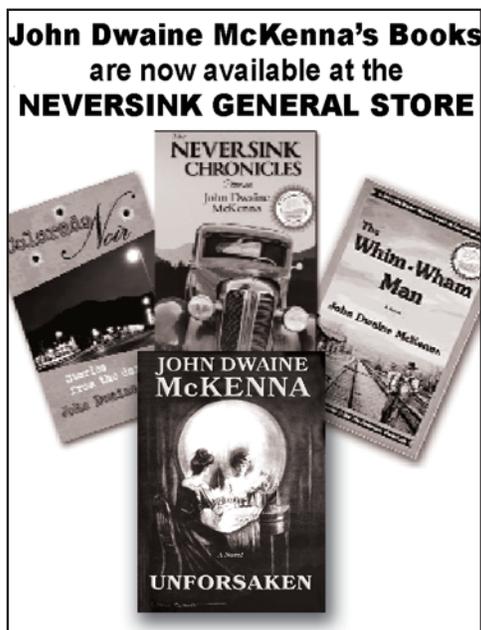
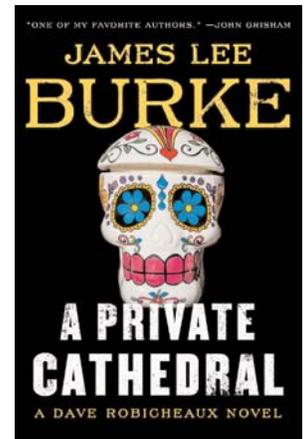
Johnny is a teen idol and a talented musician who's making his way up the pop charts. He and Isolde have discovered that they're soul mates, devoted to and enraptured by each other. Trouble is however, the Shondell and Balangie clans have been at war for centuries. Several generations ago, they devised a plan to keep from destroying each other. The pact is simple. Periodically, the weaker clan will send an immediate family member to be held as hostage by the other, which is why Johnny is being forced to deliver Isolde to his uncle for use as a sex slave. Dave Robicheaux, a modern knight-errant in tarnished armor, and his partner Clete Purcell are honor bound to intervene on behalf of the defenseless young couple. But when Robicheaux gets too close to Isolde's mother, who's the consort of a mobster from New Orleans, the Mafia Don puts out a contract on Dave and Clete. The assassin he calls forth is a terrifying ghostly apparition who travels through time on a spectral slave ship to wreak havoc on the present . . . where the battle between the forces of good and evil reach epic proportions.

Combining crime fiction with a hard-boiled noir thriller, and a dose of the paranormal, *A Private Cathedral* puts James Lee Burke in a dimension of his own. It's a place where angels fear to tread . . . and ordinary wordsmiths can only wish they could get to!

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Harness Races for U.S. Armed Forces Veterans to Benefit Federation Veteran's Pantry

The Monticello Raceway is gearing up to host this year's Veterans Driving Challenge. Set for Wednesday, November 10, these races will be a competition of former serviceman/women who are also licensed harness drivers. According to Director & Program Administrator Kathy Kreiter, monies raised from the event will be donated to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless Veterans Pantry.

Efforts by North American Amateur Driver's Association (NAADA) and the Catskill Amateur Driver's Club (CADC) to present races for US armed forces veterans are coming to fruition according to NAADA vice president, Alan Schwartz.

The Veterans Driving Challenge is open to former servicemen/women who are also harness drivers licensed by the USTA and/or the Canadian Trotting Association. If you have served in any of the armed forces and possess either an A or P harness license, you are qualified to compete in this very worthy cause. Any eligible armed forces veteran interested in competing in the race(s) is urged to contact Alan Schwartz at 845-791-7747 or Monticello Raceway's Director of Racing, Eric Warner at 845-794-4100 x557.

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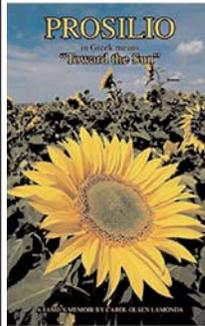
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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Nine on a Beach



By the time this column gets to print, I will be in Kinetta Beach, Greece with the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce trip to Greece and Santorini. I will be a tourist but one with a history of Greece.

The last time I was in Greece was forty-seven years ago. I traveled with my family: teenage boys, husband, sister, mom, dad, Aunt Helen and Uncle Joe. It was the first time abroad for my sons. My most vivid memory was having dinner at a table set on a beach at dusk, nine of us in three generations joined by a fourth generation, my Great Uncle Stellos Takis and Dr. Maria Stavranakou, relatives of my Greek grandmother and grandfather.

That special night connected relatives from different continents and generations. Two layers of generations have passed on, but the memory of the night lives on in my heart and in the poem I wrote back then. I feel like I am going on a sentimental journey.



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You probably know some of our members. You've seen us in the neighborhood, in school, or at the grocery store.

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provided summer reading books to kindergarteners and students from Head Start who will be attending Kindergarten in the Fall; we supply the nurse at BCES with socks and underwear as a 'just in case'; we purchase dictionaries for all third graders at BCES and show them how to use them; we do twice a year food drives for the local food pantries; we give five \$1,000 scholarships to seniors who are going on to a college or trade school; and so much more.

Along with clubs like ours, Kiwanis International offers clubs for kids in elementary, middle, high school and even college. Our club sponsors a K-Kids club at BCES, a Builders Club in middle school, and Key Club at the high school. We also sponsor an Aktion Club, along with the Monticello Kiwanis Club, that gives developmentally disabled adults the opportunity to volunteer in their communities. We believe everyone can serve others - and benefit from serving.

On November 20, 1956 our Kiwanis club was formed by local businessmen in the Woodridge community. Over the years we have welcomed members from all over the Town of Fallsburg as well as Liberty and surrounding areas. We are proud to be celebrating our sixty-fifth anniversary. As we celebrate, we are also looking for people to join us. We know life is busy - work, family and other daily demands can interfere with even the best intentions. We also know that more children than ever need what Kiwanis provides.

We reach more kids when we have more members. That is why we're extending this invitation to change lives - maybe even including your own.

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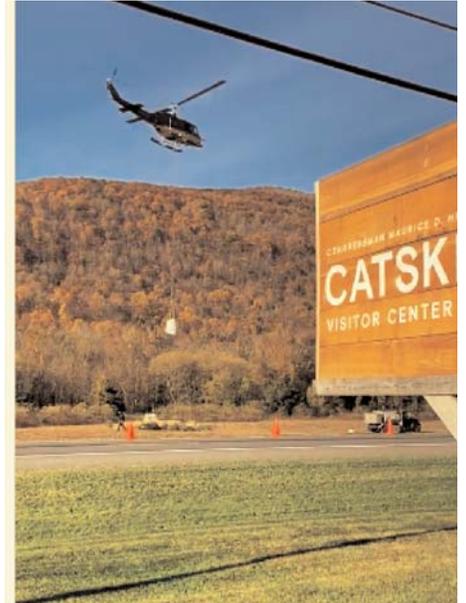
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Lean-to Materials Leaving by Helicopter!

NYSDEC and NYS Police set up on Rte 28 across from the Catskills Visitor Center and flew lean-to materials into the Slide Mountain Wilderness this morning. DEC and volunteers will reassemble the pieces and replace lean-tos on Terrace and Table Mountains.



Sullivan County Auctioning Surplus Vehicles & Equipment

Monticello, NY - Bidders are welcome from now through November 21 on more than 35 items - including assorted pipes, equipment, cars, trucks, parts, a tractor and a grader - up for auction by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works (DPW).

"There's something to interest any bargain-hunter," says District 7 Legislator and Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello. "I invite everyone to take a look and make a bid."

Bidding on all lots started at just \$1, rising in increments (with a 10% buyer's premium). Some items may be lightly used or in operable condition, but all are being sold as-is through Absolute Auctions and Realty, with a full catalog, including photos, at: <https://aarauctions.com/servlet/Search.do?auctionId=5055>.

Live previews are available, by appointment only, on November 18 and 19 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call John Schultz at 845-807-0304 to schedule.

The auction closes on November 21, and payment is due by Wednesday, November 24 at 1 p.m. All lots are subject to seller approval. Invoices will be sent following approval of sale. Pickup will be by appointment only on November 29, 30 and December 1 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. All pickups must be completed by Wednesday, December 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Various vehicles are for sale in the annual Sullivan County Division of Public Works auction, running through November 21.



Sullivan Veterans Day Events & Services - 2021

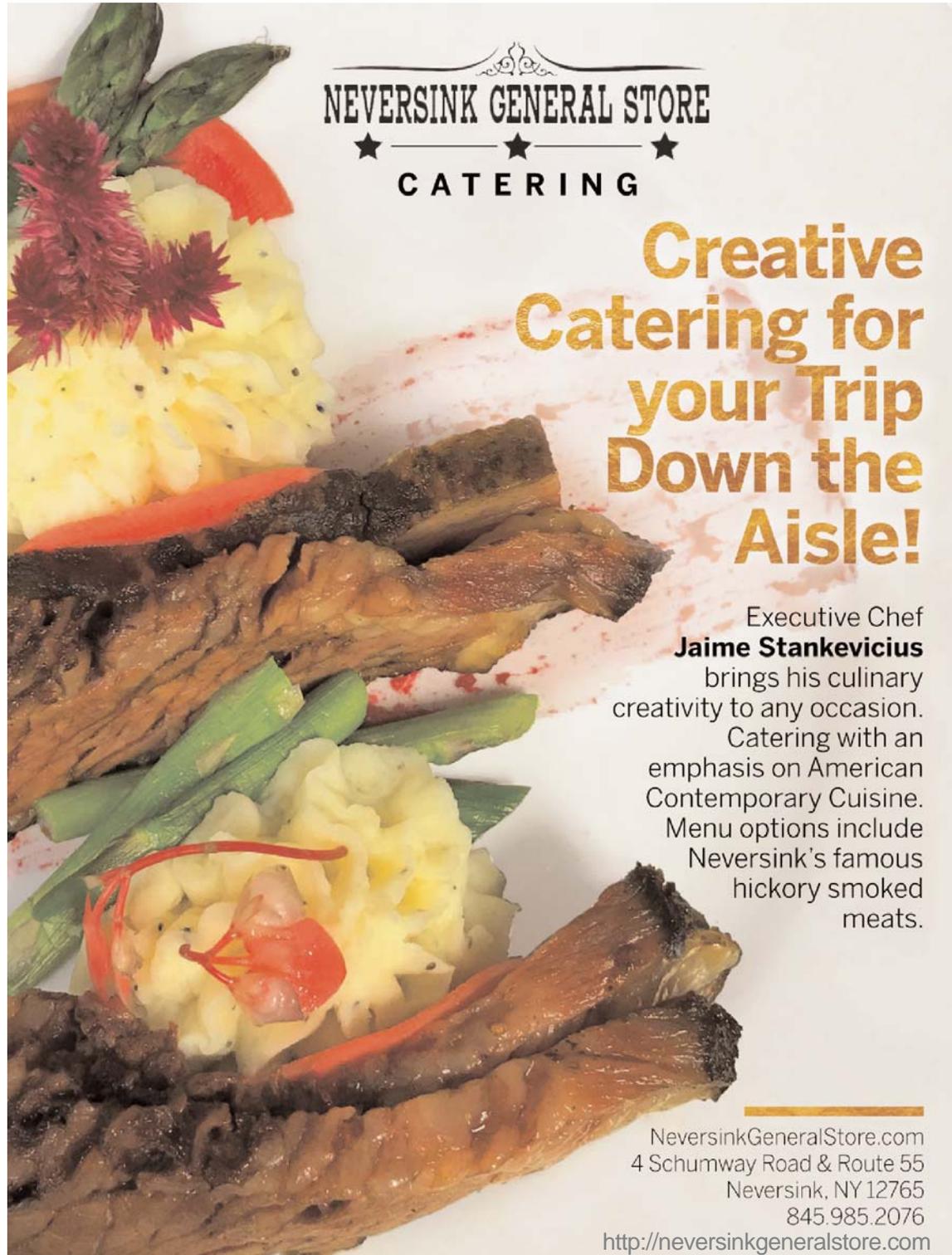
Saturday, November 6th
WOODBOURNE: 1:00 pm - The Woodbourne Fire Company is sponsoring the Annual Veterans Day Parade on Route 42/55 (Main Street), Woodbourne. Line-up is at 12:00 pm and Step-off is at 1:00 pm.

Thursday, November 11th
BETHEL: 11:00 am - The Sgt. Andrew Brucher VFW Post 5499 will be conducting Veterans Day services at the Veterans Park in Kauneonga Lake, across from the Kauneonga Lake Fire House. They are pleased to announce that County Judge Jim Farrell will be the guest speaker. All veterans and the public are invited to attend, and are asked to arrive by 10:45 am, so services may begin promptly.

ELDRED: 11:00 am - The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and the Sylvan-Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will hold a Veterans Day service at Heroes Park in Eldred, in honor of all veterans. Following the service, refreshments will be served and they will have their annual raffle drawing.

MONTICELLO: 10:00 am - The Ruddick-Trowbridge American Legion Post 73, Bailey-Richmond VFW Post 9588, and Jewish War Veterans Jesse Brams Post 206 will hold a Veterans Day Service at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. The public is cordially invited to attend and masks are required in the Government Center, regardless of vaccination status.

NEVERSINK: 11:00 am - There will be a Flag Exchange Ceremony at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Route 55, Grahamsville. Boy Scout



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Troop 97, Cub Scout Troop 87, Girl Scouts Troop 314, and an Honor Guard of local veterans will be participating in the Ceremony. Following the Flag Exchange at the Cemetery, all are invited to the Neversink Town Hall for a brief flag exchange, wreath laying ceremony, as well as light refreshments.

SUMMITVILLE: 9:00 am - The Summitville Fire Department will have a Veterans Day Service outside their fire house, 3978 US Route 209, Summitville. Refreshments will be served.

WURTSBORO: The American Legion Mamakating Post 1266 will hold Veterans Day Services at the Veterans Park, located on the corner of Sullivan Street & 3rd Street, Wurtsboro at 11 am.



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SHADOWLAND STAGES Announces a one week extension of the critical and popular hit THE NICETIES by Eleanor Burgess The inaugural production at their new black box theatre The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES

Production will now close Sunday, November 14th SHADOWLAND STAGES (Brendan Burke, Artistic Director; Elena K. Holy, Managing Director) today announced that THE NICETIES - a firecracker of a play currently lighting up the organization's newly completed black box theatre, The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, has been EXTENDED by one week due to overwhelmingly positive critical and popular response.

In THE NICETIES, by Eleanor Burgess, A black student visits her white professor during office hours to discuss her paper on the American Revolution. But the polite review of her thesis soon explodes into a high-stakes debate over race, history, power, and revolution. And when it goes public, what's been said can't be unsaid, and both women face the consequences.

Artistic Director Brendan Burke said "We're thrilled how this timely play is sparking such robust and profound discussions among our audience. We're excited to extend the opportunity for people to experience both the production and this amazing new venue."

Critics and audiences alike have been unanimous in their praise for both the production and the new performance space.

The Shawangunk Journal said: "THE NICETIES is so current it felt as though it was written minutes before opening night!"

"Sets off sparks escalating to a pitch of warfare...you could hear a pin drop throughout the show as the audience fastened their seatbelts for the torrent of ideas and emotions." (Contd. Pg. 11)

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

No column this week as there is not much happening in the area —just a few open mikes.

SHADOWLAND STAGES Announces a one week extension of the critical and popular hit THE NICETIES by Eleanor Burgess

(From Pg. 10)

“An intricate, thrilling and thought-provoking piece. The two actresses are nothing short of phenomenal!”

“... what might have felt a bit two-dimensional on a traditional stage feel(s) as dynamic and kinetic as the material deserved. Smaller and more intimate than SHADOWLAND's main stage on Canal Street, the new space has state-of-the-art lighting and sound, and can be reconfigured in myriad shapes to serve various staging purposes for future productions.”

While the Sullivan County Democrat raved:

“Intense, stimulating, at times shocking, and always a drama that works to mesmerize and demand attention.”

“Spellbinding! The two actresses make a formidable team in this blistering, well-written, well-acted and well-directed play. The power of the acting is so striking that you will forget you're watching a play.”

“Equally as important as the play itself in this instance, is the space that Shadowland has just opened. Located at 14 Market Street on the corner of Market and Center Streets in Ellenville, is the brand-new Studio at Shadowland Stages. It's what's called a black-box theatre, which offers the flexibility of being able to present plays in the round (with the audience surrounding the stage), as a three-quarter thrust (with the stage surrounded by the audience on three sides), or proscenium style (where the audience is in front of the stage.) Everything in the theatre is state-of-the-art, including the exquisite lighting and sound systems. And the seating is oh so comfy.”

And Applaud agreed, saying:

“I've heard great things about SHADOWLAND STAGES and was looking forward to attending THE NICETIES as my first performance by the company. As the inaugural production in their black box Studio, I wondered, too, if this show would live up to the hype that's been driven by SHADOWLAND's MainStage productions around the corner. I'll tell you right now: THE NICETIES didn't meet my expectations. IT BLEW THEM AWAY.”

“The dialogue is sharp as a knife and relentless as an Ironman contestant; it's amazing how two opposing viewpoints can both seem so sound and so right at the same time!”

“THE NICETIES is presented in the round on a handsome set that nonetheless accommodates the view from every seat. Speaking of which: I wish every seat in every black box theatre was as spacious and comfortable as mine was during this performance!”

“Kudos to artistic director Brendan Burke and director Jammie

Patton for finding such a talented cast and nurturing this must-see performance. Even if you have to drive an hour or more through pouring rain (as I did), your only regret will be that every show isn't as worthy of a standing ovation as this.”

Proof of full Covid-19 vaccination with an FDA or WHO authorized vaccine is required for entry, and guests must keep masks on at all times when indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Guests under the age of 12 and those guests who are unvaccinated due to a disability will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance start time, or a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within 6 hours of the performance start time in order to enter the theatre. Additional information on the vaccination requirements and safety protocols may be found at ShadowlandStages.org/faqs/.

Previously scheduled to close on Sunday, November 7th, the production has been extended until November 14th to allow additional audiences to see the show. Performances take place at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, 14 Market Street (at Center) in Ellenville. Remaining performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.ShadowlandStages.org or by calling the box office at 845-647-5511. Walk-up sales at the box office at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES begin two hours prior to any performance.

Scrapsody in Green

What does “green” mean? Verdant, juvenile, pullulating, pubescent, unripe... Or recycled, sustainable, solar, and wind? All of the above!



*Mr. Toad" Sculpture by Dave Channon 2021 welded steel
Photo by Dave Channon*

Emerald, spring, grass. The human eye is far more sensitive to green than any other color. We used to live surrounded by green and the lucky among us still do. The ability to distinguish between infinite shades of green was once necessary to our ancestors' survival in a green jungle. Today “going green” is crucial to our survival as a species. And the survival of every other species on the planet. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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Scrapsody in Green

(From Pg. 11)

The Woodstock Art Exchange will celebrate the verdancy of greenness on December 4th and 5th with the world premiere of Dave Channon's scruptures, "Big Mermaid", "Mr. Toad", and "Ms. Liberty", with a wit-packed revolving guided tour by the artist, amidst a holiday cornucopia of fine glass art of every color and description.

Dave Channon's scruptures of recycled steel have a Frankensteinian tint: bolted and welded from spare parts like the grey-green monster. The 10 foot "Mr. Toad" is chartreuse bronze, jumping, floating, wobbling, belly gobbling, tongue darting, to snatch a fly from thin air. Following close on the tail of Dave Channon's wriggling tadpole imagination, we have the "Big Mermaid". She leaps troutlike from the green grass ocean to embrace the sky, jade scales shining, her torqued torso in extremis like the pain suffered by Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid while transitioning into a two legged beauty. (Little known factoid: unlike the Disney version, the original Little Mermaid gained her immortal soul in the form of a cooling breeze that cured the plague. If only Channon's Big Mermaid could do the same!) Channon's "Ms. Liberty" wears a new turquoise-copper patina, while balancing a lopsided scale of justice in her arms. Verdigris! You may wonder how the energy intensive art of welding steel can be truly green? Channon's arc welder is powered by renewable wind, solar and non-fossil fueled electricity!

The Woodstock Art Exchange Gallery annual holiday sale features glass master Pablo Weinschenk, a host of glass artists, and many treasures in other media. And Dave Channon's new scruptures will look great on the green green grass of your home. At The Woodstock Art Exchange on Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th, from 1-5 PM, with a revolving guided tour by the artist. One lucky visitor will win an adorable "Porcupine" scrupture! Don't go green with envy - Come to the premiere and you might get as lucky as a green four leaf clover.

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Monetary Donation to Veterans Group Buys a Freezer for Assistance Center

Monticello, NY - South Fallsburg resident Noah Ingber regularly raises funds for local veterans groups and other charities.

“I want to show my gratitude for our servicemembers,” Ingber acknowledges. “And I enjoy doing fundraisers for different organizations and good causes, of which my whole family would be proud.”

This time, AMVETS Post 50 of Sullivan County was his charity of choice, and he raised enough

that the Post was able to make their own donation to Sullivan County's Community Assistance Center (CAC) - a brand-new, 21-cubic-foot freezer.

“We try to help a community-based organization every year,” explains Post Commander Stephen Walsh, “and it's been rewarding to team up with the County to feed local families in need.”

The CAC will use the appliance to store food for the 16 pantries the CAC serves. Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul, who helps Administrative Assistant Sharon Ferber oversee the CAC, says it will

soon be joined by a grant-funded refrigerator.

“We are truly grateful to both AMVETS and Noah for this generous donation, which will immediately be put to use,” she affirms.

Initiated last year by County Manager Josh Potosek and Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley as the Emergency Community Assistance Center, the slightly renamed CAC continues its original mission of helping those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but it has also evolved into a resource for anyone in need of food, shelter, or other urgent concerns in Sullivan County. County employees and volunteers staff the CAC during business hours every weekday, and they can be reached at 845-807-0925.



From the left, AMVETS Post 50 Vice Commander Gary Hill, Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency Director John Crotty, Community Resources Administrative Assistant Sharon Ferber, and AMVETS Post 50 Commander and Sullivan County Veterans Service Officer Stephen Walsh presented a certificate of appreciation to South Fallsburg resident Noah Ingber for his fundraising efforts that led to a freezer being donated to the Sullivan County Community Assistance Center.

Welcome Winter's Feathery Friends -L. Comando



ACROSS
 2 A black bird we will continue to see in the Catskills this winter
 7 Bottom of a river or lake
 8 Bringing about radical change
 16 In case that
 18 Large body of water
 19 Legendary god of flocks and herds
 20 Short sleep
 21 Invisible mixture of gases we breathe
 23 Conjunction
 24 Keep from spoiling
 26 Deep dish fruit

pie
 28 At the center
 30 Senior (abbrev)
 31 Emergency Room
 32 Story handed down for generations
 33 Village
 37 Luminous heavenly body
 38 Origin
 40 Which person
 41 Am not (slang)
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 62 Departure
 64 Spherical green seed that eaten as a vegetable
 65 Toward
 66 Wild animal lair
 67 I am
 69 Hearing organ
 70 Process of preserving food in jars
 73 Arid
 74 Old Norse
 75 Sick
 76 Small barrel
 77 Fruit pastry
 78 Winter song bird a/k/a Snowbird

DOWN
 1 Hindu title of respect
 3 What metal is extracted from
 4 Works at a loom
 5 Extraterrestrial
 6 High regard
 7 Near
 9 German grandfather
 10 Long thrusting weapon
 11 Sympathetic awareness
 12 North America
 13 Popular fall fruit
 14 Gathering of the crop
 15 Liberation from control
 17 Frozen crystalline surface coating
 18 Weep out loud
 22 Roman four
 25 Small building

27 Rusty fall color
 29 Brewed beverage
 32 A stage of a journey
 34 Sharpen by rubbing
 35 Scandinavian language group
 36 An upright structure
 39 Each
 42 Exists
 44 Nut of an oak tree
 45 Frank Baum's magical land
 46 Opening to a passage way
 48 Rutabaga
 51 Turf
 52 Intensity of color
 53 Election District
 55 Bovid mammals
 56 Missing in Action
 57 Nick-name for John
 59 Philosopher; culinary herb

61 Title of respect for a man
 63 Involving three
 64 Chum
 68 Belonging to the speaker
 71 At the age of
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 73 Perform

Pumpkin Apple Muffins with Streusel Topping

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 cups sugar
 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
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 2 cups finely chopped peeled apples

Topping

1/4 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 tablespoon butter

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt. Combine eggs, pumpkin and oil; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in apples. Fill 18 greased or paper-lined muffin cups three-fourths full. For topping, combine sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; sprinkle 1 teaspoon over each muffin.

Bake at 350° until a toothpick comes out clean, 30-35 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

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FCSD Honors Two Coaches for the Wall of Coaching Distinction



Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz presenting the plaque for Coach McDermott to BOE member Michael Weiner

At the Board of Education meeting on November 3, 2021, Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz had the privilege of announcing that James McDermott and Martin Van Vleet will be the first two coaches to have their name inscribed on the Fallsburg Central School District Wall of Coaching Distinction. Over the years, many outstanding coaches have enriched the lives of student-athletes. For those who made extraordinary contributions and experienced superb accomplishments as members of the Fallsburg community, the District has established this plaque at the entrance to the school gymnasium as a place of honor.

Dr. Katz then introduced BOE member, former student, former teacher and former Fallsburg coach Michael Weiner, who nominated both McDermott and Van Vleet for the awards. Mike spoke eloquently about the two men and their impact on the FCSD Athletic Program. He quoted many former athletes and coaches. . . Both coaches were role models for him when he was a student and coach. They earned the respect of the Fallsburg community and all of Section IX. Current Fallsburg Chief of Police Simmie Williams and Fallsburg

graduate stated, "When students of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s think of who should deserve this honor of coaching distinction, automatically they would think of coaches Jim McDermott and Martin Van Vleet. These two coaches brought our district together with glory on and off the court."

Another former student, Robert Janeke, remembered the two coaches this way: "In our lives there are incredible people who inspire and mold our character and our future; their time, their unwavering dedication, their personal sacrifices to the sport and most importantly to the life development of their athletes did not go unnoticed, and they served as an example to all those students who looked up to them. I was one of the many students who looked up to them."

Mike Weiner then read a letter from Coach McDermott, who just celebrated his 90th birthday. He thanked the Committee and the Board of Education for the great honor. He reflected on the many wonderful athletes he worked with and the assistant coaches and coaches that worked alongside him. He praised Martin Van Vleet as a great coach and an even greater man.

Dr. Katz presented James McDermott's plaque to Mike Weiner. He then invited Martin Van Vleet's son Wayne to come up to receive his dad's plaque. Wayne was grateful for all the years his dad served as an administrator and coach at Fallsburg. He remembers how honored his family was when FCSD inducted his father



Coach Martin Van Vleet's son Wayne, Dr. Katz and Michael Weiner.

into the Hall of Fame. Wayne thanked former player Ellie Patton and former player and coach Charlie Levine, who followed in the footsteps of Coaches Van Vleet and McDermott, for coming to share the evening with his family. Martin's "baby" sister Gretchen came with her husband Irv to share the joy of the moment.

The ceremony ended with light refreshments and a chance for friends and family to reminisce about special basketball games and the excitement in the school gym. The Comets have a great history and Coach McDermott and Coach Van Vleet are an important part of it.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

On December 14, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Claryville Fire District will take place on December 14, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Warren Cole Claryville Fire House located at 1500 Denning Rd., Denning, NY for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections and the Ulster County Board of Elections on or before November 22, 2021 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Fire District, PO Box 22, Claryville, NY 12725, no later than twenty days before the election November 24, 2021.

Dated November 5, 2021

Anne-Marie Kremer, Secretary

Board of Fire Commissioners

Claryville Fire District

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
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The Town of Neversink is accepting applications for the position of Clerk to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The position is a paid part-time position.

The candidate would be required to attend and take minutes at the Planning and Zoning Board meetings which are held one evening a month. In addition to attendance at meetings, the candidate is required to perform regular clerical duties on an as needed agreed upon basis.

Applications must be received by Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and are available at the Town of Neversink Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink Website, www.townofneversink.org under documents.

Please send applications to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, or drop it off at the Town Hall.

11/11

**The Town of Denning Town Board
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Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

• Thursday,
November 18, 2021,
Regular Meeting #10

• Thursday,
December 2, 2021,
Regular Meeting #11

• Thursday,
December 16, 2021,
Regular Meeting #12

All Anticipated Proposed Executive Sessions start at 6:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level. All Regular Board Meetings start at 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level. The Board Audit Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021 is NOT a Board Meeting. All Board Meetings will be broadcast on our YouTube Live Channel:

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Fallsburg CSD Board of Education

November Meetings

November 17, 2021

Music Teacher Rachel Kleinman Reads from Her Book to FCSD Kindergarten Classes



BCES Librarian Julia Levner and the right is author and music teacher Rachel Kleinman

In the early afternoon on October 27, 2021, Ms. Amy Saravia's kindergarten class quietly entered the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) Library. Librarian Julia Levner welcomed them. In her hands was a copy of a book, entitled, *Tesla the Sheltie Goes to School*. The author, Rachel Kleinman, was standing next to Ms. Levner. She teaches Music at BCES, and the book is the second in the *Tesla the Sheltie Series*.



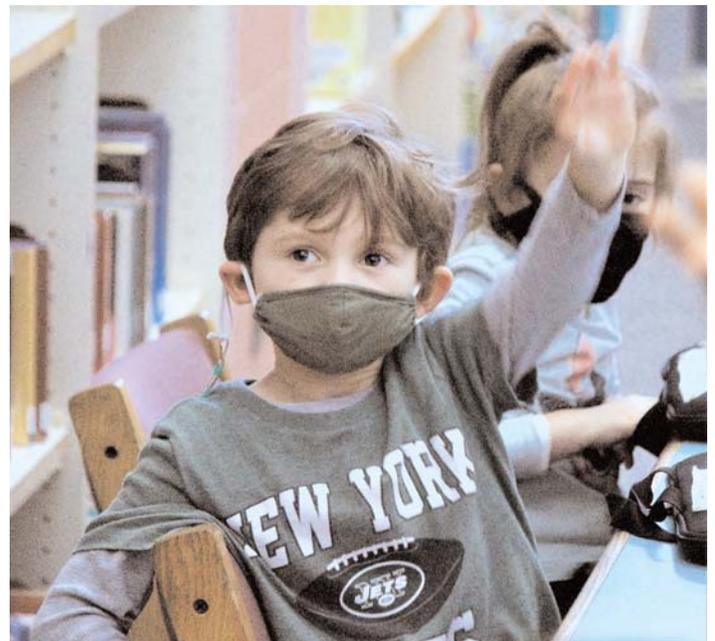
Before the reading, the librarian asked the children about the physical description of books. They knew that there was a front and back cover as well as the name of the edge of the book—the spine! Ms. Levner told how *Tesla*, Ms. Kleinman's pet sheltie, inspired her to write the first two books. With enthusiastic applause, the children welcomed the author.

For the next twenty minutes, the youngsters were enthralled by Ms. Kleinman's melodious and dramatic voice as she turned page after page detailing *Tesla's* adventure at school. The teacher is

very comfortable in front of children and knows how to keep their attention. Ms. Kleinman read to each kindergarten class on Mondays from October 25 through November 1.



The description on the book captures the story beautifully. "A child wonders what first grade would be like if her dog went to school! *Zoe's* daydreams take us on an adventure from explosions in science class-to art class messes that will make you wonder." Clearly the students throughout that week were filled with that same wonder.



Ms. Kleinman's friend Tyler Emory illustrated the books, and he is also a teacher in Sullivan County. Tyler's daughter, *Zoe Emory*, is good friends with *Tesla*, and is the inspiration for the books. This is the second book in the *Tesla the Sheltie Series*, and they are looking forward to many more adventures with *Tesla*! So, if you want to know what it's like if your dog went to school, get a copy of this book!

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Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Proposes a State-of-the-Art Emergency Management and Government Operations Center

The Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to construct a state-of-the-art emergency management and government operations facility that centralizes critical functions from across County government

Among the first initiatives of the Government Operations Center will be the Service Navigator program, which would begin in early 2022 as an evolution of the Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline and Recovery Service Center

County Executive Ryan says an expanded 911 Center will better serve residents during both major disasters and ongoing emergency management operations

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan detailed a proposal of the Ulster County Executive Budget to construct a state-of-the-art emergency management and government operations facility that centralizes critical functions from across County government in a hardened and energy self-sufficient structure. The proposal includes comprehensive full phase design of a new Ulster County Public Safety Communications Center to include the Ulster County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/Government Operations Center (GOC), all the divisions of the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, and the County's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

"Our Emergency Management team works tirelessly -- through everything from hurricanes, to overdoses, to once-in-a-century pandemics -- to keep our residents safe. I am very proud that we are finally investing to build a facility that respects the tremendous work that they do to serve the people of Ulster County," said Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. "An expanded, state-of-the-art Emergency Management Center will help keep our community safe and ensure we deliver the best possible support to our residents at their moment of greatest need."

"Emergency Management are the ones that tie all of law enforcement together in emergency situations," said Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa. "I am looking forward to seeing the new Ulster County Public Safety Communications Center and working with them to keep the residents of Ulster County safe."

"911 is literally central to our being better responders to physical and mental health emergencies," said Legislator and Chairwoman of Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Eve Walter. "This expansion is an important part of our coun-

ty's commitment to providing quality care to these at-risk populations."

"They are all too often overlooked, but Emergency Services Dispatchers play a critical role in the Emergency Response System. They're the voice you hear when you're at your most vulnerable. A dispatcher's quick thinking, and swift actions, can mean the difference between life and death," said Ulster County Legislator John Gavaris. "However, they must have the necessary tools and appropriate space to perform at their best. I look forward to seeing a new Emergency Services Center that is, quite frankly, long overdue."

"Today is a major step forward in having an Emergency Management and Government Operations Center that both meets the needs of our residents but also acknowledges the hard work of our first-responders," said Director of Emergency Services Everett Erickson. "I thank Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan for his support on this project. His leadership in ensuring the project moves forward has been instrumental in bringing us to this day." One of County Executive Ryan's Big Five Priorities is Responsive and Responsible Government, and the Emergency Operations Center/Government Operations Center will promote a culture of interdepartmental coordination. One of the first initiatives of the Center will be the Service Navigator program, an evolution of the COVID-19 Hotline/Ulster County Recovery Service Center (RSC), which has been in operation for over 600



: Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan outside the existing Emergency Operations Center with emergency responders

days, taking over 91,000 calls which resulted in approximately 29,000 County service requests, mostly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Service Navigator program will simultaneously provide a front door to County government services, and cross-training and upskilling for County employees.

The first phase of the Government Operations Center in 2022 will be site selection, community engagement, and space programming. The second phase in 2023 will be architectural engineering, design and construction of the facility. Upon completion, the Government Operations Center will serve as a command center for County departments to coordinate government response to constituents' most critical needs.

For more information, visit <https://ulstercountyny.gov/budget>
Photo: Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan outside the existing Emergency Operations Center with emergency responders.

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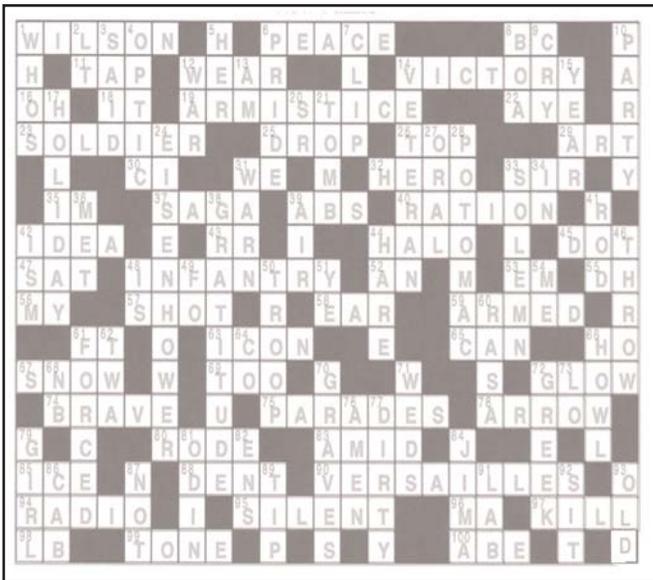


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Ans to last week's Crossword



Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Last Thrift Sale of the Season

The GUMC held their final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th. Even when we are closed we want the community to know that, by appointment, our Thrift items are always available to anyone in case of an emergency by calling 845-985-2283. Because of storage space we are **NOT ABLE** to receive items again until next spring. Please help us by storing your treasures at your house until then.

Thanks to everyone who has helped our church keep this Mission open throughout the uncertain 2021 season.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces the Opening of the Ulster County Warming Center

The Warming Center is opened for evening hours at 7:00 p.m. and will close at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning

Kingston, NY - With temperatures starting to drop, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced the opening of the Ulster County Warming Center. Located at 2nda Iglesia La Mision Church in the City of Kingston, the Warming Center will open its doors starting at 7:00 p.m. this evening, Tuesday, November 2, and close Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. The center will maintain 7:00 p.m. opening and 9 a.m. closing evening hours from now until 9:00 a.m on Sunday, November 7.

“As temperatures drop, we are encouraging residents in need of shelter to come to the Ulster County Warming Center,” Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. “I want to thank Catholic Charities for partnering with Ulster County again to provide this essential service and I want to ask anyone who may know of a resident in need of a warm place to be at night to help spread the word about the Ulster County Warming Center.”

The Ulster County Warming Center is operated by Catholic Charities and is located at the 2nda Iglesia La Mision Church, 80 Elmendorf St, Kingston NY 12401. The Warming Center can be contacted directly by phone at 845-481-4029.

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There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board & Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm
(Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
- 11/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
- 11/11/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **VETERAN'S DAY**
- 11/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- App. Submission Date - 11/2/2021
- 11/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 11/25/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Thanksgiving**
- 11/25/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Thanksgiving**
- 12/1/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board 7 pm - App. Submission Date 11/17/21
- 12/7/21 Claryville Fire District -District Elections 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
- 12/8/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
- 12/14/21 Town of Denning Town Board & Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

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Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
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Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update for November 8 - November 12, 2021

Monday, November 8

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board, Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 936 9554 3061, Passcode 948888, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics, at 303 Clinton Ave, Kingston
- o 5:15 PM - Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 899 9676 5666, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed 2022 Ulster County Budget & 2022-2027 Capital Program, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 840 2730 8581, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearing) - Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 841 9426 2617, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Board of Health, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 849 0261 0293, Passcode: 153744, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, November 9

- o 3:30 PM - Workforce Development Board, via Zoom. To register contact dapl@co.ulster.ny.us, or call (845) 340-3170
- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting, Administered by Microsoft Teams, Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting. By Phone Dial (845) 768-3864, Phone Conference ID: 756 217 787#
- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 893 3523 2941, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed 2022 Ulster County Budget & 2022-2027 Capital Program, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 854 9239 2298, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearing) - Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 821 2024 1313, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, November 10

- o 6:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 876 7303 5652, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed 2022 Ulster County Budget & 2022-2027 Capital Program, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 819 4825 4906, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearing) - Caucus: Republicans, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 813 5248 5511, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, November 11

- o Veteran's Day - County Offices Closed

Friday, November 12

- o No Meetings

Sullivan County celebrates October's National Farm to School Month

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - In coordination with schools around the nation, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and Sullivan County students participated in educational programming about nutrition and local agriculture, while hosting events focused on eating more New York State (NYS) food.

On October 21, Tri-Valley, Livingston Manor, Sullivan West and Roscoe School Districts participated in the "Big Apple Crunch" challenge founded by FarmOn! Foundation, to show how big their student's bite can be. At 2pm, students across the school districts took a bite into their NYS apples. Students also learned about different varieties and easy recipes for cooking with apples.

On October 28, Sullivan West hosted their first Farm to School Harvest Fest event, bringing together local farmers, non-profits, and Future Farmers of America (FFA) to guide elementary school students in tasting local winter squash, chocolate milk, and an introduction to livestock by Sullivan County 4-H staff. Over the course of two hours, classes visited stations where they heard directly from farmers and food service providers about where their food comes from and why nutrition is important to a healthy and happy life.

CCE has worked with Livingston Manor and Roscoe Schools to purchase local produce from the Catskills Food Hub (CFH), a non-profit food distributor located in Liberty. In 2021, with additional food processing equipment the school districts have increased their food processing power and purchased over \$14,000 of local farm products for their student body.

CCE Nutrition staff were also busy partnering with local school districts, Sullivan Renaissance and the SNAP-Ed program teaching students about the veggies grown in the Catskills Edible Garden and how to create healthy and nutritious meals using seasonal ingredients.

Sullivan County farmers Alan Dirie, Glenn & Anne Halloran of Halloran Farms, Earl Myers, Dawn & Pete Erlwein, and Rianne Erlwein of Myers Century Farms, Eugene Thalmann of Sprouting Dreams Farms donated supplies and time for the month's events. Partner agencies who helped offer this year's Farm to School activities include Sullivan Renaissance, The Catskills Food Hub and Future Farmers of America, with support from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Senator Antonio Delgado.

Farm to School is a nationwide effort to bring local food into school systems, with a focus on from scratch cooking, and procurement from neighboring farms. By participating in Farm-to-school, we experience how it strengthens the local economy. By supporting local farmers and distributors, schools help keep and re-circulate dollars in the local economy. Also, any purchase of New York State product contributes to the New York State tax base, which in turn funds New York State public schools.

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BACK TO THE FUTURE...

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Following Years of Advocacy, Schumer, Gillibrand, Jones Secure Independent Review of Safety Risks Posed by AIM Pipeline Projects for Lower Hudson Valley Communities Surrounding Indian Point

- *Following Public Meeting With Local Officials, HV Community Leaders, Reps Announce PHMSA Has Heeded Calls For Oak Ridge National Lab to Perform Independent Review of AIM Pipeline Projects;*
- *Schumer, Gillibrand Jones: Independent Review Must Be Done Right With Comprehensive Community Input & Involvement;*
- *Federal Reps Remain Committed to Advocating for Transparency, Jobs, and Safety Throughout Decommissioning Process For IPEC Communities*

WASHINGTON D.C. - Following their relentless advocacy, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and U.S. Representative Mondaire Jones today announced they have secured an independent review by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) through Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to address safety and operational issues of the Algonquin Incremental Market pipeline near Indian Point. In addition, the lawmakers are sending a new letter to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg reinforcing community concerns regarding the safety of the Lower Hudson Valley during the decommissioning process of the Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC).

During a September meeting, PHMSA pledged to conduct an independent, comprehensive re-analysis of potential safety risks posed by the Algonquin Incremental Market Pipeline (AIM) through ORNL, in response to a previous letter that the elected officials sent on July 23, 2021. The lawmakers are now calling on PHMSA to exercise oversight on all existing pipelines near Indian Point, including both the 26-inch and 30-inch legacy high-pressure gas pipelines that traverse under IPEC's facilities and are near the shuttered plant's Unit 3 reactor, which were installed in 1952 and 1965 before IPEC reactors were licensed to operate. In the letter, the lawmakers reiterated the importance for PHMSA to work with the ORNL to provide a firm timeline on the investigation of all the pipelines and to comprehensively evaluate all inspections reports related to prior testing on structural aging, pipeline integrity, and hazard or seismic studies.

"Our in-person September meeting with local leaders in Westchester County and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration was imperative to addressing safety risks posed by the Algonquin Incremental Market Pipeline near Indian Point," said the lawmakers. "While we applaud these efforts, it is our duty as federal elected representatives for communities surrounding Indian Point Energy Center to uphold our commitment to transparency and advocate for community voices on the path forward. It is critical that over the course of the decommissioning process there is a clear timeline and standards set for full transparency and good-faith engagement with federal, state, and local officials and stakeholders in the Lower Hudson Valley."

In late July, Schumer, Gillibrand and Jones sent a letter to PHMSA calling on the agency to immediately work with their Lower Hudson Valley constituents to re-evaluate the safety of the AIM Project and address community concerns regarding the safety of ongoing operations following last year's disturbing Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report calling into question the accuracy of the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Project's safety assessments conducted by Entergy, IPEC's former owner.

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 FRIDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 SATURDAY - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Congresswoman Claudia Tenney —This Week in Washington

I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor. While we may not always agree, you will always know where I stand on the issues and how I vote in Congress. To read more about my votes, please click here.

I voted "No" on H.R. 1619, the Catawba Indian Nation Lands Act. This bill would take private lands into federal trust for the purpose of the Catawba Nation building a casino. This federal action would undermine the impacted communities, depriving them of local control and tax revenue. There are alternative remedies the tribe could have taken without undermining local sovereignty, such as a direct agreement with their state and local communities. This legislation passed the House by a vote of 361-55 with 3 members voting present.

I voted "No" on H.R. 2758, the Lumbee Recognition Act. This legislation would bypass the normal Office of Federal Acknowledgement review process at the Department of Interior, to fully recognize the tribe and pave the way for them to request a federal trust to build a casino on. Bypassing this long-established channel would allow the tribe to avoid an assessment by experts, historians, and genealogists in order to review their documentation and historical tie to the land. It is essential that we uphold this essential oversight function and ensure all recognition petitions are properly reviewed. This legislation passed the House by a vote of 357-59 with 1 member voting present.

I voted "No" on H.R. 1975, the Pala Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2021. The bill would take private lands into federal trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians in San Diego County. This federal action would undermine the impacted communities, depriving them of local control and tax revenue. The Pala Band of Mission Indians already privately own this land and there is no reason they cannot use and benefit from it under its current status. This legislation passed the House by a vote of 397-25.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5221, the Urban Indian Health Confer Act. This bill would promote good governance, requiring the Indian Health Service and others to consult with urban Indian organizations while carrying out the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and other laws relating to Indian health care. This bill passed the House by a vote of 406-17.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3616, the Bear River National Heritage Area Study Act. This bill directs the Department of Interior to study the creation of a National Heritage Area around the Bear River in Utah, north of Salt Lake City. This bill passed the House by a vote of 399-23.

I voted "Yes" on S. 108. This would authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida's investment fund to purchase, lease, and sell commercial real estate properties to create profit for the tribe and its members. This bill passed the House by a vote of 425-2.

I voted "No" on H.R. 4881, Old Pascua Community Land Acquisition Act. This would take private lands into federal trust for the purpose of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona building a casino. This federal action would undermine the impacted communities, depriving them of local control and tax revenue. There are alternative remedies the tribe could have taken without undermining local sovereignty, such as a direct agreement with their state and local communities. This bill passed the House by a vote of 375-45 with 1 member voting present.

I voted "Yes" H.R. 2088, Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act. This bill would include the Sequoyah

Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial in Tennessee into the existing land trust of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. These lands host important cultural institutions and historical sites for the tribe, and they will be banned from allowing gambling. In addition, the Tennessee Valley Authority and community will still maintain the full right to carry out local river control and hydropower production works for the common good. This bill passed the House by a vote of 407-16.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3469, the Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act of 2021. This bill would authorize the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Boots to Business program for the next five years. The Boots to Business program, which started out as a pilot, advises veterans and their dependents about business ownership and best practices for organizing and operating a business as well as raising capital. This bill passed the House by a vote of 418-2.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4256 the Investing in Main Street Act of 2021. This bill would increase access to capital and private equity for small businesses through the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program by increasing the amount of capital and surplus a financial institution or federal savings association can invest in an SBIC from 5% to 15%. This bill passed the House by a vote of 413-10.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3462, the SBA Cyber Awareness Act. This bill would require the SBA to produce an annual report on its information technology (IT) and cybersecurity infrastructure. The report would need to include a strategy on increasing cybersecurity infrastructure, an account of equipment manufactured by Chinese companies, and an account of cybersecurity incidents at the SBA within the past two years. This bill passed the House by a vote of 423-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4481, the Small Business 7(a) Loan Agent Transparency Act. The Small Business Administration's (SBA) 7(a) loan program is a federal program that leverages the private sector and community banks to expand capital to small businesses. The SBA can currently track loans originating from lenders, but it cannot do the same for loans originating from loan brokers. I cosponsored this legislation to fix this shortcoming. This bill passed the House by a vote of 407-9.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4531, the 7(a) Loan Agent Oversight Act. This bill would order the Office of Credit Risk Management to create an annual report including essential metrics about the success and shortcomings of the Small Business Administration's 7(a) Loan program for small businesses. This bill passed the House by a vote of 411-9.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4515, the Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2021. I cosponsored this bipartisan legislation to direct the Small Business Administration to require Small Business Development Centers to have trained and certified staff to provide cybersecurity counseling. This bill passed the House by a vote of 407-16.

I voted "Yes" on the S. 1064, the RENACER Act. This bill condemns Nicaraguan President Ortega for his gross human rights violations, recognizes the rights of the Nicaraguan people to determine their future, and urges the US to waive sanctions against Nicaragua only if the regime takes steps identified in the Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act to hold free and fair elections. This bill passed by a vote of 387-35.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 760. The resolution expresses solidarity with Cuban citizens demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms, condemning the Cuban regime's acts of repression, and calling for the immediate release of arbitrarily detained Cuban citizens. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 382-40. (Contd. Pg. 28)

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney —This Week in Washington

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I voted “No” on H.R. 3992, the Protect Older Job Applicants Act (POJA) of 2021. Any discrimination in the workplace is unacceptable and discrimination against older workers is already illegal under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967. Thanks to these protections older Americans are experiencing greater opportunities in the workplace, with the employment of workers over 65 tripling over the past three decades. However, this legislation would radically expand the definition of discrimination, including neutral policies that happen to inadvertently benefit a certain group. This bill passed the House by a vote of 224-200.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 1917, the Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act. This bill would allow entities to receive funding for hazard mitigation, including the acquisition of property or relocation of structures for projects where planning or construction began before a grant was awarded. This bill passed the House by a vote of 409-16.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 1339, the Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act. This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to establish an interagency working group consisting of individuals from nine federal agencies to examine policies around the advanced air mobility (AAM) industry. This bill passed the House by a vote of 383-41.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 3193, the E-Bridge Act, to authorize the Department of Commerce (DOC) to award grants to public-private partnerships and certain consortiums for carrying out high-speed broadband expansion. As a rural district lacking adequate broadband access and choice, this will help many residents of the 22nd District. This bill passed the House by a vote of 410-16.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 3709, the Preliminary Damage Assessment Improvement Act of 2021. Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) are conducted so FEMA can determine the magnitude of damage and impact of disasters. This bill passed the House by a vote of 402-11.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 2220, to allow the General Services Administration (GSA) to negotiate discounted purchase options if buying a federal property proves to be cheaper than entering a long-term lease. This bill passed the House by a vote of 416-4.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 390, to redesignate the Federal Building located in Memphis, Tennessee as the “Odell Horton Federal Building”. This bill passed the House by a vote of 422-2 with 1 member voting present.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 4679, to designate a Federal building in Washington, DC, as the “Norman Yoshio Mineta Federal Building”. This bill passed the House by a vote of 409-14 with 1 member voting present.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 4660, to designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse in Wheeling, WV, as the “Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. This bill passed the House by a vote of 416-4 with 1 member voting present.

I voted “No” on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3684, a \$1.2 trillion Green New Deal inspired spending bonanza also misleadingly named the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This

legislation ignores core national infrastructure needs, and instead authorizes massive spending for carelessly crafted programs that will force out private infrastructure investment and promote the far left's climate and social agendas. This bill unfortunately passed the House by a vote of 228-206.

Rural Partnership Program, Modeled After Senator Gillibrand's Rebuild Rural America Act, Was Included In The Latest Build Back Better Framework

*During Negotiations, Gillibrand Successfully Fought For
Lifeline to Rural Communities in Updated Build Back Better
Framework*

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced that nearly \$1 billion in Rural Partnership Program (RPP) funding will be included in the Build Back Better Act framework. Gillibrand has long fought to support rural communities in New York State and nationwide and the recently announced Rural Partnership Program is modeled after Gillibrand's Rebuild Rural America Act, legislation written to deliver federal resources directly to rural communities. During late-stage negotiations, Gillibrand sent a letter to congressional leadership and successfully advocated for the Rural Partnership Program in the updated Build Back Better framework. Additionally, as negotiations on the package continue, Gillibrand is pledging to continue fighting to maintain this robust level of funding for rural communities.

“Rural America stands at the crossroads of agriculture, forestry, energy, and manufacturing, and it's far past time the federal government invests resources to match the important contributions of these communities. That's why I'm fighting to keep these crucial investments for rural communities in New York State and across the nation in the Build Back Better plan,” said Senator Gillibrand. “Right now, we have the unique opportunity with the Rural Partnership Program to reimagine how the federal government invests in rural America and to fix a system that is too narrow and inflexible to meet the specific needs of rural communities. I will keep fighting to ensure these provisions make it across the finish line.”

Even before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, rural communities struggled to access limited federal funding and have been forced to compete against larger communities for grant opportunities. The RPP will include funding for two grant programs tailored to address this problem and support rural communities: Rural Prosperity Development Grants and Rural Prosperity Innovation Grants.

o \$873 million for Rural Prosperity Development Grants: The \$873 million allocated for the Rural Prosperity Development Grants will prioritize micropolitan areas (populations between 10,000 and 50,000) and high poverty areas, and will be used to promote rural development activities and pre-development planning activities. This funding will be made to available to local governments, tribal governments, and nonprofit or certain qualified for-profit organizations. (Contd. Pg. 29)

Rural Partnership Program, Modeled After Senator Gillibrand's Rebuild Rural America Act, Was Included In The Latest Build Back Better Framework

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o \$97 million for Rural Prosperity Innovation Grants: The \$97 million allocated for the Rural Prosperity Innovation Grants will be made available to non-profit organizations and institutions of higher education that serve rural areas. The funding will be used for development and pre-development planning, organizational capacity-building to support rural development, or to support projects funded by Prosperity Development Grants.

Senator Gillibrand first introduced the Rebuild Rural America Act in 2019 alongside Congressman Delgado (D-NY-19), which sought to establish the Rural Future Partnership Fund to provide non-competitive, five-year, renewable block grants to certified rural regions. The grant funding would be used to encourage rural regions to develop comprehensive, collaborative, and locally-driven community and economic development plans to revitalize infrastructure, provide support for public services and job training, and foster local entrepreneurship. More details on this legislation may be found [here](https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Rebuild_Rural_America_Act_Summary_updated.pdf). https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Rebuild_Rural_America_Act_Summary_updated.pdf

Gillibrand, Maloney Announce Major Debt Relief for Farmers Included in Build Back Better Package

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, member of the House Agriculture Committee, announced that the Build Back Better package drafted by the House includes transformative debt relief provisions for New York farmers, many of whom suffered massive financial losses due to reduced demand and supply chain disruptions during the coronavirus pandemic. The Build Back Better package also includes important provisions to ensure that borrowers who receive this relief will still be eligible for further USDA loans and that producers receive no tax liability.

These provisions incorporate proposals from Gillibrand and Maloney's Relief for America's Small Farmers Act. The impact of the debt relief provisions in the Build Back Better package will be far-reaching in New York State, with approximately 98% of New York State's FSA direct loan borrowers receiving either full or partial debt relief under the legislation.

"Before the pandemic, many of New York's farmers and farmers across the country were deeply in debt and facing financial hardship, and the pandemic substantially worsened their financial situation," said Senator Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security. "Thankfully, relief is on the way. The Build Back Better pack-

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age will deliver transformative debt relief to farmers in New York and across the nation and will help them pay their workers, upgrade their equipment, and keep food on our tables. I am grateful for Congressman Maloney's partnership on this important bill and look forward to working with him to pass it into law."

"With President Biden's Build Back Better agenda, we have a once in a generation opportunity to make life changing investments in the lives of New Yorkers and our farmers, who experienced unprecedented financial hardships due to the pandemic," said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney. "I'm glad to see provisions from my bill, the Relief for America's Small Farmers Act, included in the Build Back Better framework, which provides critical resources and significant debt forgiveness to help farmers successfully rebound and get back on their feet. I look forward to getting it passed. "

Regarding the debt relief provisions in the framework, borrowers who fall under the following categories will be deemed economically distressed and will receive full debt forgiveness:

- o Operates a farm or ranch headquartered in a county or zip code with a poverty rate of not less than 20% or on Tribal land held in trust
- o 90 days or more delinquent on an eligible farm loan as of December 31, 2020 or April 30, 2021
- o Undergoing bankruptcy, foreclosure, and other financially distressed categories as of July 31, 2021
- o Received a USDA disaster set asides after January 1, 2020
- o Restructured eligible farm debt on or after January 1, 2020
- o Restructured eligible farm debt three or more times as of July 31, 2021
- o Owes more interest than principal on eligible farm debt as of July 31, 2021

All Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct loan borrowers who do not fall in the above categories will have their debt paid off in full if the debt is equal to or lower than \$150,000, or otherwise will receive a \$150,000 payment. That \$150,000 payment will be reduced by the total amount of money that borrower received from the Market Facilitation Program in calendar years 2018 and 2019 and the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program in calendar year 2020.

Governor Hochul Announces Partnership with Puerto Rico to Boost Mental Health Services Partnership Will Establish a Network of Disaster Mental Health Professionals Across New York and Puerto Rico Through a Collaborative Training Project

- *3-Credit Graduate Course will be Offered by SUNY New Paltz to be Held at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus*
- *Course will be Offered Over the 2021-2022 Winter Break and During Summer 2022*

During a tour of Concilio de Salud Integral de Loiza in Loiza, Puerto Rico, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a partnership among the New York State Governor's Office, CUNY, SUNY, the Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz and the University of Puerto Rico which will establish a network of disaster mental health professionals across New York and Puerto Rico through a collaborative training project. By providing joint disaster mental health training and field experience to forty graduate students, the project will help prepare the next generation of disaster mental health professionals in both New York and Puerto Rico. The combined training experience will also create professional relationships among disaster mental health responders in New York and Puerto Rico that will strengthen future disaster response initiatives.

"The rapid onset of COVID-19 combined with increased instance of natural disasters prove just how important it is to be prepared for unprecedented circumstances," Governor Hochul said. "In particular these experiences have shone a bright light on the importance of mental wellness and I'm proud to launch this partnership with Puerto Rico to boost mental health resources. Having trained professionals waiting in the wings will prove invaluable in the event of future disasters."

A 3-credit graduate course entitled Disaster Mental Health Field Experience will be offered by SUNY New Paltz, to be held at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras campus. The course will be taught by Dr. Amy Nitza, Director of the Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz and will include:

- 5 students from the SUNY New Paltz Counselor Education and/or Advanced Certificate in Trauma and Disaster Mental Health programs
- 5 CUNY graduate students in Counseling
- 10 students from the Rehabilitation

Counseling program at the University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras

During this two-week course, students will receive training in disaster mental health theory and practice and the history and current sociopolitical context of Puerto Rico, and then gain practical experience providing training in Psychological First Aid to community based organizations throughout Puerto Rico. Through the program, students will also earn a badge/microcredential in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support.

The course will be offered twice: once over the 2021-2022 winter break, and once during Summer 2022.

CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez said, "As we continue to deal with the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased prevalence of weather-associated natural disasters, we see an urgent need for specialized mental health professionals who are available to support to those impacted. This partnership, which will create a pipeline of prepared mental health professionals in New York and Puerto Rico, draws on CUNY's record of assisting distressed communities in New York and beyond. We thank Governor Hochul and our partners for their work in ensuring that we can better respond to future disasters and aid those in need."

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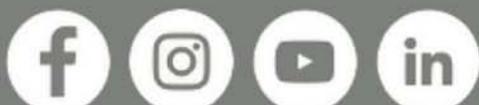
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Fall 2021

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Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, October 13th

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Vets invited to Military Appreciation football game scheduled at West Point

MONTICELLO - "Vet 2 Vet," a new peer-networking program recently instituted by Action Toward Independence (ATI) of Sullivan and Orange Counties, is seeking both input and participation from area veterans.

In a safe, anonymous and non-judgmental environment, Vet 2 Vet will offer Veteran Peer Support, Advocacy, Benefit Advisement, Peer Counseling, Financial Literacy, Mental Health Support and more.

Veteran advocates at ATI, Ryan Fuller and Kevin Coates said the goal of Vet 2 Vet is to "get Veterans involved in the community and assist them to access help through their peers, and access the benefits they have earned through their service to the country." Fuller mentioned that many veterans are not aware of all the benefits they're entitled to.

A survey seeking information on programs and events that area veterans would like to participate in is in the works and will shortly be available on the ATI website and social media.

Recreational activities are also being planned such as fishing and other outdoor trips to take advantage of the beauty of Sullivan County and the Hudson Valley. And right now, veterans can register for a trip to the Army Football Military Appreciation Game being held on November 13 at noon at West Point, between the Black Knights and the Bucknell University Bison. Call Ryan Fuller to register at 845-794-4228 or email him at rfuller@atitoday.org.

Veterans from all branches of the military are invited to contact ATI for information and input on the Vet 2 Vet program. Contact Ryan Fuller or Kevin Coates at Action Toward Independence, 309 E Broadway Suite A, Monticello NY 12701 or call them at 845-794-4228.

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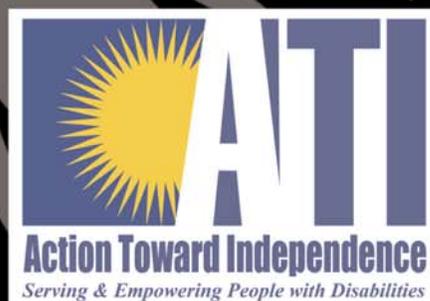
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Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

For any other questions
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Governor Hochul Announces Partnership to Expand Solar Development Support for Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

- **Effort Would Expand 2019 Program to Train and Place Workers in Solar-Plus-Storage, Construction, and Other Supportive Services**
- **Reinforces New York State's Commitment to Growing a Clean Energy Workforce Pipeline and Ensuring an Equitable Clean Energy Transition**

During a tour of Concilio de Salud Integral de Loiza in Loiza, Puerto Rico, Governor Kathy Hochul announced New York State will work with community partners to expand ongoing solar deployment and workforce development support in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The State will provide new curriculum and permitting and financing expertise that will support the development of solar industries on the Islands. This effort further strengthens New York's long-standing commitment to support Puerto Rico's reconstruction and recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Maria, and helps reinforce New York State's commitment to ensuring a growing clean energy workforce pipeline and an equitable clean energy transition.

"Climate change is the crisis of our time, and it takes each and every one of us to pave the path for a cleaner, greener future," Governor Hochul said, "The number one obstacle we must overcome is our overreliance on fossil fuels and we must do so equitably so no community is left behind. New York and Puerto Rico have a historically close relationship and this partnership is an important step to creating more sustainable jobs and boosting green energy."

This announcement builds on the \$4.5 million Puerto Rican Solar Business Accelerator, Workforce and Small Business Development Program established in 2019 with support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The Puerto Rican Solar Business Accelerator, Workforce and Small Business Development Program is a joint, public-private effort between the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, The Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and PathStone Corporation, Inc. to train and place workers in solar-plus-storage and construction, develop innovative solar financing options, and to provide technical assistance to solar businesses.

President and CEO of NYSERDA Doreen M. Harris said, "We are solidifying New York's commitment to further provide families, businesses, and workers in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with the tools they need to meet the challenges of climate change. Increased and ongoing partnerships are part of our responsibility to improve resiliency, especially in historically underserved communities, and we look forward to continuing to share best practices to allow their solar industry to flourish."

Under this expanded support, New York State would lend expertise in developing curriculum and permitting and financing solutions for disadvantaged communities and low- to moderate-income households. New York would continue to provide assistance in areas of solar acceleration, training, business support, and workforce development. In addition, the potential expansion of support would seek to provide an even broader regional benefit to the U.S. Virgin Islands in addition to Puerto Rico.

Since the program's inception, Puerto Rico has benefited from the:

- o development of community microgrid and storage systems in two communities;
- o establishment of webinars on microgrids and training on oper-

ations and maintenance best practices for communities in Puerto Rico;

- o completion of a Solar Jobs Projections Assessment and a Workforce Needs Assessment which resulted in collaboration with NYSERDA to develop workforce training programs;
- o development of employer-based apprenticeships and on-the-job training initiatives;
- o completion of a Solar Finance Assessment and workshops to educate the finance industry about solar industry technology, regulations and certifications;
- o creation of a standing committee on solar finance innovation to work on a market based approach to reduce barriers to solar financing for all sectors of Puerto Rico and;
- o development and delivery of business technical assistance to the solar industry.

As part of the planned expansion of work in Puerto Rico, New York State would provide best practices and lessons learned from its highly successful workforce development and NY-Sun programs. In 2020, New York was ranked first in the nation in Community Solar installations and second for total installations. There are currently over 114,000 NY-Sun supported projects and nearly 6,000 in the NY-Sun pipeline, which are complemented by 73 New York State-supported utility-scale solar projects under development throughout the state. Together, these projects will deliver enough electricity to power more than 2.2 million homes once completed. In September, Governor Hochul called for the expansion of the highly successful NY-Sun program to achieve an expanded goal of at least 10 gigawatts of distributed solar installed by 2030.

Since 2011, NY-Sun, New York State's \$1.8 billion initiative to advance the scale-up of solar and move the State closer to having a sustainable, self-sufficient solar industry, has:

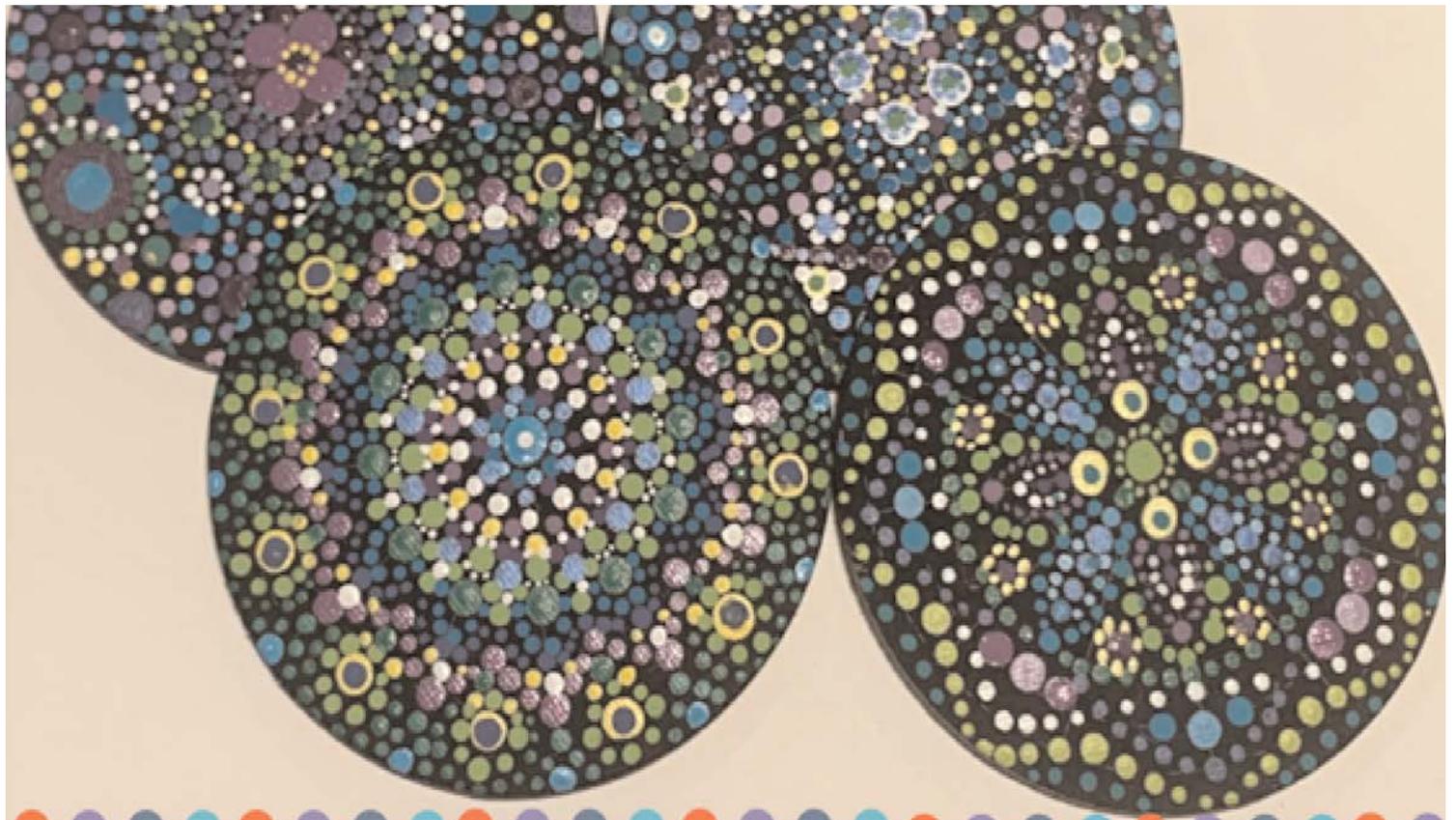
- o Installed solar on the rooftop or property of 145,000 homes spanning every county in New York;
- o Provided over \$1 billion in incentives, leveraging \$5.3 billion in private investment;
- o Drove over 2,100 percent solar growth in the State;
- o Delivered enough clean, renewable energy to power over 522,000 New York homes;
- o Fostered 12,000 jobs in the solar industry;
- o Helped to drive down the cost of solar 69 percent in 10 years; and
- o Committed \$30 million for projects benefiting environmental justice and disadvantaged communities.

New York has committed more than \$120 million to support existing workforce development and training initiatives within the state - helping to train and prepare more than 40,000 New Yorkers for growing clean energy job opportunities and assist clean energy businesses in recruiting, hiring, and training workers. The State's efforts prioritize training programs for the state's most underserved populations - low-income individuals, veterans, disabled workers, single parents, and the formerly incarcerated - and will also help integrate displaced workers into the clean energy industry.

Additionally, New York State will commit to collaborating with the Hispanic Federation and their local partners to provide guidance and best practices to help strengthen Puerto Rico's solar energy industry and build up the local workforce needed to meet Puerto Rico's goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2050.

New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

New York State's climate agenda is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. (Contd. Pg. 41)



Community Give Back Program

Students in Grades 5th - 10th

Thursday, November 18th, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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Tri-Valley Residents. Pre-registration required. Register online @www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Governor Hochul Announces Partnership to Expand Solar Development Support for Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

(From Pg. 39) Enshrined into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality. It builds on New York's unprecedented investments to ramp-up clean energy including over \$21 billion in 91 large-scale renewable projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$1.2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. Combined, these investments supported more than 150,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector since 2015, a 2,100 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011, and a commitment to develop 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035. Under the Climate Act, New York will build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, while ensuring that at least 35 percent (with a goal of 40 percent) of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities, and advance progress towards the state's 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 trillion BTUs of end-use energy savings.

Attorney General James, Hispanic Federation Call on DOJ to Protect Rights of U.S. Citizens in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN - New York Attorney General Letitia James and the Hispanic Federation today called on the U.S. Department of Justice and the Biden-Harris Administration to stop denying life-saving assistance and federal programs to U.S. citizens who live in Puerto Rico, and drop their appeal in the case *U.S. v. Vaello-Madero*, now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a press conference held at the Santiago Iglesias Pantín Elementary School in the Caño Martín Peña section of San Juan, Attorney General James and Frankie Miranda, president and CEO of the Hispanic Federation, were joined by local and visiting leaders to raise awareness about the potentially-landmark case that will determine whether it is constitutional to deny otherwise eligible Americans access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits - based solely on their status as residents of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or American Samoa. Earlier district and circuit court rulings found that excluding Puerto Ricans and residents of other territories from accessing these benefits is a violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The federal government has appealed the case, and arguments are scheduled to take place at the Supreme Court next Tuesday, November 9.

"Imagine the U.S. Department of Justice mounting an argument against providing equal access to potentially life-changing, and even lifesaving, federal benefits to an American citizen living in New York, Florida, Oklahoma, or any other state," said Attorney General James. "That is exactly the form of discrimination and unfair treatment more than 3 million American citizens are currently experiencing just because they live in Puerto Rico. We are supporting this fight in the Supreme Court because every American deserves the right to equal protection

under the law, no matter where they live. It's time for the federal government to drop this appeal and help ensure that no American is left behind as our country works to build back better."

In September, Attorney General James, as part of a coalition of 18 attorneys general, filed an amicus brief in *U.S. v. Vaello-Madero*, where they urged the Supreme Court to reject the federal government's continued efforts to discriminate against the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. In the brief, the coalition of attorneys general argue that legal precedent holds that Congress must have more than one reason to treat one region of the country differently than another, and that Congress has not even been consistent with its behavior because it has included some territories in benefits programs while excluding others. Additionally, the coalition argued that excluding territories from anti-poverty programs harms some of the neediest Americans, and that the differential treatment of U.S. territories is rooted in discriminatory governing.

The Hispanic Federation will also continue to push the Biden-Harris Administration to take direct action on ending discrimination against Puerto Rico. "While we recognize the important efforts by the Biden Administration to include SSI for Puerto Rico in the proposed Build Back Better legislation, we cannot continue to leave the rights of Puerto Ricans to the whims of Congress," stated Frankie Miranda, president and CEO, Hispanic Federation. "This unjust discrimination against Puerto Rico in SSI and other federal programs is rooted in blatantly racist Supreme Court precedents determined over a century ago. The opportunity is now for President Biden and the Supreme Court to finally right this wrong with a new legal precedent that makes it clear unjustly denying any American their full rights is unconstitutional, and indefensible."

Miranda met with President Biden at the White House this past August and called upon him to desist from his defense of the case.

The Hispanic Federation also joined another amicus brief with other non-profit advocacy groups calling on the Supreme Court to stop denying U.S. Citizens living in Puerto Rico their constitutional rights, and has pressed the Biden-Harris Administration at every turn to keep their campaign promise and end their defense of discrimination against Puerto Ricans. The organization will continue to do so, including by being at the Supreme Court when oral arguments take place in this case.

As part of their ongoing advocacy efforts on equity for Puerto Rico in federal programs - including SSI - the Hispanic Federation brought together Attorney General James in San Juan with leaders of the G-8 (a local community organization) and MAVI (a local non-profit that works with individuals living with disabilities). Also present at today's press conference was Aurelis Aponte, the mother of a four-year old daughter with seven major heart conditions who lost her much-needed SSI benefits after moving back to Puerto Rico from Florida. The family had previously been displaced by Hurricane Maria.

"After just one month of moving to Florida, our family was approved for food stamps, Medicaid, and SSI benefits. These benefits were a blessing for us while we struggled to recover and care for our family," said Ms. Aponte. "However, I couldn't help but wonder why my family didn't receive this kind of help when we lived in Puerto Rico and then lost them for simply moving back home. For this reason I ask of President Biden, the Supreme Court justices, and members of Congress just one thing: Give my daughter Isabella a fair chance to live and end this discrimination against Puerto Rico." (Contd. Pg. 42)

Attorney General James, Hispanic Federation Call on DOJ to Protect Rights of U.S. Citizens in Puerto Rico

(From Pg. 41) "For far too long, the people of Puerto Rico have been dealt a shorthand when it comes to their due federal benefits - and to continue denying aid and benefits to Puerto Rican residents would be inhumane, illegal, and racist," said U.S. Representative Adriano Espaillat. "Puerto Rican residents deserve parity in federal benefits that they would otherwise be receiving on the mainland. I applaud Attorney General James for her leadership on this critical issue, and thank her for her unwavering commitment to ensure that we lend a helping hand to all Americans - especially those who need it most."

"It is both unconstitutional and unacceptable that United States citizens who reside in Puerto Rico are offered lesser rights and benefits than the rest of us," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. "As New Yorkers, we must act to help the people of Puerto Rico, and I applaud New York Attorney General Letitia James and the Hispanic Federation for their tireless work to ensure equality and that no one is treated as a second-class citizen in the United States of America."

"For far too long, Puerto Ricans have been denied access to the same benefits and rights other U.S. citizens enjoy," said State Senator Luis Sepúlveda. "I applaud Attorney General Letitia James for fighting on behalf of Puerto Ricans and ensuring their constitutional rights are respected."

"Mr. Vaello-Madero's case is a moment where the United States is going to be forced to be honest about its relationship with the people of Puerto Rico."

How the Supreme Court rules will set a precedent that either acknowledges their responsibility to the people of Puerto Rico or issues a blank check to deprive them of equal protection," said State Senator Jessica Ramos. "In New York state, we have passed legislation to affirm that everyone is entitled to the care and benefits that their taxes pay for, and Attorney General James has taken legal steps to do the same for U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico. We will continue to have her back as we fight to ensure that none of our Puerto Rican neighbors are denied aid or support."

"The case of U.S. v. Vaello-Madero exposes a vast difference Puerto Ricans on the island experience versus back on the mainland," said State Assemblymember Nathalia Fernandez. "I greatly commend Attorney General James for taking every effort to protecting our most vulnerable against unfair and impractical retribution from a system meant to help rather than hurt."

"For decades the island of Puerto Rico has been utilized for its resources and when it has been politically beneficial for the powerful. Yet, when it comes to Puerto Ricans being able to access necessary benefits, rights, and protections they continue to confront barrier after barrier. Frankly, this is racist and unacceptable," said State Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas. "I'm grateful that Attorney General Letitia James has submitted an amicus brief in the case of the U.S. v. Vaello-Madero to the Supreme Court. We must ensure that Puerto Ricans are treated as equals to all citizens of the United States. Additionally, I urge members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House to continue to advocate that we expand Social Security and Medicaid in the Build Back Better deal. It would provide necessary assistance to hundreds of thousands of people who live in U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico. After decades of disempowerment, we are demanding equity for Puerto Ricans and nothing less."

U.S. v. Vaello-Madero centers on Jose Luis Vaello-Madero, an 88 year-old elderly person who lives with disabilities and who received SSI benefits while living in New York, but was excluded

and removed from the program when he relocated to Puerto Rico. The Social Security Administration is now demanding that he even pays back disability benefit payments that he previously received while he was on the island - a U.S. territory since 1898. Mr. Vaello-Madero's case has become emblematic of the need to change eligibility precedents for U.S. citizens who live in Puerto Rico and in other U.S. territories. The appeal was initially filed by the Trump Administration, but is now being continued by the Biden Administration.

Governor Hochul Shares Personal Story, Signs Legislation Expanding NYS Paid Family Leave

Governor Hochul: "It was thirty-three years ago when I had to make a tough decision myself, when I was expecting a child, had a baby, working as an attorney on Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's staff in Washington and thought for sure, it'd be an easy time. We didn't have the money for extra help to come in and take care of us and we struggled. And at the time not having the leave, not having the ability to work from home, we put our personal finances aside and I ended up staying home and I understood then how this was a basic human right, to be able to take care of your newborn or your adopted child or your family members when they are desperately in need of someone to hold their hand."

Hochul stated, "I'm here to declare that taking care of your family is a human right. The right to be able to not lose your income, not have to make the horrible decision of am I able to take care of an elderly parent or a newborn baby or am I going to have to give up my income? No one should have to deal with that."

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a bill (S.2928-A/A.06098-A) that expands New York State's Paid Family Leave legislation to allow caring for siblings. Under the current law, employees cannot take leave to care for a sibling with a serious health condition.

Governor Kathy Hochul Signs Legislation for Improving Education in State Prisons

"When incarcerated individuals reenter society, it's critical we ensure they are prepared and ready to forge a path for themselves and their families," Governor Hochul said. "By embarking on a detailed study of how we can improve education for those who are incarcerated, we will be able to identify and implement the programs and resources necessary for ensuring those who are reentering society have the best shot at success. This not only benefits the individual and their families, but the community at large as well."

Legislation S.5468/A.2530 aims to prevent recidivism by taking steps to improve prison education. This legislation will establish a commission comprised of nine members who will study and develop a plan for improving said education. The commission will be comprised of three people appointed by the Governor, two by the Speaker of the Assembly, one by the Minority Leader of the Assembly, two by the temporary President of the Senate, and one by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 21st

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available 985-7270

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

UC NOW TRENDING... NOVEMBER 2021

through Nov. 14 DENIZEN Theatre presents "Apples in Winter:" Thurs. to Sat. 7p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. One-woman play that will stir your heart and make you laugh out loud. DENIZEN Theatre, Water Street Market, 10 Main Street, Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-303-4136; denizentheatre.com

through Nov. 14 Emerge Gallery: Exhibition "Tell Me a Story." The exhibition includes works of various styles and mediums — collage, drawings, fiber art, monotypes, paintings, photography and sculpture. 228 Main St, Saugerties. 845-247-7515; emergegalleryny.com

through Nov. 14 BUILT II: ARCHITECTURE IN ART - Explores relationship that exists between art and architecture. Curated by Alan Goolman. Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. THE LOCKWOOD GALLERY, 747 Route 28, Kingston. 845-663-2138; thelockwoodgallery.com

through Nov. 30 The Dorsky Museum in November: Visit the Dorsky's website for a complete list of exhibitions and lectures. Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Nov 1-14 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week: Participating restaurants offer a three-course prix fixe dinner menu for \$35.95 per person and three-course lunch menu for \$25.95 per person (plus tax, beverage and gratuity). For Ulster County venues: visit hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com

Nov 1-28 18th Annual Family of New Paltz 5K Turkey Trot: The Turkey Trot 5K fundraiser provides our programs with financial assistance that help to operate a food pantry and programs. Register at newpaltzturkeytrot.com. Questions: Ivan, 845-255-7957 or Jen, 845-392-3624

thru Nov 14 - extended - "The Niceties:" A black student visits her white professor to discuss her paper on the American Revolution. The polite review of her thesis soon explodes into a high-stakes debate. Purchase tickets online. The Main Stage at Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandstages.org

November Events

11 Veteran's Day Free Golf Event: Honoring our veterans.

Free golf and free golf cart. Show your veteran military ID card. Green Acres Golf Course, 250 Harwich Street, Kingston. 845-331-2283; Facebook: Green Acres Golf Course.

12-14; 19-21 Coach House Players: Presents Agatha Christie's murder mystery "Night Watch." Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. 12 Augusta St., Kingston. 845-331-2476; coachhouseplayers.org

13 Craft Fair: Local vendors. Soup and bake sale. 1921 Lucas Turnpike, High Falls.

13 Gratefully Yours: All-star lineup of Grateful Dead-inspired musicians performing your dream Grateful Dead setlists. Free. Keegan Ales, 20 Saint

James Street, Kingston. 845-331-2739; keeganales.com

13 Days of King Louis & Queen Anne: Hosted by Locust Lawn, a Federal-era historic manor. Event highlights the life and times of the European and Atlantic World at the turn of the 18th Century. 436 Route 32 South, New Paltz. 845-901-0935; lgn.org/locust-lawn

13 Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC): "Words and Music: An Intimate Evening with Patti Smith." Nov. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

13-14 The Second Annual Artists & Makers Fair: Twenty-four exhibitors showcasing products across a range of mediums. Woodstock Artists Association & Museum, 28 Tinker St., Woodstock. 845-679-2940; woodstockart.org

14 "Sons of Hudson: at The Barn at Gardiner Brewing Company: 3:30-6:30 p.m. 699 State Route 208, Gardiner. gardinerbrewingcompany.com; 845-255-5300.

14, 18 Events at Watergrasshill B&B: Hands-On Cooking Class: Holiday Brunch: Nov. 14, 11:30 am. Join us in the kitchen for a fun, and tasty class featuring brunch dishes that will make for stress-free entertaining. Bake and Take: Pies and Tarts: Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Join Chef Melissa Walnock, a classically trained pastry chef from the CIA Apple Pie Bakery Café, in the Watergrasshill kitchen studio to discover the art of pie and tart making. Register for classes online. Watergrasshill B&B, 105 Phillies Bridge Road, New Paltz. 845-419-2661; watergrasshillny.com

15-26 Belleayre Mountain Projected Opening Day: Ski and snowboard season is just around the corner. Exact opening date will be announced based on weather and conditions. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com

19-21 St. George Church of Kingston Greek Bazaar: Enjoy Greek food, pastries and crafts. Contact the Church for details. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 294 Greenkill Ave., Kingston. 845-331-3522; saintgeorge.ny.goarch.org

20 Glorie Farm Winery: Devon Daversa. 1:30-4:30. 40 Mountain Road, Marlboro. 845-236-3265; gloriewine.com

20 Eleventh Annual Heart of the Hudson Valley Holiday Extravaganza & Thanksgiving Farmers Market: Local businesses, food, crafts, entertainment. Family-friendly. Marlboro Elementary School, 1380 Route 9W. 845-616-7824; meetmeinmarlborough.com

20 90 Proof Band: Ole Savannah, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com

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COVID-19 Phishing**

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or **disastercustomerservice@sba.gov**.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert**

SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball Supper



Saturday, November 27

Serving 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Adults: \$10

Children Ages 5-11: \$6

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take out is available! (845-985-7270)

\$50 from the Dinner Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on CDC's Recommendation of Pfizer Vaccine for 5-11 Year Olds

"Tonight's announcement is an important step in fighting this pandemic. New York State's Clinical Advisory Task Force unanimously agreed with the CDC. Next the New York State Department of Health will issue guidance to the public.

"I encourage parents to reach out to their pediatricians and prepare to get their children vaccinated. New York State has been making preparations for this moment, and we will waste no time to help get shots administered through all available channels so that we can protect our kids from COVID-19 and finally put an end to the pandemic."

Please Wear
a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

Gillibrand Statement Supporting Speaker Pelosi's Paid Leave Proposal in Build Back Better Act

Washington, D.C. - Addressing Speaker Pelosi's proposal to include paid leave in the Build Back Better Act, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released the following statement:

"I strongly support Speaker Pelosi's proposal to include four weeks of universal paid family and medical leave in the Build Back Better Act. The goal of the Build Back Better framework is to solve the challenges that families are facing and paid leave will help us do that. Paid leave will make sure working people can take care of their children, their aging parents, and themselves without worrying about losing their job or their paycheck. It will also make America more competitive in the global market and end our reign as the only industrialized country without a paid leave program. I will keep fighting until the ink is dry and President Biden has signed paid leave into law."

Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Authorizing Pharmacists to Administer Additional Vaccines Recommended by CDC to Patients 18 and Older

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation S.4807-A/A.6476 which expands the immunizations that licensed pharmacists can administer to patients who are 18 years or older. Under the new law, pharmacists will be able to administer vaccines recommended by the CDC for hepatitis A and B, human papillomavirus, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella. The new law also makes permanent the ability for licensed pharmacists to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Immunizations are the best tool at our disposal for protecting public health and we must implement every sensible measure to make vaccines widely available," Governor Hochul said. "With this new law, we are expanding the locations where New Yorkers can go to get vaccines to protect their own health - and the health of their communities."

Studies show that pharmacist-provided immunizations increase overall immunization rates. Under current law, pharmacists in New York have been able to administer immunizations for influenza to adults and children, and for COVID-19, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis disease, as well as medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis, to adults. The new law expands the list of immunizations that pharmacists can provide to adults,

Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

and requires pharmacists to report the immunizations to the State Department of Health.

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky said, "I want to thank Governor Hochul for signing this important legislation. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw how low-income and rural communities struggled to get access to critical health care services. Studies have shown that people intuitively trust their local pharmacist. By allowing pharmacists to administer all vaccines approved by the CDC we will reduce morbidity and mortality rates and save lives in our most medically underserved communities."

Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman said, "Access to healthcare should be a basic human right and COVID-19 has brought to light the many inequities in our healthcare system. In many of our Black and brown communities, local pharmacists are the immediate and most accessible route to care. This legislation is a step in the right direction towards addressing this social justice issue and creating equity for all. I'd like to acknowledge and thank Speaker Heastie and all the advocates who ensured the passage of this legislation."

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20 Kingston Midtown Market: The Kingston Midtown Market is a monthly event that opens the space for local vendors, artists and performers. 1-6 p.m. Center for Creative Education (CCE), 16 Cedar Street, Kingston. 845-338-7664; cce4me.org

20-21 Wreath Fineries at the Wineries: Ten member wineries will be participating over the course of two weekends. Reserve early as tickets sell quickly. Tickets not available at the door. Online sales close 24 hours prior to the event. 845-256-8456; shawangunkwinetrail.com

21 25th Annual Rosendale International Pickle Festival: Postponed to October 16, 2022. rosendalepicklefestival.org

21 King Lear: Broadcast live from London's West End with Ian McKellen. 2 p.m. Purchase tickets online. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org

22 LIVE at Bearsville Theater - "The Psychedelic Furs: A Night for John:" Benefit performance for friend and former guitarist John Ashton who is currently battling stage four prostate cancer. The Psychedelic Furs are a British band founded in London in February 1977 and are one of many acts spawned from the British post-punk scene. Hits include "Pretty In Pink" and "Love My Way." The band's ties to Woodstock go back nearly 40 years. 291 Tinker St, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com

22 Hudson Valley Hullabaloo, Handmade Holiday Market: Postponed to 2022. hvhullabaloo.com

25 Spread the Love Thanksgiving Event: Free food, clothing, community resources, entertainment and more. Center for Creative Education (CCE), 16 Cedar Street, Kingston. 845-338-7664; cce4me.org

25 Ninth Annual Kingston Turkey Trot: 5K and a 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk. Start at Dietz Stadium; end at Forsyth Park. Refreshments. Rain or shine; registration begins at 8 a.m., race at 9 a.m. Free parking at Dietz Stadium. Register online. 845-481-3534; kingston.jl.org

26-28 A Frosty Fest: A family-fun holiday light spectacular Friday, Reservations required. Purchase tickets online. Dec.: **3-5, 10-12, 17-19. Headless Horseman Hayrides & Haunted Houses,** 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666, ext. 10; afrostyfest.com

28 Pete Levin Trio at Pearl Moon: 52 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-684-5537; pearlmoonwoodstock.com

...going into December 2021

Nov 28-Dec. 12 38th Annual YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County REINDEER RAMBLE 5K: Rain, Snow, Sunshine. Run/Walk 5K.anytime between 11/28/21 and 12/12/21. Everyone registered will receive a Reindeer Ramble long sleeve shirt. NEW: the First 75 registered will receive an adorable reindeer ornament. Sign up with five friends and enter our Santa-Pede contest. Each winner of the three winning teams will win a \$20 DoorDash gift card. Noon. YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County, 507 Broadway, Kingston.845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org

CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS

Nov 26-28, Dec. 4- 5, 11-12, 18- 19 Balsam Ridge Tree Farm: We'll lend you a saw, you can choose and cut your own tree or we'll cut it for you. Shaking and mechanical cleaning, tree wrapping (balling), tree haulers; sleds will be provided. Decorated wreaths. Fraser, Balsam, Canaan, Concolor Firs and Colorado Blue Spruce Christmas Trees. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving, 9am-dusk, and then the following Saturdays and Sundays until sold out. 288 South St., **Clintondale.** 845-721-4195; Facebook: BalsamRidgeTreeFarm

Nov 26-Dec. 23 Bell's Christmas Trees: Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) 647 Mettakahonts Road, **Accord.** 845-626-7849; bellschristmastrees.com

Nov 26-28, Dec. 4- 5, 11-12, 18-19 Christmas Tree Lane: U-cut trees. Douglas and Black Hills, White, Norway, Blue Spruce, Serbian. Free netting and twine. Free refreshments and free family picture. Gift barn, wreaths, swags, table settings, tree stands and more. Open after Thanksgiving - to end of December, Saturday- Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 9 Christmas Drive, **Wallkill.** 845-895-3536; Facebook: Christmas-Tree-Lane-Wallkill-NY

Nov 26-28, Dec. 4- 5, 11-12, 18-19 Garone's Mountain Fresh Farms: Douglas, Fraser, Balsam, Concolor and Canaan fir and blue spruce. U-cut or they-cut. Christmas items, hayrides, Santa, food, hot chocolate, cider and large outdoor firepit. Full service Open Friday after Thanksgiving and the following three weekends, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 282 Orchard (Corner of Bailey's Gap Road), **Highland.** 845-616-7824

Nov 26-28, Dec. 4- 5, 11-12, 18- 19 Mountain View Tree Farm: Scotch Pine, Norway Spruce, Balsam and Douglas Fir. U-cut. Saws available. From Village of Saugerties, take Route 32 North, go 5-miles to High Falls Road, then to Kelly Road; signs posted to Spurck Road. After Thanksgiving through Christmas. Saturday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 69 Spurck Road Off Kelly Road, **Saugerties.** 845-389-1973.

Nov 26-28, Dec. 3- 5, 10-12, 17-19 W&K Split Rail Nursery and Tree Farm: Blue, White and Norway Spruce, Balsam and Douglas Fir. Pre-tagged netting available. You choose, we cut; U-cut. Homemade wreaths and potted Blue Spruce. Dec. 20: Annual Fall Farmers Craft Fair- 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Open the day after Thanksgiving through December 19th. Friday, noon - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 346 Mahoney Road, **Milton.** 845-795-5643; facebook.com/WK-Split-Rail-Nursery-and-Tree-Farm,

Nov 26-Dec. 24 Wallkill View Farm: Open end of Nov. through Dec. 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., 7 days a week. Ready to go Christmas trees. Enjoy picking your trees and fresh poinsettias from the green house. 14 Rte. 299 West., **New Paltz.** 845-255-8050; wallkillviewfarmmarket.com

Nov 26-28, Dec. 4- 5, 11-12, 18-19 West Wind Tree Farm: U-cut short-needle Scotch Pine and Douglas Fir grown on the farm. Also, pre-cut Fraser and Balsam Fir. Wreaths, kissing balls, crosses and more items handmade at the farm. 543 Bruyn Turnpike, **Wallkill.** 845-895-3807; facebook.com/west-windtreefarmwallkill

Ulster Corps:

Farm to Food Pantry Apple Gleaning

Tuesday November 9th, 9am-11:30am • Milton, NY (register for details)

Please join us for Farm to Food Pantry Apple Gleaning Tuesday November 9th, 9am-11:30am Milton, NY (register for details). We'll be picking apples for local food pantries, shelters and community meal programs. Please register here if you'd like to help out by emailing glean@ulstercorps.org or calling/texting 845-481-0331.

2nd Annual Spread

Love Thanksgiving Event

PLEASE SHARE, VOLUNTEER and DONATE!

IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING WE INVITE you to join us for the 2nd Annual Spread Love Thanksgiving Event! Come together to enjoy FREE mouthwatering food, clothing and performances by DOJO DANCE COMPANY, ENERGY DANCE COMPANY, local musicians, singers and much more.

With the HELP OF THE COMMUNITY, LOCAL NONPROFITS AND BUSINESSES WE PLAN TO FEED 1000 Families in and around Kingston and Ulster County!

SPREAD LOVE Thanksgiving signup: cce4me.org

*volunteers *sponsors *food delivery *donations *set up and clean up *servers *cooks, potatoes peelers (days leading up to the event) *recycle, garbage *bathroom monitors And MUCH MORE! Register to volunteer:

<https://form.jotform.com/203017702694149>

Family of Woodstock Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and for more than 40 years, Family of Woodstock has hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the entire community.

This year will be a little different. Our most important goal is to keep everyone in the community safe, and healthy. We have a plan to make sure everyone has a special holiday meal, while keeping socially distanced and ensuring physical and emotional safety for everyone.

We will be providing turkeys with all the fixins', or individual, fully prepared meals for people in the Greater Woodstock area, including Woodstock, Bearsville, Shady, Lake Hill, Willow, Mount Tremper, Shokan, and Boiceville.

If you would like to sign up for a Thanksgiving Food Basket, or individual meals with Family of Woodstock, or would like to volunteer to help out, please call us at 845-679-2485.

Please share this with friends and family. Thank you, and have a safe & joyful Holiday!

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Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston has available a variety of volunteer opportunities. Staff are seeking people to assist with guided history and educational tours within the museum galleries and around campus. Volunteers are also needed for public tours on board Solaris, the museum's 100% solar powered tour boat and floating classroom. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Prospective volunteers should have an interest in local history, weekend and/or evening availability, and a desire to work with the public. A list of volunteer opportunities and information about how to apply can be found on the museum website at www.hrmm.org/volunteer.

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Governor Hochul Announces Major \$450 Million “Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs” Inclusive Recovery Package

Governor Kathy Hochul today, coinciding with the reopening of international borders, announced a comprehensive \$450 million "Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs" inclusive recovery package to support New York State's hardest-hit tourism sector workers, revitalize the state's tourism industry, and support businesses started just prior to or during the pandemic.

Governor Hochul made the announcement at the Museum of Natural History, joined by representatives from I LOVE NY, NY Forever, tourism and business groups, as well as labor groups representing workers in the tourism industry. This package of programs represents a multi-faceted approach to revitalizing the industry through assistance for workers, investments in small businesses, and consumer-focused marketing around the nation and the world. (Contd. Pg. 49)

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(From Pg. 48) "Our tourism industry represents the essence of what sets New York apart from the rest. New York can't come back from this pandemic unless our tourism industry and its workers come back," Governor Hochul said. "Our nation-leading \$450 million recovery package not only helps tourism industry workers get back on their feet, but will also help small businesses and venues reopen their doors. Our message to the world is clear: New York is coming back and we welcome you with open arms."

The economic impact of COVID-19 on New York State's tourism economy has been severe; in 2019, this industry supported one out of 10 jobs and generated more than \$100 billion in economic impact. Last year, international visitation was down 86% from 2019, and domestic visitation fell by 37%, generating a nearly 55% loss in direct spending and an almost 50% drop in economic impact.

In response, Governor Hochul today announced a comprehensive strategy to support unemployed workers and struggling businesses in the critically important tourism and hospitality sector, which was New York's third-largest industry prior to the pandemic; to incentivize the rehiring of these critical workers; and to jumpstart demand for the State's tourism and hospitality attractions.

\$100 Million Tourism Worker Recovery Fund

The first part of this package supports New Yorkers in the most impacted tourism and hospitality industry sectors who were on extended federal unemployment insurance the last week before those benefits ended and have yet to see their earnings fully recover. The New York State Department of Labor will issue one-time payments of \$2,750 to as many as 36,000 qualified workers in tourism sector industries. New Yorkers who are eligible will be contacted directly via text or email.

United States Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York is a model for getting much-needed relief money out the door into the hands of working Americans. New York's forward-looking approach will bring back good paying, middle-class jobs, and it will bring back an industry that is critical to reopening our economy."

\$100 Million Tourism Return-to-Work Grant Program

The second piece of this package is designed to encourage tourism businesses that suffered job and revenue losses to rehire workers, while providing financial relief. Qualifying tourism businesses will be eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 per net new full-time employee, or \$2,500 per net new part-time employee, hired to offset their labor costs. To receive full benefit, employers will have to maintain employment increases over six months. Employment increases will be based on total employment rather than specific individual employees, and businesses that can demonstrate the greatest workforce losses resulting from COVID-19 will be a priority. More information, including a sign-up for program-related email alerts, is available here.

\$25 Million Meet in New York Grant Program

This program focuses on venues and events to generate and support new business-focused travel. This holistic approach to visitation recognizes the spending habits of business and convention travelers for overnight stays, food and activities. The

Meet in New York program will provide grants to help convention centers and conference spaces bring more events, traveler spending and jobs back to New York State. Qualifying venues and their partnering event hotels can offer meeting organizers discounts on booking fees or room blocks to entice business, with grants reimbursing a portion of such discounts. More information on qualifying businesses and events can be found here.

\$25 Million I LOVE NY Global Marketing Campaign

This consumer-facing global tourism promotion campaign extends a new invitation to domestic and international visitors, allowing I LOVE NY to expand its current marketing efforts into additional domestic and international markets. The campaign will include broadcast and digital elements that promote New York State as the world's premier travel destination, where visitors are encouraged to come be a part of it and find what they love.

\$200 Million Program for Businesses Started Just Prior to or During the Pandemic

To further New York State's commitment to small businesses, Governor Hochul announced plans to introduce legislation in January 2022 at the start of New York State's legislative session to create a \$200 million program designed to support businesses started just prior to or during the pandemic. This forward-looking initiative would utilize existing funding in the state's \$800 million COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program to support younger businesses that were otherwise ineligible for relief through existing state and federal programs to ensure greater inclusivity among small and micro-businesses.

The Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program has been extremely successful thus far, with over \$325 million awarded to support nearly 20,000 small and micro-businesses across New York State. More than 19,000 awardees were businesses with ten or fewer employees, 83% of grantees were minority and women-owned business enterprises, and the average grant funded has been nearly \$17,000. This legislation will represent an expansion of the program to include small and micro-businesses that were previously ineligible for pandemic relief through the state and federal programs.

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "The tourism industry is not only a critical economic driver in New York State, but it is one of the things that makes New York such a great place to visit. I applaud Governor Hochul for recognizing the hardship this pandemic has had our tourism industry. This comprehensive initiative is crucial to reviving our tourism industry and assisting the workers who have been directly impacted by this public health crisis."

Empire State Development Chief Operating Officer and Executive Deputy Commissioner Kevin Younis said, "Tourism is a key part of New York State's diverse economy. It supports jobs and businesses across an array of industries by allowing us to share all the incredible attractions, events and experience we have to offer with visitors from around the globe. The return of tourism is vital to the growth and sustainability of our economic future, and these new initiatives will help us revitalize this struggling industry."

Empire State Development Vice President and Executive Director of Tourism Ross D. Levi said, "When New York State partners with the tourism industry, it's an unstoppable combination. This holistic effort announced today by Governor Hochul will help spur visitation of all kinds, from international travelers looking for an unforgettable vacation to business people attending important industry events. The programs will also help support the state's unparalleled tourism industry so that it can deliver world-class customer service and an incomparable guest experience."



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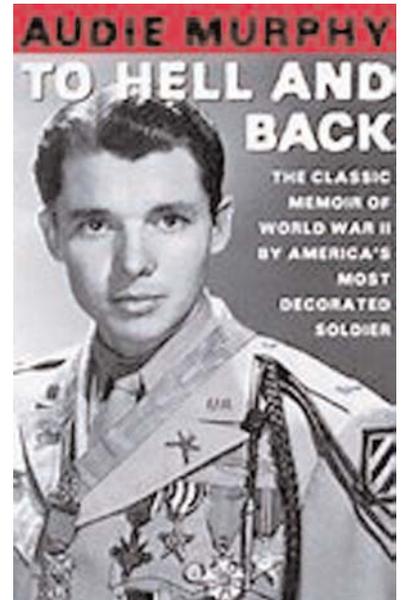
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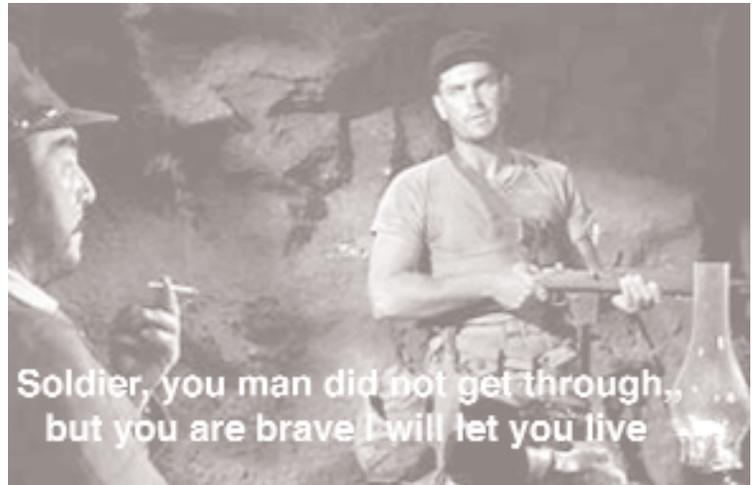
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