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Learn About GIS from the Team That Just Won a Major Award for It –SC to Celebrate National GIS Day November 17



Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Program recently earned the Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award from Esri, a leading developer of GIS products.

“We're honored to be counted among just 185 winners out of 1,200 nominees from over 60,000 eligible agencies,” remarked Lorne Green, commissioner of the County's Division of Information Technology Services, which oversees the GIS Program. “And of the 3 county nominations in NYS, Sullivan County was the only governmental agency recipient for the 2021 SAG Award.”

The full list of awardees is at <https://events.esri.com/conference/sagList/?fa=List&awardyear=2021>.

Each recipient is selected based on three criteria: innovation, the embracing of GIS technology, and the desire to implement change.

“Sullivan County stood out to the nomination and selection committees because of our desire to change the way we conduct business by improving public service through the use of GIS applications and promoting a greater geographic understanding of the communities we live, work, and play in,” GIS Coordinator Jennifer Stone explained.

Stone developed seven public apps at the behest of various departments, including Real Property, Public Safety, Transportation, Board of Elections, Public Health, and Neighborhood Services. (Contd. Pg. 20)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Psalm 103:1

OBITUARIES

Maryellen Graves, of Woodbourne, NY, formerly of Napanoch passed away on



Saturday, November 6, 2021 with her niece, Marion as her caregiver by her side. She was 90. She was the daughter of the late Walter R. Bockus and Marion T. Miller, born on July 3, 1931 in Colonial Beach, VA. Maryellen worked as an assembly worker, in a book factory and most recently in a jewelry factory. She attended St. Mary and St. Andrew's Church in Ellenville, as well as Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. In her free time she enjoyed reading and keeping her hands busy with needlepoint and embroidery as well as solving jigsaw puzzles. She was known for her generosity and caring heart. She was a loving and giving individual who was always thinking of others. Above all else, her family meant the most to her, she was a devoted aunt and friend to all who knew her.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her nieces and nephews: Marion Decker, Ida Roth, Irene Whitsett, Walter Carlucci, Mary Dayton, Victor Carlucci, Carolynne Capobianco, Dennis Graves, Kathleen Mentlik, Carol Cosgrove and Frank Baluch; as well as twenty-five great-nieces and nephews, twenty-six great-great-nieces and nephews and eight great-great-nieces and nephews. She now joins in Heaven her loving husband, whom she married on September 3, 1960, Lawrence P. Graves; her sister Ida Urcuiolio; and nieces and nephews Phyllis Avery, Rocco Carlucci, Albert Graves, Sister Alice Graves Howard Graves, and Gerard Graves.

A visitation was held from on Friday, November 12, 2021 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Church, 6317 State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Burial followed at Pine Bush Cemetery, Kerhonkson, NY. Donations in

Maryellen's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com



Arthur D. Cole of Hurleyville, NY, a retired Correctional Officer and a lifelong area resident, died Monday, November 8, 2021 at Garnet Health Medical Center, Harris, NY. He was 85.

The son of the late William and Alice Gear Cole, he was

born July 10, 1936 in Divine Corners, NY.

Arthur served Our Country in the United States Army. After serving, he worked for over 30 years as a Correctional Officer at the Woodbourne Correction Facility in Woodbourne, NY; he worked alongside his wife as a co-owner of Cole's Saddle Shop in Hurleyville, NY. He was a member of the Sheep Hill Rod and Gun Club, a member of the Hurleyville Cemetery Association, and a member of the Neversink-Roundout Antique Tractor Association.

Survivors include his daughter, Sue Garlinghouse and her husband Michael of Neversink, NY; his son, John Cole and his wife, Georgina of Hurleyville, NY; his grandson Justin Garlinghouse of Neversink, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Patricia M. Economou Cole and two brothers, Robert and William Cole. Visitation was held on Friday November 12, 2021 at the Harris Funeral Home with services following officiated by The Rev. Bridgette LeConey. Burial will be private in the Hurleyville Cemetery, Hurleyville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Arthur's name may be made to Times Herald Record's People For People Fund, Inc. c/o First Federal Savings of Middletown, PO Box 2023, Middletown, NY 10940.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com

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OBITUARIES (From Pg. 2)



Terry L. Dubas of Jeffersonville, NY, a home health aide and a lifelong area resident, died Friday, November 12, 2021 at Garnet Health Medical Center, Middletown, NY. She was 56.

The daughter of Lucy Perry Alger and the late Kenneth Alger, she was born April 13, 1965 in

Liberty, NY.

Terry enjoyed gardening and reading; she loved her work and her clients.

Survivors include her husband Ronald Dubas, at home; one daughter, Anita Dubas of Jeffersonville, NY; her mother, Lucy Alger of Huntington, WV; brother-in-law, Robert Dubas and his wife Debbie; sister-in-law, Christine Cully of Woodridge, NY; and mother-in-law, Josephine Dubas of Grahamsville, NY.

She was predeceased by one brother-in-law, Vincent Dubas; her father, Kenneth Alger; father-in-law, Robert Dubas, Sr.; one brother, Edward Alger; and one sister, Polly Alger.

The family has chosen to remember Terry's life privately at this time.

Memorial contributions in Terry's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

November 14, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pomeroy of Neversink announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan to Mr. William Wiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wiley of Woodbourne Road. Miss Pomeroy is employed as a dietician at Norwalk General Hospital, Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Wiley is with the Otis Elevator Co., Utica, NY. No date has been set for the wedding.

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Household Hint:

Keep Cooked Cauliflower White

Add a spoonful of vinegar to cooking water to make cauliflower white and 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.

Bittersweet - You Love it, or You Hate

During the fall season, Bittersweet puts on a display throughout our area, few other plants can rival. The deep yellow skin of their berries bursts to reveal an orange jewel within. Arts and crafts folks have fallen in love with bittersweet using the Bittersweet vine to construct wreaths or as we did years ago, to create beautiful fall centerpieces for our Thanksgiving table.

There are two vines with yellow and orange berries commonly called "bittersweet." They look very much alike. One, a harmless vine indigenous to North America with smooth stems, is *Celastrus scandens*, also called "American bittersweet" plant or "false bittersweet." The other, an exotic vine that is among North America's most invasive plants and whose stem bears blunt thorns, is *Celastrus orbiculatus*, or "oriental bittersweet" vine. Another way to distinguish between American and oriental types is by discerning the location of their berries: the berries of American bittersweet plants appear at the tips of the vines only, while those of the oriental type grow along the vine. In both species the vine can become quite large and reach to 20 feet or more. Stems will trail if there is no support. The young stems are green and hairless, turning brown and woody with age.



Oriental bittersweet

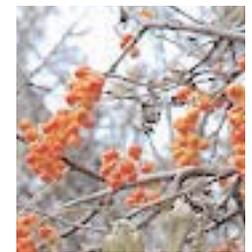


The dark green leaves of bittersweet are stalked, oval, with sharp teeth, smooth on both sides, with a pointed tip, and borne alternately along the stem. They are about twice as long as wide. There is a small stipule at the base of the leaf stalk.

During the late spring and early summer flowers will appear. They are small, about 1/4 inch wide, 5-parted, yellowish-greenish, with a cup-shaped calyx with 5 triangular tips, shorter than the petals which are a greenish-white and spread outward with the tips reflecting backward. Petal edges are wavy-ragged. Male flowers have 5 stamens with white filaments and yellow anthers. In



American bittersweet



female flowers, the style is yellowish-green and slender rising from an enlarged yellow-green 3-sectioned ovary. There are 5 false stamens (Staminodes). A fertile flower will produce a round green seed capsule which, as it matures, changes color to end up a brownish-orange. The capsule then splits open into 3 sections and reveals a bright red three sectioned berry that contains the seeds, of which there are usually 2 per section of the capsule.

The berries are toxic to humans, however, Bittersweet berries are especially enticing to birds who in turn, disperse the seeds after eating the berries. The winter birds and other forest creatures love the Bittersweet berries! Should germination of a bittersweet seed take place at the base of a tree, the potential of that seed could very quickly destroy the tree. As the young plant makes its way to the top of the tree, the bittersweet vine can reach up to four inches in diameter as it grows around a tree in a process called girdling. It will wrap so tightly that tree will be strangled.

Bittersweet vine is one of the terribly invasive plants considered by many to be an environmental menace as they choke out native plants. Adding to the problem is the fact that, invasive plants or not, Bittersweet's vines are so captivating that they still entice people to propagate them as a landscaping element.

If the power of the beauty of the bittersweet still lures you into growing it on your property, please take extreme precautions against the spread of this highly invasive plant. Keep it confined to one area of your property and prune it often. And most importantly, do not allow bittersweet to grow on any tree whose health you value.

You either love bittersweet vines or hate them

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 3)
November 14, 1956

Mr. Harry H. Erath died on Monday at Montrose Veterans Hospital in Peekskill, NY. He was born in Grahamsville on October 11, 1887, son of Eugene and Lydia (Sheeley) Erath. Mr. Erath is survived by two brothers, Raymond and Albert of Grahamsville; and nieces and nephews.

November 7, 1966

Mr. and Mrs William Exner of Ulster Heights are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Dawn, born October 27th and weighing 7 lbs 6 oz. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Fred Mickelson, Sr.. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Exner, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stewart are parents of a girl born Thursday, October 27th at Liberty Loomis Hospital and weighing 7 lbs 1 oz. The new one has been named Anne Marie.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Donald TerBush, 18 years on the 6th; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley, 9 years on the 10th and Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna, 21 years on the 10th.

November 11, 1976

Vera E. Hunter, 67, of Claryville died Saturday at home. She was born April 17, 1909 in Claryville to the late Abram Dice and Laura Irwin Dice and lived there all her life. Mrs. Hunter belonged to the Reformed Church and its Ladies Aid Society. She was the widow of Howard Hunter. She is survived by a son, Glen of Napanoch; three daughters: Mrs. Grace Loomis of Everette, WA, Mrs. Myrtle Kortright, Woodbourne and Mrs. Arlene DeLaMarter of Ulster Heights; a brother, Robert Dice of Claryville; 12 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

November 20, 1986

George Raymond Countryman, son of Mrs. Vidella Huson Countryman and the late Stanley Countryman of Napanoch, who entered the military service August, 19, 1986, graduated from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois after his ten weeks of training. His mother, Vidella, a native of Grahamsville, her sister, Rhoda Sheeley and her husband, Lester Sheeley, motored out to the graduation.

Ralph James Dymond of Dymond Rd., Sundown, a laborer for the Ulster County Highway Dept. and lifelong resident died unexpectedly on Sunday, November 16th at his home. He was 58. The son of the late Bertha Wright Dymond, he was born on November 19, 1927 in Sundown. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Gray Dymond, at home; four sons; one daughter; three sisters; five brothers, six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Letter to the Editor:

I am very concerned; it seems we are putting politics before the good of the Town. This past election, a candidate for Councilman, Theresa Paras, ran on the Democrat line. However, this individual does not currently live in the Town of Denning, nor do I believe, she is planning on moving to the town and it is seemingly unclear if she has ever even visited Denning.

I have been told that this was a protest move against NYS Election Laws, however, how is running a candidate who has no relation to our great Town a sensible protest? Do you think New York State will know or even care? I highly doubt it. This has done nothing but prove that we are in grave danger of putting politics over the good of our neighbors and community. It is increasingly difficult to find competent and committed people willing to dedicate the amount of time necessary to do the job well, for such little pay. It is worrisome that we are sacrificing the best interest of our Town to make such an unimpressive political statement, that ultimately will fall on deaf ears.

Greg Vurckio has worked tirelessly putting the Town of Denning first.

He has devoted a huge amount of time to Blue Hole issues and as the Town's representative to the Coalition of Watershed Towns, among his other Councilman duties.

I for one, would like to thank him for not playing politics, for the "political well being of the Town".

Joy Monforte
Denning, NY

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Offered at Crystal Run Healthcare

Crystal Run Healthcare is currently offering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to New York State residents who meet the current eligibility requirements. We offer vaccine appointments in several locations including Rock Hill, Middletown, Newburgh and Monroe.

Scheduling is easy and is done online at CrystalRunHealthcare.com/Vaccine following the NYS registration process.

Please note that at this time we are only able to schedule the Third Dose of COVID-19 vaccine for those eligible as immune compromised. We are not at this time able to offer booster doses. The CDC has recommended that moderate to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine if they have already received their 2-dose treatment of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days prior. The recommendation includes people undergoing cancer treatment, organ transplant recipients, and people living with HIV, among others.



Clean Hands

Mysterious Book Report No 411

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

High finance, billion dollar banks and a Wall Street law firm on the brink of disaster . . . combined with a talented fixer, a determined, urbane and experienced warrior woman known for her smooth style, velvet touch and iron fist . . . and you'll have just a few of the elements of a recent thriller entitled: *Clean Hands*, (Grove Atlantic, \$26.00, 277 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2953-6) by Patrick Hoffman.

Big mergers between mega corporations involve billions of dollars in cash, accounts receivable and debt. They're full of big risks, big paydays and big problems, that, once completed successfully, are cause for big celebrations as well as big congratulations. It's when things go wrong, right in the midst of negotiations however, that the crying starts and the heartache begins. It's when the recriminations, finger-pointing, denials and calls go out for "lawyers, guns and money." It's also where the pulse-pounding *Clean Hands* begins.

The mega-merger between two multi-billion dollar banks has collapsed and a lawsuit has been filed, followed by an even larger counter claim. It's the most high-stakes lawsuit the prominent Wall Street law firm has ever filed in its entire history and survival –as well as the personal wealth of the partners –hangs in the balance. A successful outcome is the only possible option. So, when a junior associate loses his cellphone with a significant number of the firms secret case files on it, panic sets in at the highest levels. Senior partner Elizabeth Carlyle, the lead lawyer, is under extreme duress to get the phone back . . . or else. The threat of ruination is imminent, should the pilfered Iphone fall into the wrong hands. Ms. Carlyle needs help, and deniability, as fast as she can get it. She calls an ex-CIA officer named Valencia Walker, a "high-priced fixer," whose clients include governments, corporations and millionaire tycoons, all handled with the utmost discretion. She retrieves the phone, but finds that it's been copied, and now the law firm is being blackmailed. Negative stories start to run in the press, a lawyer appears to have killed himself, and rumors begin to swirl about dark, and even darker deeds.

This fast-paced, electrifying thriller has it all: gangsters, hit men, shady lawyers, backstabbers, sneaky government agents, corruption in high places, super-patriots and enough bad-assery to fill up a ten-wheel dump truck. It'll keep you enthralled all afternoon during these hot August days of COVID-19 induced shut-in and strife. Be well. Stay well. Enjoy this awesome new author and remember . . .

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Patrick Hoffman has worked for over a decade as a private investigator, and as an investigator for the San Francisco public defenders office. During his time at the public defenders office he worked in the homicide unit, where he was the investigator in numerous murder trials that resulted in not guilty verdicts.

Prior to working as an investigator, Hoffman drove a taxi in San Francisco. He was born in San Francisco, but raised in Colorado. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Film Studies from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Hoffman has recently moved to Brooklyn. He's a New York State licensed private investigator and he has started his own private investigation firm specializing in criminal defense and civil rights cases.

His first novel, *The White Van* was short-listed for a CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger award, and listed as one of the ten best mysteries of 2014 by the Wall Street Journal, a best book of the year by the San Francisco Chronicle, and one of the 22 best literary debuts by BuzzFeed. His second novel, *Every Man a Menace* was released in October, 2016, and was also listed as top ten thriller of the year by the Wall Street Journal.

Interview With The Author: Patrick Hoffman

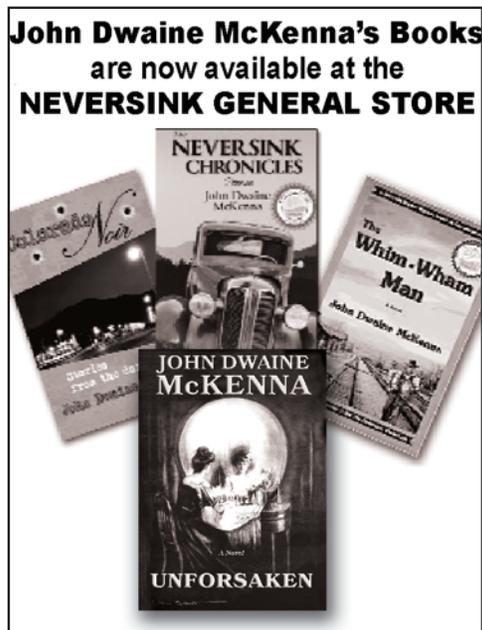
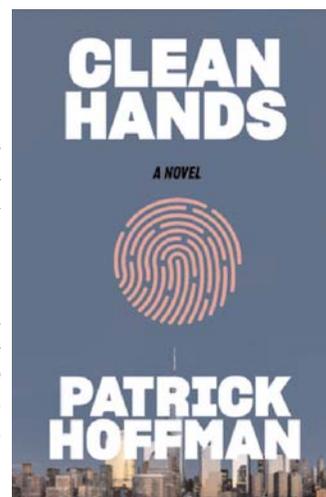
by John Dwaine McKenna

Hi everybody the MBR was fortunate enough to snag an interview with one of the best new young guns in thriller fiction, Patrick Hoffman. He graciously took time out from the hectic schedule to share his insights and unique techniques with us in one of the most interesting interviews we've done to date. So, with out further delay, here's Patrick Hoffman, who's first question is:

What do you write about?

My second book is called, *Every Man a Menace*. That's what I write about. The fact that all people are horrible and nobody can be trusted! Just kidding. But I do like to write thrillers and you need bad people for thrillers. That being said, my real mission is to make you care about my bad people. To make you understand them. I guess that's what I really write about.

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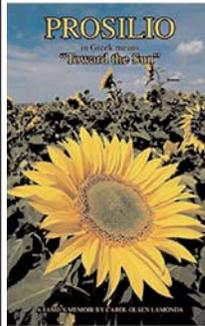
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Interview With The Author: Patrick Hoffman

by John Dwaine McKenna

(From Pg. 5)

Where do you write?

Haha! Lately, I've been writing in my car. I have two children and we're all home together so I need an escape, but the truth is I love writing in the car. I wrote most of my first book, *The White Van*, in a white van on my lunch breaks. I like to drive somewhere with a view! But now it's too hot to work in the car so I have to go to a rented office. As soon as it cools down, I'll be back in the car. I like that it's ritualistic, too. I sit down in the car, and I'm like, Okay, I'm here to write: Go! Also, no internet connection is a great thing!

Do you plot or outline?

I don't really plot the books out. I just follow the story where it takes me. I'd love to, but when I try to think that way my mind turns into crickets. Total silence. I need to be in the story to do it. I start with some kind of inciting incident and then try to figure out what happened. In my new book, *Clean Hands*, the incident is a lawyer's stolen cell phone with important documents on it. That begged the question: What was in those documents? Who would want to steal them? Why? Who would the law firm hire to get them back? How much chaos would ensue? (Contd. Pg. 7)



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Governor Hochul Announces Completion of NAACP Buffalo Headquarters in Buffalo's Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the completion of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Buffalo headquarters in the Nash Lofts, a newly renovated building located in Buffalo's Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor. The office space is being provided rent-free by the developer, along with free parking for visitors to the Corridor. Nash Lofts, a \$6 million restoration project, is a 40,000 square-foot mixed-use building that will include 18 new apartments, commercial space, parking and a restaurant. The project functions as a gateway into the Michigan Street African American Corridor, which is a nationally - and internationally - recognized neighborhood that serves as the focal point for residents and visitors interested in learning about Buffalo's rich history through its historic community, shops, restaurants, architecture, people, and institutions.

"I am proud to welcome the NAACP to its new home in Buffalo's Michigan Street African American Corridor," Governor Hochul said. "The restoration of the Nash Lofts is a key step in strengthening this historic neighborhood and will make the perfect home for the NAACP as it continues to fight for equality, justice and a better future for us all."



Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said, "The NAACP's new space in the Nash Lofts is another welcome sign of the resurgence of the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor and the new energy that is invigorating Buffalo's East Side. Housed in historic and beautifully-restored buildings at Broadway and Nash, the new headquarters and the related spaces in the \$6 million Nash Lofts restoration project add vitality to the neighborhood with a vision for the future."

What's Happening in Sullivan Catskills

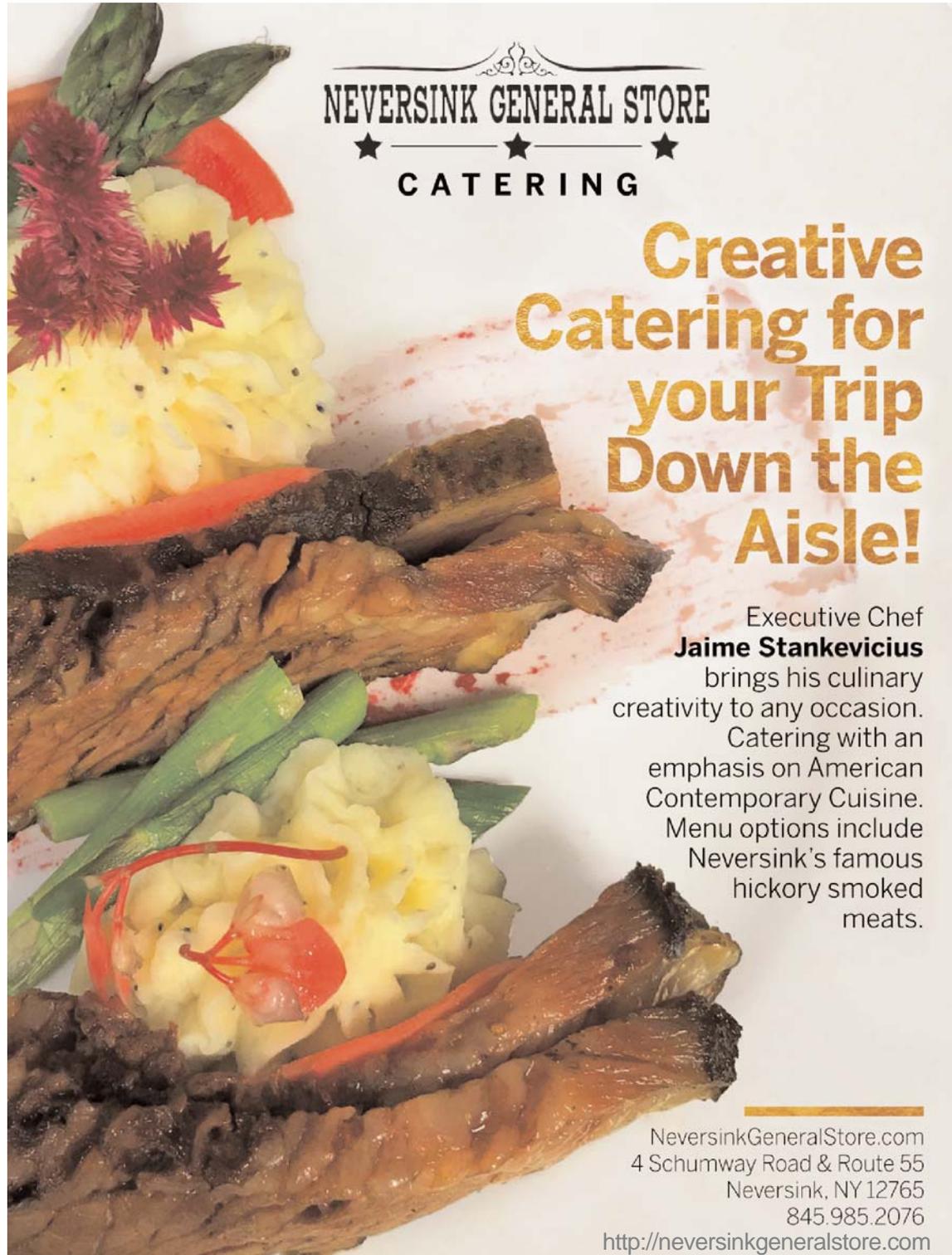
We're just a few weeks shy of Thanksgiving- a time to share the autumn harvest that dates to 1621. Come celebrate with us. We'll provide the accommodations- full-service resorts, hotels, spas, B&B's or charming inns- and our chefs will do all the Catskill-icious cooking. At Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark, Eat. Eat. Eat. and Bixby's are accepting dinner reservations now. Choose from a buffet or traditional 3-course dinner. Or bring the whole family for the whole weekend to Villa Roma or Resorts World Catskills. When you book Thanksgiving dinner reservations at a Foster Supply Hospitality restaurant including Kenoza Hall, DeBruce, The Arnold, or North Branch Inn they'll donate 25% of all the proceeds to A Single Bite, a local non-profit devoted to making a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of Sullivan Catskills residents with a Family Meal Program and a school-based Education Program. If you'd rather do the cooking, book a cozy vacation rental with a full kitchen. To help you prepare, our friends at the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market are hosting an Outdoor Thanksgiving Market on Saturday, November 20 from 10 am - 1 pm at the Narrowsburg Union.

Arts and culture take center stage this weekend. Get an early start Thursday night at Cabernet Franks for Cab'raoke starting at 7 pm. How about movie night at Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. Music lovers, head over to the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods.

Get your body moving on our trails. There's one for every fitness level and how cool is this: Tusten Mountain Trail and Beer Mountain were both recently named as 2 of the 8 best hiking trails in the Catskills by Lonely Planet.

You can also move your body through yoga at Yo! Health Resort. Check their special 15% off Thanksgiving special.

Go for a drive and explore our Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail featuring 59 colorful Peter Max style, hand-painted sculptures throughout every town and village. It commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1969



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Woodstock Music and Art Fair. Thirsty? Head out on the Craft Beverage Trail. Featuring 14 brewers, distillers, vintners, and cider-makers. Have a sample, or a flight, but always drink responsibly and designate a driver. Shoppers, rejoice! our main streets are filled with talented makers who very likely have that perfect something for your home, office, or a gift for someone special!

Come this weekend. Come for Thanksgiving, or both. Either way, always know that your wellbeing while you're here is important to us. That's why we're all part of the Catskills Confidence program with social distancing and health and safety sanitation protocols in place. Remember to bring a mask. Some of our proprietors may require one, or that you show proof of vaccinations.

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The .22 Caliber Deer Case in Wawarsing

On Oct. 29, ECO Walraven received information that a bowhunter had shot a deer with a .22 caliber rifle during the special archery season in the town of Wawarsing. The information came from another bowhunter in the area at the time who had observed the incident.

ECO Walraven contacted ECO Wood, who deployed his K9 CJ to assist in locating evidence. K9 CJ, trained in burnt gun powder detection, detected gun powder on a wrist strap release dropped at the scene. ECOs Wood and Walraven searched the area and located a blind and trail camera looking over a bait pile of corn and apples. The Officers also found several spent .22 shell casings in the blind. On Oct. 31, the Officers interviewed the suspect, who admitted to shooting at the deer with his rifle and hunting from the blind. ECO Walraven issued the man several tickets for possessing a firearm afield during the special archery season, hunting deer with the aid of a pre-established bait pile, hunting deer with rimfire ammunition, and attempting to unlawfully take protected wildlife. The tickets are returnable to the Town of Wawarsing Court in November.

NYS DEC Hudson River Waterfowl Patrol

On Oct. 17, ECOs Johnson and Walraven conducted boat patrol on the Hudson River during opening weekend of waterfowl season in the southeastern part of the state.

While patrolling north toward Saugerties, the two ECOs observed a hunter operating an unregistered vessel and heading toward a public boat launch. The Officers approached the hunter at the boat launch and observed that he was in possession of two mallards. The hunter did not possess a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number, did not have a plug in his shotgun, and the shotgun was loaded while the vessel was moving.

Further investigation concluded that the hunter was intoxicated by alcohol while operating the vessel and while waterfowl hunting.

The hunter was arrested for hunting while intoxicated and boating while intoxicated, along with several hunting and navigation law violations. The case is pending in Town of Saugerties Court.

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Last Monday, I went for my booster. I planned on two days of doing nothing. I was pleasantly surprised when my reaction was just mild chills and being tired the following day. The second day I felt fine (but I still indulged in doing nothing!) By Wednesday, the temperature dropped and the asthma kicked in. Just one of those weeks.

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I just heard recently that the great ERIC SOMMERS will be at the HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE before the end of the month. How did I hear? From two people who were there at one of the Open Mics where this gentleman just showed up to play....exactly the way MURALI CORYELL did. DAVE and TERESA TRESTYN tapped into God's realm when naming their baby. MURALI told me, it wasn't just the Open Mic that enticed him, but the name of the venue and I'll bet that is exactly what this gentleman will say as well. And indeed the name projects a warm, good hearted time and that is exactly what it has always given it's audiences.

THE HEARTBEAT has also hosted some of the best of the best talent Sullivan County has to offer. FISHER AND KEAN opened this season with the launch of their collaborative effort PURE LOCAL HONEY, which features the song writing genius of them both.

And now, there's another well known musician's name on their marquee. Bravo! ERIC SOMMER is a singer, songwriter and road poet and from his bio, his travels certainly entitle him to the latter title. Barring an ice storm (in which case I just might hook the cats up to a sled to get there), this is a night I certainly don't want to miss and neither should you.

I ran into another powerhouse this last weekend in one of the most unexpected places ever. JOANNA GAS is one of my all time favorite people, not just for her talent, but for her spirit. You may remember my columns covering her as part of THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA at THE BREW pre CoVid. Anyway, stay well, stay safe and mask up!

Until next time...

DEC Recognizes 'New York Recycles Day'

Annual Recycles Day Raises Awareness of Recycling's Benefits

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos recognized Nov. 15 as "New York Recycles Day," celebrating the state's leadership in promoting recycling and reducing waste. New York's efforts complement America Recycles Day, a national initiative to raise awareness of the economic, environmental, and social benefits of recycling.

"New York continues to lead the nation in developing forward-thinking recycling strategies, programs, and policies focused on reducing solid waste and protecting the environment," Commissioner Seggos said. "As recycling markets continue to fluctuate globally, DEC remains focused on streamlining the recycling process and helping communities reach recycling goals. On New York Recycles Day, I encourage all New Yorkers to commit to the core conservation principles of reduce, re-use, and recycle."

Across the state, individuals, community groups, businesses, schools, and government agencies celebrate New York Recycles Day in a variety of ways, from encouraging others to reduce their waste by pledging to start an office or school recycling program, participating in the New York Recycles poster contest, hosting a reuse exchange, and improving awareness of local recycling requirements. These combined efforts help educate and inform New Yorkers about the advantages of recycling. Additional information about America Recycles Day events is available at the Keep America Beautiful America Recycles Day website.

New York State has a long history of implementing some of the nation's strongest recycling initiatives, including the Solid Waste Management Act of 1988, which requires the separation of recyclable or reusable materials from solid waste and has inspired local source-separation programs across the state that have captured and diverted millions of tons of recyclable materials from disposal resulting in the reduction of CO2 emissions, energy usage, and the use of natural resources.

Over the last three decades, New York State has invested millions in recycling grants through the State's Environmental Protection Fund to support municipal waste reduction and recycling programs with recycling infrastructure, equipment, collection vehicles, local education and outreach programs, and municipal recycling coordinator salaries. (Contd. Pg. 19)



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SCDW Annual Capital Campaign Raffle Returns!

It's that time of year again as our thoughts turn to colder weather, and of course the holidays. Here at the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop (<http://www.scdw.net>) our thoughts also turn to our favorite place - the Rivoli Theatre. As you probably know, SCDW owns and operates the Rivoli, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. With parts of the theatre built in the 1920's, this nearly century old building needs lots of work (don't we all as we get older).

You can help us get the money needed to make repairs and upgrades and get some of your holiday shopping done at the same time. Our annual NYS Lottery Raffle is on and you can get in on the winning. For \$10 you get a raffle ticket with a three-digit number on it. If that number is chosen as the New York State Evening Lottery Pick during January 2022, you win cash! You get 31 chances to win for just \$10. But what if your number never comes up? **YOU WIN ANYWAY!** You already won when you bought the ticket! Your ticket, whether it wins cash or not, is a free admission to any 2022 production (or \$10 off the cost of a ticket for our annual musical - Disney's *The Little Mermaid*). Since main stage tickets cost at least \$15, you get to see a show for just \$10...see you won already. These make the perfect stocking stuffer for your friends and family.

If you'd like to get in on the winning, just email me (haroldtighe50@gmail.com) your name, address and phone number and I'll send you a ticket and a pre-stamped envelope to send back your check (checks must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2020 for your ticket to be eligible to win starting January 1. If it is postmarked later than Dec. 31, 2020, we will make your ticket eligible from the date of the post-mark.) If you have a lucky number, let me know and I'll get it for you! (Numbers must be between 000 and 999). If not, I'll pick a random number and send it along.

Any questions? Call me - 845-807-7212.

First-Ever Interagency Convening on Equitable Economic Growth

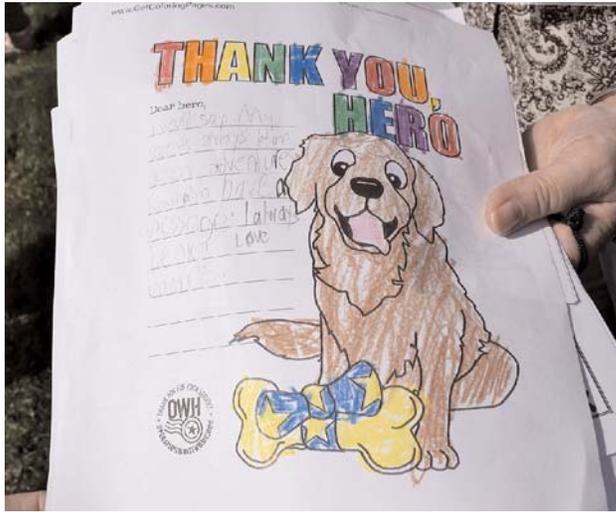
Earlier last week, Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman spoke at the Biden-Harris administration's first-ever Interagency Convening on Equitable Economic Growth event.

This event brought government, business, investor, philanthropic, and the advocacy communities together to share best practices, highlight recent successes, and announce upcoming initiatives to advance economic equity for communities of color and underrepresented groups.

To view this on YouTube go to:
https://twitter.com/SBAIsabel/status/1458206244725043210?s=20&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Rubin Pollack Education Center Students Create Cards to Show their Appreciation to the Veterans of Sullivan County

(From Pg. 1)



LIBERTY - The students at the Rubin Pollack Education Center created more than 30 handmade Thank you greeting cards with messages of thanks and appreciation. The cards were distributed to local veterans across Sullivan County in time for Veterans Day.

On December 2, the staff and students of Sullivan BOCES will also be honoring the Veterans of Sullivan County with a complimentary brunch on Dec 2nd from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. For more information about the brunch, please visit www.scboces.org.



DPL Family Tree

Grab
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Ornament Event

Tuesday, November 30th

Ornament pick up between 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

It's that time of year again! Please decorate a gnome ornament for our trees at the library!

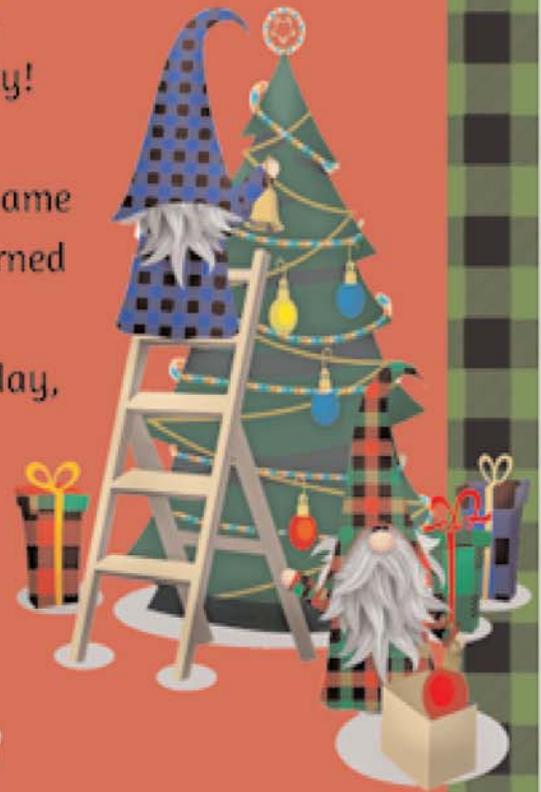
We will supply the wood gnome ornament & permanent markers, YOU supply your creativity!

1 ornament per child.

When decorating, please remember to put your name on the back to insure your ornament will be returned to you after the holidays.

Ornament pick up will be at the library on Tuesday, November 30th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

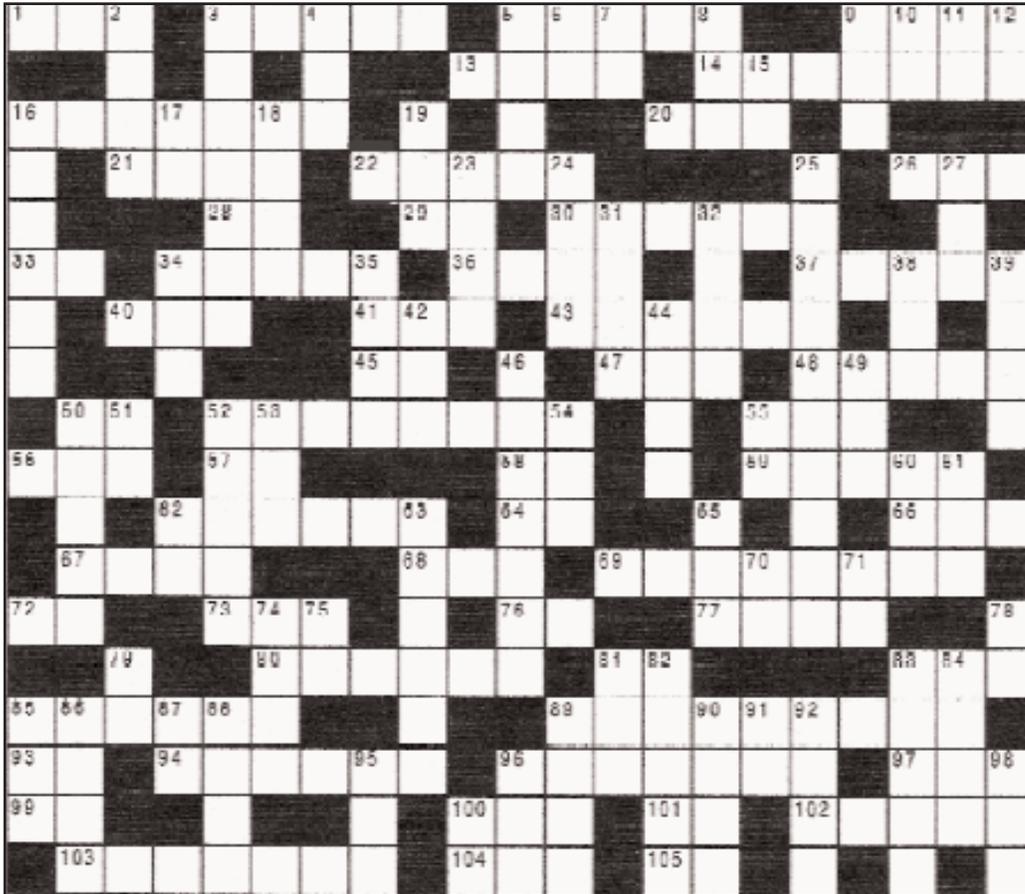
ALL completed ornaments MUST be returned to the library no later than Tuesday, December 7th, so that we may decorate our happy little trees!



Happy Holidays!

Supplies are limited. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

A Hunting We Will Go -L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Weapon for shooting arrows
- 3 Irregular surface
- 5 Make a fabric on a loom
- 9 Place where you may find a 'quilt block' in Neverson
- 13 Faculty head
- 14 Grant an official pardon
- 16 Continue to exist
- 20 Pigpen
- 21 Product of 3 times 3
- 22 Female author of *The Heat of the Day*
- 26 Frozen water
- 28 Combining form; having two
- 29 Egyptian sun god
- 30 Landward
- 33 One's mother
- 34 Hue
- 36 Flat buoy-
- 37 Have a particular idea
- 40 Pull along with a rope
- 41 Equip
- 43 Historically in England a partly wooded area owned by the sovereign kept for hunting
- 45 Third note of the major scale
- 47 Fastener
- 48 Cloth woven from flax
- 50 Bachelor of Arts
- 52 Medieval military expeditions
- 55 Limb used for standing
- 56 Not new
- 57 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
- 58 Associated Press
- 59 A mental interpretation of an idea

- 62 Material
- 64 Los Angeles
- 66 Writing tool
- 67 Camp beds
- 68 Make a choice
- 69 Characteristic of a colony
- 72 Informal acceptance
- 73 Fasten with stitches
- 76 Hour
- 77 Creative activities
- 80 Deserving respect
- 81 A Brit's way of saying 'thank you'
- 83 An object used for play
- 85 Not complex
- 89 Composed of different elements
- 93 Resting atop
- 94 Motif
- 96 Woven fabric
- 97 Crude metal

- 99 New Testament
- 100 Ocean
- 101 Used to refer to something previously mentioned
- 102 Book of maps
- 103 American marsupial
- 104 An insect that lives in a complex colony
- 105 Common Era
- DOWN**
- 2 Tattered
- 3 Arch of colors
- 4 Employ
- 5 Past subjunctive of be
- 6 Each
- 7 Indefinite article
- 8 Consume food
- 9 Wager
- 10 Used in comparisons
- 11 Right (abbrev)
- 12 New York

- 15 Belonging to the speaker
- 16 Large edible game fish
- 17 Roman 6
- 18 Something used to conceal peak
- 23 Comfortably high temperature
- 24 Brit's expression for lacking taste
- 25 Where people establish a community
- 27 Be able to
- 31 Halt
- 32 Unlatched
- 34 Domestic bovine
- 35 Male sheep
- 38 A guest house
- 39 Group of people with similar characteristics
- 42 Long narrow inlet
- 44 Small circular band
- 46 Rich
- 49 Independent Grocer's

- Association
- 50 Absence of color
- 51 Commercial
- 52 A group of students
- 53 Steal
- 54 Mineral spring
- 55 Long

- 60 Grade point average
- 61 Snakelike fish
- 62 Foot (abbrev)
- 63 Soft white fibrous substance
- 65 Florida
- 70 Otherwise
- 71 Third person singular of be
- 74 Young female lambs
- 75 Warrant Officer (abbrev)
- 78 Alongside
- 79 A mystical syllable
- 81 A heavy demand
- 82 Loft
- 83 Hobgoblin
- 84 Used in gumbo or to thicken soups
- 85 Male child
- 86 In math, expressing
- 87 Paid
- 88 Not as much
- 89 Acidic boggy-like soil
- 90 Mention as an example
- 91 Hectoliters (abbrev)
- 92 Destroy by use
- 95 Fitness center
- 96 A decade
- 98 Eastern Standard Time
- 100 South America

My Favorite Make Ahead Perfect Pie Crust for the Holidays

- 4 c. unsifted flour
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 c water
- 1 3/4 c shortening
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. white vinegar

Mix flour, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Add shortening and continue mixing until creamy. In a small bowl, beat the water, egg and vinegar with a fork or whisk. Add to flour mixture and cut in with a knife. Dough will be moist. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour. This recipe will make 5 single crusts. Can refrigerate up to 3 days or make ahead and freeze portions until ready to use for Thanksgiving. Bake according to your recipe's directions.

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Kids' Autumn Fun Page - L. Comando

Cryptogram

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WINTER BIRD WORDSEARCH

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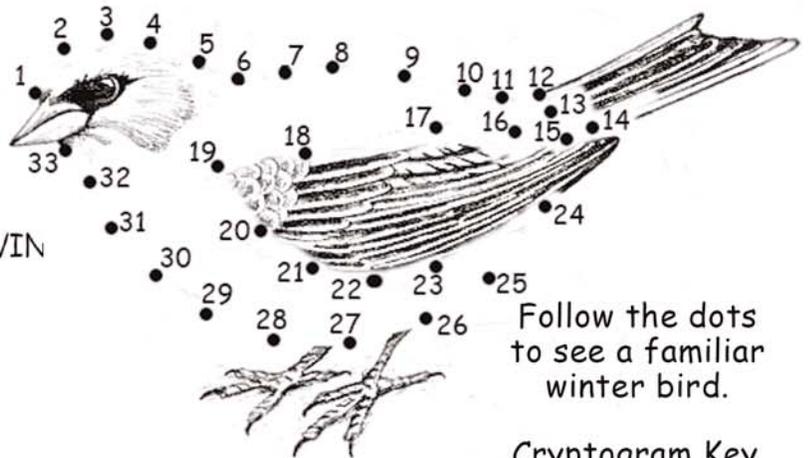
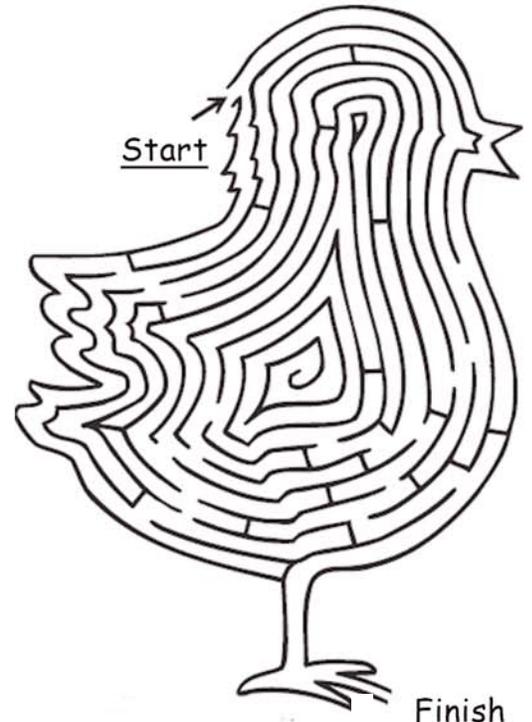


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- WREN
- CHICKADEE
- NUTHATCH
- BLUEJAY
- CARDINAL
- CEDAR WAXWING
- HAWKS
- OWLS
- BUNTINGS
- SPARROWS



Follow the dots to see a familiar winter bird.

Cryptogram Key

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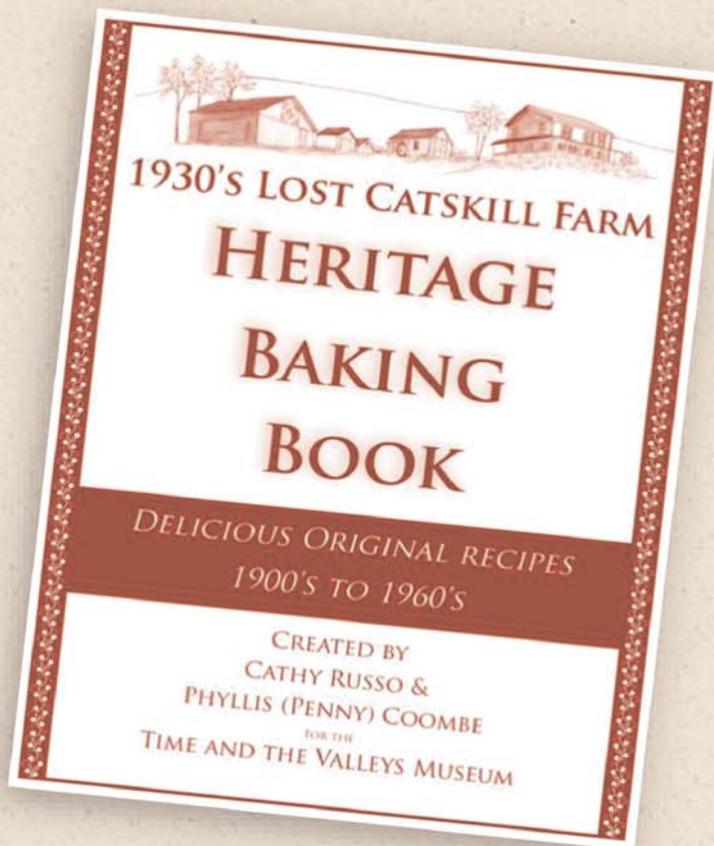
Heritage Baking Book

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Elections:

The Neversink Fire District annual election will take place on December 14, 2021 between 6pm and 9pm at the Neversink Fire Hall.

The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill 2 seats for a 5 year term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026

Please submit Notice of intent to run for Commissioner by November 24th, 2021 to the Neversink Fire District PO Box 394 Neversink NY 12765

All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of elections on or before November 22, 2021 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for this office must file their name with the Secretary of the Neversink Fire District on or before November 24, 2021.

Tawny Shamro - Secretary
Neversink Fire District
PO Box 394
Neversink, NY 12765 11/18

PUBLIC NOTICE

DUE TO THERE BEING NO BUSINESS, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2021, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK 11/18
MICHAEL DEAN, CHAIRMAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 at the Town of Denning Town Hall on the matter of the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022. At SAID hearing any and all interested person(s) were heard.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the budget, having been duly discussed at Said Town Board Meeting has been approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022. This budget is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Denning Town Board HEREBY RESCINDS Resolution No. 46 of 2021, adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2021, THEREBY RESCINDING SAID LAW.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board
Nancy Parrow
Town Clerk 11/18

**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
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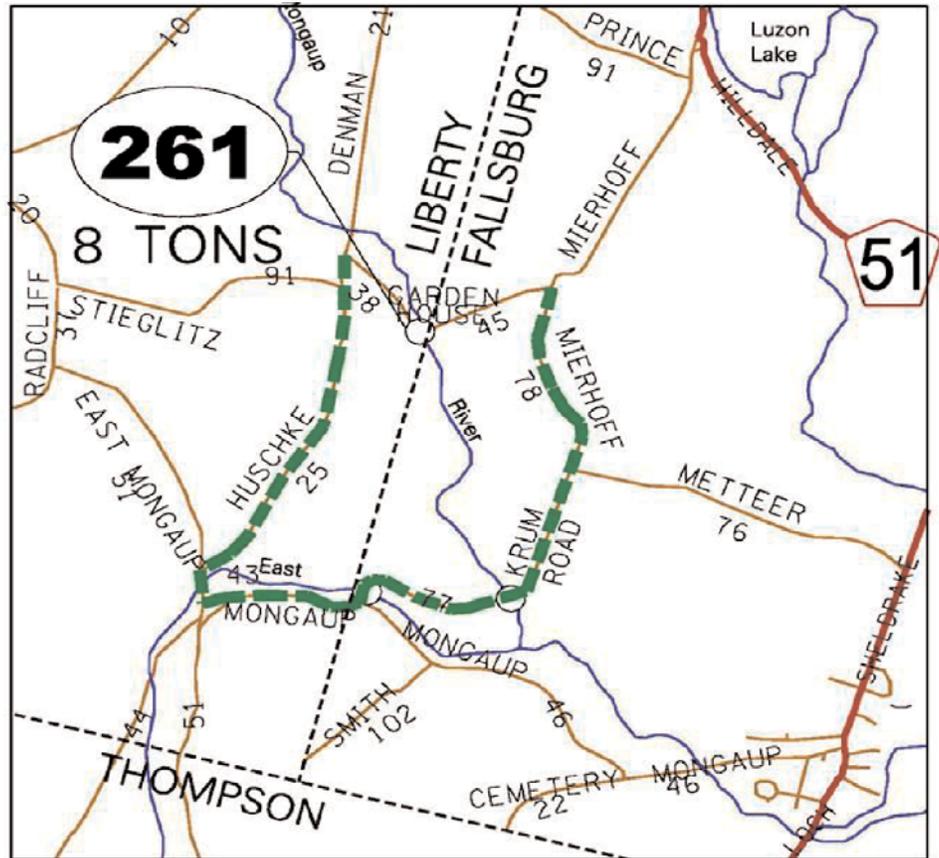
**November
Meetings**

November 17, 2021

ROAD CLOSURE in Sullivan County

Hurleyville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works has closed a portion of Liberty Town Highway 38 (Garden House Road), in the Town of Liberty, to repair County Bridge 261, located approximately 0.4 mile southeast of the intersection of Denman Road and Garden House Road. This section of Town Highway will remain closed for approximately 1 month.

A detour route has been posted using Mierhoff Rd., Krum Rd., Mongaup Rd., East Mongaup Sect A, and Huschke Rd.



DETOUR LENGTH: 3.4 MI. ■■■■■■

DEC Recognizes 'New York Recycles Day'

(From Pg. 11) Targeted funding and focus over the last several years include food recovery, food waste collection and organics recycling, as well as electronic waste recycling. Other programs designed to encourage waste diversion in New York include stewardship programs like the electronic waste reuse and recycling act, the rechargeable battery recycling law, mercury thermostat collection act, and the drug take-back law, as well as the lead-acid battery recycling law and the bottle bill.

In 2020, New York adopted the nation's strongest statewide ban of expanded polystyrene, single-use foam food and beverage containers, and polystyrene loose fill packaging materials, commonly known as packing peanuts. The ban will become effective on Jan. 1, 2022. Foam packaging is one of the top contributors of environmental litter, causing negative impacts to wildlife, waterways, and other natural resources, as well as littering our communities and natural areas. It is lightweight, breaks apart easily, and does not readily biodegrade. When polystyrene foam ends up as litter in the environment, it can persist for a long time and may also become microplastic pollution. In addition, foam containers and loose fill packaging, such as packing peanuts, are not accepted in most recycling programs in New York State because the foam is difficult to recycle and has a low value. Proposed Part 353 Expanded Polystyrene Foam Container and Loose Fill Packaging Reduction regulations to implement the provisions of the ban are available for public comment until Nov. 22.

To help achieve the State's waste reduction goals and keep land and waterways clean, the New York State Bag Reduction Act took effect on March 1, 2020. This act prohibits the distribution of plastic carryout bags by retailers in New York State and is significantly reducing plastic bag waste. Get more consumer information on the plastic bag ban.

To decrease contamination in recyclables processed through

single-stream facilities and increase the marketability of those recyclables, DEC encourages all New Yorkers to 'recycle right.' Each community has specific recycling rules and all New Yorkers should check with their municipality or waste hauler on the types of paper, metal, plastic, and glass items that can be recycled. Recyclables have the best marketing value when they are clean and dry before being placed in the collection bin.

Tips to Recycle Right:

Keep recyclable items loose in the bin; do not use plastic bags (unless required by your municipality or waste hauler);

Do not recycle single-use cups and plates, condiment packages, coffee pods, stirrers, straws, paper napkins, plastic cutlery;

Return rechargeable batteries to retail recycling locations;

Compost at home or send yard trimmings and food scraps to a local or municipal composting program;

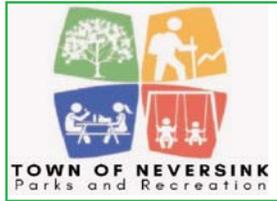
Donate dishware, mirrors, glassware and ceramics if in good condition;

Donate textiles --even if there no longer wearable or useable, as long as they are clean, they can be recycled;

Do not put any type of rope, hose, or twine into your recycling bin; and

Return needles to appropriate collection locations. Visit DEC's Household Sharps webpage for more information.

DEC urges the public to "keep it out when in doubt," as contamination in the recycling supply chain reduces the quality of recyclable materials. For more information contact your local recycling coordinator or visit the DEC website for information and resources on the "Recycle Right NY" campaign.



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

LET THE HOLIDAY SEASON BEGIN! When I was young, many many years ago, Halloween was the start of the best time of the year-THE HOLIDAYS! There was lots of good food, lots of fun times with family and friends and lots of days off from school! Our Town of Neversink is once again having its annual celebration for the holidays-THE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY. The festivities will be on Sunday, December 5 starting at 5 pm at Bicentennial Park (across from Town Hall). There will be food and song and even a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Look for the flyer in this week's *Townsmen* for more information on the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The Town is also sponsoring its Annual House Decorating Contest, with entries due no later than Thursday, December 2 and judging on Friday, December 3. Winners will be announced at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Get your entry form for the House Decorating Contest at Town Hall or on the Parks and Rec Facebook page or in your *Townsmen* on page 51. And check out the flyer on the Tree Lighting Ceremony in your *Townsmen* on page 28 for more information.

Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday, February 12, 2022. What's so special about this date? It's the day of our first Town of Neversink WINTERFEST!! Your Parks and Rec team are working hard to plan this event, which will be held at our Grahamsville Fairgrounds. We hope to have lots of fun activities for everyone; food and drink; and special events. If you have any suggestions for activities you would like to see at our Winterfest, send them to us at cwparksandrec@gmail.com. And keep reading your *Townsmen* weekly to get updates as we get closer to this fun filled community event.

One final bit of news this week---OUR COMMUNITY ICE RINK WILL BE OPENING!! This year's Community Ice Rink is going to be bigger and better! A big thank you goes to our Town Board for approving the expansion of our rink so it is now twice as big as last year! We will be posting updates on the rink in your *Townsmen* and on our Facebook page. The biggest issue we are facing with opening our rink is THE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS! Keeping the ice rink open and operational is dependent on volunteers who will give a few hours per week to help us monitor the rink when it's open. The work involved is not that hard and it doesn't require a lot of physical labor! So please consider helping your community out by volunteering to support the Community Ice Rink. If you are interested please let Parks and Rec know via email at:

cwparksandrec@gmail.com

and we can provide you with more detail on what is involved with this effort.

That's it for this week! Keep reading your *Townsmen* every week for more updates and details on these events and activities that your Parks and Rec team have planned. And as always, any questions reach out to me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Take care everyone. Be safe, stay healthy and most of all take the time to enjoy the season! It truly can be a most wonderful time of year.

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

Learn About GIS from the Team That Just Won a Major Award for It

County to Celebrate National GIS Day November 17 (From Pg. 1) "Of particular note to the committees were the Address Verification App (now known as the Sullivan County Parcel Viewer), which resulted in an almost immediate reduction in the need for in-person address assistance and requested address verification letters," she said. "Over the course of the first year, this averaged out to a reduction of 30+ customers per day and 8,000 letters per year."

They also took note of Stone's creative use of GIS applications in support of the County's coordination of the Woodstock 50th Anniversary.

They're Made for You

Many of Sullivan County's GIS apps are designed specifically for the public to use, and Stone and Green look forward to sharing that knowledge with everyone, especially local school students, as National GIS Day (November 17) approaches.

"I've offered to do virtual tours of our GIS systems at area schools," affirmed Stone. "I want to get kids excited about the field and interested in the possibilities it offers."

The public can take a virtual tour themselves through a new gallery available via:

<https://secure.scgnet.us/portal/apps/MinimalGallery/index.html?appid=55227b4a1b3842d080220463fab2c1f7>. The County's GIS portal is also a great starting place:

<https://sullivanny.us/Departments/GIS>.

Additional Funding Will Help NYS Provide Health Coverage for Approximately One Million Individuals

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing that \$750 million in additional American Rescue Plan funding, which she voted for, will be provided for New York's Basic Health Program (BHP) to cover the costs of high-quality health insurance for approximately one million low-to-middle income New Yorkers. Senator Gillibrand played a critical role in securing significant public health and health care resources in the American Rescue Plan and is continuing her fight to provide relief for New Yorkers struggling to make ends meet during the pandemic. The millions of dollars in funding will be allocated through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and will support the BHP's Essential Plan for 2022 and retroactively for 2020 and 2021.

"No one should have to worry about covering the cost of health care - especially during a global pandemic. That's why I fought so hard to bring valuable resources back to New York State in the American Rescue Plan," said Senator Gillibrand. "This crucial funding for New York's Basic Health Program will provide high-quality health care for one million low-to-middle income New Yorkers facing growing health challenges and economic hardship in the wake of the pandemic. I believe that health care is a right, not a privilege, and I will always work in Congress to support legislation that makes health care more accessible for families across our state."

Section 1331 of the Affordable Care Act gave states the option to establish a BHP, a coverage program for residents whose income is above levels that would otherwise make them eligible for Medicaid and CHIP. New York State is one of the only states that has adopted the BHP as an option to cover lower-income residents and has seen lower premiums, higher enrollment, and budget savings and participation from many health care providers and insurers as a result.

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales
 will reopen in
 the Spring
 See you then



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
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 If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

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 Grahamsville, NY 12740
 845-985-7480

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Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041



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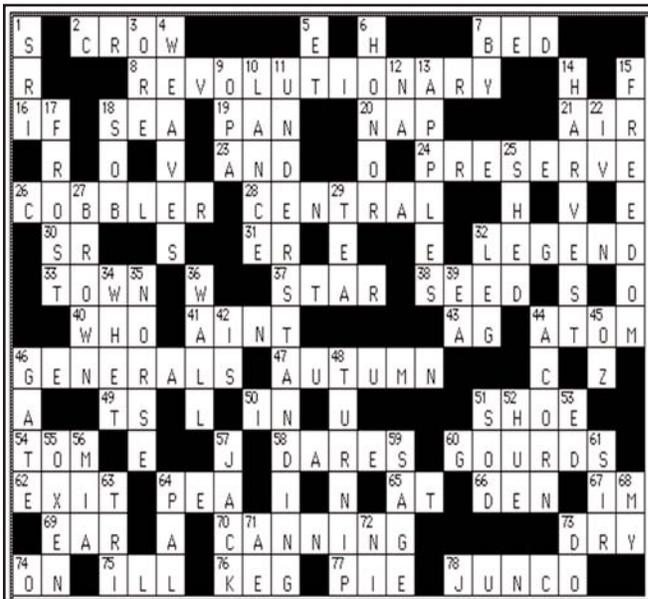
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Ans to last week's Crossword



Town of Neversink Annual House Decorating Contest and Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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.

DVAA's Art in Sixes Exhibition Hundreds of Small Works of Art by Local & Regional Artist

DVAA will hold its 17th Annual Art in Sixes exhibition on November 20 - December 23, 2021 - Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 11 am - 4 pm and Friday and Saturday 11am - 6pm at DVAA, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. This event is free and open to the public

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Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

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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Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurlsville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm - **CANCELLED**
- 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
- 12/16/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 12/21/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm App. Submission Date 12/7/21

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.

During these uncertain times - PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION for updates & changes

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update November 15 - November 19, 2021

Monday, November 15

- o 6:00 PM - Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 826 1609 8939, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 857 8808 8937, Passcode: 913427, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 7:15 PM (or immediately following the Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee) Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 861 3665 4604, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, November 16

- o 2:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee: Budgetary Appeals & Amendments (as needed), in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 5:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) - Caucus: Republicans, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 7:00 PM - Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2021 A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston. This hearing will also be livestreamed and available via vimeo at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203> Public Comment is administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us
- o 7:10 PM - Public Hearing: A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 304, Solid Waste, Article IV, Food Waste Prevention And Recovery, In Relation To Composting, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston. This hearing will also be livestreamed and available via vimeo at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203> Public

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o 7:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearings) - Legislative Session, in the Legislative Chambers 6th Floor, COB, Kingston. This meeting will also be livestreamed and available via vimeo at

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Wednesday, November 17

- o 8:00 AM - Soil & Water Conservation District Board, at 271 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561
- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 10:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 2:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee: Budgetary Appeals & Amendments (as needed), Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 889 0074 5132, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, at 1915 Lucas Tpke, Cottekill, NY 12419
- o 5:00 PM - Intermunicipal Collaboration Council, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

Thursday, November 18

- o 1:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee: Budgetary Appeals & Amendments (as needed), Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 889 0074 5132, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM - Youth Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 997 2737 2088, Passcode: 178045, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Friday, November 19

- o 12 Noon - Resolution Deadline

News from Sullivan County Sheriff

On Thursday November 11, 2021, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Liberty Police

Department and New York State Parole executed a search warrant at 111 Mill Street in the Village of Liberty. Arrested at that location was resident Robert L. Dunn, Sr, age 47, who is a level 3 sex offender. The suspect is accused of failing to register his internet accounts as required by law and allegedly used an app known as "Surge" to conceal his identity. Dunn was previously arrested in May of 2015 when he went to a residence on Emily Street in Monticello to meet a 15-year-old boy that he had solicited for sex on Facebook.



The 15-year-old who he was communicating with turned out to be an undercover deputy sheriff.

Dunn was already a level 2 sex offender at that time. As a result of that incident, Dunn served 3 years in state prison and is currently on 15 years of parole.

In Thursday's arrest, charges were filed by both the Liberty Police and the Sheriff's Office. He was arraigned before Liberty Town Justice Harold Bauman and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail, pending a November 16th court date. State Parole officers have also lodged a warrant against Dunn alleging a violation of parole.

Sheriff Mike Schiff said that law enforcement has a difficult job when it comes to keeping track of sex offenders that have been released into our communities. He thanked The Liberty Police, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office as well as the State Parole Officers who worked diligently on this case

Transcripts and Exhibits From Independent Investigation Into Sexual Harassment Allegations Against Former Gov Cuomo Begin to Be Released

Transcripts of Former Governor and Complainants Released • Additional Transcripts and Exhibits to Be Released on Rolling Basis

NEW YORK - The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) today began the rolling release of transcripts and corresponding exhibits from its investigation into sexual harassment allegations against former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. On August 3, 2021, after nearly five months of investigating, the independent investigators appointed by New York Attorney General Letitia James - led by Joon H. Kim and Anne L. Clark - released their report concerning the multiple allegations of sexual harassment by Cuomo. Following the release of the report, multiple district attorneys asked that the OAG refrain from publicly releasing

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transcripts and other evidence so that their offices could first investigate and determine whether to file criminal charges against Cuomo.

However, following the filing of a criminal complaint against Cuomo on October 28, 2021 in Albany County, the Albany County District Attorney's Office informed the OAG that it would begin releasing evidence to Cuomo to comply with New York state's discovery laws. These laws state that once someone is charged with a crime they must be furnished transcripts and other evidence in their case. As these materials are now being released by the Albany County District Attorney's office - and in an effort to provide full transparency to the people of New York - the OAG has informed local district attorneys that it will immediately begin releasing, on a rolling basis, all transcripts and corresponding exhibits compiled during the investigation, pending redactions to protect the privacy of individuals, as appropriate.

The investigation was conducted after, on March 1, 2021, the Executive Chamber made a referral, pursuant to New York Executive Law Section 63(8), for Attorney General James to select independent lawyers to investigate "allegations of and circumstances surrounding sexual harassment claims made against the governor." Kim and Clark were chosen to lead the investigation on March 8, 2021.

The transcripts and exhibits being released last week include:

Subject of Investigation

- Former Governor Andrew Cuomo

Complainants Charlotte Bennett; Lindsay Boylan; Brittany Commisso; Kaitlin; Ana Liss; Virginia Limmiatis; Alyssa McGrath; State Entity Employee #1; State Entity Employee #2; and Trooper # 1

Additional transcripts and exhibits will be released as they are available.

NYS DEC Statewide Forest Ranger Highlights

Graffiti Arrest: On Nov. 2, DEC Central Dispatch received a call about a social media post showing graffiti on a lean-to on State lands at Hunter Mountain. Rangers Fox and Dawson began an investigation with DEC's Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigation (BECI). On Nov. 4, Lt. Pachan and Ranger Dawson received information that the suspect was currently at the John Robb lean-to attempting to clean up the graffiti. Rangers Fox and Dawson responded to the scene and notified BECI investigators. Rangers learned that the subject drove up the mountain on Hunter ski resort roads and got stuck in a snowbank at the top of the Kaatskill Flyer chairlift. Ski resort staff and Ranger Dawson freed the vehicle from the snowbank, and the Officers escorted the subject down to the ski lodge where they met responding BECI investigators. The 39-year-old Brooklyn man was arrested and transported to the New York State Police (NYSP) barracks in Hunter. He was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for making graffiti and violations for defacing rock and natural materials on state land and defacing a DEC structure. The suspect is due back in court on Dec. 15.



Graffiti at John Robb lean-to

Town of Shandaken Wilderness Rescue

Wilderness Rescue: On Nov. 3 at 10:45 p.m., Central Dispatch received a call regarding three lost hikers from Brooklyn and Queens on Slide Mountain. The hikers were dressed appropriately and had two cell phones with adequate battery charge, allowing Ulster County to ping their location. Forest Rangers Brand and Martin reached the hikers at 1:57 a.m. The hikers were in good condition. Rangers Brand and Martin gave the group food and water and helped them back to the trailhead. Resources were clear at 5:15 a.m.

Stolen Trailer:

On Nov. 5, Forest Rangers received a complaint about an abandoned pop-up trailer left along with garbage in Pigtail Hollow State Forest. Photos sent with the complaint showed a license plate, which allowed Rangers to identify the registered owner of the trailer. Rangers determined the owner took the trailer to a local dealership for servicing and when she went to pick it up, found out it was stolen. The investigation was turned over to Bath Police.



DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

CURRENT HOURS



MONDAY - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 TUESDAY - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
 WEDNESDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 THURSDAY - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
 FRIDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 SATURDAY - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Curbside pick up will continue to be available every day from 9:00 am until a half hour before closing time.

Click here to see a video of this year's Pumpkin Party

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Studio Artists Group

at the Daniel Pierce Library

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DVAA's Art in Sixes Exhibition Hundreds of Small Works of Art by Local & Regional Artists

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) will host the 17th annual "Art in Sixes" small works exhibition from Saturday, November 20 - Wednesday, December 23, in its galleries located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY in what has become one of the most anticipated small works group exhibitions in the region. This year's exhibit features hundreds of small-scale artworks by more than 140 local and regional artists.

"While concerns surrounding the ongoing supply line crunch are impacting holiday shopping plans, there is no shortage of remarkable creativity and artwork by local artists. This year's 'Art in Sixes' has something for everyone!" notes DVAA's Executive Director, Ariel Shanberg.

"Art in Sixes", as the title implies, is a small works exhibition. It provides something unique for everyone in a size that fits anywhere. Whether you're an art connoisseur, a browser, a collector, or someone in need of that perfect gift, this event is not to be missed. Exhibitors are both new and established artists from the region and beyond (no reproductions are accepted).

The work featured includes painting, photography, collage, sculpture, fiber art, and intimate drawings. All are one of a kind and every work of art is six-inches or less in any direction. Prices generally range from \$60 to \$600. This year will include the first ever "Sixes" video entry, featuring six vignettes running six minutes in total and purchasable as an NFT (non-fungible token)

Due to continued concerns around COVID and public safety, the exhibition will once again be extended into our Loft Gallery space allowing for 'social distancing where guests can comfortably see selected groups of works. Attendance to the exhibition on the opening weekend (November 19-21) will be by advance registration, via DVAA's website. In lieu an opening reception, opening weekend visitor slots will be initially reserved for participating artists and DVAA members at the Sponsor level and higher. Unreserved slots will be made available to the public one day prior. Viewers are welcome with masks, and asked to abide by social distancing, and occupancy restrictions.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by grant funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.





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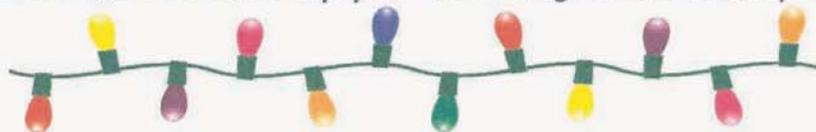


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DEC Reminds Outdoor Enthusiasts to Share the Woods Safely this Season Be Safe, Responsible, and Respectful during Fall and Winter Hunting Seasons

With the Southern Zone regular big game season beginning Nov. 20 throughout much of the southern part of New York State, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos is encouraging outdoor enthusiasts to respectfully share the woods and follow common-sense safety precautions this fall and winter.

As New Yorkers head outdoors in search of new adventures this fall and winter, it is critical that visitors are courteous, careful, and responsible when sharing the woods," Commissioner Seggos said. "Most public lands across New York State are open to multiple forms of recreation, from hiking and nature photography to hunting and trapping. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, DEC encourages outdoor enthusiasts to be aware of and show regard for other adventurers and share the woods."

New this year, DEC requires big game hunters using a firearm to wear hunter orange or pink and encourages non-hunters to wear blaze orange, blaze pink, or another bright color during fall and winter months to be seen more easily and from greater distances. In addition, wearing bright colors makes it easier for Forest Rangers, Environmental Conservation Police Officers, and other rescue personnel to find lost, sick, or injured people afield.

Pet owners are encouraged to affix a bright colored vest or scarf on their dogs and keep pets leashed at all times. Trapping seasons for many species are open throughout the fall and early winter. Although rare, traps set for furbearers like raccoons and coyotes can also capture dogs that are not under control. Trapping is a highly regulated activity and regulations are strongly enforced. Trappers are required to take an educational course before getting a license and DEC works closely with the trapping community to minimize risks to non-target wildlife and domestic animals.

Hunting is among the most popular forms of wildlife recreation in the state, drawing an estimated 600,000 New Yorkers afield each year. Hunting is safe and economically important, helping to manage wildlife populations and promote family traditions, while fostering an understanding and respect for the environment. Hikers should be aware that they may encounter hunters bearing firearms or archery equipment on trails. Hunters should likewise recognize that they may encounter hikers and others enjoying the outdoors. Hunting-related shooting incidents involving non-hunters are extremely rare.

Hunters looking for solitude can minimize the disturbance associated with other forms of recreation by following a few tips. Before a season opens, when hunters are scouting for the perfect spot or stand location, take the time

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to check if the planned location is popular. Avoid crowding other hunters and recognize that if a hunting location is near a sought-out hiking spot or stand location, noise can be a factor. If a referred hunting spot is too crowded, identify an alternative location ahead of time.

DEC maintains hiking, biking, skiing and, snowmobile trails in many areas of Forest Preserve lands in the Adirondack and Catskill parks, as well as in State Forests, Wildlife Management Areas, and Unique Areas open to hunting. Earlier this year, DEC launched the 'Love Our New York Lands' campaign to encourage visitors to State-owned and managed lands to practice responsible recreation. The campaign is responsive to the steady increase in the number of visitors to State Lands, both during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the decade prior. Love Our New York Lands bolsters ongoing State-and partner-led efforts to educate the public about how to responsibly enjoy outdoor recreation on public lands without negatively impacting natural resources.

Find recreation options by visiting Love Our NY Lands - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation or checking out DECinfo Locator - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Many trails are accessible to people with disabilities. Check out DEC's YouTube playlist, with tips for how to plan and prepare for a hike Hiking Essentials - YouTube, and DEC's Hunter Education playlist for more information Basic Rules of Hunter Safety - YouTube.

Hunting Within State Parks

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation offers many places to hunt, including 81 parks, three historic sites, three golf courses, and 50 boat launches that provide opportunities to hunt a variety of wildlife including big game, small game, turkey, furbearers, waterfowl, and migratory bird species. In addition to a valid hunting license, all hunters wishing to take advantage of select hunting seasons within State Parks must obtain a regional hunting permit for each individual park. Trapping is not allowed in State Parks. For more information, visit the New York State Parks website.

Gillibrand, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Fix Major Gaps in Law Burdening Victims of Domestic Abuse by Service Members

Current Law Places Undue Burden on Survivors of Domestic Abuse, Making it Difficult to Access Transitional Compensation Benefits

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined colleagues in introducing the bipartisan Rachel Booth Act to close gaps in the Defense Department's Transitional Compensation (TC) program. Currently, dependents of service members are eligible to apply for transitional compensation to help them transition to financial independence if the service member has been discharged from the military for a domestic abuse offense. However, there are cases in which the service member is convicted of a domestic abuse offense in a civilian court, but is discharged from the military for a separate offense. In this case, current law places undue burden on the dependent by requiring them to request "exceptional eligibility" from the member's service secretary to be awarded TC benefits, a process which can take as long as four years to be resolved. The Rachel Booth Act would fix this error by ensuring standard eligibility for dependents of service members who are convicted of domestic abuse in civilian court, even if they are separated from the military for another offense.

"Domestic abuse victims often suffer from financial abuse, especially when trying to break free from their abuser--transitional compensation is a lifeline for victims when they need it most," said Senator Gillibrand. "While this funding exists for victims whose cases are handled by the military, victims whose cases go through civilian courts must request exceptional eligibility to receive these funds. The bipartisan Rachel Booth Act would streamline the program, cut through the red tape and get victims transitional funding when they need it. It is a commonsense solution to an urgent problem and I look forward to working with my colleagues to get it done."

This bill was named after Rachel Booth, a woman who found herself outside of the law and without her main source of financial support when her husband was convicted of domestic abuse in a civilian court and discharged from the military on an unrelated

offense. In addition to fixing major gaps in the law for dependents of service members who have suffered from domestic abuse offenses, this bill would also allow the service secretaries to delegate the authority to grant TC to those seeking an "exceptional eligibility," a fix which would significantly decrease the time in which these claims are decided.

Senator Gillibrand is the leading advocate for victims of sexual abuse and assault in the military and successfully included her bipartisan Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act (MJIIPA) in the committee-passed Senate National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022. This bill would professionalize how the military prosecutes serious crimes by moving the decision over whether to prosecute them to independent, trained, professional military prosecutors. Gillibrand first introduced her bill, then the Military Justice Improvement Act (MJIA), to reform the military justice system in 2013. Click here for a full timeline outlining her legislative action fighting for military sexual assault reform in the Senate.



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Fall 2021

The Daniel Pierce Library's Children's Programs are about to begin!

Our eight-week children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley School District. These programs are specially designed to encourage early literacy and to foster an early love of learning and reading through stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building! Reading is an essential skill for success in school and later in life. All children will have the opportunity to borrow books. We truly hope you can join us for our in-person fall programs!

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

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons. Must be 12 months by 12/1/21.

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, October 14th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones, ages 24-35 months. Must be 24 months by 12/1/21.

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, October 15th

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, and music. Must be 3 years by 12/1/21.

All programs will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end the week of December 6th.

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It is very important that we follow the most current CDC guidelines so that we may continue to offer safe programming.

During this time all patrons must wear a mask while inside the library.

These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by October 6th.



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Proposed 2022 Sullivan County Budget Aims to Significantly Reduce Debt –No Layoffs; New Initiatives Announced

Monticello, NY - County Manager Joshua A. Potosek today presented a 2022 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature that significantly reduces debt, expands existing services, avoids layoffs and strategically restores areas that faced cuts during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As proposed by my office, the 2022 Tentative Sullivan County Budget prioritizes what’s important to our residents: debt reduction, public transportation, infrastructure investment, and cost-effective government,” Potosek said. “At the same time, it does not burden taxpayers with excessive and unaffordable tax hikes, and it positions the County for a stable financial future.”

The \$259,088,488 budget, as currently proposed, stays under the State-mandated property tax cap, with a house assessed at \$100,000 seeing a projected average increase of \$48 in its County tax bill.

Full details of the budget are available at www.sullivanny.us (click on “Sullivan County 2022 Tentative Budget Executive Summary” and “Sullivan County 2022 Tentative Budget Detail” under the “Helpful Links” tab in the lefthand margin).

Highlights include:

- o \$12 million for road and bridgework throughout the County, to be achieved without going into debt by bonding
- o \$9.2 million to pay off all short-term bonds, with an intent not to bond at all in 2022
- o \$4 million to cover all County costs associated with the Care Center at Sunset Lake, now under management by consultant Infinite Care
- o \$600,000 to continue and expand the Move Sullivan public transportation service
- o \$370,000 to restore two Assistant District Attorney positions cut during the pandemic and to add two Administrative Assistants to the DA’s Office to handle increased work volumes
- o \$300,000 for the Sullivan County Land Bank to demolish blighted buildings and restore funding cut during the pandemic
- o \$96,000 for the Center for Workforce Development to hire a Youth Intern Coordinator and study ways to close gaps in local youth services and resources
- o \$85,000 to create a Comprehensive Housing Strategy that will address every facet of housing in the County, particularly workforce housing and accommodations for the homeless
- o \$30,000 to purchase organics containers for a Pilot Residential Composting Program, the first step toward a larger initiative to provide residential and commercial composting services

The Tentative Budget also makes provision for a significant reconfiguration of the Division of Planning, which will take on the Office of Sustainable Energy, the Office of Grants Administration, and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Beautification. This will free up an expanded team of planners

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to focus on developing important projects like affordable housing and tourism infrastructure, including the O&W Rail Trail.

The County Clerk’s Office will be given further tools to address service demand, particularly in the Department of Motor Vehicles, which will see an additional clerk position, a new service window, and an expanded mobile presence.

“Thanks to an unexpectedly robust economy, the 2022 Tentative Budget can add staff and services while eliminating short-term debt,” Potosek explained. “Nevertheless, we are keeping a close eye on fiscal responsibility, and a key goal over the next two years is to build up a fund balance that can sustain us when times again get rough.”

Legislators now have until December 20 to review, discuss and adopt the budget. They may make changes to the proposed version before it is adopted, and the public is welcome to watch their deliberations during special Management & Budget Committee meetings to be announced over the next month. Meetings will be livestreamed on the Legislature’s webpage.

Formal public hearings about the proposed 2022 County Budget will be set for December 7 at 5 p.m. and December 9 at 10:50 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Written comment is being accepted by Clerk of the Legislature AnnMarie Martin at annmarie.martin@sullivanny.us or 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is promoting **Shop Small Sullivan Holiday 2021**

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is promoting Shop Small Sullivan Holiday 2021 with participating businesses to encourage shopping locally in November and December.

Download the Shop Small Sullivan Holiday 2021 flyer by clicking on this link:

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More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 year old should be going through.

Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department.

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

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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Blue Mountain Trout News Newsletter of the Ashokan Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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November 2021

Next Meeting: Due to Covid and Thanksgiving, the board of directors decided not to host a November meeting. Currently chapter Membership Chair Russell Martin is soliciting chapter members to determine if the chapter should host a year-end, celebratory event. If you are an APW TU chapter member, and did not receive an email from Russell, by Monday---November 15th please express your opinion to Russell at: rmartintu@gmail.com Your input matters, and we'd like to hear from you.

Chapter Online Auction: The chapter's Online Auction concluded on November 5th; it was a highly successful financial endeavor. Thanks to Todd Spire for organizing this activity, and all those folks who contributed to it and supported it. Todd and chapter Treasurer Jody Hoyt are still busy counting up the profits, and hopefully there will be a report in a future communication; but for now it was one of the most successful fund raisers the chapter ever had. Thanks to everyone who supported it!

Trout redds:



Given the new "catch & release" extended trout season on most NYS inland trout waters, there has been some discussion and concern regarding trout redds, specifically how to identify these so the angler does not unintentionally disturb any. A trout redd is an underwater spawning nest. Several factors influence when and where they are constructed, namely: water temperature, flow depth and velocity, and stream substrate.

On the Esopus Creek watershed, rainbows spawn in the

spring, while browns and brook trout spawn in the fall.

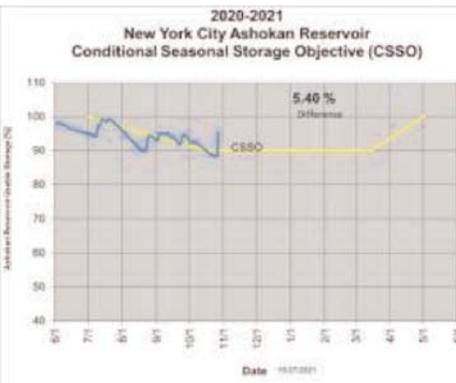
Rainbow and brown trout require running water, while brook trout can also spawn in stillwater ponds and lakes if there are underwater springs. Typically stream redds are constructed in transitional locations between pools and riffles, often in tailouts where water is forced through the substrate providing oxygen for trout eggs while keeping them free of silt and other debris. Water depth varies, but often it's not very deep. And typically redds are oval shaped, like a dinner serving plate. They often vary in length, and depth, depending upon the size of the trout spawning. And very often a clean, almost polished, oval of slightly depressed gravel will be surrounded by stones and gravel of darker colors, as surrounding areas have not been swept clean by trout building redds and spawning.

Without commenting on pros and cons of the extended catch and release fishing season, let me add that I have been fishing the Esopus Creek watershed since 1970, over half-a-century. And, since 2013 I've made a habit of fly-fishing for trout every month of the season, often in New Jersey December through March. Over the years, I've seen many trout redds, and still get very excited when I see another. For years the Esopus Creek supported an extended season through November 30th, where anglers could still kill trout. Yet, this appears to have little impact on the Esopus Creek wild brown trout population. And it seems Opening Day has been April 1st since forever, yet I've encountered spawning rainbows through mid-May and Mothers' Day. Again with little impact on the wild rainbows. If anything, the new fishing regs reduce

the killing season

However, allowing anglers to fish associated tributaries is new, and as a word to the wise, smaller stream, anglers should walk along the bank and not through the water.

Trout redds are fairly easy to identify, once you know what to look for. From top



left to right rainbow trout redd, two small brown trout redds, and a brook trout sitting on a redd.

For additionally info, check out this AWSMP website post: <https://ashokanstreams.org/trout-love-in-the-spring-what-is-a-redd/>

Esopus Creek: It is fully expected that work will be completed on the Shandaken Tunnel, and it could be fully operational, by year-end 2020, with a new High Level Intake. Furthermore, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) reports that the Catskill Aqueduct, from the Ashokan Reservoir, will remain offline for repairs, with only spill mitigation releases planned to continue through January 15, 2022, to maintain the Conditional Seasonal

Storage Objective (CSSO). A CSSO is a predetermined reservoir volume of water that varies with time of year.

DEP also announced that efforts to replace the Five Arches Bridge over the Esopus Creek, in Boiceville, will begin this month.

FYI: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/news/21-039/nyc-dep-upcoming-project-replace-two-bridges-near-ashokan-reservoir#0> (Contd. Pg. 39)

Blue Mountain Trout News

(From Pg. 38) When NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries Biologist presented at the October chapter meeting, among many interesting subjects he also mentioned DEC's Trout Stream Mapper, found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/122444.html> And if you missed it, chapter member Bennet Ratcliff penned a very nice front-page article for the Oct. 13th issue of Hudson Valley One, titled "Yesterday on the Esopus: An elusive search for the brown trout run." FYI: <https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2021/10/15/yesterday-on-the-esopus-an-elusive-search-for-the-brown-trout-run/>

East Branch Delaware: Peter Marx, of our EBD Committee and chapter rep to the Coalition of the Delaware River Watershed (FYI: <http://www.delriverwatershed.org/>), reported that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that just passed the House, and will be signed into law by the President on Monday. It contains a provision to provide an additional \$26 million over 5 years for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Delaware River Basin

Restoration Program. This will be for habit restoration and protection projects throughout the entire Delaware River watershed - from the headwaters of the East and West Branch all the way down to Delaware Bay.

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP): Both chapter President Mark Loete and Board of Director Chet Karwatowski attended a recent AWSMP Stakeholder Meeting, where they presented Leslie Zucker the Chapter's Silver Trout Award for her invaluable leadership and efforts as AWSMP Program Leader. Well-deserved Leslie!

Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported in October there were 7 rain events as measured in Boiceville. These had a 6.0 weighed pH with 7.64 inches of rain. By comparison in Oct. 2020 there were 6 such events with a total of 3.43 inches of liquid precipitation--- including 0.1 inches of snow, and a 5.4 weighted pH. Thank you Jody for your ongoing efforts on this project and as chapter Treasurer!

Treasurer's report: Jody Hoyt reports at the end of October the chapter had \$12,908.70 of which \$11,971.02 was in the General Operating Fund and \$937.68 in the Conservation Fund. The report does NOT reflect any income from the chapter Online Auction.

Membership: As of this newsletter, our membership remains at 116 members. This month we welcome Bill Berg of Roxbury as a new member. As always new TU members can join for half the "regular" membership fee, or \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from National. Membership forms: http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf

Russell Martin, Membership Chair, can be reached at: rmartinu@gmail.com for membership questions or concerns.

Newsletter: If you received this newsletter and would rather not, please hit REPLY and write REMOVE and hit SEND. This is my last newsletter, something I enjoyed doing for many years. By year-end the email address APW_TU@Hvc.rr.com will be discontinued. In the future chapter members and newsletter readers can reach Todd Spire at: spireny@gmail.com Best of luck Todd, I know you'll do a great job!

Beyond our watersheds and other news: The 2021 International Fly Tying Symposium will be held at the Parsippany Hilton Hotel in New Jersey on Nov. 20th and 21st. FYI: <https://internationalflytyingsymposium.com/>



Recently chapter members Kevan Best and Ken Brooks, two of the best dry-fly fishers I know, returned from a successful Atlantic Salmon Nova Scotia trip, sharing a couple photos.



Useful links:

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited: <https://apwctu.org/>

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program: <http://ashokanstreams.org/>

CWC Watershed Currents: <https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/>

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.dcswcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm>

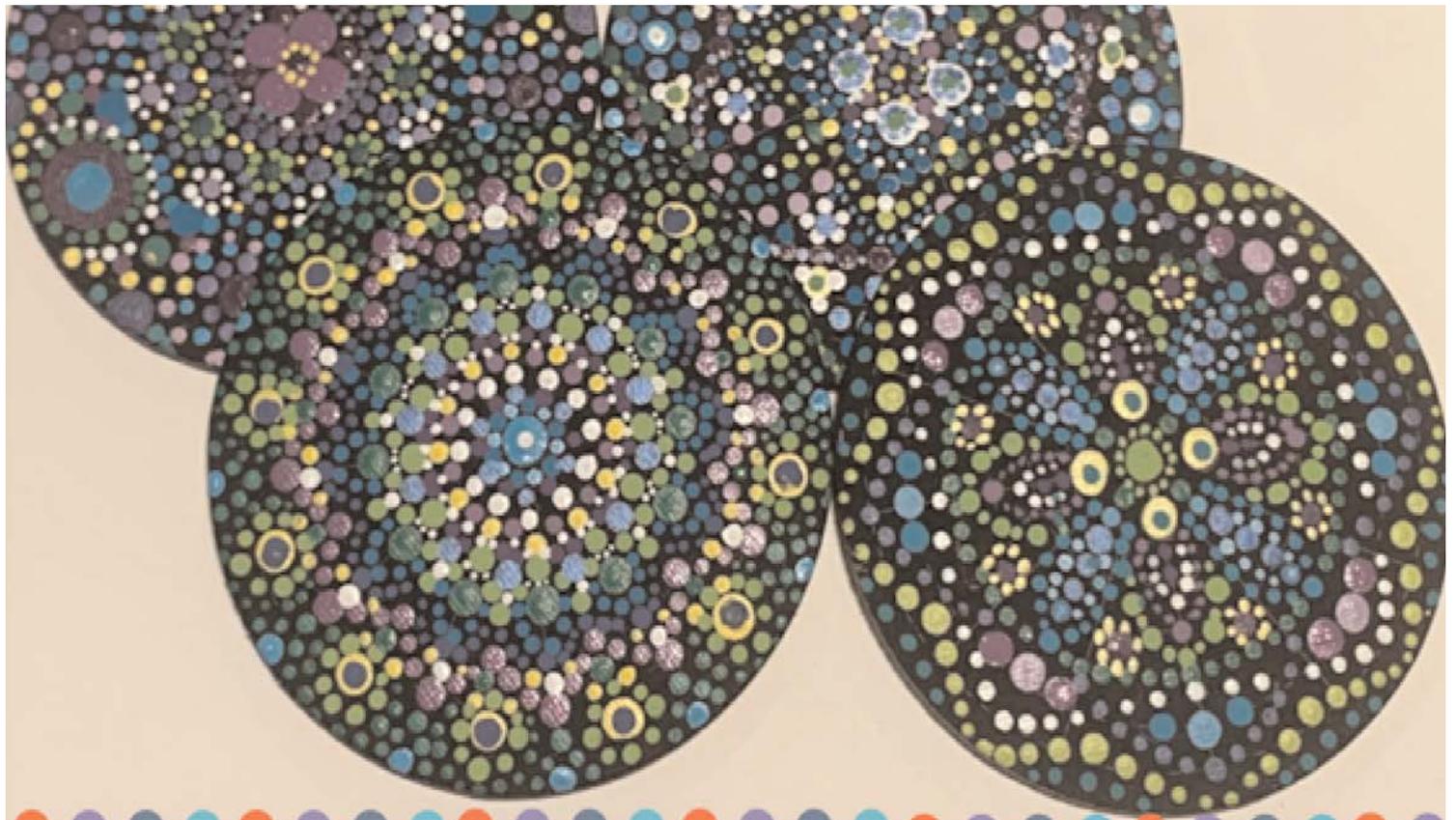
Esopus Creek hatching chart: <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/>

NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases: https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_channel_levels.shtml

Rondout Neversink Stream Program: <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/>

The last dance,
Ed Ostapczuk
Nov. 12th, 2021





Community Give Back Program

Students in Grades 5th - 10th

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

It's finally here, this year's DPL Community Give Back Day! We have learned how important an active and supportive community can be, so let's give back.

It will just be a little different than years past.

Please join us for an afternoon of FUN! Local artist Mrs. Robin Raykoff will be teaching the students how to make **Mandala Coasters**. If you have someone special in mind, this program is for you!!! All participants will be making a set of coasters to give to their someone special in the community.

Register today, space is limited!

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

Message to our Readers from Congressman Antonio DelGado

Dear Neighbors,

As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I have been working with Democrats and Republicans since day 1 in Congress to upgrade our infrastructure. I've toured damaged roads, spoken with local leaders about outdated water systems, and seen nearly 100-year-old bridges in our communities without necessary federal support for repairs.

This past Friday, I voted to send the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to the President's Desk. This historic bill makes the largest investment in America's physical infrastructure in generations. It will create an estimated 650,000 new jobs, invest in a foundation for strong economic growth, and ensure all communities can compete and succeed in the 21st Century. Further, this bipartisan legislation does not raise taxes, and new spending is offset with new revenue and savings.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes my bipartisan BuyAmerica.Gov Act, which helps ensure our tax dollars are spent on American goods that create and sustain American jobs. It also includes my provisions to strengthen limo safety. Since the deadly 2018 limousine crash in Schoharie, we have worked hard to effect change and make our streets safer.

What the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Means for New York:

Expanding Broadband –As NY-19 is the 8th most rural district in the country, and with over a million New York households not connected to broadband, expanding connectivity has been a top priority since I took office. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, New York will receive funding to help provide broadband coverage across the state, including providing access to the at least 186,754 New Yorkers who currently lack it. And, under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, more than 5 million New Yorkers will be eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit, which will help low-income families afford internet access. This bill actively works to ensure every New Yorker has reliable, high-speed Internet, which is a necessity in the 21st century.

Roads and Bridges –New York has 1,702 bridges and over 7,292 miles of highway in poor condition. This bill includes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system itself. It will directly deliver highway, bridge, and transit investments in New York, and generate billions more in economic activity.

Cleaning up our Water –Communities throughout NY-19 are impacted by PFAS contamination and some towns still have pipes made out of wood. Currently, up to 10 million American households and 400,000 schools and child care centers lack safe drinking water. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, based on the traditional state revolving fund formula, New York will expect to receive funding to improve water infrastructure across the state and ensure that clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities. This bill makes the largest investment in clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in American history, replacing lead pipes and delivering clean water to millions of families.

Combating Climate Change –From 2010 to 2020, New York has experienced 31 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$100 billion in damages. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, New York will benefit from the bill's historic investment in weatherization which will reduce energy costs for families.

From our airports and water systems to our bridges and roads, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will deliver essential, historic funding for physical infrastructure across New York's

19th Congressional District. I am proud to have voted to send this bill to the President's desk and I will keep fighting to deliver resources and support for our upstate communities.

As always, it's an honor to represent you in Congress.
Sincerely,
Antonio DelGado

Gillibrand Fights to Create a 9/11-Style COVID-19 Commission to Mitigate Threat of Future Health and Economic Crises

WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) joined Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Roger Marshall (R-KS), and Joni Ernst (R-IA) to introduce the bipartisan National Commission on the COVID-19 Pandemic Act. This legislation would create a 9/11-style commission to investigate the COVID-19 outbreak and identify lessons learned regarding U.S. preparedness, response and recovery to improve our nation's ability to respond to future outbreaks. The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed more than 750,000 American lives and the threat of major pandemics could only increase due to globalization and the rapidly changing climate. This commission would ensure the United States is prepared for future crises to mitigate the risk of immense human and economic devastation.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has altered our society, economy and public health systems, and we must do everything in our power to prevent and prepare for future public health emergencies. We simply cannot wait for the next crisis to hit - we must create a 9/11-style COVID-19 commission to prepare a comprehensive health and national security strategy to protect and equip the United States in the event of another devastating emergency," said Senator Gillibrand. "Just as we established an independent commission in the aftermath of 9/11, this COVID-19 commission is the best way to strengthen our nation's emergency response preparedness and build resiliency against any future pandemic or public health crises."

Along with creating the National Commission on the COVID-19 Pandemic, this bill would enable the Commission to conduct an investigation on the origins of the COVID-19 outbreak and identify lessons learned regarding preparedness, response and recovery. The investigation would address:

U.S. government response to the COVID-19 pandemic; the effectiveness of COVID-19 public health messaging; international cooperation in responding to and investigating COVID-19; the availability of medical supplies and personal protective equipment; the federal government's role in the development, testing, production, and distribution of COVID-19 treatments and vaccines; the preparedness and capacity of the U.S. health care system; language variations regarding novel diseases and how that relates to stigma, discrimination, and harassment for certain communities; the origins of COVID-19, and any other subject the Commission determines relevant in developing recommendations to prepare for future pandemics.

The Commission will be composed of 10 members (5 members appointed from each political party) and will have the authority to hold hearings, take testimony, administer oaths, and issue subpoenas. Additionally, the Commission will submit to the president and Congress, and will make publicly available, an interim report not later than one year after the date of the bill's enactment and a final report not later than 20 months after the initial meeting of the Commission. The National Commission on the COVID-19 Pandemic Act also initiates a declassification review of information related to the origin of COVID-19.

This bill is also endorsed by the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Governor Hochul Announces “Adirondack Mac” will Serve as Official Mascot for Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games

*Mascot Designed by Kristina Ingerowski, Farmington
Native and Fashion Institute of Technology Sophomore
Nearly 150 Submissions Received from Entrants
Across 35 Counties*



Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that Adirondack Mac will serve as the official mascot for the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games. The moose mascot was designed by Kristina Ingerowski, a sophomore at the Fashion Institute of Technology and a native of Farmington, Ontario County. Adirondack Mac will be a highly visible symbol of the Games, which attract a global audience. Mac will appear in various forms including a live, costumed character; as merchandise including toys, stuffed animals, apparel and other souvenirs; and in promotional materials. The Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games are scheduled for January 12-22, 2023.

"New York State has a proud legacy of hosting international competitions, and we look forward to welcoming college athletes and coaches from around the world to Lake Placid and the Adirondacks for the FISU World University Games in 2023," Governor Hochul said. "The mascot design competition was a unique way to showcase the talent and creativity of New Yorkers, and I want to congratulate Kristina Ingerowski on her winning design."

As the mascot for the Games, Adirondack Mac will help to showcase the beauty, charm and sporting heritage of New York's Adirondacks. Mac stands at six-feet tall and has a personality as big as the namesake region. During the winter, Mac can be seen on the slopes of Whiteface and Gore Mountains or skating around Herb Brooks Arena, while the summers include training with some of the best athletes at the area's world-class facilities. Mac has been known to relax, too, by exploring the many shops and unique restaurants throughout the North Country communities; hiking to some favorite fall foliage spots; and wading into any of the area's lakes and waterways to enjoy some fishing and swimming. The moose represents the best of what New Yorkers and the participating athletes have in common: strength, courage and determination.

Kristina Ingerowski, mascot design competition winner, said,

"It is an honor to have my mascot design chosen for the FISU Winter World University Games 2023 in Lake Placid. Adirondack Mac is special to me because I have spent a lot of time over the years with my grandparents and family who live in Lake Placid. I wanted to capture the majestic beauty and character of the Adirondack region. There's nothing more charming than an Adirondack moose to represent and celebrate this spirit of friendly athletic competition in Lake Placid."

In March, New York State launched a contest seeking design concepts for a mascot to represent the Lake Placid 2023 World University Games. New Yorkers were encouraged to submit mascot design concepts that captured the collegial spirit of the international competition and the heart of New Yorkers. Nearly 150 submissions were received from entrants representing 87 communities across 35 different counties in New York State. Following a public vote on the I LOVE NY website, 10 designs advanced to a selection committee representing academia, government, tourism and athletics. As the selected winner, Ingerowski will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

Adirondack Mac will embark on a tour around New York State, raising awareness of the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games and the North Country region. The public can "Meet Mac" at the following appearances, with more to follow:

- Saturday, November 20 at the Schenectady Holiday Parade - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 26 at Whiteface Mountain
- Saturday, November 27 at Gore Mountain

More opportunities to "Meet Mac" are in the works and will be listed here.

In March 2018, Lake Placid was selected by the International University Sports Federation to host the 31st Winter Universiade. The FISU World University Games is an international sports and cultural event staged every two years in a different city. The 11-day competition draws 2,500 collegiate athletes and coaches for competitions in various disciplines including alpine, freestyle and cross-country skiing, biathlon, speed skating, curling, figure skating, hockey, short track speed skating and snowboarding. The Games will utilize many area sports facilities, including the Olympic venues managed by ORDA.

New York is the only state the U.S. to have hosted the FISU World University Games, and 2023 marks the second time Lake Placid has played host. The North Country community previously hosted the Games in 1972, and Buffalo was the site of the summer games in 1993.

New York State has committed nearly \$240 million in funding to support the state's ORDA properties. These unprecedented investments in capital projects are improving the infrastructure of ORDA facilities to ensure they can continue to attract and support large-scale, global events, while transforming these areas facilities into year-round attractions. This includes a new 30,000 square foot Mt. Van Hoevenberg base lodge, the first-of-its-kind Mt. Van Hoevenberg Mountain Coaster, and the Olympic Jumping Complex zip lines and gondola. Additionally, new frost rails with LED lighting have been installed on the HS100 and HS128 ski jumps, ensuring a consistent and reliable jumping surface regardless of changing weather conditions.



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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. 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

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

November Events

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 Phillis 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; gloriwine.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

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

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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

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

(Cov 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



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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

Attorney General James Protects Supermarket Choices and Competitive Prices for Upstate New York Residents

Sale of 11 Stores Will Preserve Competition in Affected Cities

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced an agreement that will help upstate New York residents of several cities maintain choices and competitive prices when shopping at supermarkets. In an agreement with the companies that run the Schenectady-based Price Chopper supermarket chain and the Williamsville-based Tops Friendly Market supermarket chain, Attorney General James secured the divestment of 11 stores located in New York in connection with the companies' proposed merger. This agreement resolves an eight-month investigation that the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) conducted alongside the Federal Trade Commission, which announced a similar settlement today.

"It's simple: More choices and competition at the supermarket mean better prices and more savings for consumers," said Attorney General James. "As many New Yorkers continue to suffer the financial impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the last thing that should be happening is for supermarkets to let an anticompetitive merger cut choices and raise prices. The agreement that we're announcing today not only ensures that residents of multiple cities across upstate New York will continue to have choices when grocery shopping at Price Chopper and Tops - protecting their wallets from unrelenting price hikes - but it also preserves existing union contracts - protecting workers' rights and their benefits. My office will continue to do everything in its power to help keep markets competitive for all New Yorkers and protect our workers."

The companies operating Price Chopper and Tops announced their proposed merger in February 2021. While both companies have a large presence in the state - with approximately 150 supermarkets each - the companies largely do not compete head-to-head in most areas.

However, in the regions where the divestitures will occur - the Capital Region, Central New York, the Mohawk Valley, North Country, and the Southern Tier - the OAG found that the merger would have eliminated a direct supermarket competitor; leaving a single supermarket in three cities and, at most, one to two other supermarkets in the remaining cities.

By requiring the parties to sell the Tops stores in those cities to C&S, the largest private wholesale grocery distributor in the country, the OAG will help maintain competition in those areas. Additionally, today's agreement includes notice provisions that will enable the OAG to monitor additional acquisitions by the companies and help avoid future harm to competition.

Attorney General James also considered the effects of the merger on New York's labor market. During the investigation, the OAG met with representatives of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), the union which represents thousands of Tops employees. The UFCW

has not only come out in support of the merger, but also the agreement secured by Attorney General James today that protects workers' rights and benefits.

"We believe that this merger will be a positive for our membership, preserving union jobs and strengthening the company's prospects into the foreseeable future," said Frank DeRiso, president, UFCW Local One. "We are pleased that we have an agreement with the new owner and they are committed to retaining all of the existing union jobs and contracts. We would like to thank the Office of the New York Attorney General, Senator Chuck Schumer, and our UFCW International Union for their guidance, assistance, and cooperation during this complicated process. This merger will be successful for both consumers and union members."

Governor Hochul Welcomes \$750 Million in Federal Funding to Boost Affordable Health Coverage

Funding Through the American Rescue Plan Will Support the Essential Plan

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the Biden-Harris Administration's Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be making \$750 million in additional American Rescue Plan funding available for New York's Essential Plan.

"If we are going to put an end to this pandemic, we need to make sure all New Yorkers have access to affordable, reliable health care coverage," Governor Hochul said. "I want to thank Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure for this funding and our ongoing partnership. The additional \$750 million in federal funding to support our Essential Plan will help us further boost coverage in New York and bring us closer to our goal of achieving health equity."

New York's Essential Plan is a state administered health insurance program that covers individuals and families who make too much to qualify for Medicaid, but for whom private insurance premiums are too costly. Since the Essential Plan began in 2015 enrollment has increased three-fold -- it currently has 925,000 enrollees and, in addition to Child Health Plus, allows more New Yorkers the kind of affordable preventive care that keeps them and their families healthy. Collectively, New Yorkers are saving \$1 billion in health care costs in 2021 by being enrolled in Essential Plan compared with the cost of Qualified Health Plan coverage.

New York is one of only two states, the other being Minnesota, to take advantage of a provision of the Affordable Care Act that gave states the ability to create Basic Health Programs. These plans were designed to offer affordable health care coverage to individuals and families with low to moderate income who did not qualify for other programs, thus reducing the number of uninsured and underinsured. The Essential Plan has been instrumental in cutting New York's uninsured rate from 10 percent to 5 percent since 2013.

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.

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Public Health Services COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine Clinics

Pfizer pediatric clinics are open to children aged 5-11.

Pediatric Pfizer Clinic Dates

Friday, November 19, 2:00-7:30 PM: Monticello Fire House
23 Richardson Ave, Monticello
Second dose: Friday, December 10

Tuesday, November 23, 2:00-6:00 PM: Delaware Youth Center
8 Creamery Rd, Callicoon
Second dose: Tuesday, December 14

Wednesday, November 24, 2:00-6:00 PM: Public Health Services Clinic
50 Community Lane, Liberty
Second Dose: Wednesday, December 15

Vaccine appointments are limited.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register for a clinic, please visit
<https://sullivanny.us/>

PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT

To make your child's vaccination go as smooth as possible, please consider the following:

- ◆ Fill out vaccine screening questionnaire at home and bring it with you to your appointment. It is available on the website when you register for the clinic.
 - ◆ Have your child wear a short sleeve shirt
 - ◆ Bring a comfort item for you child to keep with them throughout the process.

Want information to help your child understand COVID and the vaccine? Scan the QR Code for a short video from Boston Children's Hospital!



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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

Public Health Planning Clinics to Vaccinate Those Aged 5-11 Coming to Callicoon, Liberty and Monticello

Liberty, NY - In an effort to continue quickly and effectively rolling out COVID-19 vaccines, Sullivan County Public Health Services has scheduled three clinics for families who'd like to have their 5-11-year-olds inoculated with the FDA-approved Pfizer COVID vaccine.

"The more people who are vaccinated, the less chance this virus has to spread and mutate," Public Health Director Nancy McGraw explained. "Although a lower dose than adults get, this version of the Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective for children, and I encourage parents to sign up for one of these clinics."

Clinics are currently scheduled as follows:

- o November 19 - Monticello Firehouse, 23 Richardson Avenue, Monticello - 2 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (second dose clinic 12/10)
- o November 23 - Delaware Youth Center, 8 Creamery Road, Callicoon - 2 p.m.-6 p.m. (second dose clinic 12/14)
- o November 24 - Sullivan County Public Health Services, 50 Community Lane, Liberty - 2 p.m.-6 p.m. (second dose clinic 12/15)

Pre-registration is REQUIRED. You can do so at <https://sullivan.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics> or by calling 845-807-0925. A parent or guardian of the child must be present at the clinic.

"We chose centralized locations for these clinics so as not to displace school activities during or after school, or community groups using schools, and to allow anyone - from any school district - to come," McGraw said. "These initial locations are accessible to the largest number of individuals in the County, and one does not have to wait for a clinic to be scheduled at their own particular school district."

"However, as needs are identified, we may hold additional clinics at school locations if the numbers are large enough," she added. "We have been in communication with the school officials to survey parents on interest. As we complete these larger clinics, we will identify additional locations."

Vaccinating your child any of the clinics listed above will guarantee that they are fully vaccinated prior to the holidays, and when your child returns to school, they will not need to be quarantined if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

"According to our Epidemiology Department, children age 15 and younger represent almost 25% of all the positive cases in Sullivan County this year compared to last year," McGraw notes. "In 2020, only 6.6% of all positive cases (19) were in children in this age group, whereas in 2021 (through November 10), there were 756 children ages 15 and younger who tested positive for COVID-19, representing 22% of all positive cases in the county."

"Just since September 1, 2021, 252 cases of coronavirus have been of children 11 or younger. That represent 15.69% of all of our cases in that time."

"Many children have become quite ill as a result of COVID-19, although most have not required hospitalization," she related. "However, we still do not know the long-term impacts on the health of children who have gotten COVID-19."

When vaccination became required for college-age students in NYS, Sullivan County saw a decrease in the number of positive cases among 16-24-year-olds from 17% in 2020 down to 11.7% of all positive cases in that age group in 2021.

"We believe this is a reflection that vaccination is working and keeping our youth healthy and from transmitting the virus to others," McGraw affirmed.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and the Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association (UCSEA) Announce Tentative Five-Year Contract Agreement

UCSEA is the County's second largest labor union, representing over 200 members within the County Government at the Office of the Sheriff, including all jail correction officers

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and the Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association (UCSEA), representing the jail and civil staff of the Sheriff's Office, announced today a tentative five-year contract agreement. UCSEA is the County's second largest labor union, representing over 200 members within the County Government at the Office of the Sheriff, including all jail correction officers.

The five-year agreement covers the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024. The County employees represented by UCSEA will receive a 3.5% wage increase for 2020, a 3.5% wage increase through 2021, and a 2% plus twenty-five cents per hour wage increase for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024. This agreement is part of County Executive Ryan's commitment to support and recognize the hard work of Ulster County's frontline workers who have stepped up during the course of the pandemic.

"I am proud that we have reached this agreement with UCSEA, one of the largest labor unions in County Government," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "This new contract recognizes the hard work of our employees, especially given the challenges that they have faced since the outbreak of COVID-19. I am looking forward to continuing to work with UCSEA and the rest of our workforce to continue to serve the 180,000 residents of Ulster County."

"I want to thank County Executive Pat Ryan for recognizing the excellent and tireless work of our members particularly during the ongoing pandemic," UCSEA President Carel Soltys said. "We were able to reach a very fair agreement that our membership was pleased with. We look forward to continuing to work together in serving the people of Ulster County."

More than 90% of voting UCSEA membership ratified the contract agreement on Monday, November 8th. It is expected to be voted on by the Ulster County Legislature at the November 16th regular monthly session.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Op-Ed "Create a NY State Vets' Department"

KINGSTON, N.Y. - On Veteran's Day, *New York Daily News* published an op-ed by County Executive Pat Ryan, a combat veteran, advocating for the creation of a full-fledged Department of Veterans' Services to replace the current Division of Veterans' Services.

Full text of the op-ed is available below:

Thirty years later, I can still remember the crisp uniforms and bright red, white and blue of the flag as I marched alongside my grandfather in our local Veterans Day parade. He walked with a limp, the result of shrapnel from a Kamikaze attack on his ship near the end of World War II. (Contd. Pg. 49)

UC Executive Pat Ryan Op-Ed “Create a NY State Vets’ Department”

(From Pg. 48) He never talked much about his service, but I could always feel his sense of deep pride - especially when marching in that parade.

This year, in parades and gatherings, we will again honor the millions of Americans who served in uniform. This is a fitting and important tribute, and one that I and my fellow veterans greatly appreciate. But it is not enough.

Here in New York State, home to nearly 800,000 veterans and their families, we have an opportunity - and an obligation - to step up our game. There are several immediate steps we must take.

We should finally create a full-fledged Department of Veterans' Services to replace the current Division of Veterans' Services, which is essentially a division buried within a division within a department. And we need to appoint a commissioner who reports directly to the governor. This would strengthen accountability, improve cross-agency coordination, and make it easier to access billions in federal funding. Elevating the agency will make clear that veterans are a top priority.

The division only recently got a permanent head after nearly a year of interim leadership.

This Veterans Day in particular - the first since the end of our longest-running war, in Afghanistan - we must grapple with our failures to fully live up to the solemn promise we made to our service members to, in Abraham Lincoln's words, “care for him who shall have borne the battle.”

Since Sept. 11, we have lost at least 7,057 Americans in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, a heavy price to pay. But even more tragic is that we have lost an estimated four times that number of post-9/11 war vets - 30,177 - to suicide at home, according to a recent study from Brown University.

Based on the calls and conversations with my fellow Iraq and Afghanistan vets, I fear things may get worse. Since the fall of Kabul in September, calls to suicide hotlines have risen across the country.

Here in Ulster County, home to Woodstock, New Paltz and numerous rural communities, and where I serve as county executive, we have seen an unprecedented level of calls to our Vet-2-Vet peer support program. Warning lights are blinking bright red in communities across the country.

As I write this, bills to create a Department of Veterans' Services are before both the state Senate and Assembly. For Gov. Hochul, it is a golden opportunity.

And now is the time. Just as the pandemic exacerbated many fractures and fissures within our society, so too did it create new challenges for our veterans. Many struggle with physical and mental injuries. The loneliness some experience, as well as the logistical challenges getting services to many of them, were dramatically heightened by COVID-19.

As it stands now, only about 17% of New York State's veterans use the division's resources. That's because, as a division, the agency can't provide all the services needed, forcing vets to go to different agencies, file different paperwork, go down the rabbit holes of different computerized systems.

A cabinet-level department would bring all the services and programs geared to veterans together. It would give the division more resources and funding, and would give it the power to coordinate with other state agencies on health, economic development and other issues.

It should also have a broader mission to provide a full continuum of care and services. Right now, the state division primarily helps veterans access federal (and some state) benefits. But

it should also focus on needs such as delivering mental health services and training for well-paying jobs.

The division has seen its federal funding decline by more than 10% over the last four years. States with full veterans' departments have managed to hold on to more federal funding.

In Ulster County, we've tried filling the gap, forging partnerships with grassroots veteran service organizations like the Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration. Working together, we fought to secure funds for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran's Peer Support Project, then used them to implement the Vet-2-Vet program, which has saved lives. And we built and run Patriot House, a residence for homeless veterans that provides services such as treatment to fight addiction.

But it's not enough. New York has long been a leader in championing its veterans, and this November 11 we have the opportunity to step up. We must live up to the promise we made to our service members by establishing a fully functional New York State Department of Veterans' Services.

Ryan, a West Point graduate and Iraq combat veteran, is executive of Ulster County.

<https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-create-a-state-veterans-department-20211111-jvfh4e6nlnd5na3mt57uyivoru-story.html>

Claudia Tenney's Week in Washington

Tenney's Tax Plan: Empowering American Families and Small Businesses

I have always fought for New York taxpayers. To remain competitive, America needs a straightforward tax code that encourages work, allows Americans to keep more of what they earn, and establishes competitive rates for small and large employers. This week I released my tax plan, which lays out the bills I'm backing in Congress to achieve these critical objectives.

In 2017, I supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act not because it was perfect, but because it lowered taxes for individuals and small businesses and encouraged job growth and re-investment in our region. It was a major step forward, but we need to continue building on it by further strengthening the child tax credit and ensuring there is transparency and oversight in how taxpayer funds are used. My plan will boost American industry and ensure that the government uses tax revenue in ways that are transparent, accountable, and necessary.

To review my tax plan go to:

<https://tenney.house.gov/issues/tax-plan>

Greater Transparency Needed for NIH Research

It is unconscionable that American tax dollars can go to foreign laboratories where cruel experiments are carried out on animals. The news that dogs were sedated and then exposed to flesh-eating bacteria is utterly reprehensible.

Recent reports indicate that the NIH has been funding experiments that use primates, dogs, mice, and other animals in more than 300 laboratories in 57 countries. This raises serious questions about animal welfare, scientific rigor, research integrity and even national security. I've joined a bipartisan group of my colleagues in calling for more oversight of the NIH to ensure cruel and inhumane practices come to an end. Read our complete letter by clicking here <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=367021821886871&set=a.333483538574033>

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Claudia Tenney's Week in Washington

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Supported the Fentanyl Penalties Parity Act

The opioid crisis has devastated communities across the country, including our own. Fentanyl and synthetic opiates are quickly taking over as the leading cause of overdoses in the United States. We must change the status quo by investing more in treatment and mental health resources as well as providing law enforcement greater tools to target those who sell or traffic these deadly substances. That's why this week I'm honored to join many of my colleagues to introduce H.R. 5694, the Fentanyl Penalties Parity Act to ensure penalties for the sale and possession of fentanyl are consistent with the penalties for other substances like heroin. Click on the link to read more about this bill. <https://grothman.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=2567>

NY22 Congressional Art Competition Winner's Artwork Now Hanging in U.S. Capitol

Last week, I was heading to votes in the Capitol tunnel when I saw that the winner of NY-22's Congressional Art Competition was hanging in the U.S. Capitol at last! It is so great to see New Hartford High School Senior Gavin Schiavi's "Workshop Tools" on display. His art will hang in the Capitol Building for a year. A great reminder of just how talented our students are across our region.

You may recall that earlier this year, I hosted an award ceremony for our region's winners at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica. You can read more about all the finalists of this year's competition by clicking [here](https://tenney.house.gov/media/in-the-news/tenney-hosted-awards-ceremony-munson-williams-proctor-institute). <https://tenney.house.gov/media/in-the-news/tenney-hosted-awards-ceremony-munson-williams-proctor-institute>

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Honoring Veteran Royal V. Smith of Rome

It was my great honor to present Mr. Royal V. Smith's family with the military service medals he rightfully earned during his time in the Air Force and Army. Smith grew up in the greater Rome area and graduated from Oriskany High School in 1964. He served in the Army and Air Force from 1964 to 1971. When Smith passed away in July 2020, his sister, Beth Jones, began requesting his military records and earned military service medals. My office worked with the Army and the Air Force to obtain Mr. Smith's medals, which include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Two Bronze Service Stars, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Ribbon with "1960" Device.

As we celebrated Veterans Day, this was a chance to reflect on the bravery and service of our treasured veterans like Mr. Smith. I also want to thank Rome Mayor Jackie Izzo for participating in this special ceremony.

Tenney Joins Bipartisan Group Urging US Dept of Transportation to Proceed with FMCSA

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) has joined a bipartisan group of 85 lawmakers in urging the US Department of Transportation to proceed with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Under-21 Commercial Driver Pilot Program in order to provide swift relief to the trucking industry that currently faces significant worker shortages of more than 80,000 drivers. The Biden Administration has stalled this effective Trump-era program for nearly a year despite the nation's ongoing supply chain crisis.

At this time, 49 states and the District of Columbia allow 18 to 20-year-old commercial driver license (CDL) holders to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) for intrastate commerce, but these same drivers, who have demonstrated themselves to be safe drivers for three years, are prohibited from driving across state lines to do the exact same work.

Tenney also recently announced she is supporting the Supplying America Needs Truckers Aged (SANTA) 18 Act which would eliminate burdensome regulations that keep 18- to 20-year-old truck drivers from transporting cargo off ships and overloaded ports. She is also a supporter of the bipartisan the DRIVE-Safe Act that would create an apprenticeship program for 18- to 20-year-old commercial drivers to drive interstate.

Throughout her public service career, Tenney has been a strong supporter of safely broadening the criteria of CDLs to help remedy the chronic trucker shortages hurting domestic farms, manufacturers, and consumers. In the 115th Congress, she introduced the WHEEL Act which would have created a similar pilot program for CDL holders aged 18-21 with a clean driving record and certification from a qualified training program.

"The Biden Administration is standing in the way of commonsense solutions to relieve our supply chain, and it's time for Congress to step in and offer solutions. Reimplementing this program would allow for more qualified truck drivers to get behind the wheel and get our supply chain moving again. I will continue working to resolve this crisis and provide relief to Americans feeling its very real impacts."

Congresswoman Tenney Comments on Remington Arms Headquarters Relocation Announcement

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today released the following statement after Remington Arms announced it would relocate its headquarters from Ilion to Georgia.

"Far-left progressives in New York, starting with disgraced former Governor Andrew Cuomo, made it clear their mission was to destroy the Empire State's iconic firearms industry. Today, the Mohawk Valley is sadly seeing the disastrous fruits of their labor. The assault on our Second Amendment rights started with the unconstitutional Safe Act and continued this summer with the signing of legislation to make it easier for activists to sue law-abiding gun manufacturers. Politicians in Albany continue to target, criminalize, and destroy our economy, way of life, and everything we upstate New Yorkers hold dear.

"Remington Arms has been a staple of the Mohawk Valley since 1816, providing good manufacturing jobs to generations of New York families. I am deeply concerned that today's announcement may bring this long and storied chapter in our region's history to an abrupt end. I am in touch with local stakeholders and will work to mitigate any fallout from this decision. I will continue to do all I can to advocate on behalf of Remington's workforce and the Herkimer County community."

2021 HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



The Town of Neversink Parks & Rec is once again sponsoring the
ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

The rules are simple:

Any residence in the Town of Neversink is eligible for entry

And

Use as many lights and decorations as you want! Light up the skies with your house!

Judging will occur on Friday Dec 3rd.

Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Winners will be announced at our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 5th. Festivities will start at 5 pm at Bicentennial Park



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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I”

**12:00 AM ON TCM THURSDAY
 NOVEMBER 25, 2021**

THE MASK OF DIMITRIOS

(1944 / 1h 35m / Suspense/Mystery /TV-PG)



Mystery writer Cornelius Leyden (Peter Lorre) becomes intrigued when
 the murdered body of a vicious career criminal, mastermind Dimitrios
 Makropoulos (Zachary Scott) washes up in the Bosphorus. Leyden
 becomes obsessed with uncovering the story behind the crime lord's rise to
 power and journeys across Europe, piecing together a sordid connected
 events of Makropoulos' life, he uncovers long-buried secrets

The Mask of Dimitrios is a 1944 American film noir directed by Jean
 Negulesco. Based on Eric Ambler's "A Coffin For Dimitrios" Lorre and
 Greenstreet are at their best.

The film features Sydney Greenstreet, Zachary Scott (as Dimitrios
 Makropoulos), Faye Emerson and Peter Lorre. (Contd. Pg. 54)



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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II ”

2:00 AM ON TCM THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2021

Between Two Worlds

(1944 / 1h 52m | Drama | TV-G)



Dont believe in Reincarnation? When the *spirit* calls pas-sengers on a luxury liner to realize they are en route to the afterlife, they begin to wonder about their past, present, and future if any.



Directed by Edward A. Blatt, andstarring John Garfield, Paul Henreid, Sydney Greenstreet

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III ”

4:00 AM ON TCM THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2021

The Velvet Touch

(1948 / 1h 37m / Suspense/Mystery / TV-PG)



After the killing her lecherous producer, a famous actress tries to hide her guilt of the actions of her deeds.

Directed by John Gage, and starring Rosalind Russell, Leo Genn, Claire Trevor.

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