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Region - Lofty praise and extended applause for its most recent virtual concert has inspired the Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) to offer a fourth online performance to close out its 27th summer season at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 20 on Facebook Live.



Margarita Loukachkina and violinist Nikita Borisevich will perform a free virtual concert on the Shandelee Music Festival Facebook Live page on Sunday, September 20 at 3 p.m.

“An Afternoon of Chamber Music” with The Borisevich Duo will feature pianist Margarita Loukachkina and violinist Nikita Borisevich, an internationally acclaimed violin and piano duo, frequently performing across the United States and Europe.

Winners of numerous international music competitions, Mr. Borisevich and Ms. Loukachkina have performed at The Kennedy Center, Grand Hall of Moscow Conservatory, Shriver Hall and Manuel de Falla Auditorium, just to name a few.

They received the inaugural Young Artist Development Series Award at The El Paso Pro Musica Festival and have been invited to do a residency at El Paso Pro Musica Festival and Sitka Summer Music Festival by Grammy-Award-winning cellist, Zuill Bailey.

In October of 2019, The Borisevich Duo performed at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts as part of P.L.A.Y. the Classics, a collaboration between the SMF and Bethel Woods.

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More than ever, thank you for your support during these difficult times. Wishing everyone well.

ON THE FRONT BURNER: Teach me good judgement and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

Psalms 119:66

Chester P. Stungis Jr. of Swan Lake passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at home. He was 80. He was the son of the late Frances and Chester P. Stungis Sr., born on June 10, 1940 in Simpson, PA.

Chester worked for the Department of Corrections for over 29 years until he retired in 1998 from Woodbourne Correctional Facility. He was a dedicated fireman for over 60 years, volunteering for various departments in Sullivan County. He loved hunting and fishing and most importantly spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by everyone that knew and loved him. He is survived by his son Chester Stungis III and his wife Tammy of Neversink, his daughter Deborah Rocha and her husband Luis of Indiana, his grandchildren Matthew and Kaitlin Stungis of Neversink and Alexandre and Madalena Rocha of Indiana, and many friends. He was predeceased by his sister Lorraine Orehek.

Memorial contributions in Chester's name can be made to the White Sulphur Springs Fire Department, P.O. Box 86, White Sulphur Springs, NY 12787 Services were handled privately at the convenience of the family. Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

DAYS OF YORE....**Today's History****September 6, 1950**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Botsford announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to Mr. Jack Bruno of Palston, Pennsylvania. No date has been set for the wedding.

Ground is being broken for two new houses in the community. The Irving Marslands are building next door to the Vincent Zanettis on the Woodbourne Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cryer plan a Cape Cod style house near the Milo Ter Bush place at Unionville.

Mrs. Mabel Merritt Misner, 58, wife of Norman Misner of

Woodbourne, died suddenly last Thursday morning while seated at the breakfast table in her home. Mrs. Misner is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mildred, who is Mrs. Frank Fish, three sons, Milford of Wawarsing, Irving of Long Island, and Carl of Woodbourne.

Mrs. George Donaldson, who is attaining success as a song writer, will appear sometime next month on the CBS radio and television show "Songs for Sale" which is on the air every Friday night at 9 p.m. The exact date of Mrs. Donaldson's appearance has not yet been scheduled.

Work at the Merriman Dam at Lackawack was suspended for a day last week when a jurisdictional dispute led to the appearance of pickets on the project. Appearing on Monday morning, the pickets were withdrawn early Tuesday.

September 7, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dull of Staunton, Virginia, announce the marriage of her daughter, Miss Nancy Carol Allison, to Mr. James Frank Pappas, Richmond, Virginia. The wedding was solemnized at the Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, on August 21st. Mrs. Pappas is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Coombe of Grahamsville are the proud parents of a son born at the Veterans Hospital in Ellenville on August 30th.

The September meeting of the Sullivan County Historical Society will be held on Monday night, September 12th at 8 p.m. in the Community rooms of the Sullivan County National Bank in Liberty. Manyille B. Wakefield, President of the Society will show his slide and tape presentation titled "The Narrow Gauge and Ghost Town Country of Colorado." This visual presentation, five years in the making, tells the story of the mining camps and their narrow gauge railroads during the gold and silver era, as it was then and as it appears now.

September 16, 1970

Mrs. Hildreth Freer of Gardiner, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Franks of Arena, and Gerald J. DuBois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dubois of Grahamsville, were united in marriage August 22nd in the Reformed Church in Gardiner. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE....**Today's History****September 16, 1970**

(From Pg. 2)

We learned that the "Messenger", the monthly newspaper of the United Methodist Church of Grahamsville and Sundown, will once again be rolling with Mrs. Phillips and Rev. Newton Ford manning the press and accepting news.

Mr. Donald Smith has been appointed Town Constable to succeed Mr. Stanley Fichtner who has been appointed Justice of the Peace to fill out the term of Harry Bailey who has resigned.

In the past two weeks four deer have been killed on the Claryville Rd. by cars and yet the State denies us a speed limit through town.

William Everett, 98, a former resident of Grahamsville, N.Y., died Sunday in New Berlin, N.Y. Among his survivors is a son, Nial J. Everett of Grahamsville. He is also survived by two daughters, and two other sons.

September 11, 1980

Sara Katz and James Gorman, Jr. were married August 30, 1980 in St. Peter's Church, Liberty with Father Theodore Schults officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Katz of Liberty. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman of Neversink.

The Cross family had a work day at the local cemetery completing a job of cleaning and restoring some 260 stones. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Botts were guests of Wessel Cross for the Cross Family Reunion held Sunday at the First Aid Building.

Mr. Pearl Galloway caught NOT a raccoon in her trap BUT twice in succession, a skunk found his way into the baited trap. Mrs. Galloway couldn't lure him out with hamburger....but with her patience and a piece of sausage, the skunk went free and the air was still clear!!!

Thinking out loud - The only thing dirtier than a small boy is his towel.

Failure falls in two categories: Those who THOUGHT and never DID and those who DID and never THOUGHT-

Small boy: Dad, why did you sign my report card with an X?

Father: With your marks, your teacher wouldn't believe you had a parent who could read and write!

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

**Last Supper Before
the Long Flight of the Hummingbirds**

This past Saturday while visiting our 5 year old grandson, Jayce and family, he pointed out 'a bird' that was flying around their almost constructed deck. While we couldn't go out on the deck to get close at the little bird, we could see through the sliding glass door it was a Hummingbird.

If you step out on our back porch right now you may get bombarded by Hummingbirds!

It seems we fill the feeder with sugar water more now than we did all summer.

It makes a lot of sense. It won't be for long now the Ruby Throated Hummingbirds will be heading toward warmer weather where they will live in their winter homes.

The Ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird east of the Rockies. While in the Catskills this past spring and summer you may have seen one of the tiny males aggressively defending his territory, especially if there was a nest nearby. The tiny nests are about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and made of bits of lichen and moss, lined with soft dandelion-seed down and spider webs. The female generally lays two pure white eggs, each the size of a navy bean. Nature protects these smallest of all bird eggs with a horrible bitter taste that discourages all nest-robbers.

Mother hummingbirds raise the young alone. As a rule, males mate with several partners and don't help build the nest, incubate eggs or feed chicks, however, they do their part. The father's aggressive defense of several nesting and feeding territories makes it safer and easier for females to collect food.

Baby Ruby-throats grow rapidly as they eat nectar and tiny insects which the mother literally pumps down their throats from her needle-sharp bill. The young leave the nest about a month after hatching and quickly learn to feed themselves. A favorite treat in Sundown is the red bee balm. They love red flowers, especially long necked ones into which they thrust their slender bills and tubular tongues for nectar. They also seem to like the nectar of the orange jewel weed that grows profusely in our area. The tip of a Hummingbird's tongue is frayed like a tiny brush that can whisk insects into their mouths during midair feeding.

Now is the time that the Ruby-throats will begin to stuff themselves and gain 50% of their body weight in preparation for their long flight. Once leaving the Catskills they will start their journey and fly south about two hundred miles non-stop at treetop level. Then they rest, tidy themselves a bit and eat some more before continuing the journey. While flying at night the hummingbirds will orient themselves by the stars and the earth's magnetic field and while flying during the day they will use the sun, earth's magnetic field and landmarks such as rivers, mountains and coastlines. Their wings rotate like a helicopter blade, 75 times per second, making the humming sound that gives this little bird its name. They can hover and fly backwards.

In spite of being so tiny and delicate, these little Ruby-throated hummingbirds will fly across the 500-mile-wide Gulf of Mexico non-stop continuing to eat insects and will sleep while flying!

The little hummingbirds at our feeder in Sundown will most probably return to the same place for several years. With this in mind, we will make sure that in the spring Jayce will have a hummingbird feeder to place on his new deck and welcome back his new friend. Yes, the same hummingbirds we bid farewell this year, most likely will be the same wee bronze-green beauties we will see again next spring.

**Household Hints:****Deodorize your fridge and freezer**

Deodorize your refrigerator and freezer by putting in an open container of baking soda to absorb odors. Stir and turn over the soda from time to time. Replace every 2 months

Tri-Valley Area One Room Schools

Virtual Program by
the Time and the Valleys Museum
Sunday, September 13, 2 p.m.



Neversink School

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for a virtual program: Tri-Valley Area One Room Schools, Sunday, September 13 at 2 p.m..

The program includes several short presentations:

1. My One room School Experience: Town of Neversink Historian Carol Smythe and Archives Assistant Wanda Terwilliger will share their experiences going to a one room school.
2. Lynn Priebe retired teacher and Museum Trustee will present a program on the development of the "common school" in NYS and the evolution of teacher education.
3. Phyllis (Penny) Coombe, retired Tri Valley Teacher, will discuss the development of the Tri-Valley District from a union free district to a modern k-12 school.

Admission is FREE and Virtual attendance is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the talk. Please call 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org for more information.



Dewittville School

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

Exhibitions when reopening:

- 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 newly renovated 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

- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

A Message from the Neversink Town Historian

The NYS Historian has requested that Local Historians document the effect of the pandemic on the area they represent. In our area, I am the Local Historian for the Town of Neversink which of course, includes the communities of Neversink and Grahamsville and Claryville, right up to the Town of Denning, Ulster County line. It also includes part of Willowemoc.

I think this is an important idea, but would like to carry it further in that I would also like to include writing, art, photography. Specifically, I ask people to think about how your life has been changed due to Covid 19; how your family life has been changed; how your community has been changed.

I can be reached at historian@townofneversink.org.

Thank you.

Carol Smythe, Town of Neversink Historian

Borisevich Duo performs for Shandelee Music Festival's Fourth Virtual Concert

(From Pg 1) Recently, the duo was named a winner of the Beverly Hills National Auditions and will perform a series of concerts in Southern California in the 2021 concert season.

The SMF virtual concert with The Borisevich Duo at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, will be offered through Facebook Live - a public page open to everyone, with no subscription and no admission fee required. The program will include Prokofiev's Sonata for violin and piano No. 2 in D major, Op. 94bis, Bloch's Nigun for violin and piano, and Ravel's Tzigane for violin and piano. Additional information about the concert can be found at www.shandelee.org/exciting-upcoming-virtual-concerts.

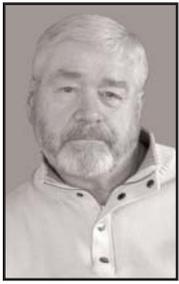
The SMF needs your help to continue their mission of bringing world class music to the Sullivan Catskills and beyond. Please make a donation during the concert or at www.shandelee.org/donate or by sending a check to Shandelee Music Festival, P.O. Box 1264, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. The SMF is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.

For more information "like" the SMF Facebook page, visit Shandelee.org or call 845-439-3277.

Ivy Is A Weed

Mysterious Book Report No. 417

by John Dwaine McKenna



Author Robert Roseth is a man with a strong sense of humor, an ear for sarcasm and a talent for satire. He puts all of those elements together in his first novel, *Ivy Is A Weed* (Self-published, \$13.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-578-62246-0) a tongue-in-cheek, hysterical behind-the-scenes look at the foibles, follies and free-for-alls that go on in today's so-called institutions of higher education . . . and it's all neatly wrapped around a mysterious death on the campus of a major university.

The novel begins when a man named Mike Woodsen, the university's public affairs officer, is rousted out of his girlfriend's bed in the middle of the night by a member of the campus police, who informs him that "A body has been found on campus."

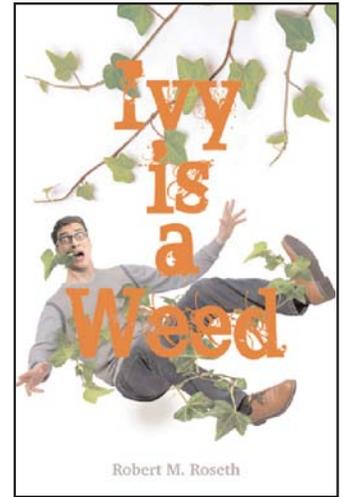
"Where," the groggy Woodson asks.

"Near main central . . ."

Right near my office, the now wide-awake PIO thinks. "I'll be there as fast as I can get dressed."

Jeremy Ronson, a top-ranked university official, has fallen to his death from a fourth floor window at his office. The question is of course: How? Did he jump, or was he pushed? The campus police claim that his death was an accident. The administration is fine with that . . . they want the problem to disappear as fast as possible so they can get back to what really matters most . . . grubbing for money.

Mike Woodsen however, doesn't buy into the university's make-it-go-away ASAP policy. He decides to conduct his own investigation on the down low, while keeping up a cynical and often hilarious commentary on the absurdities of campus life in the early years of the new millennium. If you're craving some relief from the god-awful state of the news and world affairs *Ivy Is A Weed* is just the ticket. It'll leave you grinning like the Cheshire Cat himself!



Like the review? Let your friends know, *You saw it in the Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments. We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

<http://Johndwainemckenna.com> or <http://Mysteriousbookreport.com>

Interview With The Author: Robert Roseth

by John Dwaine McKenna

Our interview today is with an author whose self-published debut, *Ivy Is A Weed*, is reviewed in MBR No. 417.

Thanks for agreeing to an interview with Mysterious Book Report, Mr. Roseth. Our readers and fans are eager to hear your thoughts, writing tips and opinions, so lets begin. Our first question is,

Why do you write?

I started writing my first novel when I retired at age 65. For a long time I dreamed of writing longform fiction. I like the feeling of creating characters and then watching what they do. It is magical.

Where do you write?

I write in my son's former bedroom which has become my office.

What do you write about?

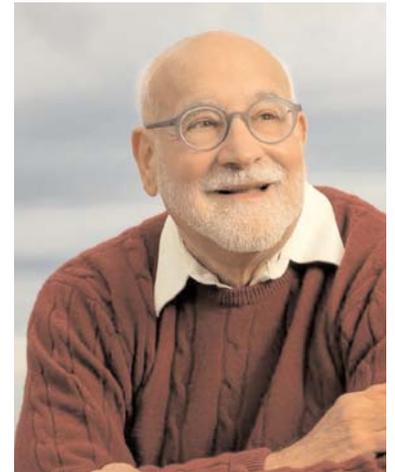
My first novel was based on some of the experiences I had when I worked at a university. My second novel started with me wondering, What goes on in the mind of a person with dementia?

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

I think all characters are based to some degree on people we know. So yes, the protagonist had a job similar to mine. As for his personality, it is quite different.

When do you write?

I try to write in the morning. When I'm in gear, I have a goal of writing at least 1,000 words a day, a goal I usually meet. (Contd. Pg. 13) .



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**Scriptures and Glass - A Delicate Balance
at the Woodstock Art Exchange!**

(From Pg. 1) This weekend's weather certainly added to the ambience of the whimsical tour led by artist Dave Channon at the Woodstock Art Exchange Scripture Garden. Dave took the visitors on a stroll through the beautiful gardens as he explained how he gave birth to each of the curious, but playful Scriptures.



Dave explained the dynamic imbalance, mobius origami, non-Euclidian deconstructivism and anti-gravity that he intentionally included in each piece made from discarnate scrap metal objects. By reconstructing each object he gave them life in a new body!

The tour began with Detroitus, who greets guests on the tour. Some of the other Scriptures encountered along the way were the Ostrich, Bird of Education, Warrior, WonderWoman, Pop-eye and the last statue in the garden, Father Time. More Scriptures graced the front lawn, an Angel, Horse and the magnificent Lady Liberty!

You are welcome to stroll through the Scripture Garden whenever the Woodstock Art Exchange is open. To reserve a tour with Dave, who will explain in detail his anti-gravity illusions and how he came to weld the various rusty elements that reveal their uniqueness, into

his delightful Scriptures call (845) 688-2977 or (914) 806-3573. For a virtual tour of Dave's Scriptures go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDfudMCFcQ8>

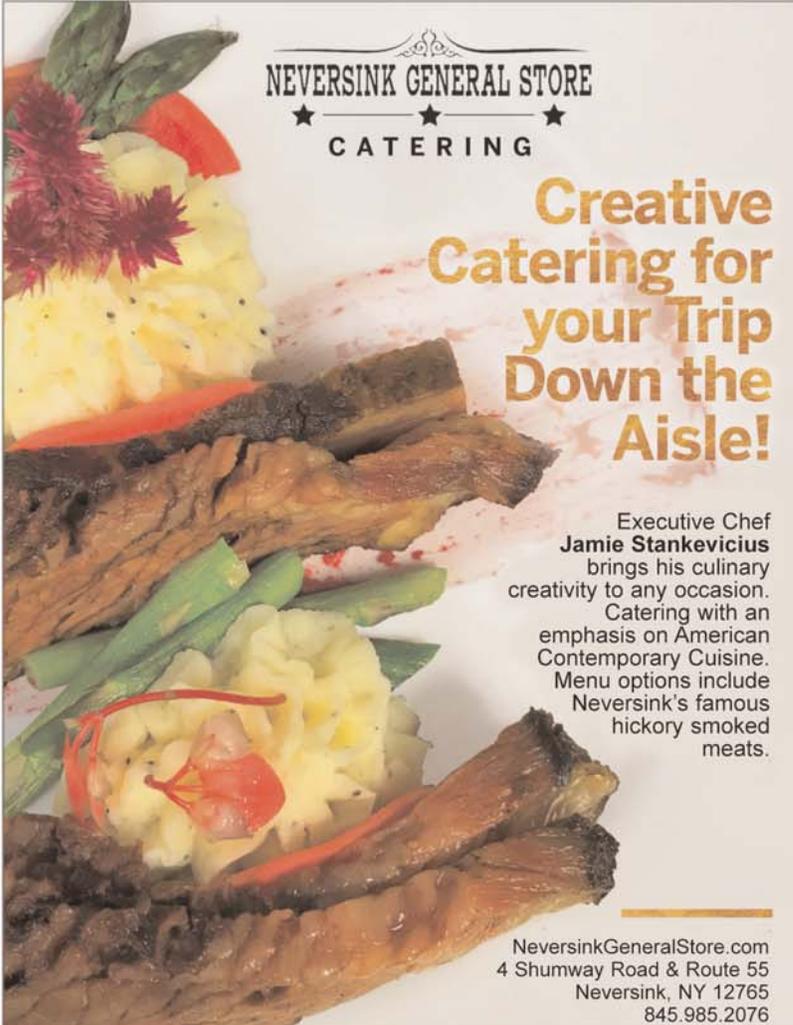


At another part of the spectrum, artist and glass blower, Paul (Pablo) Weinschenk had guests intrigued as he magically transformed a small piece of molten glass into a beautiful art piece - a delicate vase. Throughout the weekend, Pablo demonstrated the art of glass blowing.

Together with his wife, Georgeanne, Pablo established the Woodstock Art Exchange in 2016. Not only is the Pablo Glass Studio and the Scripture Garden on premise, but the Woodstock Art Exchange also offers an opportunity for temporary exhibits and sale of curated works of several New York State's visual artists featuring painting, sculpture and other works including Pablo's collection of hand-blown glass pieces and Dave's Scriptures that are for sale.

Woodstock Art Exchange is located at 1369 Route 28, West Hurley, NY 12491. For more information and details you may contact Georgeanne at: 914 806 3573

Visit them at:
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Senator Jen Metzger Visits Sullivan County's Care Center at Sunset Lake for Staff Appreciation



Senator Jen Metzger with Catherine Scott

Sullivan County, NY...Senator JeMetzger (SD-42) yesterday joined community members and residents' family members at Sullivan County's Care Center at Sunset Lake for a gathering to give thanks to the staff. Organized by Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation (HVALF) and Care Center's Family Council, the event was geared toward recognizing the staff's hard work in the past months, and to give attendees the opportunity to wave hello to residents.




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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Labor Day. A weekend that signals the official end of summer. A three day weekend where 80% of the population spends it outside because we know what's coming. The other 20% spend it readying winter clothing.

I pretty much did both. The leaves have already started to turn. And we know winter is just behind the horizon. Soon it will be too cold for the music outdoors. Then what? In Sullivan County, we have seen an uptick in new CoVid 19 cases. I have to give credit to our local media for letting us know in what businesses/events have had someone test positive. This is valuable information in the sense that one needs to be more vigilant in masking and hand washing. We may not have visited these establishments but persons that did may have been to more common businesses like grocery stores.

That aside, my "outside" this last weekend began with a trip



to one of the best socially distanced venues of the summer, CABERNET FRANK'S. And this was only the second night performance I attended all summer, the first being the soft opening of HEART-BEAT MUSIC HALL'S Open Mic at the beginning of the summer season.

The night began with a solo performance by NICK HEARMON, who

expertly wended his way through a few covers then launched into an original that was written about 2020 with the most appropriate refrain of "Everything sucks!" And then came CASWYN MOON. This man continuously surprises me. This is the first time I have seen him with a band, usually I've seen him solo. INCIDENTAL MUSIC, which could be attributed to the band or the evening in general, comprised of STEVE TANCZYK on drums, and ZEB KANDROS on bass and NICK HEARMON, brought up on keys, lent even more depth to CASWYN MOON'S originals.



Also, on the advertised bill was SOUL CAKES, a trio comprised of flute, bass and guitar and including STEVE TANCZYK brought up on the drums. This group came up from the city and are amazing, in part because I can't put their music into a category. It's an easy rocking sort of sound but with incredible energy. I would definitely see them again.

And then a unique, diminutive woman with a talent and voice bigger than her size. Listening to her, I could only think that she must be a contemporary of Patti Smith and that era. This woman blew me away!

Rounding out the night was KATHY GEARY. But having been working since 7:30am, I found myself very very tired and could not stay, even though I would have liked to. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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Top 3 Nearby Wineries to Visit During COVID



Happy Fall! COVID has halted a whole heck of a lot of activities, businesses, and much more. However, it hasn't stopped much of outdoor shenanigans!

One outdoor activity that's gaining popularity (especially due to the sudden season change) is visiting local wineries. I don't know about you, but that sounds enticing to me – and I fully intend on visiting

every, single one of these wineries this season!

Brotherhood, America's Oldest Winery

One of the most classic and historic wineries in the area is indeed open for sales and tastings! Tastings are capped at 6 people, though. However, you can get a tasting and/or buy a bottle and enjoy it on their premises!

Warwick Valley Winery & Distillery

Want to drink sangria from tap or a bottle of wine amongst a gorgeous vineyard and orchard? Then, head to Warwick Valley Winery & Distillery! They offer outdoor seating with a plethora of drinks, like on-tap sangria, wine, ciders, gin, and scrumptious food! Oh, and fancy an apple picking? They got that, too!



Baldwin Vineyards

I know you've heard of beer flights, but how about wine flights? Well, Baldwin Vineyards has them- and only for \$15! You can sample 4 wines, get a souvenir wine glass, and some oyster crackers! Their tasting rooms are open and seating both indoors and outdoors!

When visiting any winery, though, be sure to research their specifics and new COVID regulations before making the journey. On top of that, remember the new law of needing food with alcoholic beverages. Some wineries have food on site, but others do not, so you may need to bring your own. And, when you do make it to one (or all!) of these wineries, of course, drink responsibly and enjoy!

The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) After a whirlwind night of unparalleled music, I was headed into a whirlwind of a different sort as I headed up to Woodstock for lunch with my best friend who lives there now. Both she and I have underlying health issues and instead of having lunch once a month as was our unstated custom, we haven't seen each other since February! This was so cathartic for both of us, and the two and a half hours was just not enough....those of you with close friends can understand.



We opted for the Garden Café, which, if you are ever in Woodstock, I highly recommend. It is Vegetarian and if you think it's just lettuce or you'll leave hungry, think again. I had a quesadilla that was simple, incredibly fresh and delicious and so much food that I only made my way through half of it! The dining was outdoors, at tables that I understand have always been socially distanced which is good for the servers, the diners don't have to listen to the conversation at the next table and other than a leaf blower for a very short period of time, it is as quiet as having a meal in your own garden complete with natural shade. We arrived at a most fortuitous time and were seated immediately. But if you visit, be prepared for a line.



It's one of the most popular restaurants in the town.

Then on to the street, because whereas my friend walks regularly, Jane's walking has been from the chair to the fridge. The

main street of Woodstock can only be described as nerve wracking. As one local Woodstockian put it with a sneer, "It's like being in the Hamptons" and it has apparently been like this since May. The only way I can describe it is being in a crowd where some wear masks the sidewalks are not made for social distancing and the pandemic is something that is 'at home', not here. We stopped at an ice cream shop at the end of town for the most expensive tasteless 'homemade' ice cream ever. \$10.50 for 2 scoops! But hey. What's a little price gouging with so many out of towners clogging their streets.

It was refreshing though, to see the square unmobbed and the guitar troubadours and jugglers in their rightful places.

Eh, it could be worse. We all could be in complete lockdown...still!

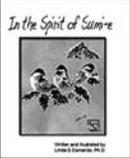
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Interview With The Author: Robert Roseth

(From Pg. 5)

Who's your favorite author?

One of my favorites is Ann Patchett, for her writing and also for her independent book store, Parnassus Books.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I tried outlining, but when I brought my characters to life on the page they refused to conform to my instructions. They have a life of their own.

Do you use humor in your work?

My first novel was an unusual creature, a funny mystery. Many of the scenes, characters, and even the titles for people at work were satirical.

Do you have any other comments, suggestions, tips, anecdotes, quotes or inspirational material you'd like to share?

It took me until I was 65 to realize I had something to say. So you're never too old. But remember: Writing is easy. Editing is hard.

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?
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Robert M. Roseth

Robert Roseth was raised in the Chicago area and moved to Seattle in 1977. He holds a bachelor's degree from MIT in political science and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri. He worked at the University of Washington from 1977 to 2015, starting as a science writer and becoming director of the campus news office in 1984. Ivy is a Weed is his first novel.

Senator Gillibrand, Representative Delgado Visit Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Push for Legislation to Support Live Event

Venues and Small Businesses

Gillibrand and Delgado Urge Congress to Include Bipartisan RESTART Act In Next COVID Relief Package
BETHEL, NY - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado visited Bethel Woods Center for the Arts to push for legislation to support live event venues and small- and mid-sized businesses that have been hit hardest by the coronavirus crisis. While the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was intended to help small- and mid-sized businesses weather the economic crisis, many have slipped through

the cracks and are struggling to maintain operations and pay their employees. Theaters and live event venues, restaurants, and hospitality providers in particular have been largely unable to access PPP benefits despite unprecedented revenue losses since March. PPP required businesses to maintain their pre-pandemic employee headcount for up to 24 weeks. The current realities of the hospitality and entertainment industries have left many of those businesses unable to bring all of their staff back, making them ineligible for relief.

For example, Bethel Woods has been forced to close until the 2021 season, cutting 600 jobs and is projecting \$12 million in lost revenue. To support small businesses like historic Bethel Woods, Senator Gillibrand is calling for the bipartisan Reviving the Economy Sustainably Towards a Recovery in Twenty-Twenty (RESTART) Act in the next coronavirus relief package to provide a lifeline for those unable to access PPP. The legislation would create a new loan program to fund 6 months of payroll, benefits, and fixed operating expenses for businesses that have lost substantial revenue due to the pandemic.

"Arts venues, restaurants, and tourist attractions across the Catskills and the state are suffering. These small businesses make New York a world renowned entertainment destination and we must help them survive this economic crisis," said Senator Gillibrand. "The PPP program clearly did not work for those hit hardest by this crisis, but the RESTART Act would help fill the gaps and ensure they receive the support they deserve. I will continue fighting to include this legislation as we work to pass the next relief package."

"Last month, I held a roundtable at the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association where I heard from business owners about the dire situation faced by venues and mid-sized businesses across the county that are unable to reopen due to the coronavirus pandemic. It is clear from my conversations throughout the district that small and mid-size businesses need additional support," said Rep. Delgado, member of the House Small Business Committee. "That's why I'm calling on the House and Senate to urgently pass supplemental relief for NY-19 through the bipartisan RESTART Act. This legislation builds on the Paycheck Protection Program to provide flexible loans for the hardest hit businesses in our area. Congress has a duty to respond to the needs on the ground in our rural communities, and I'll keep pushing to get this bill included in the next coronavirus relief package."

"Bethel Woods is proud to host Senator Kirsten Gillibrand to announce her introduction of the RESTART Act. This bipartisan bill will provide vital assistance to thousands of our nation's small businesses, including arts organizations like Bethel Woods. At a time when cultural institutions across the country are weathering the COVID-19 storm, the RESTART Act is a much-needed lifeline to ensure the curtains will rise once again when it is safe to do so." - Eric Frances, CEO, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

"I want to thank Senator Gillibrand for her commitment to the New York State tourism industry. The tourism industry is a critical part of our economy and one that's been hit the hardest by the pandemic. The Senator's foresight to create legislation that will extend and make the PPP program more flexible, will afford our small businesses the ability to retain employees and quickly recover from our current economic situation. Rebuilding our businesses and keeping our hospitality workers employed is essential for the overall economic wealth of New York State and the Sullivan Catskills." - Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

"The Hudson Valley and Catskills regions are home to many small and mid-size businesses that cater to the tourism industry, including restaurants, boutique hotels, theaters and event venues that are really struggling to survive during this pandemic. (Contd. Pg 14)



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Senator Gillibrand, Representative Delgado Visit Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Push for Legislation to Support Live Event Venues and Small Businesses

(From Pg. 13) The federal RESTART Act, co-sponsored by Senator Gillibrand, is the shot in the arm that our businesses need to help pay their operating expenses and get them through this challenging time. I thank Senator Gillibrand for her leadership in coming to the aid of our local businesses, and I urge the Senate to pass this legislation and bring needed relief to these hard-hit businesses." - New York State Senator Jen Metzger (D-42nd Senate District)

"I strongly support any action that can help many of our small businesses and live event venues get back on their feet. I applaud Senator Gillibrand's effort on their behalf in sponsoring this bill." - New York State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D-100th Assembly District)

"I am very excited that Senator Gillibrand is here in Bethel, NY fighting for local businesses and organizations that make up the backbone of our economy and are part of our community tapestry. The RESTART Act will be an economic lifeline for these deeply affected businesses and for their communities who rely on them. Senator Gillibrand has always fought for us at the local level and I thank her for her leadership." - Town of Bethel Supervisor Daniel Sturm

Specifically, the RESTART Act would:

- Provide access to loans to cover 6 months of payroll, benefits, and fixed operating expenses for small and mid-sized businesses and nonprofits that have suffered significant revenue losses and would provide an extended 12-month covered loan period for businesses that have seen revenues decline by at least 80 percent;

- Forgive a share of loans based on revenue declines suffered by the recipient in 2020 (or during the six-month covered loan period) compared to a year earlier, with the remainder to be paid back over 7 years, with generous loan terms. Businesses with fewer than 5,000 employees would receive even more favorable terms on loan forgiveness;
- Offer more favorable loan terms to nonprofits, including a longer duration and a lower interest rate;
- Defer interest payments for the first year of the loan, and defers principal payments for the first 2 years, with additional deferral available to economically distressed firms;
- Build an origination fee structure designed to provide an incentive for banks and other financial institutions to assist the smallest businesses;
- Allow businesses to choose when to rehire their workers and when to deploy the capital;
- Provide a 100% loan guarantee from the federal government.

Positive COVID-19 Cases At Liberty Pizzeria

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is alerting anyone who visited Paesano's Pizzeria at 10 S. Main Street in Liberty on August 25, 26 and/or 27 that they may have been exposed to someone who was actively contagious with COVID-19 and should contact Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.

As of September 3, 2020, there are seven (7) active cases of COVID-19 associated with this location, two of which are also connected to exposures at Nelly's Sports Bar at 456 Broadway in Monticello on Saturday, August 15, for which a previous health advisory was issued. It appears from the investigation that employees and customers may not have been wearing masks consistently or maintaining a 6-foot distance from others.

"Staff are working hard to identify if there have been any additional cases or community spread as a result of these two clusters. If you have visited either of these locations on the dates in question, please monitor yourself for symptoms and contact us," stated Nancy McGraw, Public Health Director.

Paesano's voluntarily closed on August 28 and will remain closed at least until September 8 after an inspection by the NYS Department of Health District Office in Monticello.

COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It is thought that the virus may spread to hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose or mouth, causing infection. Therefore, personal prevention practices, such as hand-washing, staying home when sick, social distancing while dining inside, and environmental cleaning and disinfection are important principles that must be followed to prevent transmission to others.

If you start to develop symptoms of COVID-19, we urge you to contact either your healthcare provider or Sullivan County Public Health Services at 292-5910 x 0 and ask for an Infection Control nurse.

Individuals who have questions regarding access to testing should call their health care provider or the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065, or visit the NYSDOH website at <https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov>. Sullivan County's coronavirus information page, including the latest statistics, can be found at www.sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus.

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This free community service is to assist older townfolk and families without computers who have been affected by new federal and state assistance forms and pension and court forms requiring notarized signatures and immediate filing.

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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District

The District is now taking orders for the annual Fish Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with large mouth bass, rainbow or brook trout, fathead minnows, or crawfish this fall, the District will be accepting orders until Monday, September 14, 2020. The pick-up date is Monday, September 21st. Trout should be stocked in cold-water ponds. Anyone stocking a pond with fish must apply for a fish stocking permit through the NYS-Dept. of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, NY. For more information, you can go to the District's website at sullivanswcd.org or contact the District office at (845) 292-6552 for a brochure, order form and a permit application.

The NYS Board of Elections Creates One-Stop Absentee Ballot Web Portal Redesigns Accessible Absentee Application Process

ALBANY, NY (09/02/2020) - The New York State Board of Elections has created a one-stop absentee ballot web portal that will allow all registered voters to apply for an absentee ballot simply and at the click of a mouse, pursuant to new legislation. The web portal is live at:

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html>.

"The portal will make it easier for New Yorkers to apply for an absentee ballot and it will also make it easier for our boards to process the applications," said Todd D. Valentine, Co-Executive Director of the Board.

"Voters from every corner of the state can go to one location to complete an online absentee ballot application and submit it," said Robert A. Brehm, the other Co-Executive Director.

"The system will record each entry so if a voter forgets and they re-apply it will tell them the date of their original application and how to follow-up," said Peter S. Kosinski, Commissioner and Co-Chair of the Board.

The State Board also enhanced the accessible absentee ballot application process used in the June primary to now also include an accessible web portal. The redesigned system will provide a fully accessible absentee ballot application and absentee ballot delivery system at the click of a mouse.

"New Yorkers with disabilities will be able to vote in the privacy of their own homes with assistive technologies that will enable them to cast their vote without the help of a family member or other

person ensuring their right to a secret ballot," said Commissioner Andrew Spano.

The accessible ballot will be emailed to voters who affirm they need the accommodation. They will use their own assistive technologies such as a screen reader - a software program that enables a blind or visually impaired user to read and interact with the text that is displayed on their computer screen with a speech synthesizer - to independently mark their ballot without assistance. The accessible absentee application and web portal are posted on the SBOE website (www.elections.ny.gov) and can be accessed from the homepage, the "Absentee Voting" page and the "Meeting Voter Access Needs" page.

"Utilization of the web portals makes the administrative process for both the voter and the Boards of Election more efficient by eliminating the 2-5 day mail service delivery that ordinarily would take place. Having daily data files processed by the Board also streamlines the application intake process," said Commissioner Douglas A. Kellner.

"With the continual development of new technologies, we were able to start this program in June and are able to continue it with some enhancements learned from the primary and with more time for county boards to train their staffs on the program," said Mr. Valentine.

The deadline to apply through both web portals is seven days before the general election (October 27th), but the post office has warned voters that they cannot guaranty delivery of absentee ballots applied for less than 15 days before the general election.

Once the voter receives their absentee ballot, they may return it in any of the following ways:

1. Put it in the mail ensuring it receives a postmark no later than November 3rd.
2. Bringing it to the County Board of Elections Office during regular business hours, on or before November 3rd.
3. Bringing it to an early voting poll site between October 24th and November 1st
4. Bringing it to a poll site on November 3rd by 9pm.

If you have questions about this press release, please contact John Conklin or Cheryl Couser at the Public Information Office at 518-474-1953 or INFO@elections.ny.gov.

Attorney General James and Governor Cuomo Protect Thousands of Homeowners by Stopping Tax Lien Sale

NEW YORK - Attorney General Letitia James and Governor Andrew Cuomo released the following statements regarding the Governor's Executive Order stopping New York City's annual tax and water lien sale in order to protect homeowners as the COVID-19 public health crisis continues.

"As the economic impacts of COVID-19 rage on, the tax lien sale puts an unnecessary financial burden on New York's homeowners, and especially communities of color," said Attorney General James. "It is the responsibility of government to relieve the financial hardships of the people wherever possible, not exacerbate them. I am proud that my office worked with Governor Cuomo and his team to take immediate action to protect hardworking homeowners during this stressful time."

"COVID-19 caused enormous disruption in the daily lives of New Yorkers, including their ability to keep a roof over their head," Governor Cuomo said. "The tax and water lien sale was delayed in May in recognition of this hardship, and given the current economic climate it makes sense to delay it again so that homeowners aren't facing further uncertainty. This measure is part and parcel with our ongoing efforts to help New Yorkers weather the ongoing public health emergency." (Contd. Pg. 18)

Attorney General James and Governor Cuomo Protect Thousands of Homeowners by Stopping Tax Lien Sale

(From Pg. 17) On August 31, 2020, Attorney General James and a group of 57 elected officials urged the delay of the city's annual tax and water lien sale. In a letter, Attorney General James and other elected officials called for the removal of more than 4,700 Class 1 Properties, or residential buildings with three or fewer units, from the tax lien sale scheduled for September 4, 2020. As New Yorkers are still facing significant financial burdens due to the pandemic, including these homes in the tax lien sale will only exacerbate the economic crisis and result in homeowners - mostly in communities of color - potentially losing their homes during this time.

Good News from SC Visitors Assoc New place. More space.

Sullivan County Visitors Association has moved to a new location at 15 Sullivan Avenue (Suite 1) in Liberty, NY.



Part of SCVA's crucial work is to arm you with marketing education and economic development information to help you remain a viable part of the Sullivan Catskills economy. Our new location features meeting and training space to serve as an effective and accessible way to advance the mission of the Sullivan Catskills, inspire revitalization while maintaining our robust marketing and promotion efforts. Please watch this space for information on meetings, training, and other marketing solutions we'll be providing to you help lead customers to your doors.



Welcoming our Visitors

Equally important at our new space is welcoming tourists to our Sullivan Catskills. Our new digs allow us to warmly welcome and accommodate visitors, and features videos, interactive kiosks, sitting areas, brochures, itineraries and more. Our staff will man the front-facing visitor space to help guests plan their stay with us.



We've been busy filling our racks with member brochures and welcome you to drop off your brochures, promotional materials & business cards so that we may display them in our new Visitors Center. Please provide 200-250 pieces would be a great start!

We are of course practicing social distancing and taking all the CDC-recommended safety measures, therefore we ask that if you are in need of any SCVA brochures, please call us at 845-747-4449 and we will prepare your materials for you to pick up when you drop off your promotional materials.

UC Executive Ryan Seeks Ulster County Residents to Serve on the 2020 Commission on Reapportionment and Other Committees

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today during his Facebook live briefing that Ulster County is seeking residents to serve on the 2020 Commission on Reapportionment and other Ulster County committees. The Ulster County 2020 Commission on Reapportionment is a seven-member body, convened every ten years following the decennial federal census, to establish the boundaries of the 23 districts that comprise the Ulster County Legislature. County Executive Ryan is inviting applicants to apply that represent the demographic and geographic diversity of our County.

"Having community participation on this commission is critically important in ensuring that all residents of Ulster County have equal and fair representation in County government," County Executive Ryan said. "I invite all members of the community to apply to serve on the Commission on Reapportionment or on any of the open committees and make their voices heard on how we can better serve all residents of the County."

Any County residents registered to vote in Ulster County who, since January 30, 2018, has not served as elected officials or as members or officers of any political committee, and have not been employed by New York State, the Ulster County municipal government, or any town, city or village municipal governments within Ulster County, is eligible to apply for the commission.

Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter, the initial members of the Commission will be selected by the majority and minority leaders of the Ulster County Legislature from a pool of eligible candidates identified by the County Executive.

To apply, please send a short email or letter confirming your interest and eligibility to serve. Your address must be included in your submission. Applications must be received no later than August 21, 2020.

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Push Echoes Gillibrand's Recent Calls to Extend School Meal Waivers and P-EBT Program Through School Year to Support Hungry Children As Uncertainty Over In-Person Learning Continues

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined her colleagues to urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to extend certain school meal waivers through the end of the 2020-21 school year to ensure that students receive nutritious meals during continued uncertainty over in-person learning. Specifically, the senators are requesting the extension of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO), and Area Eligibility Waivers, which, as of August 31, were only extended through the end of Calendar Year 2020 by USDA. Additionally, Gillibrand and her colleagues are requesting the extension of the Unexpected School Closures Waiver, which would extend the period during which unanticipated school closure meal programs can operate. If extended throughout the 2020-2021 school year, these waivers would ensure students maintain access to school meals, regardless of school opening status, and struggling school nutrition programs would benefit from additional financial relief. Following the senators' initial call in July, the USDA agreed to extend some school meal waivers through the end of the 2020-21 school year - including those that allow parents and guardians to pick up school meals. The USDA also removed the requirement that school meals be served in group settings.

"As learning continues to be disrupted due to the pandemic, it's unacceptable that the USDA has not extended all school meal waivers throughout the current school year. No child should go hungry because they are unable to go to school," said Senator Gillibrand. "More than a million New York school children depend on school meals to get the nutrition they need, but COVID-19 has deepened the hunger crisis countless families were already struggling to manage. We must do everything possible to give school meal program directors and staff the best tools to ensure children have access to nutritious and healthy meals and I will continue fighting to provide them with the funding and flexibility they need."

Senator Gillibrand has been a strong advocate in the fight against the growing hunger crisis caused by the pandemic. Earlier this week, Gillibrand toured all five boroughs of Manhattan and visited Rome and Elmira to call for an extension of the P-EBT program and SNAP benefits in the next coronavirus relief package.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Project Resilience Child Care Initiative - *The Project Resilience Child Care Initiative will dramatically expand those eligible to receive subsidized child care and will allow for hundreds of families to participate in the program • \$200,000 will be made available for a six week period to expand child care programs for residents in need*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced the next phase of Project Resilience dedicated to assisting families with child care issues brought on by COVID-19. The Project Resilience Child Care Initiative will utilize \$200,000 in funding to expand existing programs provided by the county as well as afford families the ability to participate in School-Age Children Programs throughout Ulster County.

"As a parent, I fully understand the struggle that families are facing due to a lack of child care," County Executive Pat Ryan

said. "Through helping to relieve the financial burden of child care, the Project Resilience Child Care Initiative is yet another example of how communities can come together to meet the needs of our residents in these unprecedented times. I want to thank our many partners for realizing this critical need and coming together to find creative solutions."

The Project Resilience Child Care Initiative will dramatically expand those eligible to receive subsidized child care and will allow for hundreds of families to participate in the program. Presently, those at or below 200% of the poverty level are able to have 75% of their child care expenses funded by the Ulster County Department of Social Services. Through the Project Resilience Child Care Initiative, the eligibility requirement is being raised to 300%, with families between 200% and 300% eligible to have half of their child care costs covered over the next six weeks.

In addition, through partnering with the United Way of Ulster County, these families can receive scholarships to attend school aged children's programs throughout the county. Programs are being offered in every school district and Ulster County Community College as well as through traditional child care centers and organizations such as the YMCA and the Boys & Girls Club. This effort aims to alleviate the struggles of working families in dire need of child care as a result of COVID-19.

The Project Resilience Child Care Initiative is made possible through partnership with Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz, United Way of Ulster County, Family of Woodstock and the Child Care Resource and Referral Program, Ulster County Child Care Council, YMCA of Kingston, Healthy Kids Extended Day Program, Ulster County Community Action, SUNY Ulster, Ulster BOCES, Boys & Girls Club, and Center for Creative Education, and other school aged care program providers.

"Access to reliable, affordable, quality child care is not a new issue for many working families. Unfortunately, like many other things, this need and the costs associated with it have been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic," Director of The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz KT Tobin said. "I am thankful to County Executive Ryan for being willing to pivot the support of Project Resilience, and for assisting families with much needed childcare subsidies."

"The United Way of Ulster County was proud to partner with Ulster County during the first phase of Project Resilience. We saw firsthand how impactful that program was not only to families struggling with food insecurity, but also to businesses struggling to exist during the early stages of the pandemic," President and CEO of United Way of Ulster County Stacey Rein said. "We are again proud to work with the County Executive and his team on the issue of childcare affordability. Many families in Ulster County are living one crisis away from bankruptcy, and programs like this are an important safety net to those families."

Launched in March, Project Resilience started as a community fund and local food distribution efforts established to support residents impacted by COVID-19. Within 24 hours of its inception, County Executive Ryan secured over \$2 million dollars in funding and announced partnerships with municipal governments, local businesses, and not-for-profits. Since launching, Project Resilience has provided nearly 300,000 meals while supporting over 100 small businesses.

For additional information about the Project Resilience Child Care Initiative and to find out if you qualify for assistance please call the Ulster County Recovery Service Center at (845) 443-8888 or visit <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/schools/>. For more information and help to locate child care programs that have available slots, contact Family of Woodstock, Inc.'s Child Care resource and Referral Service at 845-331-7080 or online at <https://www.familyofwoodstockinc.org/ccr/for-families/need-child-care/>.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

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

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

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

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

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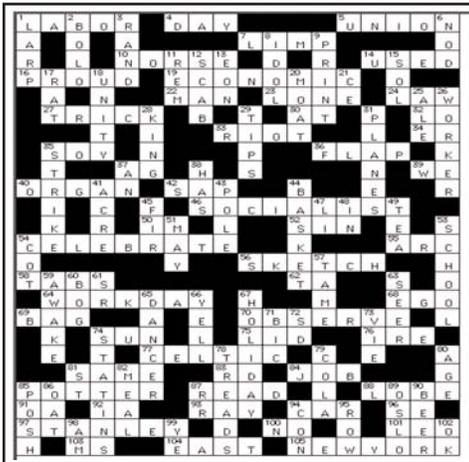
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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Frontline Workers' Unions Endorse Jen Metzger for Re-election to NYS Senate District 42

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Today, Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) announced endorsements of her re-election campaign by two major labor unions who have been on the frontlines of fighting coronavirus-New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) and 1199 Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which together represent over 100,000 nurses and healthcare workers across New York. Throughout this pandemic Senator Metzger has worked to support these essential workers, fighting for hazard pay, sufficient PPE supplies, and stronger paid sick leave, as well as collaborating on local issues like trying to prevent a permanent move of mental health and detox facilities from HealthAlliance Hudson Valley in Kingston.

"I am honored to receive the endorsements of NYSNA and 1199SEIU, whose members have been on the frontlines of this pandemic, putting themselves at risk to care for the sick and for our most vulnerable community members in hospitals, healthcare facilities, nursing homes, pharmacies, and in-home care. During my first term in the State Senate, I have been proud to stand with them in the fight for safe staffing and working conditions, access to affordable healthcare, and a standard of living our healthcare workers deserve, and I look forward to continuing our work together for a healthcare system that works for all us," said Senator Metzger.

Maurice Brown, 1199SEIU Political Director, Hudson Valley/Capital Region said, "In these difficult times when Hudson Valley working families are concerned with their health and their livelihoods, 1199SEIU members know they can count on Senator Metzger to stand with us in Albany and protect funding for our hospitals and nursing homes. 1199SEIU healthcare workers are talking to our co-workers about the importance of electing Jen Metzger, who we believe will fight honestly for good jobs, racial and economic justice, accessible healthcare and a state that works for us all."

"NYSNA is proud to support Jen Metzger for re-election in New York's State Senate District 42," said NYSNA President Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, RN. "Jen understands the need for patients in her district to have access to essential healthcare services, like inpatient mental healthcare and detox services at HealthAlliance Hudson Valley in Kingston. From healthcare, to education, to the environment, and the economy, we know Jen will continue to fight for the Hudson Valley's working families."

State Senate Candidate Mike Martucci Adds Fourth Law Enforcement Endorsement - The NYS Fraternal Order of Police

Join the Growing Chorus of Public Safety Unions and Organizations Supporting the Martucci Candidacy

- Mike Martucci, candidate for the 42nd State Senate District, today announced that the largest professional police organization in the country, the New York State Fraternal Order of Police, has endorsed his effort to unseat incumbent state senator Metzger. The endorsement is the fourth law enforcement association to support the Martucci campaign, joining the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association, the Orange County District Attorney's Investigators Association, and the Orange County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association.

In offering their support for the Martucci candidacy, President Michael Essig said, "We have based our endorsement upon your demonstrated and continued support of police professionals. Further, as police professionals who most experience and witness the trauma and effects of criminal behavior wrecked upon our fellow citizens, we understand, all too well, the significance of dedicated public servants as you who possess the courage and compassion to promote the confidence in our government and courts."

The endorsement represents a clear pattern of law enforcement officials recognizing the Martucci campaign's call for increased public safety measures, which is a stark contrast to the priorities of the incumbent, who has disregarded the safety of New York's families by championing the dangerous elimination of bail for criminals.

"I am honored to accept the endorsement of the New York State Fraternal Order of Police and the nearly 300,000 members they represent, said Mike Martucci. "When I launched this campaign with my Families First initiative, one of its cornerstones is to make our communities safe places for families to live and children to play. The law enforcement endorsements my campaign have received to date is an acknowledgement of my priorities and stunning rebuke of Senator Metzger's efforts to prioritize felons over families. Once elected, I'll do everything I can to overturn these dangerous policies."

The Martucci campaign anticipates even more endorsements given his reputation of being a principled businessman who has worked to advocate for the rights of hardworking women and men across the state.

Galligan Announces Gun Violence Indictment in SC

Sullivan County's Acting District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced that a Sullivan County Grand Jury reported the following indictments this week:

- Richard Olsen, 34, of Ferndale, is charged with Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree, and several other felonies in connection with the shooting of a man in the Village of Monticello on June 3, 2020. It is alleged that Olsen and the victim engaged in a dispute in the Town of Liberty, following which Olsen pursued the man to Monticello and shot at least 13 rounds at the car the victim was in, from his own pickup truck, injuring the victim and endangering others. If convicted of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Olsen faces up to 25 years of incarceration. Olsen's bail has been set at \$30,000 cash, \$60,000 secured bond or \$180,000 partially secured bond.
- Daniel Ridley, 34, of Glen Spey, is charged with Assault in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and other felonies stemming from a police investigation into the assault which led to the recovery of a pistol in the Town of Thompson on June 5, 2020. It is alleged that Ridley injured the victim with a weapon and that he illegally possessed an operable firearm. It is not alleged that Ridley shot the pistol. If convicted, Ridley faces up to 7 years of incarceration. Ridley's bail has been set at \$50,000 cash, \$100,000 bond or \$400,000 partially secured bond on this and his other pending case.

Galligan said, "Gun violence and illegal weapons possession threaten public safety and undermine the public's confidence in responsible gun ownership. I, together with our law enforcement community, remain committed to keeping Sullivan County safe." Galligan thanked the New York State Police, Village of Monticello Police Department and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office for their continuing dedication to these investigations. (Contd. Pg. 26)

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

- 9/10/2020 Neversink Fire District will have their 2021 Budget Workshop 7:00 pm Neversink Fire Hall
 9/12/2020 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Beef Dinner** - 4 - 7 pm **TAKE OUT ONLY!**
 9/8/2020 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
 9/16/2020 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
 9/26/2020 Time and the Valley Museum **Drive Through Take Out Chicken BBQ** - 4 pm - 6 :30 pm (See pg. 9 for flyer)

Save the Date!

2020 Virtual Catskills Youth Climate Summit Thursdays, **Oct. 1, 15, 29; Nov. 12, 2020** via Zoom 3:30-5:00 pm Free for students grades 7-12 + advisor. If you have further questions or want to sign up, please contact Jeanne Darling (jmd30@cornell.edu) or call 607-865-6531.

Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

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.

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Seeking Help to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.

Please contact Jean Keesler at jkeesler1@yahoo.com or call 845-985-7479.

Time and the Valley Museum in Search of a Hoop!

The museum is looking for a 'hoop' that children used to play "Roll the Hoop" or "Trundling" with. The hoop can either be from a wagon wheel or a barrel.

Please 845-985-7012 if you happen to have a 'hoop' that you would like to donate. Thank you!

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center High Holy Days

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center will be open for the High Holidays, with all services taking place in a spacious outdoor tent, maintaining strict social distancing and in full compliance with CDC guidelines. We wish the entire community a Shanah Tovah Umetukah - a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH – ROSH HASHANAH EVE

Light candles at 6:41 PM

Services: 6:45 PM

Dinner following Services. Seating is limited in order to maintain social distancing between families, so RSVPs are required. Please call 845-876-7666 or email RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com to reserve your spot. Suggested donation \$36 per adult, \$25 per child.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH – ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Morning Services: 9:30 AM

Children's Service: 10:30 AM

Sermon: 11:00 AM

Light candles after 7:39 PM

Services: 7:30 PM

Tri-Valley Elementary School

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH -ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Morning Services: 9:30 AM

Children's Service: 10:30 AM

Shofar: 11:45 AM

Tashlich Service: 5:30 PM @ American Legion Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH – YOM KIPPUR EVE

Kol Nidrei Service: 6:30 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - YOM KIPPUR

Morning Service: 10:00 AM

Youth Service Begins: 11:00 AM

Yizkor Memorial Service: 12:15 PM

Torah Study with Rabbi Hecht: 3:00 PM

Mincha: 5:00 PM

Ne'ilah: 6:00 PM

Shofar sounding, followed by Evening Service and prepackaged break-fast: 7:25 PM

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center is located at 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck NY

The RJC has served the needs of families in the Hudson Valley for over a decade. To learn more about the Rhinebeck Jewish Center and how we can best serve you and your family, please visit

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You can also learn more about the RJC on Facebook <https://facebook.com/rhinebeckjewishcenter> or follow us on Instagram @rhinebeckjewishcenter

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(From Pg. 22) A criminal charge is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces First Initiatives of 2021 Budget

- *As one of County Executive Ryan's "Big Five" priorities to Tackle the Opioid Epidemic, Ryan has dedicated an unprecedented \$1.3 million in opioid prevention spending since taking office*
 - *In the 2021 Executive Budget, \$670,000 will be used for opioid education, outreach and delivery of medication for high-risk populations, safer opioid dispensing practices, and providing social support to those struggling with opioids related to housing, childcare, transportation and more*
- Earlier this week County Executive Pat Ryan declared a Public Health Emergency due to the recent spikes in deaths caused by fentanyl*



KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan unveiled his first proposal as part of his 2021 Executive Budget, committing to dedicate over \$670,000 to opioid use prevention. As part of one of County Executive Ryan's "Big Five" priorities to Tackle the Opioid Epidemic, Ryan has dedicated an unprecedented 1.3 million dollars over the past two years in opioid prevention spending.

As Ulster County continues to ramp up its efforts to combat opioid use, additional funding will be made available through the 2021 Executive Budget to help those struggling with opioids. Funds will be used to address areas related to opioid education, outreach and delivery of medication for high-risk populations, safer opioid dispensing practices, and providing social support to those struggling with opioids related to housing, childcare, transportation and more.

"Now more than ever, it is critical that we do all that we can to ramp up and prioritize combating the opioid epidemic," said County Executive Ryan. "That is why when I took office I made tackling the opioid epidemic one of my "Big Five" priorities.

These funds will go a long way in helping to educate the public, provide needed treatment and support, and to ultimately save lives. Ulster County will not just talk about the issue, we are taking real action and putting funding behind stopping an epidemic that has ripped apart too many families in our community."

As part of the 2021 Executive Budget, residents will have the opportunity to obtain housing vouchers at local hotels for those in need of safe housing while seeking treatment. Additionally, vouchers for childcare to assist those in obtaining treatment and attending critical appointments will be made available. Further, funds will be made available to offset transportation costs for residents getting help and providing access to technology for telemedicine needs.

Funding will also be used to expand Ulster County's High Risk Mitigation Team to the City of Kingston and strengthen its reach into other parts of Ulster County. Through this new effort, Ellenville Regional Hospital will fund two Care Managers to serve communities outside the City of Kingston and the Ulster County Health Department will fund one Care Manager to focus on Kingston along with assisting the program in reviewing all county overdoses and connecting the many treatment facilities.

The High Risk Mitigation Team will take a population health approach and work closely with those struggling with addiction to ensure they receive comprehensive, personalized support and services. The team will carefully follow their treatment so they don't slip through the cracks in existing systems. Services will include: linking to peer services, treatment, harm reduction measures, medication assisted treatment, OUD prevention education, and recovery services.

On Monday, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that Ulster County has declared a Public Health Emergency due to the recent spikes in deaths caused by fentanyl. From the period January through July, opioid-related deaths increased 171% in 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. For that same time period (January through July), fentanyl-related deaths increased from 58% of all opioid-related deaths in 2018 to 89% of all opioid-related deaths in 2020.

DEC Releases 'On the Front Lines' Videos Featuring Conservation Easement Specialists Allison Buckley and Conservation Easement Manager Peter D'luhosch

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos is proud to present the latest episodes of "On the Front Lines," the agency's video series profiling staff and their work to conserve the environment, protect New York's natural resources, and serve the public. The latest episodes feature Allison Buckley and Peter D'Luhosch.

"We are proud of DEC's 'One the Front Lines' series, which gives the public a behind-the-scenes look at the great work of our dedicated employees across the state to preserve and protect the environment for generations to come," Commissioner Seggos said. "It is an opportunity for New Yorkers to learn more about the issues we tackle in their communities so that we can all reap the benefits of a healthy environment. A special thanks to our latest profiles, Allison Buckley and Peter D'Luhosch, for their work to protect our conservation easement land."

The latest episodes featuring Allison Buckley and Peter D'Luhosch of DEC's Division of Lands and Forests can be viewed on the agency's YouTube channel. The videos were filmed in cooler weather prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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DEC Releases 'On the Front Lines' Videos Featuring Conservation Easement Specialists Allison Buckley and Conservation Easement Manager Peter D'luhosch

(From Pg. 26)

Now a Saratoga County resident, Buckley grew up in Tupper Lake and always had a passion for the outdoors. She earned an environmental science degree at SUNY Plattsburgh. She then went on to Vermont Law School where she earned a master's in environmental law and policy. She's been with DEC for seven years.

D'Luhosch grew up in Dutchess County and now lives in St. Lawrence County. He earned an environmental studies degree at St. Lawrence University. He then earned a master's in forest and natural resource management from SUNY ESF. He's been with DEC since 2008. He began as a SUNY Research Foundation Contractor and was later hired as an Environmental Program Specialist.

Conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement that protects the natural resources of a parcel of land by restricting future land use and/or development on the property. Buckley works with land owners and manages 115,000 acres of conservation easement land in three counties, including 40 miles of roads, 146 miles of snowmobile trails, and four campsites with tent platforms.

In his free time, D'Luhosch is an avid backpacker, paddler and cyclist. He's also an Adirondack 46er, a hiker who has climbed all 46 of the High Peaks of the Adirondack Mountains. One of his biggest accomplishments is the work done at the Tooley Pond Conservation Easement in St. Lawrence County. D'Luhosch formalized the trail and made it as erosion-proof as possible so more people can use it.

Buckley is especially proud of the work done at the Archers Vly, part of Lake Desolation State Forest. It features ADA access for parking and a boat launch. She points out DEC provides high quality recreation for anyone who wants to get outside.

A newer challenge is climate change. Even in January, the ground is not as frozen as it used to be, but D'Luhosch considers himself fortunate to work for New York, a state that takes climate change so seriously.

Learn more about Allison Buckley, Peter D'Luhosch, and other DEC employees by visiting "On the Front Lines," posted regularly on DEC's YouTube channel. Also check out DEC's Facebook and Twitter pages.

DEC Confirms Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in Putnam and Orange County Deer

Disease is Not Transmissible to Humans; New Yorkers Encouraged to Report Sick or Dead Deer to DEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today confirmed that several white-tailed deer in the towns of Nelsonville and Cold Spring in Putnam County and near Goshen in Orange County died after contracting Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). EHD is a viral disease of white-tailed deer that cannot be contracted by humans. EHD virus is carried by biting midges, small bugs often called no-see-ums or 'punkies.' Once infected with EHD, deer usually die within 36 hours. The disease is not spread from deer to deer or from deer to humans.

DEC wildlife biologists collected half a dozen deer carcasses in Putnam County and submitted the carcasses to the Wildlife Health Unit for necropsy. Tissue samples were sent to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University where the preliminary diagnosis of EHD was confirmed. DEC also sent samples from four deer from Orange County where the prelimi-

nary diagnosis of EHD was confirmed.

The EHD virus was first confirmed in New York in 2007 in Albany, Rensselaer, and Niagara counties, and in Rockland County in 2011. EHD outbreaks are most common in the late summer and early fall when midges are abundant. EHD symptoms include fever, hemorrhage in muscle or organs, swelling of the head, neck, tongue, and lips. A deer infected with EHD may appear lame or dehydrated. Frequently, infected deer will seek out water sources and many succumb near a water source. There is no treatment for nor means to prevent EHD. The dead deer do not serve as a source of infection for other animals.

EHD outbreaks do not have a significant long-term impact on deer populations. EHD is endemic in the southern states where there are annual outbreaks, so some southern deer have developed immunity. Generally, in the northeast, EHD outbreaks occur sporadically and deer in New York have no immunity to this virus. Consequently, most EHD-infected deer in New York are expected to die. In the north, the first hard frost kills the midges that transmit the disease, ending the EHD outbreak.

Hunters should not handle or eat any deer that appears sick or acts strangely. DEC will continue to monitor the situation. Sightings of sick or dying deer should be reported to the nearest DEC Regional Office or to an Environmental Conservation Police Officer. In addition, the Department of Agriculture and Markets has alerted deer farmers and veterinarians throughout the state to be aware of the disease and to report suspicious cases.

For more information on EHD and helpful related links, visit the DEC website.

Ulster County Wilderness Fire



DEC Forest Rangers continue assisting with the Cragwood Road Fire on the Mohonk Preserve property. The fire was first reported to the New Paltz Fire Chief at approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26. It is approximately five acres in size and was caused by a lightning strike. Ulster County Emergency Services, Mohonk Preserve Rangers, DEC Forest Rangers, and State Police Aviation assisted New Paltz Fire Department with initial suppression efforts. On Thursday, Aug. 27, and Friday, Aug. 28, the incident response increased to about 40 personnel from Ulster Hose, Gardiner, Highland, Accord, Esopus, Walker Valley, Rifton, Bloomington, and Marlborough fire departments, as well as the New Paltz Rescue Squad. Water and hand tools helped control the flames. DEC Forest Rangers and Mohonk Preserve Rangers will patrol the fire until it is completely out.

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.James to Trump: Prepare for Legal Action if You Threaten New York Again AG James Ready to Take Legal Action if President Trump Follows Through on Threat to Cut Off Funding to NYC

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement in response to a presidential memorandum released yesterday by the White House, in which President Trump threatened to cut off funding to New York City and other major cities:

“As the nation battles a pandemic, an economic recession, and reckons with institutional racism, President Trump has decided to throw fuel on these multiple fires by threatening New York and other major cities across the country. This is nothing more than a desperate, last ditch election strategy by a president too weak to lead us through these national crises. Sowing anger and dividing Americans are the last thing we need, and if the president actually decides to move forward with his threat to defund New York City, we will be ready to take immediate legal action. The president is not a dictator and his efforts at tyrannical rule will be met with fierce opposition. Time after time, we have beat the president in court and we have no doubt we will beat him again, if necessary.”

The following is President Trump's Memorandum:

Memorandum on Reviewing Funding to State and Local Government Recipients That Are Permitting Anarchy, Violence, and Destruction in American Cities

LAW & JUSTICE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Reviewing Funding to State and Local Government Recipients of Federal Funds That Are Permitting Anarchy, Violence, and Destruction in American Cities By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. It is the policy and purpose of the United States Government to protect the lives and property of all people in the United States from unlawful acts of violence and destruction. Without law and order, democracy cannot function. Americans cannot exercise their rights, including their rights to peaceful expression, assembly, and protest. Property is destroyed, and innocent citizens are injured or killed.

Unfortunately, anarchy has recently beset some of our States and cities. For the past few months, several State and local governments have contributed to the violence and destruction in their jurisdictions by failing to enforce the law, disempowering and significantly defunding their police departments, and refusing to accept offers of Federal law enforcement assistance. As a result of these State and local government policies, persistent and outrageous acts of violence and destruction have continued unabated in many of America's cities, such as Portland, Seattle, and New York.

For example, for more than 3 weeks, beginning on June 9, 2020, the city of Seattle allowed anarchists and rioters to take over six square blocks of the city, an area the unlawful occupiers renamed the “Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone” and then the “Capitol Hill Occupied Protest.” Notwithstanding the fact that law-abiding citizens live and work in the invaded area, the local government effectively endorsed this lawlessness

and taking of property by, among other things, abandoning the Seattle Police Department's East Precinct building and forbidding the police force from intervening to restore order. Tragically, the Mayor allowed the unlawful occupation to persist until two teenagers were killed and at least two other persons suffered gunshot wounds. On July 1, Seattle declared the protest zone dismantled. But such failed leadership continues to harm the people of Seattle as, in recent weeks, rioters have engaged in violence and destruction of property across Seattle, resulting in at least 59 police officers being injured and multiple businesses and vehicles vandalized.

In Portland, for over 80 days, State and local officials have allowed violent anarchists to unlawfully riot and engage in criminal activity on the streets, including the destruction of property. These rioters have repeatedly tried to destroy property in the city, including the Federal courthouse. They have attacked Federal law enforcement personnel protecting the Federal courthouse with Molotov cocktails, mortar-style fireworks, hard projectiles, and lasers that can cause permanent blindness. Over several days in July, the rioters set fires in and around the Federal courthouse. To date, at least 140 Federal officers have been injured in Portland. For much of this period, State and local officials in Portland have taken insufficient steps to protect the Federal courthouse, and initially rejected offers of Federal law enforcement assistance.

Likewise, in New York City, city officials have allowed violence to spike. In late May and early June, State and local officials allowed looting to take place for over a week, resulting in damage to an estimated 450 businesses. As of August 16, there have been 896 shootings in New York this year, compared to 492 shootings during the same period last year. The shooting victims include children as young as 1 year old. Shootings have been rising in recent weeks, and police reported 244 shootings last month compared to 88 in July 2019 - a 177 percent increase. While violence has surged, arrests have plummeted. In a 28-day period during the months of June and July, arrests were down 62 percent from the same period in 2019. Amidst the rising violence, Mayor Bill de Blasio and the New York City Council agreed to cut one billion dollars from the New York Police Department (NYPD) budget, including by cancelling the hiring of 1,163 officers. In June, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea disbanded the NYPD's plainclothes anti-crime units, which target illegal guns and violent crime. Police officials have cited this decision as a factor contributing to the rise in violence. In light of this unconscionable rise in violence, I have offered to provide Federal law enforcement assistance, but both Mayor de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo have rejected my offer.

These are not the only cities that recently have decided to pursue reckless policies that allow crime and lawlessness to multiply. For example, Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser allowed rioters and anarchists to engage in violence and destruction in late May and early June, requiring me to call in the National Guard to maintain law and order in the Nation's Capital.

The Federal Government provides States and localities with hundreds of billions of dollars every year, which fund a wide array of programs, such as housing, public transportation, job training, and social services. These funds have been collected from American taxpayers who entrusted their money to the Federal Government to serve our communities and our citizens.

My Administration will not allow Federal tax dollars to fund cities that allow themselves to deteriorate into lawless zones. (Contd. Pg. 30)

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The following is President Trump's Memorandum (From Pg. 29)

To ensure that Federal funds are neither unduly wasted nor spent in a manner that directly violates our Government's promise to protect life, liberty, and property, it is imperative that the Federal Government review the use of Federal funds by jurisdictions that permit anarchy, violence, and destruction in America's cities. It is also critical to ensure that Federal grants are used effectively, to safeguard taxpayer dollars entrusted to the Federal Government for the benefit of the American people.

Sec. 2. Review of Federal Funds. To advance the policy set forth in section 1 of this memorandum, within 14 days of the date of this memorandum, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall issue guidance to the heads of executive departments and agencies (agencies) for each agency to submit a report to the Director of OMB detailing all Federal funds provided to Seattle, Portland, New York City, Washington, D.C., or any components or instrumentalities of the foregoing jurisdictions.

Sec. 3. Restrictions on Federal Grant Funding. To advance the policy set forth in section 1 of this memorandum:

(a) Within 14 days of the date of this memorandum, and updated as appropriate but no less than every 6 months thereafter, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of OMB, shall publish on the Department of Justice website a list identifying State and local jurisdictions that have permitted violence and the destruction of property to persist and have refused to undertake reasonable measures to counteract these criminal activities (anarchist jurisdictions).

(b) In identifying anarchist jurisdictions, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of OMB, shall consider, as appropriate:

(i) whether a jurisdiction forbids the police force from intervening to restore order amid widespread or sustained violence or destruction;

(ii) whether a jurisdiction has withdrawn law enforcement protection from a geographical area or structure that law enforcement officers are lawfully entitled to access but have been officially prevented from accessing or permitted to access only in exceptional circumstances, except when law enforcement officers are briefly withheld as a tactical decision intended to resolve safely and expeditiously a specific and ongoing unlawful incident posing an imminent threat to the safety of individuals or law enforcement officers;

(iii) whether a jurisdiction disempowers or defunds police departments;

(iv) whether a jurisdiction unreasonably refuses to accept offers of law enforcement assistance from the Federal Government; and

(v) any other related factors the Attorney General deems appropriate.

(c) Within 30 days of the date of this memorandum, the Director of OMB shall issue guidance to the heads of agencies on restricting eligibility of or otherwise disfavoring, to the maximum extent permitted by law, anarchist jurisdictions in the receipt of Federal grants that the agency has sufficient lawful discretion to restrict or otherwise disfavor anarchist jurisdictions from receiving.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of OMB relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP

REMINDER: Social Services Accepting Documents Via New App

Liberty, NY - Don't forget that the Sullivan County Department of Family Services is now offering an app to make the paperwork process easier.

"NYDocSubmit is a mobile application that allows certain social services applicants and recipients to take pictures of their documents and submit them to our office using their Apple iOS or Android phone or tablet," Director of Temporary Assistance Giselle Steketee explains. "The app can be used to submit documents for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Temporary Assistance (TA), and Medicaid (MA)."

What can be submitted? Identification, citizenship status, proof of income, medical documentation, proof of residence, resources, shelter/utilities, and other documentation as needed.

"NYDocSubmit should not be used to submit information such as Child Protective Services (CPS) case information, HIV reports, suspected child abuse or maltreatment," Steketee notes. "Also, NYDocSubmit is not monitored for emergencies nor should be used to submit an application or to submit a periodic report."

"Anything we can do to make filing paperwork easier is a home run," says District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsasz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "I thank our hardworking team and the State for making this valuable service available to a public that's definitely ready to use it. There is no need for people to take time off from work, stand in line or travel to the office to drop off documents."

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(Western, comedy 1965)



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The story evolves around a woman, who hires a notorious gunman, who is a very funny (well played drunk by Marvin, and his drunken horse) to protect her father's ranch, and later to avenge his murder, only to find that the gunman is not what she expected.



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Quiz:

In the film "CAT BALLOU"

1. Where was the weapon hidden?
2. Who murdered Frankie Ballou?

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Stay safe and stay well,**Knarf Odnamoc****Gnomz**