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Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony Veterans Day -2021

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

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

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

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

SC Treasurer Becomes President of Statewide Treasurers' Association



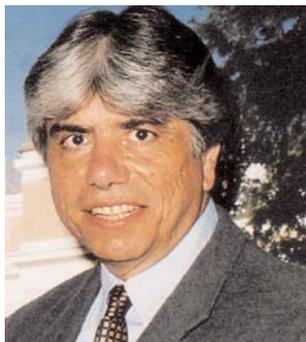
Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck has just been appointed President of the NYS County Treasurers and Finance Officers Association (NYSCT-FOA), replacing outgoing President and Herkimer County Treasurer Kim Enea. (Contd. Pg. 2)

Pre-K Kids Relish Rennie the Rooster's Reading

Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) Pre-K Classes were thrilled to have Rennie the Rooster come to read to them about growing healthy food on October 19 (the morning session) and October 21 (the afternoon session). (Contd. Pg. 51)



Author Talk: Hidden Treasures of the Catskills at the Time and the Valleys Museum and on Zoom.us



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] An illustrated talk by author Tony Musso: Hidden Treasures of the Catskills will be held on Sunday, November 7th at 2 p.m. virtually on Zoom and in person at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

New York's Catskill Mountains became a booming summer resort area in the nineteenth century and left behind a number of structures that today serve as reminders of an earlier time. Boarding houses and cottages that once attracted tourists from New York City and the elaborate resorts that followed tell the history of a remote region transformed into beloved summer colonies. Learn about a variety of sites which remain under the mainstream tourist destination radar, including Woodchuck Lodge, the boyhood home and final resting place of renowned naturalist and author John Burroughs, Zaddock Pratts' home in Prattsville, the Delaware and Hudson Canal, ten stone houses that date back as early as 1685 in Kingston, the mill complex of the Hanford family, and many more. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.
Isaiah 26:8

SC Treasurer Becomes President of Statewide Treasurers' Association

(From Pg. 1) "I am incredibly honored and privileged to become the next President of this group of Statewide fiscal leaders," Buck stated. "And I'm excited to bring them to Sullivan County next year for the Association's Summer Conference, where they'll get a taste of our legendary hospitality."

Buck has been a member of the Association for 20 years, attending quarterly conferences, teaching at its annual three-day Finance School (in collaboration with the NYS Association of Counties), and regularly seeking advice through a listserv with her colleagues.

"They have been an unbelievable help to me," she affirmed. "I am grateful to be of help to them as well!"

Buck will oversee the conferences and the Finance School during her yearlong term as President, and will work closely with the NYS Association of Counties to monitor and lobby for relevant Albany legislation.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

November 14, 1951

Mrs. George Mittee, 54, of the Woodbourne Road, died suddenly on Saturday. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, a son and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Mittee lived on the old John Condren farm.

Reconstruction of Route 17 across New York's southern counties will provide an ultra-modern "Quickway," comparable to the more famous state thruway. This was disclosed by the State Public Works Dept. which said that it had a top-priority plan calling for reconstruction of the southern, cross-state route into a "modern high capacity highway without undue delay."

Coon hunters are reaping a big harvest this year. Ray Hornbeck of Rocky Hill and Claude De Puy of Peekamoose bagged eight in one evening and to date have not once returned from the hunt with nothing to show for their efforts.

Work on the job of clearing and grubbing the area of the dam basin at Neversink was started on Monday by Shanahan Construction Co. of Ellenville. Shanahan, whose bid of \$733,000, was the lowest of five submitted to the Board of Water Supply of N.Y.C.

November 8, 1961

Mrs. Betty Bosworth, 41, of Monticello died on Tuesday at Overlook Hospital in Summit N.J. after a long illness. She was born May 15, 1920 in Grahamsville, the daughter of Oscar and Florence Doughty. She was married to Carlisle Bosworth on September 28, 1940 in Grahamsville. She was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

Miss Janice Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison of Grahamsville has become the bride of William Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Decker of Grahamsville. Dr. John H. McCombe performed the ceremony at the Grahamsville Methodist Church on Saturday, November 4th. The bride attended Tri Valley Central School. Her husband, a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, is self-employed. After a wedding trip through the southern states, they will live in Lackawack.

Louise Ellen Eighmey, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eighmey was christened Friday evening at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville by the Rev. John McCombe. The godparents were Marie and David VanValkenburg.

November 17, 1971

Seaman Harold M. Hinkeldire, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hinkeldire has been assigned to Engineman School, New London, Conn. He will receive his training in diesel engineering, maintenance and repair of marine propulsion plants of nuclear submarines. He graduated from Tri-Valley School in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hook had their daughters Brenda, Robin, Rosemary and Sarah baptized this Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville.

November 12, 1981

Fred E. Wright of Neversink, a retired farmer and lifelong area resident, died Friday in Neversink. He was 91. The son of the late Edwin and Elizabeth Simpson Wright, he was born Sept. 18, 1890 in Neversink. He was a charter member and organizer of the Neversink Fire Department.

A daughter, Megan Elaine, was born to Mark and Elaine Condon of Central Islip, N.Y. on October 17th. The proud grandparents are Ed and Caroline Condon.

We are happy to report that Faith and Lee Osterhout are the proud parents of a daughter, Rebecca Ellen Osterhout born Thursday, October 5, 1981. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brooks of Sundown are the proud maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Osterhout are the proud paternal grandparents.

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(From Pg. 1)

Admission: Members are free, and non-members: \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. In Person attendance is limited to 30 and registration is required. To register please email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org with your name and number of attendees, and put In Person Registration in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. To attend the program virtually on Zoom, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org for the link, and please put Zoom Program Registration in the subject line. Includes admission to the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

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

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

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- o New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

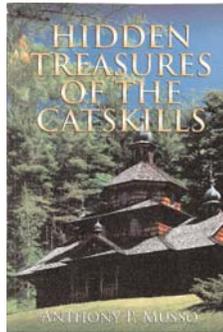
The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family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

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

Household Hint:

Remove Paint Fumes

Place a couple of shallow dishes filled with undiluted white vinegar around a freshly painted room to quickly get rid of the strong paint smell.



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.

Jack o'Lanterns or Chanterelles?

With all the rain and unseasonable warm weather, we have seen quite an abundance of different types of wild mushrooms growing in different areas in our yard. One patch of mushrooms that appeared in a semi-circular growth pattern, particularly caught our eyes last week. They were large bright yellow-orange mushrooms. Not being experts on mushrooms, we just took pictures and then did some fact finding.

Sounded easy at first. We concluded that they were either Chanterelles or Jack-O'Lantern mushrooms.

But, which one?

Omphalotus illudens commonly known as the Jack-o'-lantern mushroom, is an orange gilled mushroom that to an untrained eye appears similar to some chanterelles.

Unlike chanterelles, Jack-o'-lantern mushrooms contain the toxin, illudin S, that makes them poisonous to humans.

The orange Jack-o'-lantern mushroom is bioluminescence. In the dark, the gills will glow a blue-green color. This is due to an enzyme called luciferase, acting upon a compound called luciferin, leading to the emission of light much as fireflies do when glowing.

Jack-o'-lantern mushrooms have true, sharp, non-forking gills; this is possibly the simplest trait for distinguishing them from Chanterelles. If the Jack-o'-lantern's stem is peeled, the inside is orange, while the chanterelle is paler inside the stem.

Chanterelle is the common name of several species of fungi in the genera *Cantharellus*, *Craterellus*, *Gomphus*, and *Polyozellus*. They are among the most popular of wild edible mushrooms. They are orange, yellow or white, meaty and funnel-shaped. On the lower surface, underneath the smooth cap, most species have rounded, forked folds that run almost all the way down the stipe, which tapers down seamlessly from the cap. Chanterelle mushrooms have false gills which means that they cannot be separated from the cap without the gills breaking.

Jack o'lantern mushrooms have true gills, and these are forked, knife-like, and can be removed without damaging the cap. That was a big clue. As you can see in the picture.

The distribution of the mushrooms can also help identify the species. Chanterelles only grow near trees and don't grow in large groups. Jack o'lanterns grow in dense clusters and can grow where there are no trees, such as in the middle of a lawn and that is where we found them, although, there are trees 20 feet away.

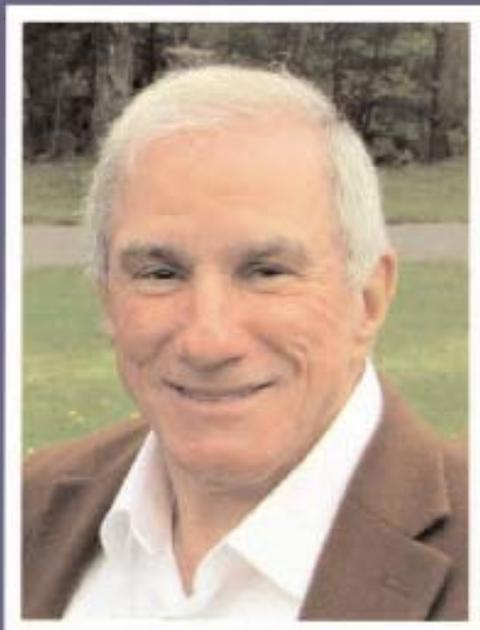
Chanterelle mushrooms are safe to consume, while **Jack o'lantern mushrooms are very toxic!**

After it was dark on Halloween we checked them out to see if they would glow. And yes, they did glow. It is our conclusion they are indeed Jack o'lantern mushrooms.

There are many mushrooms out there that are edible, but there are also those 'look-a-likes' that are very poisonous and potentially deadly to humans. We are still not absolutely positive if these are Jack o'lantern mushrooms, however for now, we will only take pictures and keep researching. If you want to eat a wild mushroom you need to get the advice of a mushroom expert and learn the craft thoroughly.



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The Hunt

Mysterious Book Report No. 404

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna



A series of fortunate events brought our attention this week, to an awesome crime fiction novelist and master of the thriller genre. His work is inspired, captivating and totally entertaining as he weaves a complex plot together in such an electrifying manner that the reader just can't put the book down. If you're craving an intricate, well-plotted suspense novel full of twists and turns that makes you think, South African author Deon Myer has everything you're looking for. His newest, *The Last Hunt*, (Grove Atlantic, \$27.00, 374 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-5692-1) is his thirteenth, and most powerful novel to date, because it deals with political corruption at the national level and the kleptocracy which accompanies it.

The story begins when a cold case file is given to Captain Benny Griessel and his partner, Captain Vaughan Cupido of the Serious and Violent Crimes Unit of the South African Police Force. It's an elite group of criminologists, known simply as 'The Hawks.' When Cupido asks, "Why are we being tasked with something like this?" The answer is succinct: "Because we are the best . . ." The Hawks are also the least corrupted, or 'captured' as the ones on the take are called. That's important. Because the cold case murder of a private detective named Johnson Johnson on The Rovos the world's most luxurious train, as it journeys from Cape Town to Pretoria is just the beginning of what turns out to be a deep dive into murder, political intrigue and the awakening of an entire nation to the notion that the ideals which sparked a revolution and set them free from apartheid has been hijacked and sold out for greed.

At the same time that Griessel, Vaughan and the Hawks are trying to sort out the Johnson Johnson murder, a fifty-five year old South African man named Daniel Darret is living quietly in Bordeaux, France. He's working as a humble tradesman, apprenticing to a master antique restorer, trying to leave the revolutionary life he once led behind, and live out his days in quiet peace. Then, out of the blue, a comrade from Daniel's old life reappears and begs him to do one last job, using his special skill set to strike back at a corrupt regime.

Daniel Darret's decision and his actions will then collide with Benny Griessel and Vaughan Cupido's murder investigation and leads to a stunning, electrifying and shattering conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for their next breath!

Deon Myer's works have been translated into twenty-seven languages, several TV and movie dramas, and a truckload of literary awards. He's an author other writers envy and wish they could be like when they grow up . . . an added bonus, our interview with him is attached. We hope you enjoy it!

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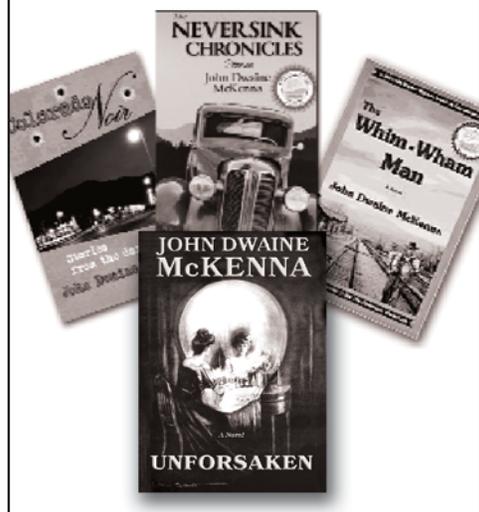
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Interview With The Author

Deon Meyer

by John Dwaine McKenna

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We're proud-and honored-to be able to present our interview with internationally known and best-selling South African author Deon Meyer, whose new-est novel *The Last Hunt* has just been released to wide acclaim. Thank you for taking time to share your expertise with us. And without further ado, let's get right to it. Our first questions is:

Why do you write?

Because it is the only thing I'm any good at. Because it got three kids through university. Because the main objective is to entertain people, bring them pleasure and

escape. That gives me immense satisfaction. Because it is such a stress-free way to make a living - I work for myself, determine my own hours, travel to work in just in 27 seconds every day. Because I can't blame anybody else if the end product is bad. Because it gives me rare, brief moments of intense gratification when the writing just flows, when the words and sentences and paragraphs conspire to make magic.

Where do you write?

I write at home, in a room with heavy shutters, and just one soft light - enough to illuminate the dictionary. No music. No distractions.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

No. But they all come from inside my head, so they all might have little bits of me and my history, my experience, my philosophy, my frame of reference.

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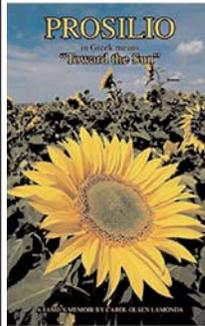
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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has



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The Olive Jar By Carol Olsen LaMonda Tales of Brooklyn

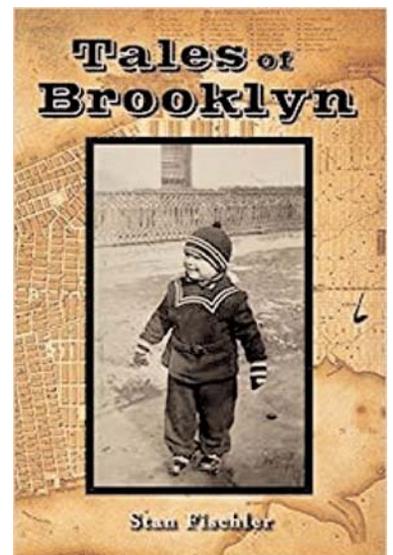


My friend Stan Fischler just published a book entitled TALES OF BROOKLYN which will be available on Amazon in December. I feel deeply connected to Stan and this compilation of tales of growing up in simpler times in a Brooklyn from 1935 until 1951. It was in one of these tales about a chocolate egg creme that started an email friendship.

Stan and Shirley Fischler had homes in the city and West Shokan. We shared times at the Pete Tosi Memorial Pool, but it was through writing that we connected. Stan wrote a syndicated column on hockey that was also published for years in the *Daily Freeman*. I never read it. However, his wife Shirley wrote a hometown, folksy column in the same paper; I loved it. When she died in 2014, I wrote a column calling her a "dear friend I never met." I felt I knew her through her shared life events. A friend of mine, Nancy Schuckman, forwarded the column to Stan and he became added to my blog list. We have been emailing back and forth, I in Shokan and Stan living in Israel.

As is always the case, when one gets to know someone better, one finds connections. A recipe for an egg creme led to schools that had numbers (P.S.30), not names, the Brooklyn Dodgers, and places in common in early Brooklyn and Staten Island.

Each chapter in this memoir was a distinct chapter in Stan's life, and he assures me that there are a few about the Catskills as well. I invite you to meet Stan the man, not just the Hockey guru, as I did...through his writing.





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Interview With The Author Deon Meyer

by John Dwaine McKenna
(From Pg. 5)
When do you write?

I write from about six in the morning. During the first half of a novel, I am exhausted by lunchtime, and stop writing. During last third, I will often write for fourteen to sixteen hours, because I can't stop.

Who's your favorite author?

The late, great Ed McBain.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

If you mean plot-outline as in writing down a summary of the plot before I start the book, or using index cards or spread sheets, then no, I don't plot-outline. But I do plan the story in my head. Not in great detail, but enough to know where I want to start, where I'm heading (although the final destination may change in the writing process), and definitely what I want to do with the next couple of chapters.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

Read. Read constantly. Read a lot. Read the best. Read in the genre you want to write. Reading is learning to write by osmosis. Reading is learning what the book trade (publishers, bookshops, readers) want, and learning how to tell a story.

Thank you once again, for sharing your time and insights so graciously. It's been a pleasure . . . and please let us know when your next one's ready, we're all looking forward to Griessel, Cupido and Darrett's next encounter . . .





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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

Grand Reopening at the Catskills Visitor Center



The Catskills Visitor Center has been renovated with all new exhibits highlighting the ecological and cultural offerings of the Catskills region. A centerpiece of the new design is a moving mural about the history of the Catskills painted by artist Lauren Sansariq.

The newly renovated Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) was featured in the October "A Time and A Place" magazine (p.7) with the CVC's Kelli Huggins on the record. And our Andy Mossey is oft-quoted in an *Albany Times Union* article on hiking safety during hunting season. Go to:

https://www.atimeandaplacemagazine.com/read-attap-online?mc_cid=94476bf6dd&mc_eid=741885eb1c

Masks are required in the building regardless of vaccination status. Starting November 1, the Catskills Visitor Center will be open everyday except Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thompson Presents \$5000 to Monti Seniors



(Monticello) The Town of Thompson presented a check for \$5000 to the Monticello Seniors at their meeting on October 28th. Town Supervisor Bill Rieber said, "This check represents a one thousand dollar increase in the annual stipend." Pictured from the left are: Supervisor Bill Rieber, Monticello Seniors President Art Rosensweig, Treasurer Joann Moulton, Town Councilmember Melinda Meddaugh and Town Clerk Marilee Calhoun. The Monticello Seniors has over 65 members.

Whether You Take a Hike in the Catskills, Go Fishing or Sightseeing – There is Always Plenty to Do in the Catskills

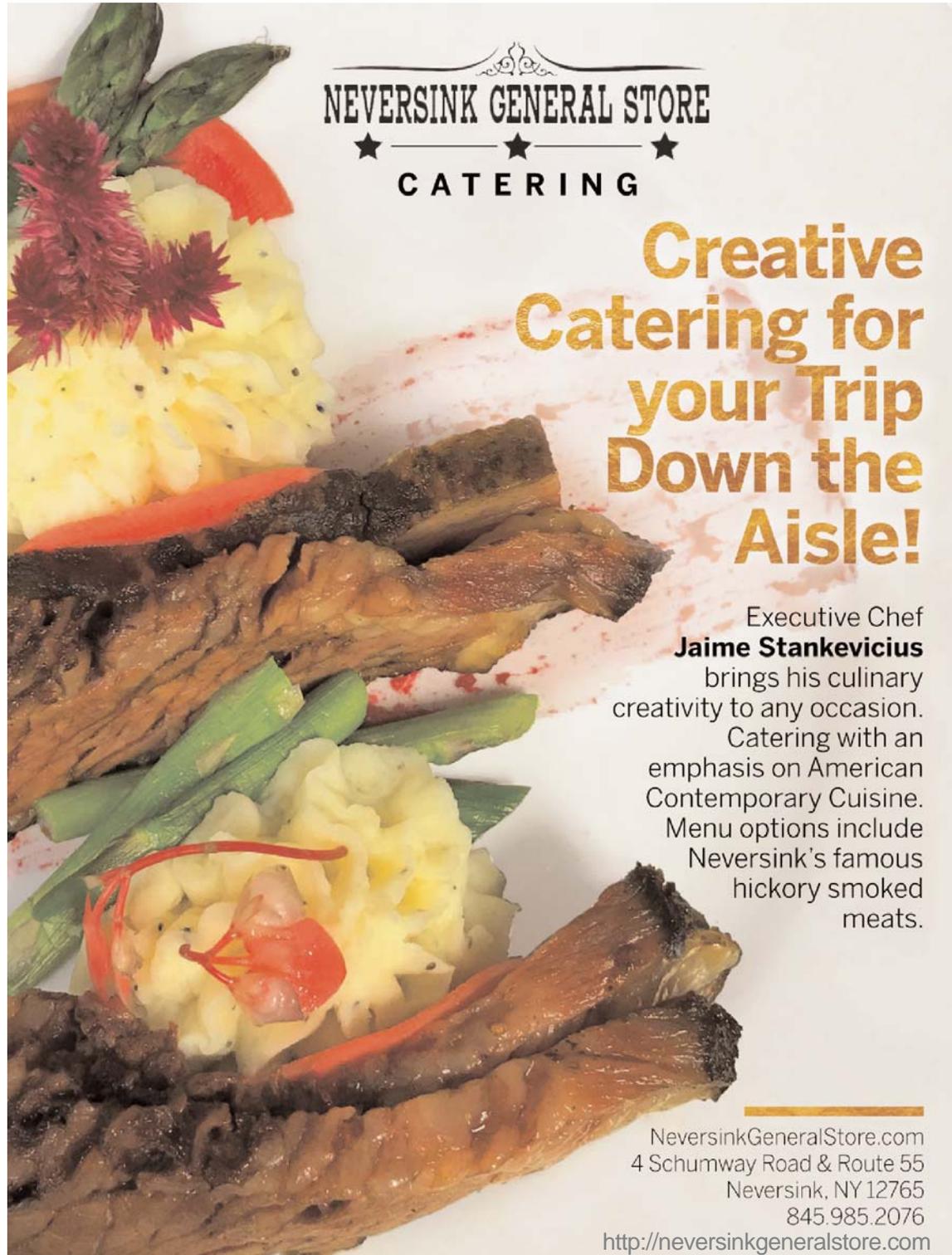
For centuries visitors have been spellbound by the beauty of our legendary Sullivan Catskills. There's no better time than an autumn weekend to come visit. We promise you'll be enchanted. There's plenty more to explore on land or water. There's nothing quite like a hike on our fine collection of trails. New York State has extended the trout season. So, cast a lure in our streams during catch and release season through March 31. Our Dove Trail has expanded with new hand-painted sculptures in Kauneonga Lake, Liberty, Grahamsville, White Sulphur Springs, Callicoon Center, Fosterdale, Eldred, and Youngsville. And the Craft Beverage Trail is always a thirst-quenching hit. Not to be outdone, our Catskill-icious food scene is sure to satisfy your appetite. Let our chefs and bakers refuel you with everything from fried chicken and donuts to roasted branzino and butternut squash ravioli. Shoppers, you're in luck, too. Our talented makers and proprietors love to share their wares.

PLAN AHEAD:

The Event Gallery at Bethel Woods features Amy Helm, November 5; Jimmy Webb, November 12 and Iron and Wine, November 13. Visit their website for concert updates.

On November 20, the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market holds an Outdoor Thanksgiving Market.

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This timely new play is the inaugural production at SHADOWLAND's new black box theatre, The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, located at 14 Market Street (at Center Street) in Ellenville, NY.

Performances continue Thursdays - Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm through November 7th.

Ticket Prices: \$34 - \$42. Visit ShadowlandStages.org (or click the link below) to get your tickets now! Seating is more limited at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! Go to:

https://shadowlandstages.org/2021-season-2/the-niceties/?mc_cid=43663e0316&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

I'm writing this on Halloween, which seems fitting, since I see what I'm writing about is spooky...both good and questionable.

The really really good first:

You may recall a few weeks ago my hearing about a group called THE MIDNIGHT CALLERS from my good friend RILEY. Even though I had not even had a whiff of them prior, I have enough respect for my friend as a media guy, a musician and a performer to take his recommendation seriously enough to put the date of October 30st on my calendar.

live. Their music and performance does not lose any of the intensity or integrity of their recording but adds a general air of good old fun! They have fun playing together and they have fun playing their music and that, dear readers, is infectious.

CHRIS PAINE (vocals and rhythm guitar), MARTIN STUBBS (vocals and lead guitar), JULIAN BUDRINO (vocals and drums) and MARLEY MYRIANTHOPOULOS (vocals and bass) comprise one strong, cohesive group with all four involved in vocals which is really difficult to do. So much about this band was a breath of fresh air/pleasantly surprising to me. The grace and ease of their interactions on stage with each other while never losing the driving beat of what they were playing. The professionalism and crispness of how each played their instruments in concert with one another.

In between songs from RED LETTER GLOW and teasers



So, Saturday, I took myself out to the Double Top Bar and Grille in THE RESORTS WORLD CASINO just outside Monticello to see for myself. I didn't go out cold though. I had listened to some cuts from their first album on JEM RECORDS titled RED LETTER GLOW. The title was intriguing to me. Having lived in New York City for a decade, I couldn't help but smile. Yes, they hail from that great city.

I had heard about a song on there called 41 MILES TO ROSCOE and as I listened to it, I'm thinking "My God! This is an anthem of hope to all small town girls wanting more than what they see around them." But beyond the lyrics (yes, I'm a lyrics person at heart), the music itself was compelling. It was a hard driving Rock and Roll that was alive and well before the Disco Era in the music revolution, but in an updated modern version. It also brought me back to that dirty, gritty 1980's New York that I loved so much. When I was booking and going out to see music very much like this. So, I listened to another random choice from this record. Yes, that drive was still there.

Well guess what. THE MIDNIGHT CALLERS not only delivered the sound live BUT are honestly, in my opinion, BETTER

from their upcoming second release, they breathed new life into greats like IT WON'T BE LONG and DIZZY MISS LIZZY from the Beatles and DEAD FLOWERS from the ROLLING STONES and USE ME by BILL WITHERS, interspersed with the more contemporary covers like PUMP IT UP by ELVIS COSTELLO and TOM PETTY'S YOU WRECK ME. There was no wondering why just 'sitting' wasn't possible and the dance floor just kept filling up?

If this band comes around again, and I truly hope they do, I strongly suggest you go see them before shelling out the big bucks to see them at a major venue becomes a reality. And don't come crying to me if you don't.

Stay well, stay safe, and mask up! And go see some live music before we can't get out of our driveways!

Until next time.....

PS: The \$20 slot donation I had planned to make remains firmly in my pocket, as I forgot all about it. A really good band can do that!

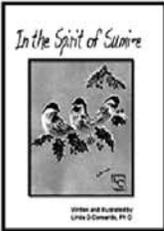


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Porcupine Rescued in Sullivan County

On Oct. 12, ECO Eyler received reports of a sick and injured porcupine in a resident's backyard. When the ECO arrived, he noticed the animal was alive but barely able to move. With the assistance of an animal rehabilitator from the Trevor Zoo in Millbrook, Officer Eyler carefully lifted the female porcupine into a container before transporting it to the zoo. The porcupine will remain at the facility until its release back into the wild.



Officer Eyler, wearing protective gloves, handling an injured female porcupine at Trevor Zoo

ECO Meth-Dump Detail

On Oct. 13, ECO Lifrieri joined other law enforcement agencies in a methamphetamine (meth)-dump detail across several counties.

Illegal meth-making materials unlawfully dumped outdoors can pose a tremendous risk to the public, wildlife, and the environment. Unsuspecting individuals or animals that come across the material can be severely injured or even killed.

The detail focused on Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties and Officers also checked Seneca and Tioga counties. Involved law enforcement agencies included DEC ECOs, Forest Rangers, and Investigators, New York State Police, New York State Park Police, Chemung County Sheriff's Office, Elmira Heights Police Department, Horseheads Police Department, and the West Elmira Police Department.

During the detail, Officers located material at the Coon Hollow State Forest in Schuyler County, including a hydrogen chloride (HCl) gas generator, which is used as a reactionary chamber to produce HCl.

A State Police hazmat team safely removed the materials. The investigation is ongoing.

NYS Birding Trail Launched

Commissioner Basil Seggos and several partners standing at the new NYSBT sign overlooking a wildlife viewing platform DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos announced the launch



of the new NYS Birding Trail to highlight world-class birding opportunities across the state. Birding or birdwatching is one of the fastest-growing recreation and tourism activities and requires little to no experience or equipment to get started.



The New York State Birding Trail provides information on places anyone can go to find birds amid beautiful natural settings across the state. The trail is not a physically connected or built trail but a network of promoted birding locations that can be accessed by car or public transportation and provides an inclusive experience for all.

New York City is the first region to be announced, with future announcements expected over the next year. Thank you to our partners NYC Parks, NYS Parks, and National Park Service

2021 Youth Pheasant Hunts - Multiple Counties

This fall, a series of youth hunts across New York State gave aspiring hunters the chance to get hands-on experience in the field. On Oct. 10, ECOs assisted with a youth pheasant hunt hosted by Pheasants on the Flats in Batavia. This hunt gave youth hunters the opportunity to be afield with experienced hunters and dog handlers. ECOs educated participants about upland game bird hunting tactics and safe firearm handling. Each of the young hunters successfully harvested at least one pheasant.

In Jefferson County, ECOs hosted the 12th annual Youth Waterfowl and Pheasant Hunt. This was the first year that hunters ages 12 to 15 could hunt for both waterfowl and pheasant. Before heading out, youth practiced the rules and regulations of hunting, calls and calling, waterfowl identification, and work-

ing with a dog for pheasant hunting. Each of the youth hunters successfully took their daily limit of two pheasants. The hunt was hosted by the Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club and made possible by donations from the New York Conservation Officers Association, as well as the local chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation.

In Lewis County, ECOs Kraeger and Jarecki assisted at the 15th anniversary of the Pat Arnold Youth Pheasant Hunt. Nine youth hunters ages 12 to 15 participated in the hunt and all were successful in harvesting their daily limit of two birds. ECOs assisted with skeet shooting, shared safe firearm handling techniques, and accompanied the youth on their hunts.



Youth hunters and ECOs pose with their hunting prizes Successful youth hunters in Genesee County

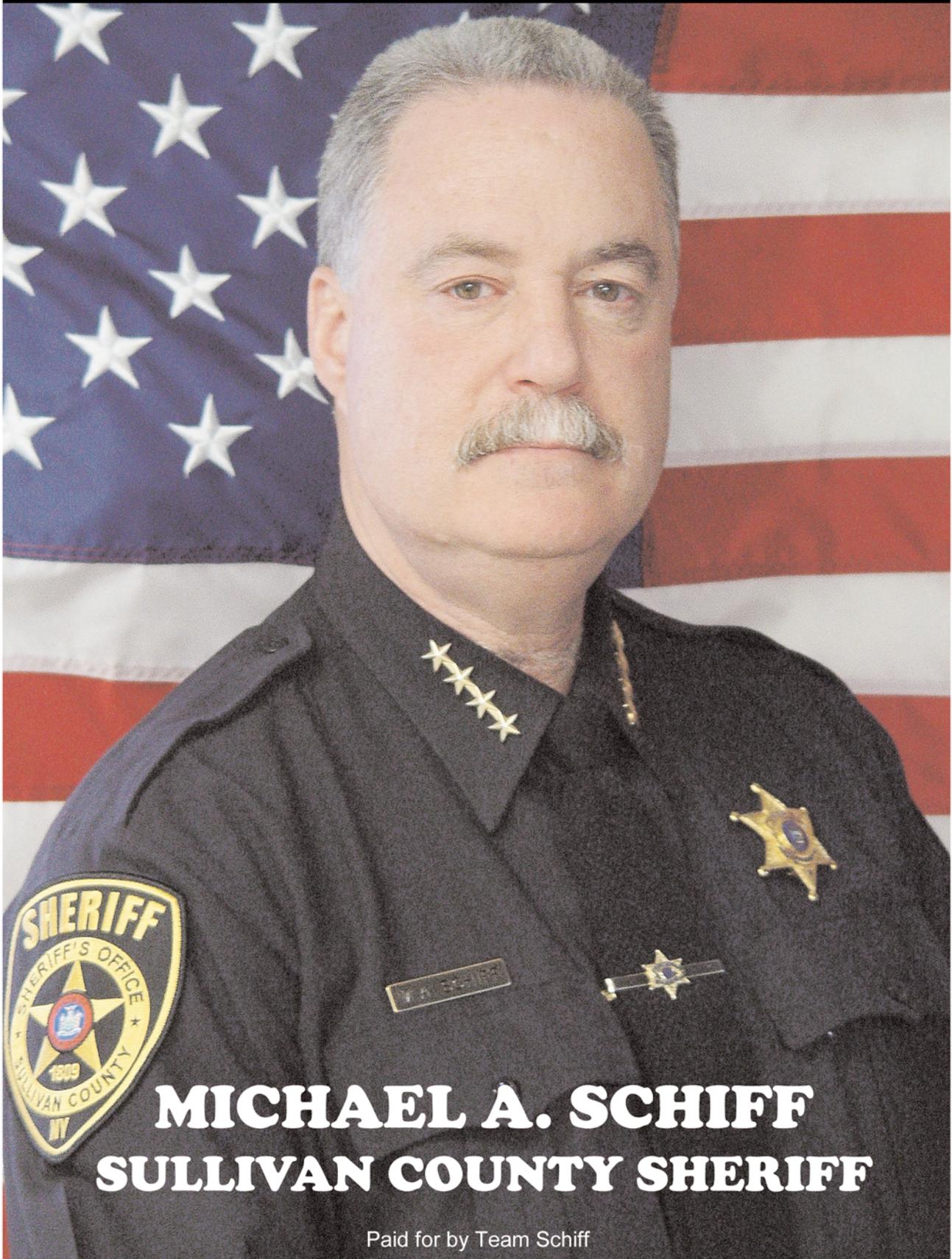


Youth hunter and ECOs post for photo in front of ECO Truck Jefferson County Youth Waterfowl and Pheasant Hunt



Pat Arnold Youth Pheasant Hunt participants

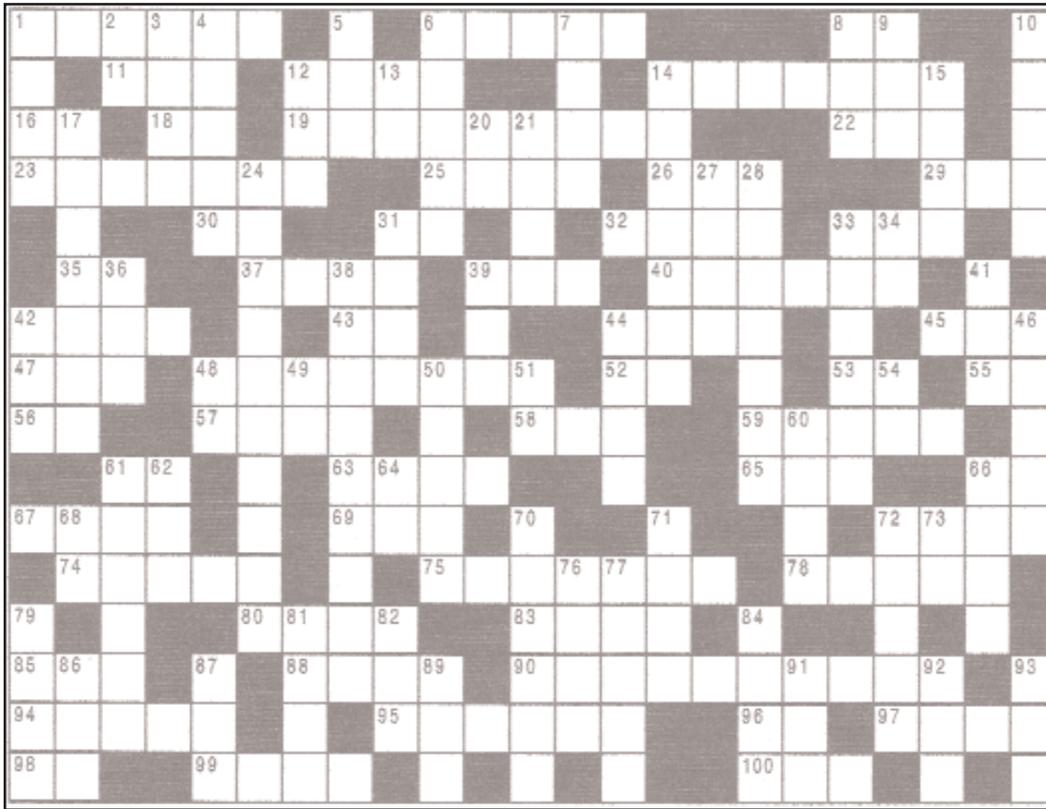
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11-11-11 - Remember our Veterans! - Linda G. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 President who proclaimed the 1st Armistice Day
- 6 Armistice
- 8 Battalion Commander
- 11 Knock
- 12 Erode
- 14 Triumph
- 16 Exclamation
- 18 A thing in general
- 19 Truce
- 22 Yes; Archaic explanation
- 23 Warrior
- 25 Let go of
- 26 Upper
- 29 Expression of human creative imagination
- 30 Roman
- 31 You and I
- 32 Champion
- 33 Polite way of addressing a man
- 35 Contraction for I am
- 37 Chronicle
- 39 Abdominal muscles
- 40 Allocation
- 42 Concept
- 43 Railroad
- 44 Corona
- 45 Small round spot
- 47 Took a seat
- 48 Foot soldiers
- 52 Form of the indefinite article 'a'
- 53 Printer's measure
- 55 Doctor of Humanities
- 56 Belonging to the speaker
- 57 Gunfire
- 58 Hearing organ
- 59 Equipped with weapons
- 61 Foot
- 63 Image
- 65 Metal canister
- 66 Santa's laugh
- 67 Frozen water vapor
- 69 Also
- 72 Radiate
- 74 Coura-

geous

- 75 Public pro-cessions
- 78 Dart
- 80 Drove
- 83 In the midst of
- 85 Frozen water
- 88 Ding
- 90 Treaty that formally ended WWI
- 94 Transceiv-er
- 95 Inaudible
- 96 Mother
- 97 Massacre
- 98 Pound
- 99 Vocal sound
- 100 16th President of the USA

DOWN

- 1 Who is (contraction)
- 2 Lieutenant
- 3 Uttered words
- 4 Relating to the eye
- 5 That girl
- 6 Self-respect
- 7 Fastener

- 8 Constrictor snake
- 9 Shed tears
- 10 Celebration
- 12 Armed conflict
- 13 Exist
- 14 Well-trained
- 15 365 days
- 17 Day of Observance
- 20 Senior (abbrev)
- 21 Mausoleum
- 24 U.S. President who changed Armistice Day to Veteran's Day
- 27 By word of mouth
- 28 River that runs through Washington D.C.
- 31 Alert
- 33 Somber
- 34 Surrounded by
- 36 Made an acquaintance

- 38 Grateful-ness
- 39 Ventilate
- 41 Linear measure of land
- 42 Distinctive philosophical ideology
- 44 Rabbit
- 46 Toss
- 48 To be
- 49 Foreign Officer
- 50 Infantry
- 51 Archaic form of thou
- 54 Maine
- 60 Essence, particular characteristic quality of music or drama
- 61 Imposed
- 62 Old air-line company
- 64 Commanding Officer
- 66 Wail
- 68 Niobian (Chem)
- 70 Burial places
- 71 Marries
- 72 Native of

- Greece
- 73 Archaic exclamation
- 76 So be it!
- 77 Grimy
- 79 Female child
- 81 Scandinavian mythological god of victory and

- the dead
- 82 Ensign (abbrev)
- 84 WWII site of Japanese Airbase, Iwo
- 86 Hack
- 87 Short substitute
- for a negative clause
- 89 Apex
- 91 Laboratory
- 92 Take a seat
- 93 No longer young

Venison Sauerbraten

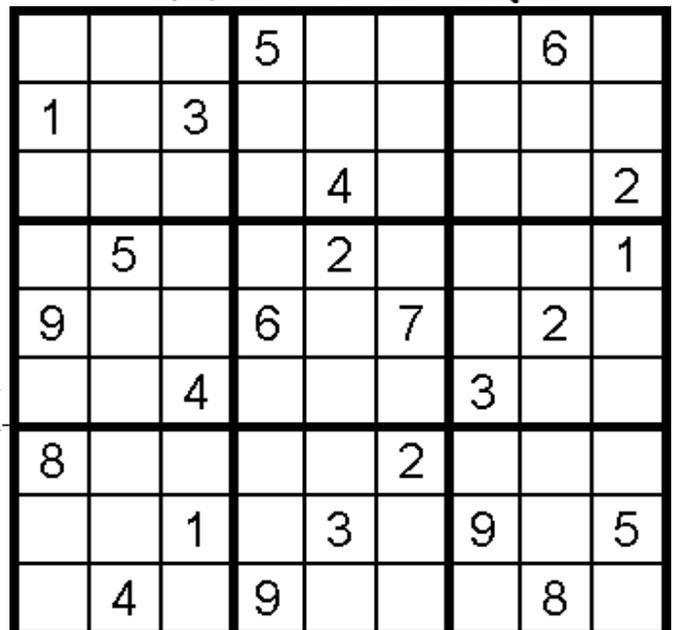
- 4 lbs venison
- 2 c vinegar
- 2 c water
- 1 c sliced onion
- 4 bay leaves
- 3 tsp salt
- 2 tsp peppercorns
- 1/2 c sugar
- 1/4 c oil or fat
- 1/2 c crushed gingersnap

Place meat in an earthen dish or crock. Combine vinegar, water, onion, bay leaves, salt, peppercorns and sugar in a small saucepan; heat to boil. Pour hot mixture over the meat. Cover and store in the refrigerator for at least 3 days and not more than 10. Turn the meat once a day.

Melt the fat in Dutch oven. Add meat and brown well on all sides. Keep the heat down and watch it in the browning process as it tends to burn easily.

Add marinade liquid. Cover tightly and cook over low heat until tender, about 45-50 minutes per pound. Thicken the stock with gingersnaps and serve over the meat. Serve with noodles or potato dumplings.

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Veteran's Day Cryptogram

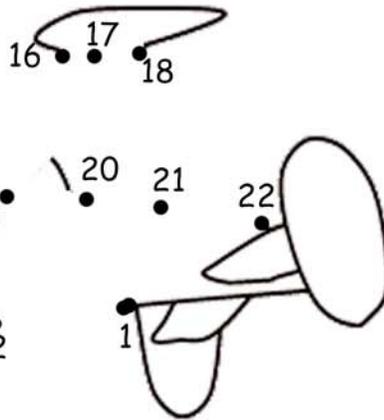
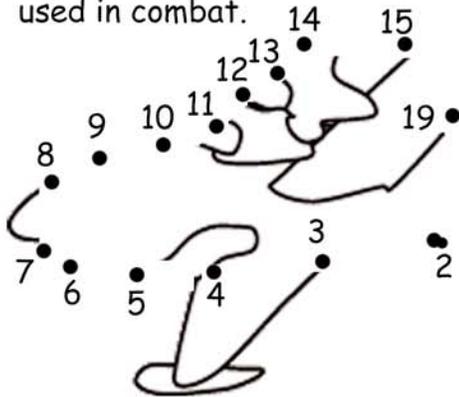
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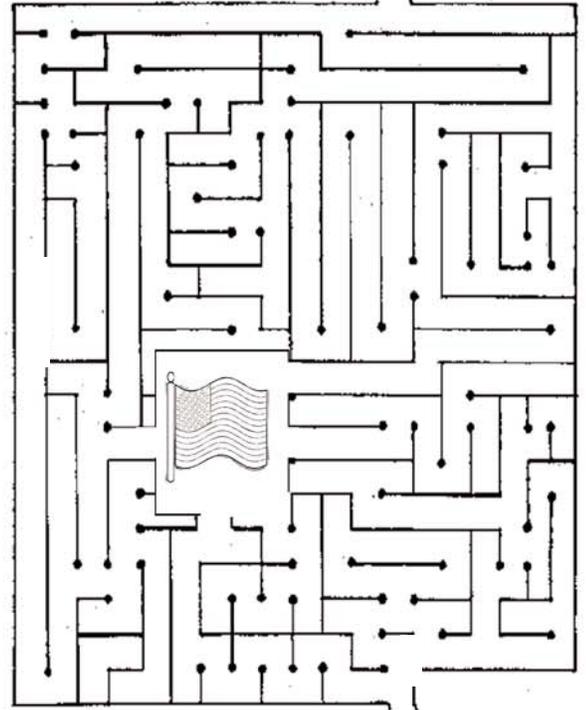
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- General George S. Patton

Follow the dots to see something that could have been used in combat.



This veteran is on the way to the Parade. Help him through the maze to where his buddy is waiting. He must be sure he picks up the flag as he passes through the maze.



Kids' Autumn Fun Page
- L. Comando

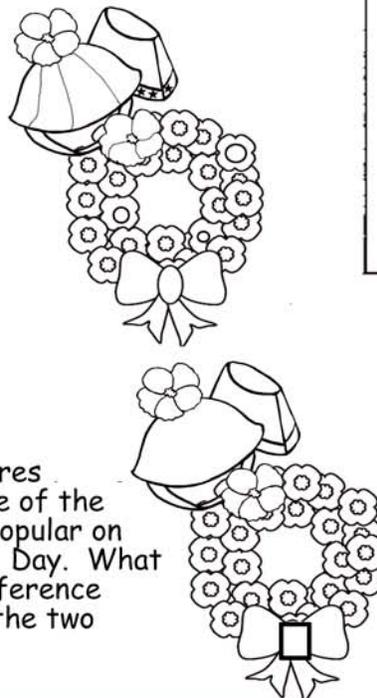
VETERANS' DAY WORDSEARCH

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VETERANS

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POW
PEACE
VICTORY

The pictures show some of the symbols popular on Veterans' Day. What is the difference between the two pictures?



How many words can you make from the words
VETERANS' DAY?

Cryptogram key

Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A
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Frost Valley YMCA Announces Wilderness First Responder Certification Course December 28th - January 3rd



Frost Valley YMCA will host its Wilderness First Responder Course December 28, 2021 - January 3, 2022 at its East Valley Ranch in Claryville, New York.

CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA will once again host the Wilderness First Responder Certification Course (by Wilderness Medical Associates). This extensive course will be held at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch in Claryville, NY December 28, 2021 - January 3, 2022, with an option to arrive on December 27th at no additional charge. The registration fee includes the course, as well as lodging and meals.

The Wilderness First Responder certification is the premier training for outdoor educators, wilderness guides, professional search and rescue teams, troop leaders, or for those who like exploring the great outdoors!

Participants will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and practical curriculum. The course includes the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary. This is the most current and cutting-edge course of any first-response medical training in the world!

Frost Valley YMCA is following all NY State COVID-19 guidelines. The course will run at a limited capacity, be held primarily outside and masks and tem-

perature checks will be required. For more information or to register please contact kburns@frostvalley.org or call 845-985-2291 ext. 226.

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family weekends, school trips, team building, and more. Frost Valley, a not-for-profit organization chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

DEC Wilderness Rescues

On Oct. 19 at 11:55 a.m., while hiking with a group of 12 to Huckleberry Point, a 64-year-old from Woodside fell on a steep section of trail, injuring their lower left leg. Using hiking poles, the hiker tried to walk out on her own, but was unable to make it. The hiker's companions then called 911. Forest Ranger Dawson responded to the location and requested three additional Rangers to assist with a possible carry-out. Ranger Dawson drove about a mile in and hiked another mile to the injured hiker's location. After Ranger Dawson splinted her leg, the hiker tried to use crutches, but was unsuccessful, so an improvised carry was used to help her up the steep section of trail. Rangers Gullen, Petit, and Mitchell then brought in a wheeled litter and the hiker was packaged for carry-out. The Rangers brought the hiker to the Huckleberry Trail and Long Path juncture, where she was transferred out of the litter to a Ranger truck. From there, the hiker was driven out to the trailhead. She declined further medical care and resources were clear at 5 p.m.

On Oct. 23, a Scout group from Nesconset went for a hike to North Point. At approximately 4 p.m., one of the Scout lead-

ers fell on a rocky section of the Mary's Glen trail, causing a leg injury. The group called Central Dispatch requesting Forest Ranger assistance. Forest Rangers Dawson and Slade responded with Assistant Forest Ranger France. Ranger Dawson hiked in with one of the Scouts and located the 51-year-old hiker approximately 0.8 miles from the trailhead. After splinting the injured leg and treating other minor injuries, Ranger Dawson provided crutches and helped the hiker out of the woods at 7:45 p.m. The subject declined further medical care.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE-
PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW, SECTION 108; §5-11
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET;**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board and Town Business meeting on Tuesday, November 9th, 2021, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE of the proposed salaries for the following Town Officers, specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$ 17,000.00
Councilman	1,500.00
Supt. Of Highways	53,074.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	31,110.00
Town Justice	8,160.00

**By Order of the Town Board
Town of Denning
Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk**

October 14th, 2021

Legislation (S.784-B/A.471) Increases Penalties Against Motorists and Repair Shops that Illegally Modify Mufflers and Exhaust Systems to Make Them Excessively Noisy for Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation that increases penalties against motorists and repair shops that illegally modify mufflers and exhaust systems to make them excessively noisy - an act associated with aggressive driving that harms community health, safety and comfort. This bill amends vehicle and traffic law, increasing fines and penalties and creating stricter regulations on vehicle equipment. Maximum fines for installing illegal equipment will be raised to \$1,000, an \$850 increase. Inspection stations will also be required to inspect motorcycles to ensure mufflers and exhausts have not been illegally modified.

"Every New Yorker deserves to feel safe and comfortable in their community, and that includes cracking down on excessively noisy vehicles on our streets," Governor Hochul said. "This legislation deters drivers from installing illegal vehicle equipment that results in dangerous noise levels that can contribute to hearing loss and increased emissions."

With an increasing number of drivers making muffler and exhaust system modifications that increase noise and pollution levels, this legislation will protect both public health and the environment. This legislation not only creates a deterrent for vehicle owners to make these modifications with the newly increased fines, but it also deters repair shop owners from making these modifications. If repair shop owners willfully violate this legislation and install illegal vehicle equipment three times within 18 months, they risk losing their certificate of inspection stations and operating certificate. These measures will help prevent dangerous noise levels that can damage bystanders' hearing, as well as decrease harmful emissions being released.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

- Thursday,
November 4, 2021,
Regular Meeting #9

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

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

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

Fallsburg CSD Board of Education November Meetings

**November 3, 2021
November 17, 2021**



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

What an incredible Trunk or Treat we had on Saturday October 30th. I must send a BIG thank you to all the trunks that helped to make this a fun filled day. And thank you to all the emergency crews that showed up with their rigs - the Grahamsville EMT & Fire Dept, the Neversink EMT, the Claryville Fire Dept, the DEP and the Fallsburg Police Dept. The kids not only loved the candy but they are always in awe of your "machines", so it was a double treat for them. The Claryville Fire Department out did themselves with the wonderful chicken soup. It hit the spot on this cold, damp day and everyone, young and old, enjoyed it! Our Tri-Valley "stuff the bus" did great-thank you Rolling V for loaning us the bus. And I cannot go without thanking the Parks & Rec Team who once again gave their all to make this a fun filled day for everyone. Most of all our kids had a great time and got lots and lots of candy!!! That's what Halloween is all about. Check out the pictures on the next 2 pages of the *Townsmen* and you'll see what I mean.



Baby BLUE the dog



Our Parks & Rec kids holding down the fort

Our Trick or Treaters are arriving



Check out our cool Minions



Cat in the Hat



Dana and Cher



Happy Halloween!



Here comes the Calvary!



A cute little witch



ll pretty in pink



I'm ready for candy, how about you?



Mary Poppins and friends



Lil' Red Riding Hood and her Big Bad Wolf

Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Incredible Trunk or Treat 2022



Moo Cow Girl



Neversink EMTs was ready for the Trick or Treaters



One of the fierce Godzillas!



Soups On - Hot soup was provided by the Claryville Fired Department



Our Grahamsville Fire Department



Our Blue Fighter



The big Godsizzas



One of the beautiful Princesses



Parks & Rec Camping Trunk

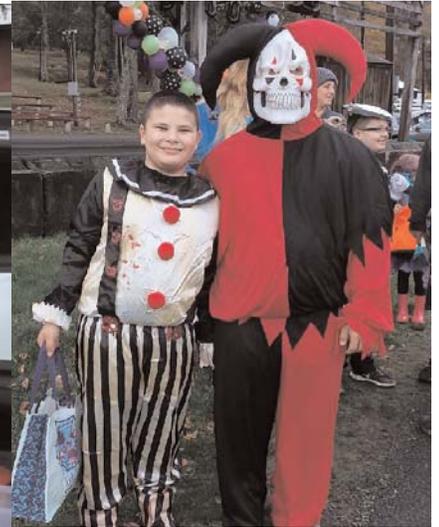
Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Incredible Trunk or Treat 2022



Poppin' Dough Boy



The cutest little puppy ends



Clown and Friend



Setting up



The little tiger dog got into the spirit



MTessa TRunk



Walt and Dana

(from Pg. 20) I apologize to everyone that we had to cancel our movie night. Mother Nature was not being kind to us at all, and it was just not a good night for an outdoor movie. Cold, wet and some wind. It also was not a good night for outdoor movie equipment! So I promise next year we will have lots of movie nights that be fun for the entire family.

Keep reading your *Townsmen* as you will see updates in the upcoming weeks on our Community Ice Rink opening and our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event. And as always, any questions reach out to me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Take care everyone. Be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy.
Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)



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**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
 Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 3:00 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
 Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
 (845) 434-7643

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

**Last
Thrift Sale
of the Season
November 6
from 9am
to 12 noon**



**Grahamsville & Sundown
United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening
Bible Study Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service &
 Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
 Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
 If you are interested in joining the Bible Study,
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 Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

*The Church with
a friendly welcome*

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 P O Box 238 - Route 55
 Grahamsville, NY 12740
 845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed
Church**

Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041

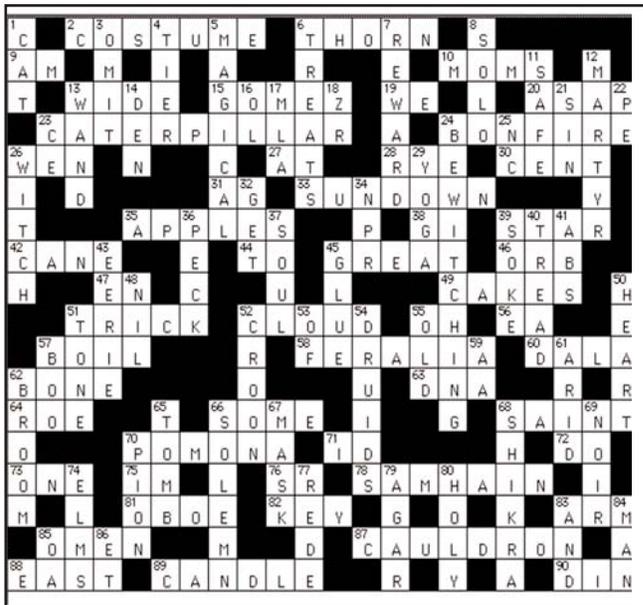
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 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Last Thrift Sale of the Season

The GUMC will have the final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th from 9-12. 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.

Call for Submissions: Art in Sixes 17th Annual Small Works Exhibition

Narrowsburg, NY (October 20, 2021) - The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is calling for entries for our 17th annual "Art in Sixes" small works exhibition (November 20 - December 23, 2021) at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Traditionally, this exhibit features over 500 small-scale artworks by more than 175 local and regional artists.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- o Artwork can be no larger than 6 inches in any direction (not including frame or base).
- o All artwork will be juried from actual artwork - not all work will be accepted.
- o Each artist may submit up to four (4) works.
- o All media will be considered.
- o Artwork must be ready to hang and professionally presented.
- o If framed, plain black, white or neutral frames are suggested and no bigger than 10".
- o Gallery shelves are available for small sculptures.

- o All artwork must be for sale - prices can start no lower than \$60.
- o Work previously exhibited at DVAA is not eligible.
- o All artwork must be original (no digital print reproductions of original works).
- o Each artist must completely fill out the entry submission form and art labels forms (which can be downloaded from delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) and bring them with the artwork when dropped off. *Please complete all paperwork prior to dropping off your submission.

SUBMISSION DATES - Artists may drop off work at 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, NY on the following days between 11am - 4pm: Oct. 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, & Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7. The last drop off day is Sunday, Nov. 7 till 4pm.

NOTE on visiting the gallery: due to COVID, there will be a restricted opening event. Details to come. Visitors may enter galleries with masks and as social distancing allows. Please contact DVAA for more details at 845-252-7576.

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 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.
 Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 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., Hurlayville, NY.
 For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/2/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **ELECTION DAY**
 11/2//21 Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
 11/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board 7 pm - App. Submission Date 10/20/21
 11/6/21 Grahamsville UMC Last **THRIFT SALE** of the Season! 9 am - 12 noon
 11/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board & Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm
(Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
 11/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
 11/11/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **VETERAN'S DAY**
 11/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- App. Submission Date - 11/2/2021
 11/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm

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 For November 1 - November 5, 2021

Monday, November 1

- o 5:00 PM - Public Health & Social Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 856 6630 8011, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Health & Social Services Committee) - Energy & Environment Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 859 4320 9517, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, November 2

- o No Meetings - **Election Day:** Polls are open from 6 AM - 9 PM. For more information visit: www.VoteUlster.com

Wednesday, November 3

- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 10:00 AM (or immediately following UC IDA Audit Comm) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 10:30 AM (or immediately following the UC CRC Audit Comm) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 11:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA Governance Comm) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 4:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 867 9472 1629, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and People with Developmental Disabilities Subcommittees, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 882 7979 8937, By Phone (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee) - Public Works & Capital Projects Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID 827 3001 1608, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273, Passcode: 834223, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656,

Thursday, November 4

- o 5:30 PM - Special Informational Meeting of the Legislature: Proposed 2022 Budget and Proposed 2022-2027 Capital Program, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 860 1978 4710, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Human Rights Commission, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 301 339 6875, By Phone Dial (929) 205-6099

Friday, November 5

- o No Meetings

**Next book club
meeting:**

**November 5, 2021
Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
Place: Daniel Pierce
Library**

**Grahamsville, N.Y.
Book Discussion:
Little Women, by
Louisa May Alcott**

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME!**

**Refreshments are
provided by
its members.**

Statement from Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan on the Goods Incident Indictment

“Today's grand jury decision is a major step towards justice for Monica, her family, and our entire community. While nothing will be able to bring her back, the grand jury's decision to charge State Trooper Christopher Baldwin for his involvement in the death of Monica Goods, and for two other incidents, is a critical first step in finally bringing justice to her and her family. I want to thank Governor Kathy Hochul and Attorney General Tish James for handling this case with the care and professionalism that it deserves and I also want to recognize the many residents who have rallied and demanded justice for Monica.”

NYS Trooper Charged with Murder of 11 Year Old Monica Goods

Attorney General Letitia James announced Wednesday, Christopher Baldner is accused of ramming a car with four members of the Goods family inside, flipping the car and killing Monica while on duty in December 2020. The attorney general's office said Baldner was in his police car when he stopped Tristan Goods for speeding in Ulster County just before midnight on December 22. He was going

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to visit family for Christmas and had his wife and two daughters, who are 11 and 12 years old, in the car with him. During the stop, Baldner administered pepper spray into the Goods' car and Tristan Goods sped off, the indictment said.

The trooper followed the family's car, ramming into the back of their car twice before Goods' vehicle flipped multiple times. Monica Goods was ejected from the car and died, the attorney general said.

Christopher Baldner allegedly rammed into a vehicle that had fled a traffic stop, causing it to flip over, killing young Monica Goods, Attorney General Letitia James wrote in a Wednesday press release.

Baldner had pulled over the girl's father, Tristan Goods, for speeding in Ulster County on the night of Dec. 22, 2020.

At some point during the traffic stop, Baldner deployed pepper spray in the car. Tristan, his wife Monica, and the girl's 12-year-old sister were also in the car.

Tristan then sped away and Baldner pursued the scofflaw with a vengeance - twice ramming his patrol car into the back of the Goods' vehicle at a high rate of speed, according to the state's top prosecutor.

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The second impact cause the car to flip over several times and ejected Monica, killing her, James alleged.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce
Annual Meeting and Sullivan Pride of Community Awards

NOVEMBER 10, 2021 / 5:30pm
At The Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center

The 2021 annual meeting will celebrate its 47th year
and honor the Sullivan Pride of Community Award Winners

BACK TO THE FUTURE...

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Sullivan Pride of Community Awards, highlights the success of the past year, looks ahead to the next year, and presents awards to some very deserving businesses and outstanding individuals in our community.

Business and Individual Awards

Your Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the diversity, creativity and ingenuity of the local Sullivan County community through the annual Sullivan Pride of Community awards now in its 30th year.

Business of the Year: JACOBOWITZ AND GUBITS, LLP

Distinguished Achievement Award: FRANKLIN TRAPP

Distinguished Service Award(s): DAWN CIORCIARI & MARIE SMITH

Young Emerging Leader Award(s): MATTHEW SUSH & SAMANTHA DORN

Township Award: BETHEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Individual Tickets - \$75 / Reserved Table for 8 - \$525
Sponsorship Opportunities Are Available By Calling 845-791-4200 X4
Dress is business attire.

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce will follow recommended guidelines from the CDC and the state and local health officials to reduce viral spread of COVID-19. We are committed to providing a safe, quality event and appreciate your trust and understanding.

Ulster County Again Receives Highest Bond Anticipation Note Rating and Maintains Strong Financial Standing with 'AA' Bond Rating

- *Citing “Strong management, with good financial policies and practices,” S&P once again reaffirms Ulster County's 'AA' Bond Rating*
- *In September, the NYS Comptroller's Office said Ulster County is tied for third among New York State's 62 Counties for Fiscal Stability*
- *Last month, County Executive Pat Ryan again proposed a budget that includes a zero percent tax increase while maintaining and enhancing critical services*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County's credit rating remains strong at AA in the most recent October ratings by S&P Global citing “strong management, with good financial policies and practice.” Coming off of County Executive Pat Ryan's 2022 Executive Budget proposal that included a zero percent tax increase, this credit rating reaffirms the county's ability to respond to the pandemic and economic pressures while continuing to provide superior services for residents.

“I can confidently say that Ulster County is on the strongest financial footing it has been on in well over a decade,” Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. “Once again, S&P bond rating reaffirms the strong financial footing Ulster County has in protecting and delivering results for our residents. As County Executive, I am committed to providing high-quality services for our residents while also ensuring the highest level of fiscal responsibility. Our 2022 Executive Budget does just this by again keeping taxes flat while making critical investments in mental health and addiction recovery services and addressing the urgent need for housing.”

S&P cites a number of reasons for their rating, including the County's strong management with good financial policies, strong budgetary performance with operating surpluses in the general fund, and strong budgetary flexibility. Ulster County's continued strength in the eyes of bond rating agencies is a direct benefit to taxpayers in the form of lower borrowing costs. In September, the New York State Comptroller's Office (OSC), announced that Ulster County is tied for third among New York State's 62 Counties for Fiscal Stability. OSC issued Ulster County's 2020 overall fiscal stress score of 6.7 out of 100. The score signifies there is no designation or no current fiscal stress score for the County.

Last month, County Executive Pat Ryan unveiled his 2022 Executive Budget. At \$351.1 million, his 2022 budget again includes a 0% increase in the tax levy and proposes no layoffs; in fact, returning County staffing to 2019 levels after last year's retirement incentive. Ryan highlighted a series of initiatives focused on re-investing in mental health and addiction recovery services, dedicating resources to build a more equitable economy, and addressing the urgent need for housing as Ulster County builds for future generations.

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

CURRENT HOURS



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 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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32vw2hSI5xg>



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at the Daniel Pierce Library

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Sullivan County School Boards Association's Annual Meeting Honors Local Educators

On October 27, the Sullivan County School Boards Association (SCSBA) recognized outstanding educators, outstanding friends to education, and retiring board of education members at their Annual Dinner Meeting held at the Villa Roma. School board members, superintendents, school administrators, teachers, school districts staff, and family members of the honorees attended the meeting.



This was a special night for the SCSBA, as it was the first time since the pandemic that the group was able to bring the recipients from the 2020 and 2021 school years

Sullivan County. Longo shared what he has seen during the past two years and how each district has experienced change and succeeded in its efforts during these unprecedented times. "I hope you take time to celebrate everything you have accomplished. Your efforts are admirable, and you have modeled true leadership for our students," said Longo.

For the School Boards Association, the night was about the honorees. Ms. Sharoff paid tribute to the school board members who were leaving their respective boards at the end of June. Their time and years of service have had a positive impact on the school districts of Sullivan County. Joanna Dutcher, Eldred CSD (1 yr of service); Joyce Teed, Liberty CSD (13 yrs); Karen Hook, Liberty CSD (6yrs); Alyce VanEtten, Monticello CSD (27 yrs); Cathleen Doherty (11 yrs); Ed Park, Roscoe CSD (32 yrs); Lucas Arzilli, Sullivan West CSD (9 yrs); Sarah Cooper, Sullivan West CSD (1 yr); Annette Rasmussen, Sullivan West CSD (3 yrs); Trevor Peachey, Sullivan West CSD (6 yrs); Christopher Gozza, Tri-Valley CSD (3 yrs); Kimberly Botsford, Tri-Valley CSD (6yrs); Kathy Poppo, Tri-Valley CSD (4yrs), and Anne Colman, Sullivan BOCES (4 yrs).

The School Boards Association recognized twenty individuals for their defined impact on education in Sullivan County by receiving the prestigious Outstanding Educator Award. Each of their contributions has influenced so many lives over their years of service.

The 2020 recipients for the Outstanding Educator Award are Rebecca Ackerly, a teacher at the Roscoe CSD; Dennis Barnett, career & technical education public safety teacher at Sullivan BOCES; Lynn Colavito, a teacher at the Fallsburg CSD; Amy Favre, an elementary teacher at the Sullivan West CSD; Ann Hazelnis, English teacher at the Monticello CSD; Kim Heinle,

2020 Friends of Education

an elementary teacher at the Liberty CSD; Cheryl Johnstone, special education elementary teacher at Sullivan BOCES, Bonnie Padua, a physics teacher at the Eldred CSD, Mary Ellen Reynolds, high school teacher at the Livingston Manor, and



2020 Outstanding Educators

together to hold its prestigious recognition ceremony. The evening started with a reception followed by Tania DeFrank, Executive Director of the SCSBA, welcoming the group, followed by opening remarks from SCSBA President Stacey Sharoff. Patrick Longo, Member Relations Manager for the New York State School Boards Association, thanked the school board members and educators for their dedication and impact on the youth of

Brenda Sloan, a foreign language teacher at the Tri-Valley CSD.



2021 Friends of Education

The 2021 recipients include Elisa Baum, high school teacher at the Fallsburg CSD; Mary Bayer, an elementary teacher at the Liberty CSD; Tara Berescik, agriculture teacher at the Tri-Valley CSD; Stephanie Cavet, school psychologist at Sullivan BOCES; Tami Coney, physical education teacher at the Monticello CSD; Kathy Garlick, a social worker at Sullivan BOCES; Ann Marie Grzywaczewski, a teacher at the Eldred CSD; Cynthia Hyzer, a Spanish teacher at the Roscoe CSD; Sheri Parucki, school psychologist at the Sullivan West CSD; and Daniel Smith, instrumental music teacher at the Livingston Manor CSD. (Contd. Pg. 28)

Sullivan County School Boards Association's Annual Meeting Honors Local Educators

(From Pg. 27) The SCSBA also recognizes sixteen Outstanding Friends to Education. This award recognizes people who have contributed to promoting education in Sullivan County.

The 2020 recipients for the Outstanding Friends to Education Award are Alice Edwards, an elementary grandmother at the Liberty CSD. Martin Colavito, a community organizer who helped the Monticello CSD put together their community schools program. Audrey Garro, from the A Single Bite Program, has helped families in the Sullivan West CSD and families across Sullivan County



2021 Outstanding Educators



Aliyce Van Eten



Ed Parks Retiring Board Member

during the pandemic. Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther is an advocate for the schools and children of Sullivan County. Thomas Lavinski, Director of Faculty Support Services at the Roscoe CSD. Manor Link, a youth-driven, community-supported monthly newspaper for the Livingston Manor CSD. Nancy McGraw is a true health and wellness champion for Sullivan County and Tom Mitchell, who started the Tri-Valley Little League Program at the Tri-Valley community.

The 2020 recipients include Patti Casey, school nurse at the Roscoe CSD; Karlton Duck, supervisor for the cleaning staff at the Tri-Valley CSD; Patti Green, a senior typist at the Liberty CSD; Christina Haff, member of Sullivan County Public Health; Gail Lenkiewicz, Livingston Manor CSD; Barbi Neumann-Marty, Sullivan County Boys & Girls Club; Tina Rodriguez, a computer technician at the

Eldred CSD; and the SYDA Foundation.

Each of these individuals or organizations are devoted members of their school districts and is always there to help whenever there is a need-Thank you for all you have done.

Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Protecting Safety of School Children

Legislation S.4661/A.7330 Provides for the Transfer of a Portion of Fines Issued for Illegally Passing a School Bus to the Comprehensive School Bus Driver Safety Training Program for the Study and Promotion of Issues Involving School Bus Safety

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation S.4661/A.7330 which provides for the transfer of a portion of fines issued for illegally passing a school bus to the comprehensive school bus driver safety training program for the study and promotion of issues involving school bus safety, establishing a school bus motorist education fund. This legislation aims to discourage motorists from illegally passing stopped school buses thus increasing safety to school children.

"Keeping our children safe is priority number one for my administration and we are taking steps on every front to ensure we do just that," Governor Hochul said. "Drivers should know better than to pass a stopped school bus, but we see this issue time and time again. I am proud to sign this legislation that boosts training for school bus drivers and further protects children traveling to and from school."

This legislation calls for the design and implementation of a public education program to educate motorists on the dangers of passing a school bus and to promote school bus safety. S.4661/A.7330 also creates a School Bus Motorist Education Fund, and directs surcharges imposed for passing a stopped school bus be paid into this fund for use in providing grants for the study of the issue, the development of proposals to reduce the number of violations, and to promote school bus safety, as well as to fund the aforementioned public education program.

As Health Care Systems Battle Worker Shortages, Gillibrand Announces Push for \$67 Million in Federal Funding for Local Health Care Workforce Development Program

Area Health Education Centers Provide Critical Opportunities to Recognize and Respond to Local Health Needs; Gillibrand Continues to Push for the Implementation of Landmark Public Health Force Legislation

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is urging congressional leadership to provide \$67 million for the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The U.S. is currently facing a historic health care worker shortage that's been exacerbated by the strains of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the problem is only expected to worsen. Experts estimate that the country could see a shortfall of as many as 124,000 physicians by 2034, and New York alone is projected to be short more than 39,000 registered nurses by 2030. More than 5 million New Yorkers live in primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs); this figure exceeds the primary care HPSA populations of 46 other states.

"Over the last year and a half, our health care system and our health care providers have been under historic levels of stress. They have worked night and day - at great risk - to meet rising demand and keep their fellow New Yorkers safe and healthy, and they need reinforcements," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am urging congressional leadership to deliver \$67 million to the AHEC program in order to address the health care staffing shortage and to recruit, train and build the next generation of health care workers."

AHECs commit to diversifying the health workforce by recruiting a diverse population of youth to health care careers and facilitating the distribution of clinicians, especially in underserved and rural communities. Each AHEC places health professions students in a variety of real-world settings, such as migrant, urban, and rural community health clinics and health departments to provide health care to surrounding populations. With close to 50 years of operation, AHECs meet the current and emerging needs of the communities they serve through robust community-academic partnerships, with a focus on exposure, education, and training of the current and future health care workforce.

AHECs serve 85% of all counties nationally and support health care workforce development and education by training providers in interdisciplinary settings to respond to the needs of special and underserved populations. In New York State, there are three regional centers and nine AHECs statewide. Local New York Area Health Education Centers also work to address workforce shortages by intro-

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ducing high school students to careers in health care and working with local nursing, medical, and physician assistant schools to provide students an opportunity to understand the social and cultural factors that influence an individual's overall health and access to quality care.

Gillibrand continues to champion the implementation of Health Force: her landmark, multibillion-dollar public health legislation passed in the American Rescue Plan. Gillibrand successfully secured nearly \$8 billion for her Health Force legislation - the Health Force, Resilience Force, And Jobs To Fight COVID-19 Act - to create a robust public health workforce to aid vaccine distribution and mobilize community leaders to improve health outcomes in their communities. It is imperative that vulnerable communities and health leaders have the resources and capability to distribute vaccines equitably and efficiently, and trusted messengers with whom they can talk through their concerns. In a recent letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Gillibrand pushed to ensure implementation of her ARP-passed provisions behind Health Force in Section 2501, the public health workforce provision, aligned with its original intent, including the implementation of labor standards and wages no less than \$15 an hour plus benefits, and targeted hiring in underserved communities.

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Second Circuit Ruling on Vaccine Mandate

"On Day One, I pledged as Governor to battle this pandemic and take bold action to protect the health of all New Yorkers. I commend the Second Circuit's findings affirming our first-in-the-nation vaccine mandate, and I will continue to do everything in my power to keep New Yorkers safe."

Hochul Signs Domestic Violence Legislative Package

- **Legislation S.1557/A.4496 Requires the Release of Individuals from Utility Corporation Services in Instances of Domestic Violence**
- **Legislation S.1555A/A.465-A Makes it Easier for a Victim of Domestic Violence to Keep their Voter Registration Records Confidential**

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a domestic violence legislative package into law. Legislation S.1557/A.4496 requires the release of individuals from utility corporation services in instances of domestic violence. Legislation S.1555A/A.465-A will make it easier for a victim of domestic violence to apply to have their voter registration records sealed from public view.

"My mother worked with domestic violence survivors all her life, and I'm proud to continue the mission to put an end to abuse and support the needs of survivors and families," Governor Hochul said. "Requiring utility companies to release survivors of domestic violence from their contracts freeing up funds for necessities as they get their feet on the ground in a new home and keeping those new homes' addresses confidential ensures survivors can live there safely."

Legislation S.1557/A.4496 amends the public service law in relation to requiring the release of individuals from utility corporation services in instances of domestic violence. This legislation provides an escape clause for victims of domestic violence so they will not have to continue paying for services at a location they have fled.

Legislation S.1555A/A.465-A amends the election law to ease the process for keeping a registered voter's name and address from being disclosed to the public. Previously, a victim of domestic violence would have to apply to the Supreme Court for a court order to keep the infor-

mation from being disclosed. Now, a victim of domestic violence can make an affirmation directly to the Board of Elections asking for the voter registration information to be kept confidential for four years.

The NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) is the country's only executive level state agency dedicated to the issue of domestic violence. New York State's Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline is available 24/7: 800-942-6906 (call), 844-997-2121 (text) or @opdv.ny.gov (chat). Last year, the state and local hotlines received more than 250,000 calls for assistance.

The Office of Victim Services also funds a network of more than 200 community-based programs that provide direct services to victims of crime and their families. The programs also help any victim of crime apply for compensation and other assistance from the agency, which is a safety net for individuals who have no other resources.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

All candidates who will be running for an office in the Town of Neversink and the Town of Denning were invited to submit a summary of their qualifications, their platforms or other information they wanted to convey to our readers. The following candidates responded.

Town of Neversink Candidates for Town Supervisor

Dear Neversink Voters,

Once again it is time to vote in our towns local elections, and once again I would like to ask for your consideration. It has been a great honor to be elected Supervisor. I truly love the Town, its people, and the satisfaction the job brings.

My service to the Town of Neversink began on the Zoning Board of Appeals. I was then elected to the Town Board as a Councilman, and in 2015 was elected Town Supervisor. I am currently seton on the Catskill Watershed Corporation's Board of Directors, representing Sullivan County. And...I'm a proud member of the Grahamsville Fire Department.

I bring with me many years of municipal management experience. I have numerous years running a successful private sector business in Sullivan County. Most importantly, I have a common sense approach to government.

Somebody recently asked me, "What are you most proud of during your years as Supervisor?" My answer to that would be the collaborative nature of the Town Board. As a group we come together to provide clear oversight and consistently provide a responsible budget. In recent years we have concentrated our efforts on improving infrastructure, by maintaining and improving all of our facilities. Currently, we are starting to rebuild the Tennis Courts and are planning a new water system for the Fairgrounds. A huge source of pride for the Town Board is seeing the beautiful, new Route 42 Park being used by the kids. Little League and AYSO soccer have made the park their home and they help maintain it. It is truly becoming the centerpiece of our community. No matter what time I drive by, I see people using the walking path and kids playing on the fields.

During the Pandemic the Town used discretion, keeping an eye on safety, but still providing necessary services. We kept Town Hall open in a limited capacity so that our local government could continue to provide service to our Constituents. Our Highway Department kept the roads in great shape as always. We recognized the need to keep our Parks open, giving everyone the opportunity to be outside getting fresh air and exercise. Our Pool Director implemented a plan to safely operate the Town Pool for the last two summers. With the help of our Parks and Rec Department we opened and safely ran an awesome new Ice Rink at the Fairgrounds. And...it sure was nice to have places like the Dollar General and the Neversink General Store right here in our community.

I'm running with the endorsement of the Sullivan County Republican and Conservative parties. Thank you and I would truly appreciate your support to be re-elected Town of Neversink Supervisor.

Chris Mathews

My name is Jerry Stevens. I am a lifelong resident of the Town of Neversink. I want to help make my hometown be a better place to live, which is why I am running for the office of Supervisor in the Town of Neversink. I was a Union Carpenter for 18 years. I have spent the last 20 years as an educator at the Tri-Valley Central School District in many different roles. I have coached numerous sports teams at Tri-Valley Central School District during this time. I have built many strong bonds, with many of the students I have coached, many of which continue to this day.

My post secondary education consists of: Associate of Arts in LiberalArts/Elementary Education from SUNY Sullivan, Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY New Paltz, and Master of Science in Education in Adolescence Education. Prior administrative and community experience includes membership on the Town of Neversink Board of Assessment Review, Coordinator of Bear Cub Basketball, Tri-Valley Little League, Tri-Valley Youth Football, member of the C.A.S.T. Booster Club and my current position as the Chair of the Town of Neversink Democratic Committee which includes membership on the Sullivan County Democratic Committee's Executive Committee. I believe the town needs to be all-inclusive and as a coach I have demonstrated my ability to work with many types of people from many different backgrounds, a skill that will certainly come in handy as town supervisor. I would appreciate your vote.

Jerry Stevens

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Town of Neversink Candidate for Justice

Neversink Voters

I am Mike Scagnelli and, as you know, I'm running for Town Justice in Neversink. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. I've mailed you letters telling you of my qualifications to be your next Judge. I hope that I have made my case in convincing you that I have the background to excel in this position. Our Sheriff, Mike Schiff has endorsed me. Tom Munger, President of the NYS Troopers PBA, Tim Dymond, President of the New York State Police Investigator's Association and Jack Harb, President of the Sullivan County PBA and their union have all endorsed me. Tim and Jack are Neversink residents and Tom is as local as you can get without actually living in our town. Each knows me personally and understands that I have common sense, a good analytical mind, independence from political voices and that I am compassionate and fair, all essential qualities to being an outstanding judge. I am also endorsed by our exceptional NYS Senator, Mike Martucci, who works hard for all of his constituents regardless of political affiliation. I am also endorsed by Nancy Buck, our Sullivan County Treasurer, and Hope Costa, the newly named Town of Neversink Republican Chairperson.

If elected, I will never allow politics to come into play in my courtroom, just as I have demonstrated in my 39 years in law enforcement, the last 15 as a chief.

By the way, I am fully retired and can and will dedicate all of my time to the Town Justice position.

I ask for your vote on November 2nd, or you can participate in early voting at the Sullivan County Government Center beginning October 23rd and ending October 31st.

If you have any questions, you can call me on my cell phone at 917-769-2444 or visit me at my home, 201 South Hill Road, Grahamsville.

Thank you and God Bless American and you the people of Neversink.

Mike Scagnelli

Town of Denning Candidate for Town Clerk

My name is Nancy Parrow, and I am your candidate for Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Denning.

My family moved to Claryville in 1972. My siblings and I couldn't believe we lived in this beautiful town with hiking, berry picking, swimming, and endless bike rides right outside our door! We eventually moved to Grahamsville and I attended Tri-Valley where I met my husband, Jon. I enjoyed summers working in the main office at Frost Valley during my last 2 years of high school.

I took business courses at SUNY Sullivan while working in Reservations at Grossinger's in Liberty. I then spent 10 years as a legal secretary, first at Barry and Pond, in Ellenville, and then as secretary to senior partner, Ted Drew, at Drew, Garigliano and Davidoff in Monticello. Jon and I have resided in Sundown for the past 34 years.

I held an administrative assistant position at Community General Hospital in Harris, and for the past 20+ years I have been the office manager at Katskill Kids in Grahamsville, a multidisciplinary agency providing therapy services to children in Ulster and surrounding counties.

I also had the honor and privilege of providing full-time care for my husband's parents during their final years, which I believe taught me all of the most important lessons in life.

The pandemic has changed all of our lives, and I find myself with the opportunity to play a more important role in my community and local government. I am fortunate to have the endorsement of both the Republican and Democratic parties in this election and I look forward to serving all the residents of and visitors to Denning as we move forward. I will work to facilitate progress for our residents while helping to maintain the beautiful small-town ideal that is the Town of Denning.

Nancy Parrow

Vets invited to Military Appreciation football game scheduled at West Point

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

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

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

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

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

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

About ATI: Action Toward Independence, a 501c3 nonprofit, promotes the independence, inclusion, participation, and personal choice of individuals with disabilities. Action Toward Independence advances the independent living philosophy and advocates for the legal and civil rights of individuals with disabilities.

Grants Will Protect Communities from Future Flooding, Enhance River Access and Education, and Promote Environmental Stewardship

Governor Kathy Hochul announced grant awards totaling more than \$1.5 million for 39 projects that will help communities along the Hudson River Estuary improve recreational access, enhance environmental education, and advance stewardship of natural resources.

"New York State is committed to investing in projects that will improve community resiliency and protect our natural resources in the Hudson River Valley and across the state," Governor Hochul said. "The 39 grants announced today,

totaling more than \$1.5 million in awards, will provide dozens of Hudson River watershed communities with the support they need to improve recreation and access to the river while working to preserve and protect the Estuary for future generations."

The grants are funded by the State's Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program.

"Thanks to Governor Hochul's support, the \$1.5 million in grants announced today will help Hudson River Valley communities develop plans and advance tools to become more resilient to flooding and other climate impacts while expanding recreational opportunities for people of all abilities," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "These grant awards build on local conservation efforts and priorities to sustainably improve water quality and protect our natural resources."

Grant recipients in the Hudson Valley are:

Dutchess County

o Town of Milan - \$44,010: Creation of Natural Resources Inventory. The town will work with Hudsonia to create a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) designed for use by the Milan Planning Board and other town boards and commissions engaged in land use planning, policy-making, and environmental reviews. (Contd. Pg. 35)

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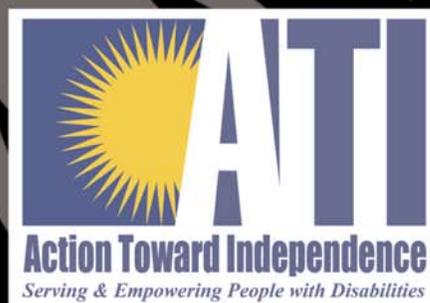
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Grants Will Protect Communities from Future Flooding, Enhance River Access and Education, and Promote Environmental Stewardship

(From Pg. 33) o Town of Poughkeepsie - \$50,000: New Hamburg Flood Study. The town will conduct a study of flooding in New Hamburg, which is within the 100-year floodplain along the Hudson River. The project will include an analysis of the floodplain, in-field surveying, and work on the design of possible solutions to mitigate flooding.

o Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development - \$49,496: Dutchess County Natural Resources Inventory Update will better describe the current state of its the county's natural resources and the potential threats.

o Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc. - \$40,000: Clearwater Fish Key 2.0. Hudson River Sloop Clearwater will enhance the existing web-based Fish Key tool by adding new video resources related to Hudson River fish and links to other websites to create a portal to a range of river education resources.

o River Pool at Beacon - \$12,500: Immersion Education - Building Stewardship through Swimming, Access, and Studies of River Ecology. The River Pool at Beacon will upgrade its floating river pool structure, including improvements to pool seats, walkway and entry points, and new signage.

Greene, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties

o Hudson River Watershed Alliance - \$39,183: Rondout and Esopus Creek Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program, in partnership with Pace University's Land Use Law Center, will implement a community-based Land Use Leadership Alliance training program for the Rondout and Esopus Creek watersheds to foster the development of sustainable communities.

Orange County

o Village of Highland Falls - \$12,000: Highland Falls Waterfront Park Natural Resource Inventory and Assessment will help develop a master plan for lands owned by Scenic Hudson for the future development for public use, education, and the conservation of its natural resources.

Putnam County

o Town of Kent - \$49,000: Town of Kent Natural Resources Inventory Project will conduct a Natural Resources Inventory and prepare a biodiversity inventory. The inventory will provide information on the region's range of species for future reference and scientific study.

Rockland County

o Village of Piermont - \$15,000: Development of a Comprehensive Plan for Piermont: Planning for Resiliency. The village of Piermont will develop a Comprehensive Plan with a focus on resiliency and sustainability. The plan will identify climate-adaptation strategies and policies to decrease vulnerability and provide guidelines for promoting economic and cultural sustainability.

o The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York - \$39,088: Hudson River Education: A Voice of Unity. Columbia Lamont-Doherty educators will enhance the Next Generation of Hudson River Educators program, which works with underrepresented high school interns. These students, paid stipends, will interview a wide variety of community residents about their experiences growing up and living along the tidal

Hudson and develop stories to be shared through videos and outreach events.

Ulster County

o City of Kingston - \$50,000: Community Preservation Plan from existing plans and inventories of natural and historic resources, as well as other sources of GIS data.

o Ulster County - \$46,554: Ulster County Natural Resources Inventory and Cloud-based Mapping Portal. Ulster County will develop a county-wide natural resources inventory and integrate it into a cloud-based mapping portal and accompanying municipal toolkit.

o Arm of the Sea Productions Inc. - \$31,639: Program Awning at Arm-of-the-Sea Tidewater Center. This project will design, permit, purchase, and install a large awning structure for Hudson River programs at the Arm-of-the-Sea Tidewater Center in Saugerties, NY.

o Town of Marlborough - \$40,000: Accessible Kayak Launch at Milton Landing Park to serve regional residents and visitors in the town of Marlborough.

o City of Kingston - \$50,000: Rondout Creek Public Kayak Access. The city of Kingston will remove the existing unsafe public kayak dock on the Rondout Creek, complete a plan and design of a new kayak launch system, and construct and install a new dock with full handicapped accessibility.

Westchester County

o Town of New Castle - \$36,033: New Castle Natural Resource Inventory. The town will complete a Natural Resources Inventory, including a detailed analysis and report of the current state of the town's natural resources and recommendations for conservation and mitigation.

o Town of Mount Pleasant - \$17,440: Natural Resource Inventory and Wetland Mapping project will complete a Natural Resource Inventory and wetland mapping project for the Town of Mount Pleasant.

o Town of Bedford - \$30,981: Conservation Overlay Ordinance and Map. The Town of Bedford will engage a contractor to produce a conservation overlay ordinance and map, and draft Wildlife Corridors Overlay District legislation to be proposed for addition to existing zoning ordinances. The conservation and wildlife ordinances will help to protect and preserve connecting corridors and habitat for wildlife.

o Pace University - \$46,612: Building the Capacity of the Pocantico River Watershed Alliance. Pace University will conduct a stakeholder-based assessment of the Pocantico River Watershed by compiling existing information and collecting new data.

o Sarah Lawrence College - \$40,000: Teaching the Environment: Discovering Urban Landscapes and Watersheds. The Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak and the Child Development Institute will develop, test, and publish curriculum for "Teaching the Environment: Discovering Urban Landscapes and Watersheds."

o Groundwork Hudson Valley - \$32,997: A Pilot Project to Adapt, Teach and Assess will create an innovative curriculum about the Saw Mill River Daylighting in downtown Yonkers. Groundwork Hudson Valley will develop the new standards-based curriculum for K -12 students across the river's watershed, with a specific emphasis on students from southwest Yonkers.

o Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club - \$45,800: Hudson River Riders. Working with community organizations, Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club will expand its free Hudson River Riders program that provides river access for the public, with a focus on underprivileged youth. The Hudson River Riders program recruits and trains young people to become the next generation of paddlers and environmental stewards.

Fall 2021

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

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

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

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

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Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan on DEC Decision Regarding Danskammer

"I applaud the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on their decision to deny the Title V Permit application for the proposed Danskammer project. As I stated in my April letter to the DEC opposing the project, 'Danskammer is the wrong project at a pivotal time for our community.' It offered an outdated dirty energy solution to a problem that requires a modern, clean energy approach in an area known for its historical roots in the environmental movement. As Ulster County Executive and as the Chair of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Climate Resiliency Committee, this decision aligns with our commitment to lean into the new green economy, transition our county operations to 100% renewable energy by 2030, continue to turn brownfields into solar fields, and train a new generation of workers in the expanding clean technology industry."

Statement from DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos on Denial of the Title V Permit for the Danskammer Energy Center

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the agency's denial of the required Title V air permit for the Danskammer Energy Center located in the town of Newburgh, Orange County. DEC conducted a comprehensive review of Danskammer's application and supporting materials, as well as the more than 4,500 public comments received on the project, before reaching this decision. DEC subjects all applications for environmental permits to an extensive and transparent review process that encourages public input at every step.

Our review determined the proposed project does not demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The proposed project would be inconsistent with or would interfere with the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in the Climate Act. Danskammer failed to demonstrate the need or justification for the proposed project notwithstanding this

inconsistency.

The full decision is outlined in a letter (PDF) by Daniel Whitehead, Director, Division of Environmental Permits, DEC.

Statement from DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos on Denial of the Title V Permit for Astoria Gas Turbine Power, LLC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the agency's denial of the required Title V air permit for Astoria Gas Turbine Power, LLC., a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy. DEC conducted a comprehensive review of Astoria NRG's application and supporting materials, as well as the more than 6,600 public comments received on the project, before reaching this decision. DEC subjects all applications for environmental permits to an extensive and transparent review process that encourages public input at every step.

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The full decision is outlined in a letter (PDF) by Daniel Whitehead, Director, Division of Environmental Permits, DEC. [Download PDF at https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/nrgastoriadecision10272021.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/nrgastoriadecision10272021.pdf)

Statement from Governor Hochul on DEC Permit Denials

"I applaud the Department of Environmental Conservation's decisions to deny the Title V Permits for the Danskammer Energy Center and Astoria Gas Turbine Power, LLC in the context of our state's clean energy transition. Climate change is the greatest challenge of our time, and we owe it to future generations to meet our nation-leading climate and emissions reduction goals."

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114 Sites Created to Date as Part of Effort to Establish 120 Sites Statewide Over 12 Weeks to Increase Vaccination Rates Among School-Aged New Yorkers

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced 23 new #VaxtoSchool pop-up vaccination sites to increase vaccination rates among school-aged New Yorkers. On September 21, Governor Hochul announced a total of 120 sites will take place over a 12-week period statewide and to date, 114 sites have been set up. The Department of Health is working with local county health departments, community-based organizations, and healthcare centers to support the establishment of these sites in all regions of the state. Partners, host sites, and outreach efforts are tailored to the communities they are built to serve. New locations are established on a rolling basis in partnership with localities.

"Since launching the #VaxtoSchool program, 114 pop-up vaccination sites have been established so far - bringing the vaccine to more school-aged New Yorkers and their families," Governor Hochul said. "In collaboration with a multitude of community-based partners on the ground, we are working together to increase vaccination rates among New York's eligible adolescents. To parents and guardians statewide, I urge you to ensure your child receives the COVID-19 vaccine - helping to keep them healthy and safe this school year."

A community-based medical professional will be available at each site to answer any questions parents and guardians of school-aged New Yorkers may have. As another tool to promote vaccinations and ensure access across New York communities #VaxtoSchool buses-mobile vaccination efforts-are being launched in convenient, youth and school-centric areas statewide. This week, the #VaxtoSchool bus will be at the Gouverneur Community Center in North Country and the Wayne County Public Health site in the Finger Lakes region.

This announcement builds on New York State's commitment to making the health and well-being of students, teachers and families a top priority. As of October 26, 63.6 percent of 12 to 15-year-olds and 72.9 percent of 16 to 25-year-olds have received at least one vaccine dose.

Operational days for each of the #VaxtoSchool pop-up vaccination sites for school-aged New Yorkers are below. The full list of #VaxtoSchool sites is available here and will be updated weekly over the 12-week period to include new sites when they are announced. New locations are established on a rolling-basis, and more sites are announced each week over the 12-week period.

IN THE MID-HUDSON

Sullivan County Public Health Services
50 Community Lane
Liberty, NY 12754
Open: Wednesday, October 27; 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner: Sullivan County
Incentive: Amazon Gift Cards

Middletown High School
30 Gardner Ext Ave.
Middletown, NY 10940
Open: Thursday, October 28; 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner Orange County
Incentive: Amazon Gift Cards

Best Buy at Hudson Valley Mall
1300 Ulster Avenue, Ste. 310
Kingston, NY 12401
Open: Friday, October 29; 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner: Ulster County
Incentive: Amazon Gift Cards

Pilgrims Baptist Church
80 N. Franklin Street
Nyack, NY 10960
Open: Saturday, October 30; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech and Janssen/J&J
Event Partner: The National Coalition of Black Churches
Incentive: Amazon Gift Cards

Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center
110 Bethune Blvd
Spring Valley, NY 10977
Open: Monday, November 1; 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner: Rockland County
Incentive: Amazon Gift Cards

Children aged 12 to 17 can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, which is available under Emergency Use Authorization for children ages 12 to 15 and is fully approved for those age 16 and older. The other COVID-19 vaccines are not yet authorized or approved for this age group. If you are a parent or guardian of a school-aged New Yorker, you can also visit vaccines.gov, text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find a vaccine location closest to you. Make sure that the provider offers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and school-aged children, New Yorkers can visit our dedicated website ny.gov/vaxtoschool or follow @VaccinateNY on Instagram.

Parents are encouraged to make sure their child is up to date on all recommended and required vaccinations. Please visit the Department of Health website for more information on recommended childhood and adolescent immunizations.



Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

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

Avoid scams and fraud, visit sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert

SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

Statement from Governor Hochul on Second Circuit Ruling on Vaccine Mandate

"On Day One, I pledged as Governor to battle this pandemic and take bold action to protect the health of all New Yorkers. I commend the Second Circuit's findings affirming our first-in-the-nation vaccine mandate, and I will continue to do everything in my power to keep New Yorkers safe."

Governor Hochul Announces #GETTHEVAXFACTS Campaign to Combat COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation

Effort Seeks To Debunk Misinformation and Educate New Yorkers on

Ways to Make Healthier Choices About the Information We Consume, Share and Act On

- Provides Resources for Vaccine Ambassadors and the Public to Help Fight Misinformation in Their Communities and Networks
- New Program Includes a Dedicated Microsite and Downloadable Toolkits

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a new program-#GetTheVaxFacts-to combat COVID-19 vaccine misinformation online. The campaign includes a dedicated website as well as downloadable toolkits to address the most pressing misinformation topics around the COVID-19 vaccine in a thorough and easy-to-understand way. The new resources cover misinformation related to pregnancy and infertility, side effects, safety and speed, as well as government conspiracy theories that continue to circulate on social media and digital forums.

"With more than 86 percent of New York adults having received at least one dose, we have made tremendous progress in getting people vaccinated - but there is still more work to do," Governor Hochul said. "Misinformation is harmful and dangerous, especially to New Yorkers who remain hesitant about getting vaccinated, and we are fighting it on all fronts to ensure people know the real story about the vaccines: that they are safe, effective, and free. I urge all New Yorkers to actively take a role in helping their communities get the vax facts-so everyone can make an informed decision to protect themselves from this dangerous virus."

In addition to the new website and resource library, which will be organized by topic for New Yorkers' use, the State will also launch digital advertising to help reach populations that continue to seek accurate information about the vaccine.

The new toolkits, which include discussion guides, frequently asked questions and answers, as well as social media captions and graphics, will help provide New Yorkers a new place to find and share trusted, credible information. The new site and campaign will also include education to help New Yorkers learn how to spot untrustworthy content from bad actors and tips to consider before re-sharing sensational and inaccurate postings. The Department of Health will be partnering with community organizations to provide materials in multiple languages.

4 Steps You Can Take to Combat the Spread of Misinformation:

1. Verify before sharing. Before sharing something on social media, check if the original source of the information is trustworthy. If you're unsure, it may not be safe to share.
2. Be cautious when it comes to sensational headlines and images. Misinformation often comes with sensational or shocking text and

Please Wear
a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

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.

images that are designed to grab your attention - accurate information is often less sensational.

3. Get the full story. Misinformation often "cherry-picks" or elevates a small piece of a story in order to mislead or alarm you. Make an effort to get the full story and context behind a piece of content. You can do this by checking to see if information sources you trust are also covering the information that you are unsure about.

4. Amplify trustworthy sources in your community. Help to spread good information within your community by sharing accurate information from trustworthy sources. Misinformation spreads faster when there is a shortage of good, fact-based information.

For more information on New York State's #GetTheVaxFacts campaign, New Yorkers can visit the new website here, dedicated FAQ page here, at:

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/combating-misinformation-about-covid-19-vaccines>

and download toolkits and resources here:
<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/resources>

**Shady United Methodist Church
Christmas Shoppe
Sat. November 13**

9:00 - 2:00

Bake Table

Light breakfast and lunch

Come see our New Items!

**Quilted Items & Wood Arts,
Knitted, Crocheted & other Crafts**

**Church Road - Rt. 212
5 miles West of Woodstock**

Information: (845)679-4039

Barriers and Opportunities for Historically Overburdened and Under-Resourced Communities Report

DEC, in cooperation with the New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the New York Power Authority (NYPA), will hold virtual public meetings on November 3 and 4, 2021, to receive comments that inform the development of the Barriers and Opportunities for Historically Overburdened and Under-Resourced Communities Report.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act) directs DEC to prepare a report on barriers to, and opportunities for, access to or community ownership of five types of services and commodities in disadvantaged communities, pursuant to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. DEC, NYSERDA and NYPA are seeking public input on barriers and opportunities to the following services and commodities in communities that are historically overburdened and under-resourced:

Distributed renewable energy generation. For example, community-owned solar or storage, solar subscription models, renewable energy on multifamily or public housing, and third-party leasing or financing models.

Energy efficiency and weatherization investments. For example, insulation or other deep energy retrofits, heating system repairs or replacements, building electrification, energy efficient appliances, direct install programs, and bill payment assistance.

Zero-emission and low-emission transportation options. For example, mobility options and increased accessibility for individuals without vehicles (e.g., active transit, public transit, ridesharing), electrification of private and public transit vehicles, owning or hosting EV charging stations, and clean transportation prizes to encourage innovation.

Adaptation measures to improve the resilience of homes and local infrastructure to the impacts of climate change. For example, microgrids, green/natural features and shade trees, floodproofing and/or storm-hardening rental and multifamily housing, resilience audits for homes and businesses, disaster preparedness and response, community resilience plans and funding, and drinking water/watershed protection.

Other services and infrastructure that can reduce the risks associated with climate-related hazards. For example, shelters and cool rooms during extreme heat events, other cooling resources such as misting stations, shelters during flood events, medical treatment for asthma and other conditions that could be exacerbated by climate-related events, and in-home assess-

ments to identify health and safety hazards.

Virtual Public Hearings:

There will be two WebEx meeting sessions: November 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and November 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. These meetings will facilitate public input on barriers and opportunities within each of the five services and commodities listed above. Study findings will be further refined based on public input.

All persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies are invited to attend the public meetings and to submit oral or written comments. It is not necessary to speak at both virtual meetings, as equal weight is given to statements made in each forum. Additional information, including instructions for joining each event as well as supplemental documents, will be made available prior to each event at: <https://climate.ny.gov/Events-and-Meetings>.

All New Yorkers, especially those who live or work in historically overburdened and under-resourced communities, are encouraged to provide comments and input on the following questions:

What challenges do you (or your community) face in accessing or using programs or services related to the five topics listed above?

What opportunities do you see to make it easier for you (or your community) to access or use programs or services related to the five topics listed above?

Lengthy statements should be in writing and summarized for oral presentation. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker to afford everyone an opportunity to be heard. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements. American Sign Language and language interpretation services shall be made available upon written request at no charge for either service. Requests should be submitted to NYS DEC, Office of Communication Services, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1550 or by email to: public@dec.ny.gov, or phone (518) 402-8044 no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2021.

Individuals and organizations that cannot attend the public meetings may submit written comments. Written comments may be provided at any time. Written comments may be provided in the following ways:

An online public comment form: <https://climate.ny.gov/Events-and-Meetings>
Email your comments to: opportunities.report@nyscrda.ny.gov

Mail your comments to:

Elizabeth Boulton
NYSERDA
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203

Contact: Saran Bernard, NYS DEC - Office of Environmental Justice, 625 Broadway, Albany NY 12233, Phone: 1-866-229-0497

Week in Washington with Congressman Delgado

Expanding Broadband –Last weekend, U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small visited NY-19 to meet with state and local leaders and announce \$1.15 billion in broadband funding via the USDA ReConnect program.

Broadband is not a luxury - it is a basic necessity. It is something that every single American needs to have in the 21st century. Whether it's students, small business owners, farmers, seniors, or veterans - every community is relying on broadband.

AD with USDA –After continuously fighting in Congress to expand broadband connectivity for upstate, I am proud to announce this program in partnership with the USDA, and I look forward to providing more resources for our rural households. We must continue to invest in infrastructure to secure high-speed internet for every resident in New York's 19th Congressional District.

The USDA will begin accepting applications for loans and grants through the ReConnect Program on November 24, 2021. Additional Dollars for Schools

This week, I also secured an additional \$1 million for upstate schools to get students online. Twelve schools across Dutchess, Sullivan, Schoharie, Delaware, Ulster, and Columbia counties are receiving grants from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Connectivity Fund, which I voted to create via the American Rescue Plan. The funding can be used to purchase devices, establish broadband connections, and help end the digital divide.

Additional information on the Emergency Connectivity Fund program is available at: www.emergencyconnectivityfund.org.

Walk a mile in her shoes - Walk a Mile Event

As Domestic Violence Awareness Month comes to an end, I was able to join Family Services for their 11th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. With 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the US experiencing physical domestic violence by an intimate partner, we must continue to raise awareness around domestic violence. We have to work together and do all we can to eliminate sexual assault, gender violence, and domestic abuse. Thank you, Family Services, for your work supporting survivors in the Hudson Valley and getting them the resources they need.

Funding for the Arts

This week, I announced that the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has been awarded \$31,900 in grant funding by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the American Rescue Plan Grants Program. This funding will allow for the continuation of the preservation fellowship - the most ambitious fellowship program to date and a necessary addition as the museum overcomes pandemic-related interruptions.

Legislative Updates –It was a busy legislative week, so here's a quick recap of what we accomplished:

On Monday, the House passed H.R. 5142, a bill that I co-sponsored. This legislation posthumously awards a Congressional Gold Medal to the service members who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021.

On Tuesday, I voted to pass the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. This bipartisan bill will improve services for survivors of intimate partner violence and invest more to prevent intimate partner violence.

On Wednesday: I introduced the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act with Reps. Dusty Johnson (SD-AL), Henry Cuellar (TX-28), and Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-07). This bipartisan bill expands eligible uses of funds delivered via my Direct Support for Communities Act funding formula. The legislation recently passed the U.S. Senate unanimously and is endorsed by the National Association of Counties and New York State Association of Counties.

I joined my fellow committee members on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to markup the Resilient AMERICA Act. This essential legislation will help our communities prepare for and respond to disasters.

On Thursday, I voted to temporarily extend our surface transportation programs and prevent thousands of federal highway and transit workers from being furloughed.

Collaborating in DC And NY-19

This week was full of meetings with organizations and groups from DC and the district. On Tuesday, I met with the National Alliance of Forest Owners. NAFO is a national advocacy organization committed to ensuring working forests provide clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat and jobs through sustainable practices and strong markets. Their work plays a critical role in protecting our environment, supporting our local economy, and preserving our planet for generations to come.

On Wednesday, I met with my NY-19 Small Business Advisory Committee. We discussed issues facing small businesses and will keep collaborating as we recover economically from the COVID-19 pandemic.

From Rensselaer to Dutchess, our district has experienced devastating flooding this year. On Thursday, I held a Flood Mitigation Webinar with folks from FEMA and the New York State DHSES to connect local leaders with resources and support. Later that day, I had a conversation with Otsego Northern Catskills Board of Cooperative Education Services Superintendents and local area representatives. We spoke about the continuing impacts of COVID-19 on NY-19 school districts.

Resources for Residents

Support for Seniors -The Annual Medicare Enrollment Period is open NOW until December 7th. Get started today and see what plan works best for you.

Visit Medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information.

Recovering From Extreme Weather

FEMA Individual Assistance: Individuals in Dutchess County can apply for Individual Assistance from FEMA the following ways: Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Constituents may call the application phone number at 1-800-621-3362. Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. Contact my office via email or phone 1-845-443-2930

SBA Disaster Loan Assistance:

If you're a Rensselaer County resident or business who was impacted by July storms and flooding, you can apply for SBA Disaster Loan Assistance. The deadline to apply is Nov. 8. Please apply under SBA declaration # 17159. disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/

This week, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also announced the addition of Dutchess County in the New York disaster declaration for businesses and residents affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida on Sept. 1-3, 2021.

Those Eligible in Dutchess County can apply in the following ways: Visit: Apply For A Disaster Loan (sba.gov) Submit a paper application by mail Visit a Disaster Recovery Center Contact my office via email or phone 1-845-443-2930

Constituents may also contact a Customer Service Center by calling 1-800-659-2955 TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Staying Healthy & Safe

As we enter cold and flu season, make sure you keep yourself and your loved ones safe by getting your flu shot. Find out more about where to get the shot and what you should know about the flu in New York State below.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/>

Last week, I got my Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster shot. I encourage everyone to wear your masks, wash your hands, and check below to see if you are eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot.

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/booster-doses>

Even though it's the end of October which means the end of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 24-hour support and resources are always available to survivors.

24-Hour Hotlines

Rape Crisis & Crime Victims: 845.452.7272

Domestic Violence: 845.485.5550

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 21st

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available 985-7270

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

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball Supper



Saturday, November 27

Serving 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Adults: \$10

Children Ages 5-11: \$6

Under 5 Yrs. Free

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

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

In Washington with Tenney

Claudia Tenney announces introduction of China Watcher Act - A Bipartisan Bill to Counter China's Malign Activity

China has aggressively ramped up its malign activities across the globe and, today, poses one of the most significant economic and national security threats to the United States. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I introduced the bipartisan China Watcher Act this week to ensure we can better monitor China's dangerous activities and be prepared to counter the threats it poses to peace and security. China has gone unchecked for too long, and it's time for the United States to take decisive action.

This act directs the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense, to implement a "China Watcher Program" within the State Department to monitor and combat the People's Republic of China's dangerous influence across military, economic, and political sectors in foreign nations. It also strengthens the capacity of the United States government to engage with foreign nations to better coordinate policy regarding the China's malign influence.

House Democrats joined forces with their Republican colleagues Wednesday to introduce a bill to monitor and protect U.S. national security from communist China's aggressive "malign activities across the globe."

In a statement, the office of Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (R-NY) announced the introduction of the bipartisan China Watcher Act to establish a monitoring system to keep tabs on the communist country's nefarious activities across the globe, posing a threat to U.S. national security.

Tenney, who introduced the bipartisan bill sponsored mainly by her Republican colleagues in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, further declared:

China has aggressively ramped up its malign activities across the globe and today poses one of the most significant national security and economic threats to the United States. I'm introducing the China Watcher Act so we can better monitor China's dangerous activities and be prepared to counter incoming threats across numerous sectors.

China has gone unchecked for too long, and it's time for the United States to take decisive action.

For more information go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zYAPhX8ulg>

The "Big Ugly" Reconciliation Bill

Democrats' Build Back Better spending plan is a disastrous framework. It would raise corporate tax rates to 26.5% - one of the highest rates in the world and higher than Communist China. It also allocates billions of dollars to radical, Green New Deal policies that low- and middle-income Americans will have to pay for. If that isn't bad enough, it also taxes American domestic energy producers, making our country more dependent on foreign oil.

The Democrats have repeatedly said this plan won't add to our national debt and that it won't cost the American taxpayer a dime. That isn't true! When I served in the New York State Assembly, we used to call bloated budgets that raise taxes and include runaway spending like this the "Big Ugly." This plan is a carte blanche for progressive policies that serve the interests of Democratic Party elites and the radical left. That's why I'm opposing this bill and am urging my colleagues to come up with a better plan that puts the American people first.

New Legislation to Secure our Border

In 2019, an illegal immigrant was accused of raping a woman in Philadelphia, but he was not deported because his sex crime was not deemed "a serious crime" that made him eligible for removal. With the President's border crisis still raging, issues like this are going to become more common if we don't act.

That's why I'm backing Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's H.R. 5759, the BE GONE Act. This bill would make "sexual assault and aggravated sexual violence" deportable violations. We must stand up for the safety of Americans.

UPDATE: Congressional Gold Medal Legislation for Fallen Heroes Passes in House

On August 26, 13 US Service Members tragically lost their lives while defending our nation and protecting our citizens in Afghanistan. This week the House passed a bill that I co-sponsored to posthumously award each of these heroes with a Congressional Gold Medal. I'm honored to have been an original cosponsor of this bill that rightly honors the memory, service, and heroism of our soldiers. May God bless these fallen heroes and the Gold Star families they left behind.

100 Years: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a solemn reminder of the many sacrifices our service members have made on behalf of our country. Our freedoms were not cheaply won, nor are they easily preserved. I'm cosponsoring H.Res. 731 in Congress. This resolution commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and all members of the Armed Forces. May God bless our military, our fallen heroes, and their families.

I Oppose \$450,000 Handout to Illegal Immigrants

This week, news broke that the Biden Administration is considering a plan to give individuals who illegally entered our country a \$450,000 taxpayer-funded check. As if the immigration crisis facing our nation isn't bad enough, the President is about to pay people who broke our laws by entering illegally.

This policy is wrong for so many reasons. It is a slap in the face to hardworking taxpayers and those immigrants who followed the laws and came to our great country legally. It will also only encourage and fuel more illegal immigration. This policy is so unbelievable, it feels a little like we're in the twilight zone. But this sadly is a real proposal that I will continue to fight against in Congress.

My Votes Explained

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4111, the Sovereign Debt Contract Capacity Act. This bill would direct the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for policies that promote international standards for sovereign debt contracts and provide technical assistance to nations. This bill passed the House by a vote of 319-29.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2989, the Financial Transparency Act, to require financial regulators to adopt a new, modernized set of data collection and distribution standards for information collected under current law, making data more accessible. This bill passed by a vote of 400-19.

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In Washington with Tenney

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I voted "No" on H.R. 2119, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act. This legislation reauthorizes the Family Violence and Prevention Services (FVPSA) program through 2026 at a level of \$270 million annually. Although in previous years FVPSA reauthorization was widely bipartisan, Democrats in Congress have now added multiple partisan provisions to this legislation. Specifically, they included changes that pave the way for taxpayer funding of abortion and prevent religious institutions that do not support Democratic social priorities from receiving funds to provide domestic violence services. While an amendment was proposed to reinsert pro-life protections, this measure was ultimately voted down. As such, I could not support the final bill, which was too critically flawed. This legislation passed by a vote of 228-200.

I voted "Yes" on S. 1502, the COPS Counseling Act of 2021. This bill will support privacy and care for law enforcement officers by prohibiting the disclosure of the contents of counseling programs provided by law enforcement agencies, and requires the Department of Justice to develop professional standards for peer support counseling. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 424-3.

I voted "Yes" on S. 1511, the Protecting America's First Responders Act of 2021. This bill will improve the Public Safety Officers Benefits Program, which provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, as well as disability benefits to first responders catastrophically injured in the line of duty. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 420-3.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5763, the Further Surface Transportation Extension Act. Unfortunately, a month after voting for a short-term reauthorization of federal highway programs, we are once again voting for another short-term one-month reauthorization rather than a long-term bipartisan bill. This is not the way to govern. Our communities need the long-term stability of knowing their highway and road projects will be able to move forward and not held up by partisan squabbles. The only people to blame for this frustrating process are Speaker Pelosi and President Biden. This bill passed the House by a vote of 358-59.

A National Framework for States, Territories, and Nations to Assist in the Development of Digital Health Credentials

A Series of Virtual Webinars and Events to Follow to Provide Technical Support to Other Entities

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York State's Excelsior Pass Blueprint, a national framework to aid in the development and implementation of digital health credentials. Building off of the State's Excelsior Pass Wallet solution-which includes Excelsior Pass, Excelsior Pass Plus, and the Excelsior Pass Scanner app for businesses-the Blueprint serves as a guide to assist other states, territories, and entities in the expansion of compatible COVID-19 vaccine credential systems to advance economic development efforts nationwide - safely and securely.

"If we're to finally beat COVID-19, we have to act boldly, decisively and with a spirit of collaboration and transparency,"

Governor Hochul said. "Our Excelsior Pass program is the perfect example of this, with its positive impact on our economy and unique ability to empower New Yorkers to be more in control of their health information than ever before. Our hope is that more states will join us to drive our collective reopening activities forward so we can emerge from an unprecedented pandemic safer, stronger and more interconnected than ever before."

The Blueprint, now publicly available, shares New York State's process to build, implement and advance the Excelsior Pass platform. Encompassing tactical actions and management activities, the framework serves as a launching point for any entity looking to begin, optimize, or launch their own solution. The document includes a step-by-step guide tailored for the unique needs of state governments, covering components ranging from privacy and security strategy, data management, and public information and engagement.

Gillibrand, Colleagues Urge US Trade Rep to Support American PPE Production by Ending Tariff Exclusions for PPE from China

Washington, D.C. --- U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined 10 colleagues in writing a letter to United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai, requesting that 301 penalty duties be assessed to all imported finished state personal protective equipment (PPE) and key raw material inputs, including single-use N95 and KN95 masks, reusable and surgical masks, and surgical gowns.

The letter was led by U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and also signed by U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Bob Casey (D-PA), Tina Smith (D-MN), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Bernard Sanders (I-VT), Jack Reed (D-RI), and Ed Markey (D-MA).

At the moment, finished PPE items and certain other medical equipment produced in China are exempted from Section 301 duties when imported into the US. Trade Representative Tai has recently submitted a notice of extension of Section 301 duty exclusions for certain products related to COVID-19. The lawmakers requested that PPE be removed from this extension and PPE imported from China be assessed a full 301 duty when imported. The reimposition of such penalties would support domestic manufacturing of PPE and help to shore up the gains that domestic manufacturers have made in growing the domestic supply chain for PPE and medical equipment. The letter sheds light on how American companies like Ferrara Manufacturing in New York City's Garment District, in partnership with workers and their unions, saved lives by retooling their production facilities to meet the demand for these life-saving products. Unfortunately, keeping tariff exclusions in place has left them at the whim of China's export controls.

"Companies like Ferrara Manufacturing here in New York City, as well as firms across the country, pivoted from creating runway products to life-saving PPE for our frontline workers during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. I can't imagine where we'd stand in battling this public health crisis without their innovation and responsiveness in rapidly scaling up domestic production of PPE. It's time to end these tariff exemptions on single-use masks and gowns, and protect and promote American workers and our manufacturing sector," said Senator Gillibrand.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Remembering Veterans

On this Veterans Day, November 11, 2021, we extend our appreciation and thoughts to our active duty military personnel, and we pay tribute to the many millions of veterans who have served our country over the past 246 years. We also wish to memorialize the passing this year of our brother-in-law, Commander Barry Rowe; and acknowledge the other veterans of the Jones and Moskowitz families who served during major wars from the Civil War to the War On Terror.

During the Civil War 1st Sargent John B. Jones (Elizabeth's grandfather) and Corporal William E. Jones (Elizabeth's great uncle) were in the 5th New York Cavalry Regiment from upstate New York within the period 1861 to 1865. They fought in many battles, including the Orange Court House, Brandy Station, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor and Gettysburg.

Donald's grandfather, Pvt. Max Moskowitz, served in the U.S. Cavalry (Roughriders) in 1898 during the Spanish American War.

During World War I Alton Christmas Jones (Elizabeth's father) and William Howard Jones (uncle) served in the USMC and saw action at Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, Aisne-Marne, and Meuse-Argonne. William Howard received the U.S. Silver Star and the French Croix De Guerre medals for his "action at Blanc Mont Ridge on October 3, 1918 where he held off a German attack using a machine pistol."

Donald's father, Sidney Moskowitz, was a machinist who repaired ships at the Charlestown, MA Naval Shipyard during WWII. Elizabeth's cousin, Barney O'Neil, was a U.S. Army infantryman who landed in Normandy in June 1944. Bob Rosenblatt (Donald's relative) served in the Army at the end of WWII.

Barry Rowe (Donald's brother-in-law) was a Commander in the U.S. Navy who served during the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

John Jones and Edward Jones (Elizabeth's brothers) served in the late 50s and early to mid 60s, John U.S. Army and Edward, USMC. Donald Moskowitz was an E5 in the Navy in the 50s and then was a Vietnam era veteran in the 60s serving as a Navy officer on 13 ships. Robert Nichol (Elizabeth's cousin) was a platoon leader in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was in the 1st Infantry Division and the 101st Infantry Division. During his Vietnam service he was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts.

Michael Gerard (Donald's and Elizabeth's son-in-law) was an Airman First Class, USAF in the early 80s. Jeffrey Ammons (Donald's nephew) served as an Army officer during the War On Terror.

We must continue to remember all of our veterans who have served our country in times of peace and war.

Elizabeth (Jones) Moskowitz and Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

UC NOW TRENDING... NOVEMBER 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nov 4 Cavetown: YouTube musician. Best known for his Cavetown channel. Popular for frequent ukulele covers of popular songs, and original content. 7-10 p.m. Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2744; levonhelm.com

Noc 4 West Kill Beer Pairing Dinner: Four course menu paired with craft beers. 6:30-9:00 p.m. The Dutch Ale House, 253 Main St., Saugerties. 845-247-2337; dutchalehouse.com

Nov 5-7 "The Niceties:" A black student visits her white professor to discuss her paper on the American Revolution. The polite review of her thesis soon explodes into a high-stakes debate. Purchase tickets online. The Main Stage at Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandstages.org

Nov 6 First Saturdays on the Trail-Woodstock Land Conservancy: Monthly outdoor educational programs. Autumn bird walk. The Comeau Property, 95 Comeau Drive, Woodstock. 845-679-6481; woodstocklandconservancy.org

Nov 6 Coppersea Distilling: Live swing band. Autumn celebration with: Live swing band music. Free admission with purchase of distilled beverage. 2-5 p.m. 239 Springtown Rd, New Paltz. 845-444-1044; coppersea.com

Nov 6-7 Bad Seed Cider Fall Back Festival: Features unique small batch craft hard ciders from Bad Seed made using apples grown on the property. Cider and beer from some of our favorite local craft cideries and breweries. Sixteen taps at two bars. Food from the Bad Seed Pizza truck and special guest food truck Reconnect Foods. Live music. Free admission. Advance registration requested. Noon-8 p.m. Bad Seed Cider Co., 43 Baileys Gap Road, Highland. 845-236-0956; badseed-hardcider.com

Nov 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 Catskill Mountain Railroad - Harvest Express: See the farmlands of the Hudson Valley and ride into the scenic Catskill Forest Preserve. Catskill Christmas Express: a wonderful trip through the Catskill Forest to Santa's Workshop. See website for dates and further information. Westbrook Lane Station, 55 Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

Nov 6-7, 13-14, Nov 20-21, 27-28 Kingston Model Railroad Club Train Show: Features a complete "O" scale railroad system. Railroad museum, trolleys, circus train and Thomas The Tank Engine. Admission fee. 49 Susan Street, Kingston. 845-334-8233; Facebook: Kingston Model Railroad Club

Nov 6-28 Lace Mill: A very special exhibition of some of the most celebrated printmakers along the Hudson. Oct. 16: Hakim Jami - "Good Improvisational Music," 3-4:30 p.m. 165 Cornell Street, Kingston. facebook.com/TheLaceMill

Nov 7 Candle Making Class: Featuring Soylicious Candles. Includes one free glass of Baldwin wine. Materials provided. No art experience necessary. Additional wine and candles available for purchase. Seats are limited. Tickets \$40; soyliciouscandle.com. Starts 1 p.m. sharp. Baldwin Vineyards, 176 Hardenburgh Road, Pine Bush. 845-744-2226; baldwinvineyards.com

Nov 7 Sunday Silents Presents: Robert Wiene's "The Cabinet of Dr Caligari (1920):" Considered the first horror film and a quintessential work of German Expressionist cinema, the tale of Dr Caligari is told in flashback. While sitting on a bench, Francis tells a stranger the fantastic tale of Dr Caligari, mad scientist and hypnotist who uses a somnambulist (Conrad Veidt) for evil purposes. Silent Film with live accompaniment by Marta Waterman. 2-4 p.m. \$6. Rosendae Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendae theatre.org

Pre-K Kids Relish Rennie the Rooster's Reading

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The children are so excited to see this friendly giant rooster, who engages each child with warmth and enthusiasm in meeting them. The reading emphasizes how much hard work is needed to prepare the soil for planting, tend the vegetables as they grow, and get them to our kitchen tables. During the reading, Rennie asks questions and many little hands flash into the air in response.



In the space of one half-hour, teacher Mindy Conciatori and her aide Jennifer Varner see the rapt attention of their class. They are grateful to Sullivan Renaissance for their partnership with the school and the wonderful teachings about the earth and taking care of growing our food. We are sure that Rennie will be back again and again



FCSD Awards at Sullivan County School Boards Association

The Sullivan County School Boards Association held its annual award dinner on October 27, 2021 at the Villa Roma. Fallsburg had four award recipients representing two years (2020 and 2021) since the awards were not held last year due to COVID-19.

The words that follow are based on the presentations made by FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz.

2020 Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee, Lynn Colavito

Lynn Colavito was a long-time, distinguished and very much-loved teacher at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. She retired last June after many years of dedicated service to the School District and hundreds of students. Former principals and current School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz were very familiar with a sign that Lynn had on her classroom door that

stated, "If you pass the Regents, it's your own fault." The message speaks about self-reliance and personal initiative. Ms. Colavito encouraged students to keep these in their toolbox for school and for life.

In the words of Dr. Katz in presenting the award to Ms. Colavito, "She embodied the willingness to explore new ways to reach her students." She was a true facilitator in the classroom by guiding students to success and placing the responsibility for the work on their shoulders. She represented everything an



administrator valued in classroom teacher. Truly, she enjoyed the process of exploration and discovery and passed it on to each student. Lynn Colavito is most deserving of this outstanding teacher award. To paraphrase the sign on her door, Dr. Katz said, "Lynn, if you win an award for being an outstanding educator, it's your own fault!" Congratulations!

2020 Friend of Education Award Nominee, Nancy McGraw

Dr. Katz was truly honored to have nominated Nancy McGraw, Public Health Director for Sullivan County, for this important and prestigious Friend of Education Award. In the years that he has known Nancy she has had the distinction of being the go-to person when matters of public health are of concern to everyone, schools in particular.



Most recently Nancy was a critical resource when it came to dealing with the

measles outbreak this past summer. Nancy made herself and her staff available throughout the ordeal, and, as a school superintendent, "She made me feel comfortable knowing that she was there as a support and a hard drive full of necessary and timely information that I was able to share with my school community."

Nancy McGraw is a true health and wellness champion. Through her endless efforts, perseverance, and unending commitments she has made the Fallsburg Central School District and Sullivan County a healthier, happier and safer place for all. For these reasons and many more, the FCSD nominated Nancy McGraw as the definition of what it means to be a friend to education. Congratulations! (Contd. Pg. 51)

FCSD Awards at Sullivan County School Boards Association (From Pg. 51)
2021 Excellence in Teaching Nominee, Elisa Baum



In the words of Dr. Katz, “Elisa Baum, a long-time teacher in the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School, has been making a difference for students in grades 7-12 for more than two decades. Ms. Baum is a tireless cheerleader for her students and goes the extra mile when it comes to supporting students and the school community.” Ms. Baum is currently the Junior-Senior High School Student Government Association Advisor, a role she has held for many years. She is also the Co-10th grade Class Advisor, and the Junior National Honor Society Advisor. Additionally, Ms. Baum is a teacher mentor for new teachers in the Junior-Senior High School. In the recent past she has also been a summer school teacher, an after-school program teacher, an after-school tutor and advisor for the Future Problem Solvers.

Having said all of that, I can tell you that the real reason that Ms. Baum has earned this nomination for the excellence in teaching award is her love, dedication and countless hours of hands-on hard work in the name of supporting kids. Ms. Baum, while she gives so much of herself to the school community, is always the first one to acknowledge all of her colleagues who, like her, are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

As Superintendent of Schools, it is my great honor to nominate Elisa Baum, for her inspiration, her perseverance and her dedication. She truly champions student and community causes and is an educator who models the importance of working hard to affect change and to achieve dreams. Fallsburg is proud of Elisa Baum and the great lessons she continues to teach our children and our school community.”

2021 Friend of Education Award Nominee, SYDA Foundation

Dr. Katz said of this award, “It is a true pleasure to nominate the SYDA Foundation as our, 'Friend to Education' nominee. For the 15 years that I have been at Fallsburg and for years before that, The SYDA Foundation has been an invaluable member and exceptional partner and friend of the Fallsburg Central School District. Year in and year out the SYDA Foundation has made significant financial donations to the District that has allowed us to make programmatic and school safety improvements with those donations; improvements that we might not have been able to make otherwise. The only thing that the SYDA Foundation has ever asked of us is that their donations be used to improve things for our kids. And they have!

As Superintendent of schools, one of the many annual events I look forward to is the Board meeting when representatives of the SYDA Foundation attend that board meeting to personally present the Board with their yearly donation. Rarely have I seen an organization that is so proud, so positive and so eager to support our school District. I am proud to say that we have many community supporters who make the Fallsburg Central School District the focus of their donations and volunteer efforts, however, today I can say that the SYDA Foundation is one of those shining stars that has made and continues to make a positive difference year in and year out.

On behalf of the Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education it is a true honor to nominate the SYDA Foundation as the 2021 Friend to Education award nominee as the SYDA Foundation is the definition of what it means to be a friend to education.

The Ulster Heights United Methodist Church

will be holding their annual

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on Saturday, November 20th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. i
n the social hall of the church

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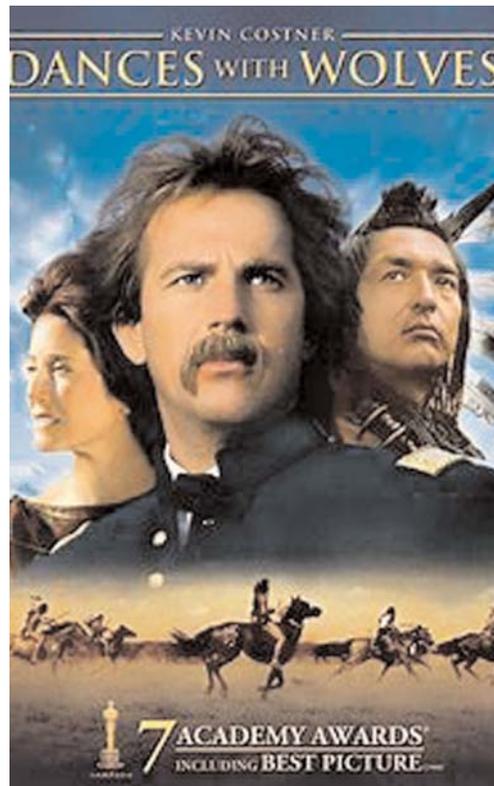
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I urge you to view this film, as I believe every American should who loves and respects the humanity and dignity of other cultures. We must respect the rights of others with deep understanding to really know what drove each culture to their violent inhumanity. As a Tai-Chi Master once said, "You have learned well. Only do enough to stop the violence."

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greeting –Merry Christmas!

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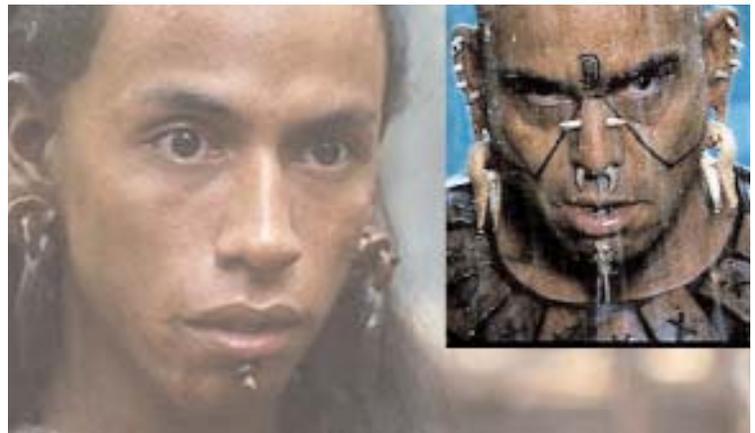
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Apocalypto

Apocalypto is a 2006 American epic historical adventure film produced, co-written, and directed by Mel Gibson. The film features a cast of Native American and Indigenous Mexican actors consisting of Rudy Youngblood, Raoul Trujillo, Mayra Sérbulo, Dalia Hernández, Ian Uriel, Gerardo Taracena, Rodolfo Palacios, Bernardo Ruiz Juarez, and Ammel Rodrigo Mendoza.



While hunting in the Mesoamerican rain forest, Jaguar Paw, his father, Flint Sky, and their fellow tribesmen encounter a procession of refugees fleeing warfare. The group's leader explains that their lands were ravaged and they seek a new beginning. He asks for permission to pass through the jungle. Flint Sky comments to his son that the visitors were sick with fear and urges him to be ready, something fearful is coming.

*Stay safe, and stay well
Knarf Odnamoc
Gnome*