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## A Great Victory for Sullivan County's First Ever Vet Fest



Vanessa Sotelo, ATI Assistant Executive Director greets guests as they arrive at the Vet Fest

Among the distinguished guests of the day was veteran and musician Derek Stoner, a retired Green Beret who traveled from the



Chris Edwards with his in-training Service Dog Duke

Beret who traveled from the Heartland in the South to entertain during the entire Vet Fest. After recently retiring from the 5th Special Forces group, Derek released his album, "Break the Chain". Derek's message is told through his music and centers on veterans in need and to promote and lead veterans into effective and accommodating agencies who are there to help.

Vet Fest was a day for veterans to connect and network and learn about new career opportunities, trades and hobbies available that could lead toward improving mental health.

In an interview with a trainee, Veteran Chris Edwards explained how Duke, his 'in

The First Vet Fest ever held in Sullivan County was held this past at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds drawing the community's attention to those who gave so much as they served in our military - our Veterans.

Sponsored by Action Toward Independence, Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County, The Wounded Warrior Project, the Yit Foundation, and Derek Stoner Music, members of the National Guard, active-duty military, reservists, and veterans along with their families were welcomed guests. They enjoyed a day of fun while connecting to resources that are available to them.

Not only was it an interesting and fun day for the members of the military, but also for all members of the community who attended the event including the children who were certainly attracted to the huge bounce houses.



Retired Green Beret, Derke Stoner entertained throughout the Vet Fest.

training' service dog, will help him to adjust to a new world –the world that Chris now lives in with PTSD. Although still a pup in training, Chris was able to point out how Duke already knew how to move in closely as anyone approached him, not only calming Chris, but also assuring him that he was in a safe place.

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Psalm 34:8

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**On the Front Burner:** O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

## **OBITUARIES**

Lucy Rose Bishop, of Hurleyville, passed away on October 16, 2022. She was 5 years old. She was the daughter of Michael Bishop and Jennifer (Barrett)



MacKenzie, on 14, 2017 in Harris, Lucy Kindergarten at Tri-Valley School. She was a loving daughter, granddaughter, sister, and friend. She will

be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all lives she has touched. She leaves behind to cherish her memory Hurleyville, NY; father Michael Bishop and Harry Barrett of Loch Sheldrake, NY and Eileen and Art Bishop of Lake Carmel; sister Calie MacKenzie at Roscoe, NY, Kathleen Bishop and Christina Weiss; special friends James, Sheldrake, NY; and her feline companions Sylie and Apollo; as well as many other special friends, too many to mention. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lucy's name can be made to Maria of WMCHealth 100 Woods Road Taylor Pavilion Suite C3 Valhalla, New York 10595. A visitation and funeral service was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Hom. Pastor Carl Caskey officiated. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Lucy Bishop, please visit our Tree Store

Archpriest Babij-Nikolai tchouk, Devoted Priest, Husband, Father and Grandfather On October 20, 2022, after a severe injury and prolonged recovery, rector-emeritus of the Church of All Saints at the Patriarchal Metochion in Pine Bush, NY, Archpriest Photos or Nikolai Babijtchouk, reposed in the Lord. Archpriest Nikolai Babijtchouk was born on October 10, 1957 in the village of Kizya in Ukraine. He was the

first born of six children to Volodymyr and Tetyana Babijtchouk. After graduating from school and serving in the navy, he married Ekaterina Dudchak, in 1979, who was a faithful companion and assistant to Fr. Nikolai in all places of his ministry. Fr. Nikolai and Matushka Ekaterina raised three daughters, Tatiana, Elena and Olga who became faithful helpers in his parish service. On March 8, 1985, as a student at the Moscow Theological Seminary, he was ordained by its rector, Bishop Alexander (Timofeev) of Dmitrov, to the diaconate, and on October 6 of the same year, a priest. In 1987, after graduating from seminary, he served in the parishes of the Khmelnytskyi diocese in Ukraine. By the decision of His Holiness Patriarch Pimen and the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church in February 20, 1989, he was appointed rector of the Church of all Saints in Pine Bush, New York. Fr. Nicholas' zealous service was celebrated by the hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church with many ecclesiastical and church-wide awards, including the right to wear a mitre, which Fr. Nicholas was awarded by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia on Holy Pascha, 2010.

Fr. Nikolai leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Ekaterina, daughter Tanya Bowen and her husband Joe Bowen, daughter Elena Kwoka and her husband Christopher Kwoka, daughter Olga Kulikovskyi and her husband Fr. Artemiy Kulikovskyi; 7 grandchildren-Natalia, Alexander, George, Nicholas, Ekaterina, Leo and Daniel; as well as his mother-Tetyana Babijtchouk; siblings- Vasiliy, Luba, Vera, Peter and Andrey; and mother-in-law, Tetyana Dudchak. Fr. Nikolai was predeceased by his father Volodymyr in 2014.

Visitation was Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 4-6pm at Church of All Saints in Pine Bush, NY with a service following. A funeral service was held Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the Church of All Saints. Interment folowed at the church cemetary. Flowers, donations, and condolences may be offered at Church of All Saints, 287 Jansen Road, Pine Bush, NY.

grateful memory Eternal & to Archpriest Nikolai!

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. For additional information, please contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the website at www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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## **THANK YOU!**

Thank youto everyone who supported the Scouts Fish Fry on Oct 16th. We served 390 meals. And please save the date April 22nd will be our next fish fry.

## Days of Yore...Today's History

#### November 5, 1952

The Rod and Gun Club Hall in Grahamsville is being offered for sale. The principal use of the hall has been for town elections and for town meetings the last few years. The Rod and Gun Club, which owns the hall, has not been very active this past year and seeks to dispose of the property. At one time the hall was the only meeting place in the village and was in great demand for all large gatherings.

The first edition of the Ellenville Times was published last Thursday. Douglas Hasbrouck is the Grahamsville correspondent for this paper.

#### October 24, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Tosti of New York and Gardiner announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Frances, to George Gorton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gorton of Woodbourne. Miss Tosti is employed at Western Printing and Lithographing Co. in Poughkeepsie. Mr. Gorton is a graduate of Liberty High School and is employed by Marcus Trucking Co., Monroe. Nuptials are planned for January 26, 1963 at the Gardiner Reformed Church.

Rachel T. Groo died on October 19, 1962 at the Monticello Hospital after a long illness. She was born at Homowack, Ulster County, the daughter of Thomas Thornton and Louise Dayton. She was married on September 20, 1920 to Myers Groo at the Ellenville Episcopal Church. She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Fallsburg: Sullivan County Historical Society and Midland Grange of Woodbourne. Survivors are her husband, Myers Groo and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Many celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They enjoyed a trip from Saturday afternoon to Monday night visiting several sites in upstate New York

#### November 15, 1972

Life Scout Ricky Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Smith of Neversink, passed his Eagle Scout Review Board on Friday evening and is now an Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Scout can obtain. Ricky is a member of Troop 187 of Grahamsville and has been in scouting six and a half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilhelm of Napanoch were honored guests at a 25th Wedding Anniversary party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Terwilliger on Sunday.

The Board of Education has set December 6th for the official dedication of the new elementary school. Plans are now being formulated for the occasion.

#### November 4, 1982

On November 19 and 20 the New York State School Music Association will be holding its area All-State Music Festival. This year Tri-Valley is proud to send Kim Webster, Steve Krom and Beth Grey as participants. These students will be members of this year's Area All-State Band.

Approximately 150 people attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Cub Scout Pack 87 of Grahamsville, at the Neversink Community Hall on the evening of October 22nd. Jerry Keller showed films of a group of Cubs burying a time capsule some 25 years ago. The ceremony and presentation of awards was under the direction of Ray and Betty Everett.

## Household Hint:

#### Fall Cleaning in the Kitchen

To clean your microwave oven, put a microwave-safe bowl of 1/2 cup vinegar and 1 cup water in the oven, and cook long enough to boil. Using paper towels, wipe the oven clean in a jiffy! Use the extra vinegar and water to wipe down the outside of your microwave and your stove top, too.

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

## Witches' Broom - Hexenbesen!

Two years ago COVID was the frightful buzz! With scientific research and common sense, COVID is not quite as scary this Halloween, thus we are back to celebrating as in years past.

In years past, when something mysterious and unexplainable such as COVID happened, it was blamed on witchcraft, as was many other unexplained events. Back in that day when brooms were made from bundles of twigs, to find a ready made broom in the woods was mysterious and considered to be the product of witchery, thus the name Witch's Broom that originated from the German word Hexenbesen came about,



which translated meant to bewitch a bundle of twigs.

Witch's Broom occur on many different woody plant species, including deciduous trees such as hackberry, maple, and willow, as well as conifers such as pine and spruce. There may be only one broom in a tree, or they may be many scattered throughout the tree. In some cases, the brooms are quite large in size and are easily spotted. In others, they are small and well-hidden.

Witch's Broom is a symptom of woody plants where compact clusters of numerous twigs and branches are formed. The mass of shoots comes from a common point, giving a broom-like appearance. Although some people consider Witch's Broom unsightly, serious injury to the host tree seldom results.

Scientists say that a number of stresses, both biological and environmental, can lead to the formation of brooms. Organisms such as fungi, phytoplasmas (bacterial-like organisms), mites, aphids, insects, nematodes and even mistletoe plants can cause abnormal growth when they attack a host tree. Environmental stresses that injure the growing points of branches can also trigger the formation of brooms. Some brooms appear to be caused by genetic mutations in the buds of the branches. Unlike brooms caused by living organisms, there is usually just one broom per tree when the cause is a genetic mutation.

Pinpointing the cause of a Witch's Broom can be difficult, especially if the formation is related to an environmental factor. Knowing the type of host plant can help determine the cause of the Witch's Broom. Analyzing the plant tissue for infectious agents such as phytoplasmas requires specialized testing. Not too long ago, a willow branch that had a dense cluster of twigs was submitted to the Plant Disease Clinic for research. Even modern day pathologists referred to this plant as a 'witch's broom'. The cause of the Witch's Broom on the willow sample sent to the Plant Disease Clinic was not identified and remains a mystery.

Perhaps it just one of those confounded things that Nature will always holds as another magical secret.

If you are out walking in the woods this weekend, keep your eyes open and maybe you will be lucky enough find a precious little Witch's Broom just in time for Halloween. But remember, should your Witch's Broom be a real Hexenbesen and you find yourself airborne –don't text while you fly!

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

## Medicine During the American Revolution (In person only) Sunday November 6, 2 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Medicine During the American Revolution (in-person program) will be held Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY. Professor Emeritus Donald Terpening will represent a colonial doctor of the middle to late 18th century. Specializing



as a Revolutionary War physician, he will present various medicines, implements, and techniques that were used by physicians during that time period as well as discuss the role that doctors played and their social standing at the time.

Admission to the program is FREE for Museum Members and \$5 adults \$2 children for non members, which includes admission to the Museum exhibitions. For more information on the program go to timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

**About Don Terpening**: I am a Professor Emeritus of Biology, having taught various allied health science courses for over 45 years.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

## THE TOWNSMAN About Agatha . . . An MBR Extra by John Dwaine McKenna

The year 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the first novel of the most widely-read author in all the world. Her name is Agatha Christie. Her first detective novel, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, debuted on Nov 6, 1920.

In honor of this iconic and beloved author, the MBR is highlighting some facts about her life, as well as her writing techniques for all of our readers to enjoy; thanks to Publisher's Weekly and author Liz

Scheier, who wrote the Publisher's Weekly article from which these elements are gleaned.

FACT: Guinness World Records cites Agatha Christie as the best-selling fiction writer of all time, with one billion copies in print in English, 7,236 translations as of 2017, and more than a billion copies in other languages.

FACT: Mrs. Christie published sixty-six novels under her own name, six under the name Mary Westmacott, fourteen short-story collections, several stage plays and also left seventy-five notebooks full of plot ideas.

FACT: Her two main protagonists were a fussy Belgian inspector named Hercule Poirot, and an amateur sleuth; Miss Marple of St. Mary's Mead, England.

Here's some other characteristics of an Agatha Christie work:

"There's always a sense of justice in her novels and things will be tied up at the end which is reassuring," says James Prichard, Agatha Christie's great-grandson and the CEO of Agatha Christie LTD.

She first came up with the idea of the odd-ball investigator.

She popularized the limited suspect pool.

She crafted puzzles that seem to have no possible solutions, which are then solved with clues that were always in plain site. She's always fair to the reader and never talks down to them.

Her prose style is clear, crisp, and simple. She's a brilliant story-teller whose books are gripping, entertaining and enthralling.

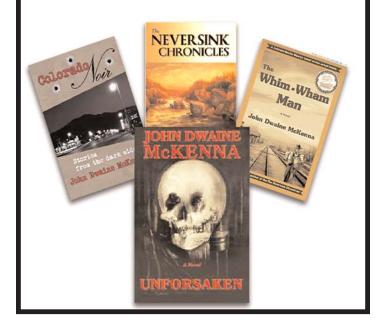
Her protagonists, Miss Marple and Poirot, have no ulterior motives or underhanded schemes ... they are always upstanding and totally honest.

Agatha Christie is recognized as the most masterful plotter of all time.

She wrote during the Golden Age of detective fiction, but none of the other big names of the day –which included Raymond Chandler,

## John Dwain McKenna's Books are now available at the

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G.K. Chesterton, and Dorothy L. Sayers -have achieved Christie's level of commercial success or the adoration of her readers that she has.

Her books never get boring. She is clearly associated with the years between World War I and World War II, which were the last days of a certain type of British Society. Nostalgia is part of her enduring appeal.

All the themes and emotions of her novels such as hate, envy, and inferiority complexes are as universal now as when she wrote them, because her fundamental interests are human nature and psychology. What makes people tick?

Her characters are recognizable human types. No matter what part of the world the reader lives in, they can recognize the type of character she's describing.

People love her characters.

Her fans are worldwide, speak different languages and live on opposites sides of the world.

Christie's stories encapsulate all of human nature in a small setting. There is always a finite group of suspects.

She speaks to the human condition as she deals with evil in the world . . . but in the end goodness always comes through. She leaves her readers with hope for the future and a firm belief in a better tomorrow . . . because justice always prevails.

The following writers contributed to this article; Liz Scheier, James Prichard, Martin Edwards, Sophie Hannah, R.V. Raman, Anthony Horowitz, Marie Benedict, Alex Pavesi, Ovidia Yu, Hannah Dennison, and Ruth Ware.



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## The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda A Pot to Cook In

' Double double toil and trouble/Fire burn and cauldron bubble ' Macbeth Play by William Shakespeare

I have a steak defrosting on the counter. If I were camping or a pioneer woman, I could cook with fire and a pan. As I survey my small kitchen, I realize I have major choices of cooking. Should I use the broiler? Perhaps I should fire up the gas grill on the deck. I could aways fry it in one of my many frying pans, but then I need to decide whether to use cast iron, non-stick, ten-inch or twelve, or aluminum. I could also use my George Foreman electric grill my mom bought us. I think the steak is too big for the air fryer my daughter-in-law gave us. Shall I use the regular oven or the convection oven? I could defer and have my husband use charcoal or apple wood on the smoker.

My dilemma about cooking one item led my mind to wander to the other cooking equipment I own. There is the bread maker that has only produced large, heavy bricks of carbohydrate calories, unsuitable to eat without risking a dental crown. Then there is the food dehydrator, the rice cooker, the toaster, the blender, the toaster oven, the food processor, the waffle maker, the Keurig coffee maker, the drip coffee maker, the French Press coffee maker, the microwave, the electric griddle, and, of course, the stove top with my mismatched collection of pots and pans.

I have yet to buy an Instant Pot which seems to be the "mom" Christmas gift du jour. No, I do not want one; I have more appliances than counter space or electrical outlets.

My husband would usually chime in here and say, "Do you know what Carol's favorite thing is to make for supper?" When you say, "No" or get tired of guessing, he will reply, "Reservations!" He is so right.





## Are You an Entrepreneur? Sullivan County's Ready to Help Up to \$100,000 in Loans Available

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County currently has \$600,000 that it's eager to hand out to local businesses.

"Our Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has helped many entrepreneurs start or expand their dreams," notes RLF Manager John Kiefer. "We do not want money sitting in this fund - it's designed to recirculate in the community, supporting the preservation and growth of agriculture and the revitalization of our many downtowns."

All a business or entrepreneur needs to have before they apply is a business plan and \$50 for the application fee. Once reviewed for comprehensiveness by the Division of Planning, the application is sent to the RLF Advisory Board for consideration. If recommended by the Board, it's given to the County Legislature for approval. From start to finish, qualifying applicants typically have funds in hand within less than six months.

Rates are no higher than 6%, and loans can be used to fund up to 90% of a project. For certain projects which meet the objectives of the County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Program or applicants who participate in an Entrepreneurial Training Program, up



to 25% of the loan may be forgivable, essentially becoming a grant.

"I encourage anyone who's interested to give John or me a call. We'd be happy to talk about the program and their project, and may be able to connect people with other assistance such as business planning help, potential grants, staff training and recruitment, and incentives for energy efficiency improvements," says Deputy Planning Commissioner Jill M. Weyer. "And we don't charge for our services!"

Questions are welcome at 845-807-0527 or john.kiefer@sullivanny.us. For further information, visit

sullivanny.us/Departments/PlanningEnvironmental/TechnicalAssistanceFundingPrograms

## **3rd Annual Native Seed Exchange**

Join the Woodstock Pollinator Pathway for the 3rd Annual Native Seed Exchange on Saturday, October 29th, 1-4pm at the Woodstock School of Art. Please bring native seeds if you can to share but it's not required. Folks will have the opportunity to learn to identify living things using iNaturalist. Master Beekeeper Chris Layman will speak about native bee habitat and nutrition. Make Seed Balls with WPP. Visit the Woodstock School of Art's pollinator garden and meet fellow pollinator and biodiversity enthusiasts.

The event is free and open to all.

No need to pre-register.

For more information email woodstocknypollinatorpathway@gmail.com

\* We highly recommend you download the iNaturalist app on your smartphone and sign up for an account in advance.

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(From Pg. 1) Sharon Toney-Finch, a disabled military veteran who is the founder and CEO of the YIT Foundation



was also there to answer questions and raise public awareness. Sharon created YIT in honor of the premature birth of her son Yerik.

The YIT Foundation strives to raise awareness of premature births. offer assistance to preemies (and their families), and provide a place to stay transportation or while the babies are in NICU. Sharon also

helps homeless and low-income military service veter-

Sharon Toney-Finch, founder and CEO of the YIT Foundation

ans in need of living assistance. With the help of Montgomery Supervisor and candidate for NYS Assembly, Brian Maher, Sharon now has an office in the historic James Arnott's House in Montgomery.

You can read Sharon's story at: https://www.yitfoundation.org/sharon-s-story



Grahamsville Viet Nam Veteran, Jim Richardson's display of memorabilia told its own story.



Executive Director Debbie Worden and Ryan Fuller, Veteran Peer Services Cooridnator

All activities were open to both veterans and non-veterans and for the children, two exciting bounce houses.

It was certainly a day for all. Not only fun, but very informative, and a day that we could say 'thank you' to all those who served our country.

#### **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETS**



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> Among other activities at the Vet Fest, the Catskill Outdoorsman was there with an archery setup; blacksmithing; woodworking and other demonstrations.



Media Manager for ATI, Carol Montana

## A Bounty of Beauty in the Catskills

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Watch the curtain rise, listen for the downbeat, ponder a painting, or marvel at the silver screen. Check out an opening, a craft show, an opera or a film festival. Talk about cultural capital, we have theater, all kinds of music, dancers, artisans, artists, galleries, studios.

Visit the historic Bethel Woods. They have a cornucopia of familyfriendly Halloween fun this fall . During this walk-thru experience, guests will wind through the garden trails of beautiful Bethel Woods, highlighting thousands of unique hand-carved jacko-lanterns and glowing themed pumpkin art. Delight in displays featuring Woodstock festival icons, dinosaurs, mermaids, witches and much more!

Thank you to their partners: Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association & Bold Gold Media Group. And with additional support from Take Five Hard Seltzer, The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark, Healey Brothers, The Misner Agency, Rutberg Breslow Personal Injury Law, NYCM Insurance, and New York State Senator Mike Martucci (R, C) 42nd Senate District.

Check their Facebook page for dates and mark your caledar to visit The Museum At Bethel Woods: Story of 60s & Woodstock

Don't forget the Neversink General Store Photo Contest. Winners will be announced on October 28, 2022.

And on Sunday, from 4 PM - 6 PM TV Bears PTO Trunk or Treat will be held at

Tri Valley Secondary School.

One thing we can guarantee you won't go home hungry. Our menus are ever-changing and always delightful. Come and get it!

## Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains. Go to webpage for more information:

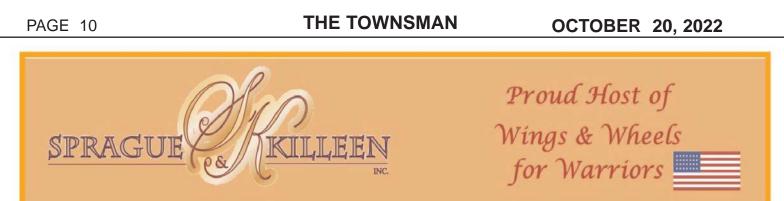
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## **Miracle on South Division Street at Shadowland Stages**



Tom Dudzick

MIRACLE ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET will be performed at The MainStage at **SHADOW-**LAND STAGES (157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428) from December 2nd - 18th.

*MIRACLE ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET* is the story of the Nowak family, living amidst the urban rubble of Buffalo, NY's East Side. The neighborhood is depressed, but Clara, the family matriarch, happily runs her soup kitchen and tends to the family heirloom - a shrine to the Blessed Mother, which adjoins the house. This neighborhood beacon of faith commemorates the day when the Blessed Virgin Mary materialized in Clara's father's barber-shop. As the play opens, a family meeting - run by daughter Ruth - has been called to divulge her plans to go public with the family miracle by creating a one-woman play about the sacred event. During the course of the meeting, the family's faith is shaken to the very core when a deathbed confession causes the family legend to unravel. (Contd. Pg. 11)

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## The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

Wasn't Saturday beautiful? I spent a bit of it watching a self styled 'Mr Fixit' try to fix a hole in a driveway (which actually goes down to a basement of a former structure) by filling it with rocks. A most entertaining epic fail.



I was very excited to see JOHN DWAIN McKENNA'S iconic 'THE NEVERSINK CHRONICLES' back in stock at THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE! Just in time for Christmas gift giving!! One copy each will be going to nieces who live in Wisconsin and Iowa, both of whom retired this year, to give them a taste of my corner of the world. For those not familiar with this book, it's a collection of fictional short stories (or are they?) centered around the Neversink and Roundout area. Some are historical, some more modern written by a man who grew up in this area.

Speaking of the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE, are you aware of the photo contest they are running? This autumn surprised everyone with the spectacular colors when everyone, myself included, fully expected the leaves to just fall. So if you are like me, out using my phone to take pictures of mother nature's handiwork, there is still time to submit your best to the contest. Submissions close Wednesday October 26 at 2pm. For more information on prizes, see their Facebook page (which I found to be the easiest way to submit/share your photo. Don't forget to include the upstate spot where it was taken). Winners will be chosen on Friday, October 28 by an impressive panel of judges: JENNY LEE; SHAUN GILLEN; SYD LONDON; and STEVE ELLIS. The Facebook page also will give you more information on each.

After being beaten up by a head cold all week, I finally felt better on Friday. What a nice surprise to find friends CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY performing as KEL'S ON THE LAKE just down the street from me! Truthfully, I didn't even know that KEL'S had reopened after the fire early this summer.

The vibe is very Manhattan casual, but a word of caution....there seems to be only one set of traditional table and chairs. The others are set high which could present a problem if one has hip or knee problems. Still, the space is very open and airy which also lends itself to being acoustically excellent.



CASWYN led off the evening with his memorable originals. How this man can perform so powerfully while maintaining a totally relaxed demeanor is fascinating to see. FAITH KELLY has the exact opposite approach. She too is a powerful performer musically and but is extremely active on stage. Together they create a night of extremes that sizzle! Also on the horizon for these two is another whirlwind tour, this time into more of the Southern United States over the winter. And until that happens, CASWYN has added yet another to his very successful string of Open Mics. This newest one will be Mondays, roughly from 5pm to 7 at the CATSKILL BREWERY in Livingston Manor. I'm not sure if this is every Monday, but will keep you posted.

And I can't end this without mentioning LAURA GARONE of SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL. I heard a rumor that she had auditioned in Poughkeepsie for something called ELLA FITZGERALD'S JUKE BOX, so I stopped in to ask her about it. Yes, it is true and that very little is known yet about this production. Just from the working title, one can surmise that it will be a musical revue and probably not a story about MS. FITZGER-ALD'S life...but who knows. Later that same day, it was learned that she had a spot in this production. Good going LAURA!!

Well, I could go on and on but the kitties seem to think I should feed them.

Until next time.....

## Miracle on South Division Street at Shadowland Stages

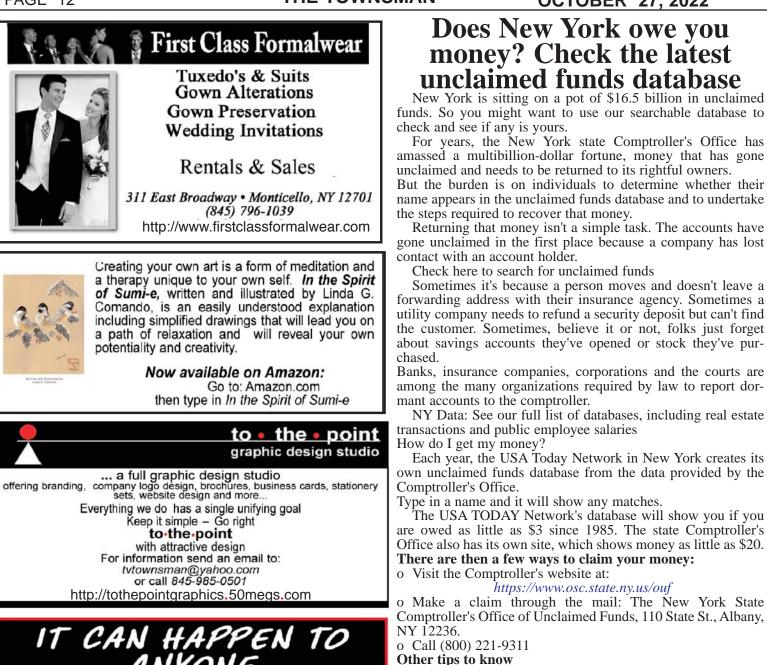
(From Pg. 10) Playwrright Tom Dudzick was born and raised in Buffalo, NY - in an apartment above his father's tavern, only steps away from the Our Lady of Seneca Street shrine, upon which MIRACLE ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET is based. Dudzick's first play, GREETINGS! was produced off-Broadway in 1991 and became a holiday favorite across the country. Dudzick went on to write a comedic, semi-autobiographical trilogy of plays about growing up Catholic in Buffalo. Τhe triology, featuring OVER THE TAVERN, KING O' THE MOON, and THE LAST MASS AT ST. CASIMIR'S, has been one of the largest grassroots successes in American regional theatre. Dudzick's home theatre, Buffalo's Studio Arena, then commissioned HAIL MARY! and DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS. MIR-ACLE ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET was produced off-Broadway in 2009. Tom Dudzick lives in Nyack, NY with his wife and two children.

Buy Tickets at:

https://shadowlandstages.org/mainstage-season/miracle-onsouth-divisionstreet/?mc\_cid=82aa6be153&mc\_eid=138a9b9d06

## **OCTOBER 27, 2022**

**Does New York owe you money? Check the latest** 





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transactions and public employee salaries How do I get my money? Each year, the USA Today Network in New York creates its own unclaimed funds database from the data provided by the Comptroller's Office. Type in a name and it will show any matches.

The USA TODAY Network's database will show you if you are owed as little as \$3 since 1985. The state Comptroller's Office also has its own site, which shows money as little as \$20. There are then a few ways to claim your money:

o Visit the Comptroller's website at:

*https://www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf* 

o Make a claim through the mail: The New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12236.

o Call (800) 221-9311

#### Other tips to know

o There is no fee to reclaim funds.

More than 10 million searches are conducted annually. 0

o Interest on interest-bearing accounts is provided for five years, currently at 1%.

o If the money isn't claimed after several years, it goes into the state's general fund to pay for programs and services.

#### Facts and figures about unclaimed funds

o 45% of the money comes from old bank accounts. Financial institutions are required to send the money to the state once they sit dormant for years.

o With 42 million accounts, the Comptroller's Office said it returns more than \$1.5 million a day.

o The largest returned? \$5.2 million from a stock claim.

o The largest amount still unclaimed is approximately \$8 million for an estate

o 70% of claims are less than \$100.

o The Comptroller's Office offers answers to other frequently asked questions about unclaimed funds at its website: https://www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf

ED NOTE: Thank you to Mary Inghrim for sending this information.

## Coffee, Cake + Conversation

Wed Oct 26 1:30-3:30pm Tusten Town Hall Calling All Community Members of Retirement Age and Over!!!

Please Join us on Wednesday, October 26th from 1:30-3:30pm for coffee, cake, and great conversation at the Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg

We are inviting people of retirement age and over, from up and down the valley, to discuss important common issues facing our community: Health, housing, socialization, services, transportation and more.

What do you want to see in your community? We want to hear from you!

This event is sponsored by the *River Reporter* and *Growing Older Together*, an organization providing support services to seniors. This is an open forum to discuss common issues concerning community members of retirement age and over, living in the River Valley.

Please RSVP by October 24th to join us and bring your friends and neighbors!

#### TO RSVP:

Visit this website: bit.ly/lets\_talkseniors Or call 607-972-9370 to RSVP by telephone. Thanks for being a part of this, we are looking forward to this discussion (and the cake!)

Senior Legislative Action Committee

#### THEME: WE NEED DIRECTION

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County. We invite you to our meeting on FRIDAY, October 28, 2022, at 10 AM in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. **Doors open @ 9:40 am**.

#### Chairs are socially distanced.

Agenda: (We will start on time.)

Call to Order

Welcome

Minutes of last meeting

Treasurer's report

Program: Discussion

Two years and eight months ago, March 15, 2020, Covid shut down New York State. WE, the people are a resilient lot. We have gone from shut ins to approaching a pre-Covid lifestyle.

SLAC, pre-Covid, was an organization that informed its members about relevant topics and supported senior issues through activism. Unfortunately, SLAC had to go dark until July 2022.

Next year, 2023, we will have local elections, including the Sullivan County Legislature. That is when those individuals running, will be listening.

#### WE need you and your ideas and concerns. AKA: Interests

For example: (please add to the list or drill down on topics)

- Long term care
- · Home health aid
- Independent living facilities
- Speakers and topics
  - Local government
    - Office for the Aging
    - County Treasure
  - County Clerk
     State government
  - State government
     Federal Government.
- Social Security
- Medicare

November meeting date.

Any other business/concerns from those present.

#### Adjournment

COME! Bring a Friend and learn together, and plan actions to strengthen Senior needs and future Senior protections.

SLAC, P.O. Box 303, Kiamesha Lake NY 12551. Questions? Call 845 434 4144

SLAC, affiliated with New York <u>StateWide</u> Senior Action Council, Inc. (https://www.nysenior.org/) info@nysenior.org

## Happenings in our Gneighborhood -Gnorman the Roamin' Catskill Gnome



Hope you are getting a lot of pictures. There are only a few more days until the leaves will be gone. When you have your favorite shot, don't for get to send it to the Neversink General Store. Neversink General Store has a contest for the most awesome Autumn 2022 pictures taken in our local area! Winners will be announced on October 28th. See page 19 for details. Looking ahead:

• The next Covered Dish Supper at the Sundown Church Hall will be Saturday, November 5th. You can still find a nice selection of "Yard Sale" treasures and finds that will continue to be on display to browse and buy at the **Covered Dish Supper**.

• The next Thrift Sale at the Grahamsville UMC will be on November 5th. The sale runs from 9 am to 12 Noon.

While in Grahamsville, stop by the **Grahamsville Deli**. The weather is just right for some good old-fashioned 'comfort food' homemade by **Chef Medi**. The **Grahamsville Deli** also has a great selections of 'staples' (bread, milk, soda, ice cream ... and more. Don't forget to ask about their special -"The Sundown"!

For all those hunters, hikers, weekend visitors, campers, anglers and Blue Hole guests, don't forget before leaving back home to head up to the Neversink General Store to fill the tank up. Their price for gas is still the best bargain around.. They have gas for your car, lawn mowers and generators (when the power goes out). The Neversink General Store can fill your BBQ tanks up. If you don't feel like cooking, Neversink General Store also has a great menu. If the weather allows, the BBQ Shack will be open on weekends. Be sure to check Neversink General Store's Facebook page for updates and today's menu. If you are health conscious, this is the place for you. They have a great selection of wholesome home made food. Speaking of good food, if you are planning an event, call them at 845.985.2076 and ask them about catering your event. Check out the **Pilates** Classes on Wednesday at 5 pm. If you can't make it during the week, Pilates Classes will also be held on Sundays at 10 am. Interested? Register inside the Neversink General Store. The classes are held in the "pop up gallery" where you may get the opportunity see great masterpieces by local world-known artist, Joerg Madelaner. Speaking of artists, there are also creations of several local artisans on display and for sale at the Neversink General Store. They make great gifts!

• In Claryville, Russian Mule Brewery & Tasting Room is open Thursdays 3-8 PM; Fridays 3-8 PM; Saturdays 12-8 PM; and Sundays 12-6 PM. Most Saturdays they have live music. Oct. 29 - Bryan Gorden. Not only do they offer their special crafted beers, their menu serves to suit all of your taste buds. You may eat in, eat outside and enjoy the beautiful gardens or take your food to go. While in Claryville, stop by the newly opened Savannah's Beauty Bar and be pampered.
Savannah's Beauty Bare is located at 1471 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.
Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 20th for the All you can Eat Pancake Breakfast served from 8am-Noon

at the Claryville Firehouse and on November 26th - enjoy their Spaghetti Dinner - details will be posted in The Townsman as soon as they are available.
The TVCS PTO will sponsor a Trunk or Treat on October 30th at the Fairgrounds the Tri-Valley School parking lot.

The Time in the Valleys Museum will be hosting Medicine During the American Revolution (In person only) Sunday November 6, 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum 332 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Watch the Townsman for special events at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville. For maps of local tours provided by the Time in the Valleys Museum go: to https://www.timeinthevalleysmuseum.org/Driving-tours/

You can always download and print out your own copy of the **Neversink Barn Quilt Tour** brochure at: https://townofneversink.org/barn\_quilts\_brochure.pdf Take the whole tour in an afternoon –or enjoy part of the tour. Use the guide to mark off the quilts you have visited.

And don't forget one of the most enjoyable of all places in town, the **Daniel Pierce Library**. Gloss through the pages of The Townsman and you will see some of the opportunities they are offering.

Remember, you don't have to burn a tank of gas –all this is in our in our own backyards!

#### Enjoy all that you can and have a great week!

Make paper bats for Halloween - All you need is some black construction paper, pencil, white paint and some scissors. Cut each bat from the pattern, fold on dotted lines. Use the erasor end of a pencil, dip it in white acrylic or tempora paint and make two dots for the eyes. Your bat(s) is read to fly!

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#### MAKE YOUR OWN **KOLACZKI!**

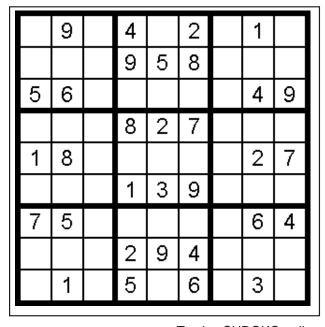
(Thank You to Shadowland Stages *for this week's recipe)* 

Kolaczki (koh-LAHCH-kee) Polish cookies with a variety of fillings, including fruit, sweet cheese, or poppy seed.

Mix 8 oz. softened cream cheese and 3 sticks softened butter until light and fluffy. Add 3 cups of flour and mix well. Wrap dough in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Roll out dough to 1/4" of thickness on a surface that has been dusted with equal parts confectioners' and granulated sugars. Cut dough into 2-inch squares. Place 1 teaspoon of canned or jarred fruit filling (apricot, prune, raspberry, etc.) in the center of each square. Overlap opposite corners of the dough in the center to semi-cover the filling.

Bake for 15 minutes. Cool and dust with confectioners' sugar.

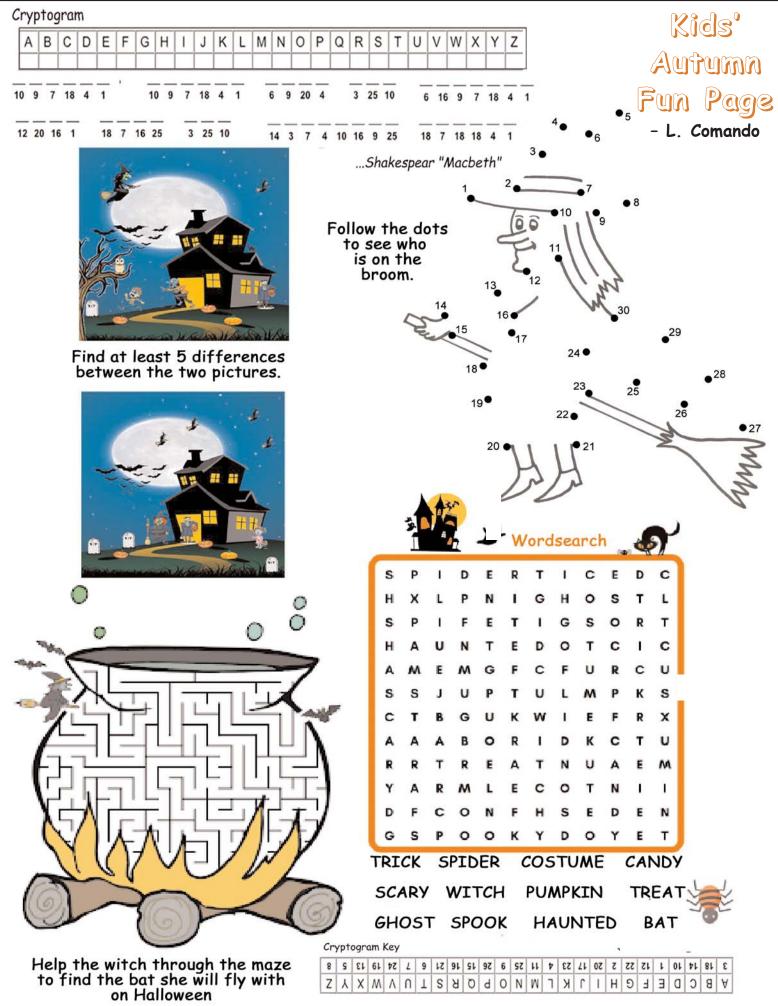
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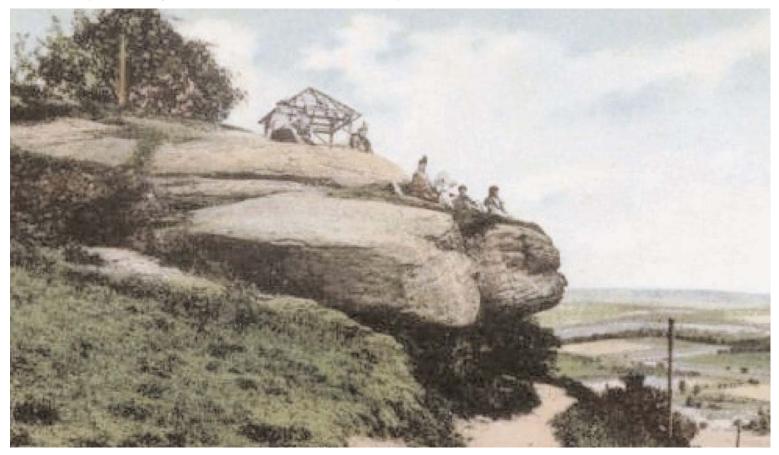
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## **Guided Fall Hike to Witch's Rock**

Liberty, NY Sunday, October 30th at 4:00 pm, the public is invited to join a Guided Fall Hike to Witch's Rock at Walnut Mountain Park in Liberty, NY. This will be a 60-minute (approx. 1 mile) round-trip walk along wide, gently uphill carriage roads. The trip leaders are Lisa Lyons of Morgan Outdoors and James Guara of Liberty Parks & Recreation.



It's a great opportunity to enjoy the fall foliage and beautiful views at the overlook. Meet at the baseball field parking area, Walnut Mountain Rd (off Rt 55), Liberty. The hike starts promptly at 4:00 pm Wear sturdy shoes or boots and warm layers. Sponsored by Liberty Parks & Recreation and Morgan Outdoors

Walnut Mountain is a 265-acre Town Park - with historic carriage roads and recently constructed mountain bike trails adding to Liberty Parks & Recreation's trail network.

For more information and RSVP by Friday, October 28, call Liberty Parks and Recreation at (845) 292-7690, or by October 30 RSVP to Lisa Lyons at Morgan Outdoors at (845) 693-4181. Morgan Outdoors is located at 234 Main Street in Hurleyville, NY.

## Funds Assist with Purchase of Wildland Firefighting Equipment for Rural Fire Departments

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for nearly \$640,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance grant funding to help rural fire departments protect public safety and natural resources. The deadline for applications is Nov. 15.

"DEC's Forest Rangers work closely with volunteer fire departments to battle wildfires, and this grant program is a great way to help fire personnel across the state," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "These grants bolster local capacity to fight wildland fires, protecting property and communities."

The Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC Forest Rangers. Fire departments will receive 50/50 matching funds up to \$1,500. Last year, the program provided \$1,500 grants to 412 fire departments.

Only expenses directly related to wildfire suppression efforts are eligible for funding. These include the purchase of portable pumps, portable backpack pumps, hand tools, hoses, approved lightweight fire-resistant clothing, hard hats, turnout gear, portable radios, generators, and dry hydrants. Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases, and maintenance items are not eligible for funding.

Eligible fire departments include: those that serve a single town with a population under 10,000; those that serve multiple communities, one of which is a rural town of less than 10,000 residents; and fire departments in towns with a population of 10,000 or more that meet the application requirements. Fire departments that receive a grant award must complete all required grant paperwork.

For applications and additional information about the grant program, contact DEC at (518) 402-8839; write to NYSDEC, Division of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12233-2560; or visit the DEC website.

## **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### NOTICE-

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board and Town Business meeting on Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

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

Supervisor	\$ 17,340.00
Councilman	1,530.00
Supt. Of Highways	54,135.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	31,732.00
Town Justice	8,323.00

By Order of the Denning Town Board Nancy Parrow Town Clerk October 19th, 2022

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Resolution to Spend Funds from Equipment Reserve Fund

WHEREAS pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 6-g, the Claryville Fire District located in the Counties of Sullivan and Ulster, State of New York did establish Equipment Reserve Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Claryville Fire District is authorized to expend from Equipment Reserves for the purchase of Turnout Gear/PPE an amount of \$11,374.00 from Haight Fire Equipment Supply.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and this expenditure is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g(7) of the General Municipal Law. Dated October 18, 2022

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary

Board of Fire Commissioners

Claryville Fire District

Claryville, NY 12725

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This is to certify that the following roads within the Town of Denning under my jurisdiction, are designated Seasonal Use as according to NY State Highway Law 205-A. There shall be no snow removal services from December 1 to April 1. These roads are posted as such:

1. Dinch Road from turnaround located at Fisher residence to bottom.

- 2. Glade Hill from Barnes Road turnaround to Neversink line.
- 3. Cross Road from Greenville Road to Dymond Road.
- 4. Spencer Road to Town line.
- 5. Wild Meadow Road from turnaround by Hamlin camp to end.
- 6. Basily Road from State Parking Lot to end.
- 7. Whitehouse Road from Snow plow turnaround to end.
- 8. Rudolph Road from Rudolph Farm to Dinch Road.
- 9. Wildcat from snowplow turnaround to end.

By order of Superintendent Daniel Van Saders.

10/27



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT # 5182 "NEVERSINK FLATS" NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY

**Description:** Bid solicitation for the Sale of Timber and Firewood in the Town of Neversink, NY. The City of New York will sell approximately 155,000 board feet (International ¼" Rule) of sawtimber and 191 cords of hardwood & softwood cordwood through Forest Management Project ID #5182. The products included in this sale are on NYCDEP land located below the Neversink Reservoir Dam in Neversink, NY.

Availability of Bid Information: Detailed bid solicitation information is available by contacting Jamie Overton, DEP Forester, at 845-334-7883 (office) 646-256-7037 (cell) or via e-mail at joverton@dep.nyc.gov.

Show Dates: Prospective bidders should attend one of the public showings to receive the bid package, which is necessary to submit a valid bid. The bid package can also be obtained from the DEP Forester with prior arrangement. The showings will be held on <u>Monday, November 7, 2022 at 1:00 PM</u> and <u>Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM</u>. Please RSVP by phone or email if you plan to attend.

**Directions:** Showing attendees should park and gather at the gated entrance below the Neversink Reservoir Dam off BWS Road/Sullivan County Route 105A in Neversink, 41°48'57.9"N 74°38'11.1"W.

#### **Required Contractor Qualification:**

1. The Contractor must maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage.

2. The Contractor shall furnish and maintain a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy.

3. The Contractor must have demonstrated experience, ability, and equipment to assure removal of timber under the terms of the agreement.

Bid Due Date: All bid proposals must be received by Jamie Overton, NO LATER THAN <u>Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 3:00 PM</u>, local time. By Mail: Jamie Overton

P.O. Box 358 Grahamsville, NY 12740

In-person: Jamie Overton 16 Little Hollow Road Grahamsville, NY 12740

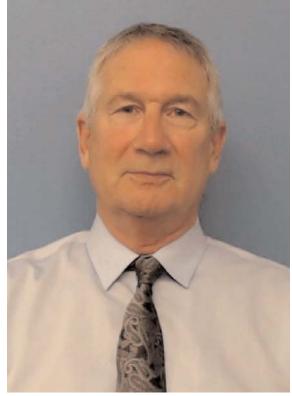
**Opening of Bids:** Sealed bids will be publicly opened at the DEP Office, 16 Little Hollow Road, Grahamsville, NY on <u>Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 9:00 AM</u>, local time. The projected date for awarding the bid is on or about Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

## Neversink General Store Autumn 2022 Photo Contest

Share your best fall shots of our local community and compete for a \$100 gift certificate to use at the The Neversink General Store! Second prize will be a \$50 gift certificate to use at The Neversink General Store. Upload your photos to Facebook Please be sure to identify the location of your pictures. The winner will be announced on October 28th. Questions? Stop by Neversink General Store for more information.

## Ulster County Appoints Brian MacGregor to Serve as Insurance Officer

KINGSTON, N.Y. - The Ulster County Executive's Office announced today the appointment of Brian MacGregor as the new Insurance Officer. MacGregor has worked in the insurance industry for 26 years and has been a resident of Ulster County for over 40 years. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University with a BA in social sciences.



Brian MacGregor, Ulster County Insurance Officer

"Brian MacGregor is a seasoned insurance industry professional, and has held the designation of certified insurance counselor (CIC) for the past 16 years." Acting Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras said. "He will be an asset to County government, and we are excited to welcome him to the team."

"I am excited to serve as insurance officer for Ulster County," Brian MacGregor said. "My focus will be on risk management and loss control as well as marketing the insurance coverage - all in the effort to control the cost of risk for the county. As the administrator of the County Self Insurance plan, our office will continue to focus on efforts to enhance workplace safety for county employees and all of the participants in the County self insurance plan."

## Attorney General James Takes Action Against Central New York Ski Resorts for Unfair and Illegal Practices

AG James Sues Intermountain for Buying Competitor and Shutting It Down to Reduce Competition Greek Peak Mountain Owner to Pay \$195,000 for Illegal Noncompete Agreements

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today took two actions to stop unlawful and monopolistic business practices by ski resort operators in Central New York. Attorney General James is suing Intermountain Management (Intermountain) for buying its main competitor, Toggenburg Mountain, then shutting it down to direct skiers to its own ski mountains. In addition, Attorney General James today ended an illegal agreement between the owner of Greek Peak Mountain (Greek Peak), John H. Meier, and Intermountain that prohibited Mr. Meier from competing with Intermountain or hiring any of its employees. As a result of a settlement with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Mr. Meier is required to pay \$195,000 to the state and will cooperate with the litigation against Intermountain.

"Intermountain tried to freeze out competitors to increase its profits and dominate the region's ski market. Today we are taking action to end these illegal arrangements and protect workers, skiers, and consumers," said Attorney General James. "Monopolies are not a game. They harm consumers, drive up prices, and limit workers' opportunities. Intermountain's greedy behavior left skiers out in the cold all so they could line their own pockets and be on top of the ski market. Illegal and unfair practices by businesses big and small will not be tolerated by my office."

In August 2021, John Meier, operator of Greek Peak Mountain, sold Toggenburg Mountain - a mainstay for Syracuse-area skiers and snowboarders - to its main competitor, Intermountain. Intermountain owns and operates the only other two ski resorts in the Syracuse area, Labrador and Song Mountains. The OAG lawsuit alleges that Intermountain only purchased Toggenburg to shut out competition, which was made clear when it immediately closed Toggenburg and announced that Toggenburg would not reopen for the upcoming season. Instead of continuing to operate Toggenburg, Intermountain suggested its customers drive to Labrador or Song Mountain, so that Intermountain could capture the additional sales. Intermountain also publicly announced that it would insert a deed restriction barring future buyers from using Toggenburg as a ski resort ever again, thereby asserting itself as the only ski operator in the Syracuse area.

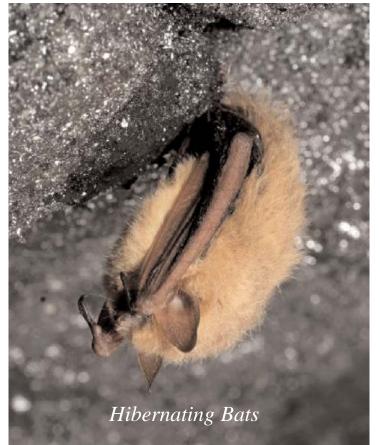
The lawsuit alleges that Intermountain partners Peter Harris and Richard Sykes collaborated on the anticompetitive scheme to buy Toggenburg and establish their monopoly for years, approaching Mr. Meier repeatedly, inviting him to drinks at private social clubs, meals at local restaurants, and even staging a "faux buy" where they approached Mr. Meier through a third party. When Mr. Meier finally agreed to sell, Intermountain's owners required him to agree that he would not compete with any of the Intermountain ski resorts, including Labrador and Song Mountains, for five years.

The noncompete agreement prohibited Mr. Meier from hiring any of Intermountain's employees, from janitorial staff to ski lift operators, in what is known as a "no-poach" provision. No-poach agreements and provisions reduce competition for employees and disrupt normal wage-setting mechanisms, harming workers. The OAG's investigation did not identify any reason for the no-poach provision and determined that its inclusion was unlawful. In addition to the agreement with Intermountain, Mr. Meier had entered into similar agreements with his former partner, Marc Stemerman, and E. James Hickey. The agreement with Mr. Stemerman contained a no-poach provision, and the agreement with Mr. Hickey had a geographic restriction that barred Mr. Hickey from competing within a 70-mile radius around Toggenburg. Ultimately, these illegal agreements harmed workers' mobility and career choices.

The OAG ended these illegal agreements and Mr. Meier will pay \$195,000 to the state, which is the amount he was paid by Intermountain for the agreement. Mr. Meier is also required to cooperate with OAG's litigation against Intermountain.

## DEC Encourages New Yorkers to Help Protect Bats During 'Bat Week'

Annual Halloween Observance Raises Public Awareness to Help Reduce Human Disturbance to Endangered and Threatened Bats



In observance of the internationally recognized Bat Week held Oct. 24-31 each year to raise awareness about the critical role of bats in our environment, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today encouraged outdoor enthusiasts to refrain from visiting caves and mines during the fall and winter months. Bats spend the winter hibernating in these underground cavities where relatively constant, warm temperatures protect them from harsh outside winter temperatures above ground. Human visitation in the winter to these "hibernacula" disturbs the bats, and is especially harmful since the arrival of white-nose syndrome, a fungus that has killed more than 90 percent of bats at hibernation sites in the state.

"Bats play an important role in our environment, helping control insect populations," Commissioner Seggos said. "With Halloween on people's minds, DEC is urging outdoor adventurers to protect New York's bats by avoiding caves and mines altogether. Even the quietest cave visits will disturb bats hunkering down for the winter."

If bats are disturbed during hibernation, they raise their body temperature, depleting crucial fat reserves. This stored fat is the only source of energy available to the bats until the weather warms in spring and insects become readily available. The more frequently bats are disturbed, the less likely they are to survive the long winter months underground without eating. DEC reminds the public to follow all posted notices restricting access to caves and mines. If explorers do venture out and discover bats hibernating in a cave, DEC urges them to leave quickly and quietly to minimize disturbance.

Bat Week is observed each year through Oct. 31, and is organized by representatives from conservation groups and government agencies in the U.S. and Canada.

In recent years, scientists have found some evidence of recovery of the once-common little brown bat throughout New York State. While this seeming stabilization provides a hopeful outlook after more than a decade of devastating population declines, similar evidence of stabilization has not been seen for other severely affected bat species.

Two species of bats are currently protected under federal and State endangered species law. The Indiana bat, which is sparsely distributed across New York, is a federally endangered bat listed before white-nose syndrome later began affecting bat pop-

ulations. The northern long-eared bat, currently listed as a threatened species under federal and New York State endangered species law, was proposed to be listed as endangered. The current population for this formerly common bat is approximately one percent of its previous size, making this species the most severely affected by white-nose syndrome. Still, northern longeared bats are widely distributed in New York and their presence has been documented in most of the state's approximately 100 caves and mines serving as bat hibernation sites.

A third New York species, the tri-colored bat, was proposed for endangered species protection by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Sept. 13, 2022. Although widespread in distribution, tri-colored bats were rare in New York even before they experienced a 98-percent population decline due to white-nose disease.

Anyone entering a northern long-eared bat hibernation site from Oct. 1 through April 30, the typical hibernation period for bats, may be subject to prosecution. Details about the protection of the northern long-eared bat can be found on DEC's website.



Three bats huddled together on cave wall during hibernation

There is currently no treatment for bats suffering from whitenose syndrome. Along with the New York State Department of Health, DEC is partnering with researchers from the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, and experts at universities across the country to better understand the disease and develop a treatment. This collaborative effort helped identify that reducing disturbances at hibernation sites during the winter can help the remaining animals survive. For more information about white-nose syndrome, visit the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team website.



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### LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/1/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11/2/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11/5/22 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am 12 noon
- 11/5/22 Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
- 11/8/22 Town of Neversink Holiday Election Day
- 11/9/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 11/9/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11/11/22 Town of Neversink Holiday Veterans' Day Flag Exchange Ceremony 11 am Grahamsville Rual
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- 11/17/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM
- 11/20/22 Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am 12 noon
- 11/15//22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Appeals Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11/17/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

## Save the Date!

February 4, 2023 2nd Annual Town of Neversink Winterfest (Blizzard date Feb. 11, 2023)-Watch for details.

#### TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

**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.

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar

Weekly Update For The Week Of October 24 – October 28, 2022

Monday, October 24	4:00 PM – Special Joint Meeting of the Ways & Means and Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committees, in the Legislative Chambers, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
	7:00 PM – Climate Smart Committee in KL Binder Library, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and the public may join via teleconference at (845) 443-8880, Bridge Number: 123666
Tuesday, October 25	No Meetings
Wednesday, October 26	<b>3:00 PM – Electrical Licensing Board,</b> in the Town of Rosendale Town Hall, 1915 Lucas Tpke, Cottekill
	5:00 - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
	<b>6:30</b> PM – Environmental Management Council, at Department of Environment, 17 Pearl St, Kingston and the public may join via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571, Dial In (646) 558-8656
	7:00 PM - Soil & Water Conservation District Board, at 5 Park Ln, Highland
	7:30 PM – Fire Advisory Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Thursday, October 27	2:00 PM – Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors, at 999 Flatbush Ave, Kingston
Friday, October 28	No Meetings

## Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$5.00 for the first 20 words/ 20 cents each additional word 1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")- \$6.00 per week Business card ad (2" x 3") - \$12.00 per week (3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week (3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week (3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week 1/4 pg (4" x 5") -\$40.00 per week 1/2 pg (4"x8") -\$64.00 per week (6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week Full Page - 8" x 10" -\$100.00 per week Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 -

•• Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities and Organizations one time fee- \$20.00 (once the flyer is inserted we will publish it each week through the week of the event)

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# October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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# All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



# Sunday, November 20th

Serving 8:00am until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9 Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Under 5 Yrs. Free

# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

# All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball Supper



# Saturday, November 26th Serving 4:00 until 8pm

# Adults: \$12 Children Ages 5-11: \$6 Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available 985-7270

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



## Gillibrand, Meng and Velázquez Lead Call for Better Protection of SNAP Benefits from Skimming Scammers Since June 2022, over \$312,000 in SNAP benefits have been stolen from more than 2,200 New York State SNAP households

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), along with Representatives Grace Meng (D-NY-6), and Nydia Velázquez (D-NY-7), led their colleagues in sending a letter urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to better protect Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) beneficiaries at risk of having their benefits stolen through skimming scams. At least nine states across the country, including New York, have reported a rash of SNAP benefits being lost due to skimming scams. Since June 2022, over \$312,000 in SNAP benefits have been stolen from more than 2,200 SNAP households throughout New York State, while states like Massachusetts have reported \$1 million stolen in SNAP funds. As the policy stands, SNAP benefits cannot be returned to the victims of scammers who had their money stolen via skimming scams. Unlike regulations that apply to credit card theft, the recourse for SNAP theft is based on the 1996 system when paper food stamps were still in use. Senator Gillibrand, Rep. Meng and Rep. Velázquez are calling on the USDA to revise the regulations so states have the ability to rectify instances of SNAP benefit theft.

"Every month, more low-income households are at risk of losing their SNAP benefits and facing hunger without the possibility of justice. People who rely on SNAP benefits to feed themselves and their families face an even great risk of food insecurity and economic instability when their SNAP benefits are stolen," said Senator Gillibrand. "These scammers are targeting some of our most vulnerable communities - it's a disgrace and we must meet the need to stop scammers from stealing EBT benefits without recourse. That's why I'm calling on the USDA to bring regulations for SNAP into the 21st century to help protect these lifesaving benefits that keep our communities fed and put a stop to theft."

"Some of our most vulnerable community members are being put into further positions of turmoil due to their SNAP benefits being stolen. The issue of skimming SNAP benefits is making food insecurity worse for individuals and families across the state of New York and the country," said Congresswoman Grace Meng. "Millions rely on SNAP benefits every day and it is unacceptable that there is no recourse for victims of SNAP benefit theft. Thanks to Senator Gillibrand and Rep. Velázquez for helping lead this effort, I am proud to join my colleagues and urge the Department of Agriculture to better protect SNAP benefits and revise its regulation so that SNAP beneficiaries can be reimbursed for funds that were previously stolen."

"For so many Americans, SNAP is a lifeline that helps working families put food on their tables and assists them in achieving economic stability," said Rep. Nydia Velázquez. "The scammers that look to do harm on the most vulnerable is vile, which is why there needs to be robust protections for SNAP recipients. I'm proud to join my colleagues in calling for more updated regulations for SNAP so that we can safeguard working families and ensure thieves are brought to justice."

"SNAP benefits are a lifeline for many families, senior citizens, veterans, college students, and many others who need them to feed themselves and their families ", said Sherry Tomasky, Director of Public Affairs at Hunger Solutions New York. "SNAP recipients deserve protections against lost benefits due to card skimming. We want to thank Senator Gillibrand and Representatives Meng and Velázquez for their leadership in elevating the issue of EBT card skimming and bringing urgency to the need for a swift and full restitution for affected households."

Skimming occurs when criminals place a "skimming" device on an ATM or POS (point of sale) device to capture a person's PIN information and the data stored on the magnetic strip of the SNAP EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) card. This allows thieves to use that information to duplicate the EBT card and to access the benefits in the SNAP beneficiary's account, even without the original card. Unlike credit card, debit card and pre-paid cardholders who are covered by the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act (EFTA) and Regulation E against losses from unauthorized electronic transactions, SNAP EBT beneficiaries are not afforded the same protections.

Senator Gillibrand is demanding that families who have been conned in skimming scams be allowed to recover their SNAP EBT benefits, directing states to promptly restore stolen benefits as well as the federal government to reimburse states for the replacement costs. In addition to Senator Gillibrand, Rep. Meng, and Rep. Velázquez, this letter was signed by Representatives Yvette Clark (D-NY-9), Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY-18), Ritchie Torres (D-NY-15), Joseph Morelle (D-NY-25), Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8), Thomas Suozzi (D-NY-3), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-25), Paul Tonko (D-NY-20), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY-14), and Kathleen Rice (D-NY-4). R

# Grahamsville United Methodist Church

# Saturday, November 5th 9 am - 12 noon

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## Governor Hochul Announces \$30 Million Empire State Teacher Residency Program to Increase Teacher Support and Retention

Funding to Subsidize Master's Degree Programs for Graduate Level K-12 Teacher Candidates

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the launch of the Empire State Teacher Residency Program through the New York State Department of Labor. This program will provide matching funding for local public school districts and/or Boards of Cooperative Educational Services to create two-year residency opportunities for graduate-level K-12 teacher candidates. The program will provide \$30 million in funding to subsidize master's degree or teaching certification programs for qualified residency program candidates. The program will prioritize diversity among candidates and partnering mentors, with a particular focus on high-need subject areas and geographic locations facing shortages. This will provide support for both communities in need and teachers from diverse backgrounds.

"With the tremendous responsibility of inspiring and shaping the minds of younger generations, New York's teachers deserve to be set up for success," Governor Hochul said. "This investment will ensure new teachers have the mentorship and support to adapt to a challenging and ever-changing field. New Yorkers deserve the best education, and our teachers are essential in providing that."

Teacher residency programs, in which teachers in training are given a mentor and real teaching experience under the mentor's supervision, have been proven to dramatically increase teacher retention rates and improve the experience of educators in the early, toughest years of teaching. These programs expand access to high need communities that often face barriers by reducing costs and incentivizing teachers to work in geographic locations facing shortages. This leads to increased student success due to higher teacher retention and resources.

Funded programs would involve the State University of New York (SUNY), the City University of New York (CUNY), and/or private colleges partnering with public school districts and/or BOCES to provide reduced or free tuition for teaching candidates, including books and fees, resident wages and fringe, and stipends for living expenses. These stipends allow easier access to the field for aspiring teachers, and allows the Empire State Teacher Residency Program to be a creative pathway into teaching for teachers from diverse backgrounds.

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "Teachers are essential to our communities, and we need them now more than ever. We must support and empower new teachers in their careers, especially as we all adapt to a new age of education. I thank Governor Hochul for continuing to make strategic investments to help attract and retain these vital professionals."

SUNY Interim Chancellor Deborah F. Stanley said, "SUNY has long played a key role in preparing teachers to educate the next generation of leaders in classrooms statewide. We need highly-qualified, passionate, and dedicated teachers now more than ever, as the pandemic impacted students both academically and emotionally. As the teaching profession has evolved, our colleges and universities have expanded programs and increased support to ensure graduates' success. Last year alone, about

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7,500 SUNY students were awarded teacher certificates. More are needed, and from all backgrounds, as we know students who have teachers who look like them and share their life experience have better outcomes. We applaud Governor Hochul for her commitment to education and are proud of SUNY's contribution to the new residency program."

CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez said, "CUNY prepares a third of New York City's new public school teachers each year, more than any other university, and this new program will help these aspiring teachers get the support they need to become the teachers our city's students deserve. Teaching is one of the most challenging and crucial jobs in any society and I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for her ongoing commitment to helping our educators at every level."

New York State United Teachers President Andy Pallotta said, "Giving aspiring teachers an in-depth opportunity to learn on the job from high-quality mentor teachers and develop connections with students is key to setting future educators up for success. As we work to attract more people to our profession, this program shows that New York is dedicated to reversing staff shortages, helping diversify the education workforce and giving staff the tools they'll need to teach and mentor their own students. We thank Gov. Hochul for her commitment to public education and the people who are dedicated to helping our students succeed."

This Empire State Teacher Residency Program builds on Governor Hochul's bold and diverse education initiatives announced during her 2022 State of the State to address teacher shortages and make schooling more accessible for all New Yorkers. She followed through on these promises during her 2023 Budget announcement where she invested an unprecedented \$31.5 billion in education, the highest level of State aid ever. The Budget not only created this state teacher residency program, but also includes initiatives to upskill some of the 100,000 current paraprofessionals and teaching assistants in New York State schools.

This investment also included \$1.1 billion for high-quality prekindergarten, which would allow approximately 17,500 additional students to access full-day pre-kindergarten across the State and a total of \$100 million of matching funds over two years to be provided to school districts and BOCES with the highest needs to address student wellbeing and learning loss in response to the trauma brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To find more information on the program or see if your public school district or BOCES is eligible to apply, visit https://dol.ny.gov/funding-opportunities-0.

## Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \$38 million in Federal Funds to Provide a Boost to NY Farmers and to Bring More Local Foods to Communities and Schools

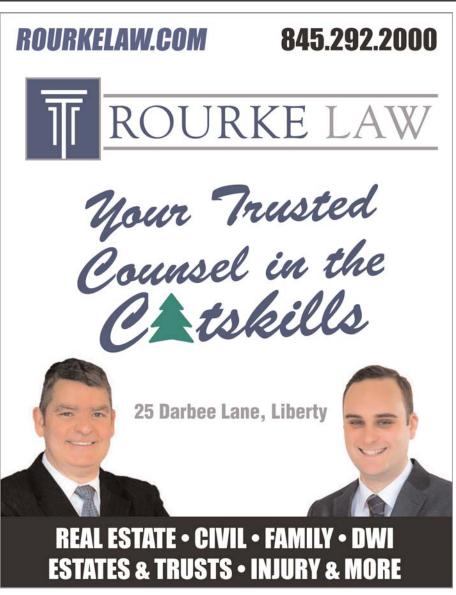
#### USDA Cooperative Agreements Will Promote New York Farmers and Producers and Strengthen Farm-to-School Programs

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded nearly \$38 million to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the New York State Education Department to further enhance the resilience of New York's food system by providing a boost to New York farmers and increasing access to local foods. The funding will create new opportunities to purchase locally grown and produced food to support New York farmers, including those who have been traditionally underserved, and to distribute those goods to food insecure communities and to New York schools.

"The Department of Agriculture and Markets and the State Education Department have been instrumental in developing strong, mutually-beneficial relationships between local farmers and the communities they feed," Governor Hochul said. "These programs provide critical economic opportunities for farmers and producers while also giving students and underserved populations access to locally sourced, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food. This partnership and additional funding builds on our many successful state programs that not only help provide a boost to our agricultural community and feed our families, but also help strengthen New York State's food supply chain."

USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt joined New York Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) Commissioner Richard A. Ball and State Education Department (SED) Commissioner Betty A. Rosa today at the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical Education Center to celebrate two cooperative agreements: the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement (LFPA) Program, through AGM; and the Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative Agreement Program, through SED.

United State Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt said, "USDA is excited to partner with New York to promote economic opportunities for farmers and producers and to increase access to locally sourced, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food in underserved communities and in schools. The cooperative agree-



ments achieved under these programs will improve food and agricultural supply-chain resiliency and increase local food consumption around the country."

AGM has been awarded \$25.8 million through the LFPA to implement the New York Food for New York Families Program to create a more resilient statewide food system that supports local farms and provides high quality, nutritious food to communities facing food insecurity. Food purchases will support local and traditionally disadvantaged farmers by building and expanding economic opportunities and creating new marketing channels for them within the state while ensuring local food gets to New York families in need.

The LFS program, run by SED, will receive nearly \$12 million to provide schools with additional resources to purchase local and regional foods and beverages to serve children during the school day through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. These healthy and unique products will continue the state's goal of improving child nutrition while building new relationships between schools and local farmers.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "I am proud of New York's ongoing efforts to strengthen our food system and bring healthy, local foods to underserved communities while providing economic benefits for farmers across New York. We are so pleased to be awarded nearly \$26 million through USDA's LFPA grant program, which will allow us to build on these accomplishments and significantly further our reach to farmers and families in need in every corner of our state." (Contd. Pg. 33)

### Program Raises Awareness of Additional Consumer Protections in the New York State Marketplace for Domestic Violence Survivors

Governor Kathy Hochul announced additional programs aimed at supporting domestic violence survivors as part of the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection and Address Confidentiality Program. The announcement comes in the midst of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which serves as an opportunity to highlight this important issue and raise awareness while continuing to support domestic violence survivors. On Tuesday, Governor Hochul signed a comprehensive package of legislation that strengthened protections for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence by ensuring guns are seized from abusive partners and protecting the confidentiality of survivors.

"Preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors of abuse is a mission that has been a lifelong journey for generations of women in my family," Governor Hochul said. "With the bills I signed into law yesterday and resources from our Division of Consumer Protection, the New York Department of State, the Address Confidentiality Program and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, we are continuing to empower and lift up those who have suffered at the hands of others by helping them to transition into safer, more secure lives."

The Governor signed the below package of legislation:

o Authorizing Voting Registration Records of Survivors of Sexual Violence to Be Kept Confidential in Certain Cases S.3855/A.7748A

o Requiring Courts to Order the Search and Immediate Seizure of Firearms When a Defendant Willfully Refuses to Surrender Them S.6363A/A.8102

o Requiring Judges Issuing an Order of Protection to Ask About the Presence of Firearms S.6443B/A.8105B

 Requiring the Release of Individuals from Utility and Other Contracts in Instances of Domestic Violence S.7157A/A.6207B
 Requiring Health Insurers to Provide Survivors of Domestic Violence with The Option of Providing Alternative Contact Information S.7263A/A.2519A

The following rights and protections are available to New York State domestic violence survivors:

o Address Confidentiality: If you are a New York State resident and victim of domestic violence, stalking, sexual offenses, or human trafficking who has moved or are planning to move for safety reasons, the Department of State Address Confidentiality Program assists with shielding an address from an abuser, at no cost to the victim. DV Survivors can also provide alternate address information for their telephone services directly through their service provider to prevent their abusers from finding out their actual address.

o Telephone, cable, and satellite service contract opt out: DV Survivors can request an opt-out of their service contract, in writing, at no charge if they are a victim of domestic violence.

o Identity Theft: Identity theft can be a challenge for DV Survivors, but regularly examining credit reports, setting up fraud alerts and checking bank records are three tools to assist Survivors in preventing identity theft. Learn more here.

o Insurance: NYS Insurance Law prohibits any insurance policy providers from discriminating against someone specifically because they are a DV victim.

o Smart Technology: NYS law allows DV orders of protection to include prohibitions against remotely controlling any DV Survivors connected devices.

o Workplace Protections: Survivors of DV, family offenses, or human trafficking cannot be discriminated against for using leave accruals for sick time, family sick time, or safe time related to such matters. Learn more here.

o Alternative Contact Information: Requires health insurers to provide an insurer or subscriber who is a victim of domestic violence, upon request of such insurer or subscriber, with the option to designate alternative contact information for the purpose of receiving specific claim information or for specific billing purposes.

o Rental Lease Protections (Real Property Law, sections 227-c and 227-d, and the Human Rights Law):

o Lease Termination: A DV victim may terminate a residential lease to support their safety, without liability, if they provide the landlord with a written 30-day notice. Then within 25 days of the written notice, the DV victim must provide documentation to the landlord affirming their DV status. Qualifying DV victim status documentation includes: a (1) valid DV incident report, (2) police report, (3) a valid order of protection, (4) a signed affidavit from a certified medical professional, or (5) a signed and notarized affidavit from qualified third party to include any law enforcement officer; employee of a NYS court; attorney, physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, registered nurse, therapist, or clinical professional counselor licensed to practice in any state; person employed by a government or non-profit domestic violence services agency or any member of the clergy of a church or religious society or denomination

o Discrimination Prohibited: Residential landlords cannot discriminate against a person or their accompanied child(ren) who are Survivors of either a criminal act or family offense of domestic violence. DV Survivors who are discriminated against may initiate a civil claim in court and may be awarded up to \$2,000 and attorney's fees. (Contd. Pg. 33)



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#### **Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \$38** million in Federal Funds to Provide a Boost to NY Farmers and to Bring More Local Foods to Communities and Schools (From Pg. 31)

Today's announcement builds on the State's long standing commitment to the fight against hunger. The State has launched several groundbreaking programs in recent years to improve access to healthy, locally grown foods and to bring New York-grown foods and beverages to underserved communities and New York State schools. The 30 percent NYS Initiative, the State's Farm-to School program and child nutrition programs are focused on buying more local products from New York farmers and increasing healthy and nutritious local foods for New York school lunches.

The Nourish NY initiative has purchased, through the state's network of food banks and emergency food providers, nearly \$100 million worth of food from local farmers and delivered it to families in need. So far, nearly 50 million meals have been delivered. Another recent milestone is the one million pounds of food donated to hungry New Yorkers as part of the ongoing implementation of the State's Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law, which builds on the State's efforts to reduce waste and climate-altering emissions caused by landfilling, while providing quality food to New Yorkers in need.

The Council on Hunger and Food Policy convenes to provide state policymakers wit expertise on how to address hunger and improve access to healthy, local food for New York State residents. The work of the Council was critical during the establishment of the Nourish New York program, thanks to its focus on strengthening ties and cooperation between programs addressing hunger and those who produce and supply food.

Both programs help provide fresh, healthy, locally grown foods to underserved communities and students across the state and invest in small New York State businesses to cultivate a stable, thriving local food system. More information is available at USDA's Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program and Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program webpages.

### Program Raises Awareness of Additional Consumer Protections in the New York State Marketplace for Domestic Violence Survivors

(From Pg. 32) o Evictions Prohibited: Residential landlords cannot evict a person or their accompanied child(ren) who are Survivors of either a criminal act or family offense of domestic violence. If a proceeding for eviction begins, a victim may produce evidence of the offense as a defense to the court. This protection does not apply to owner-occupied housing with two or fewer units. The protection also does not apply if the landlord provides other valid reasons for the eviction.

o Membership Campground Contracts: Although a cancellation period for a membership campground may have passed, DV Survivors can cancel their contract by submitting to the membership campground operator any one of these four DV status affirming documents : a (1) valid DV incident report, (2) police report, (3) a valid order of protection, or (4) a signed affidavit from a licensed medical or mental health care provider, employee of a court acting within the scope of his or her employment, social worker, a rape crisis counselor or DV advocate

## All SNAP Households to Receive the Maximum Level of Food Benefits for October Supplemental Food Benefits Expected to Continue Through February

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that all New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will receive the maximum allowable level of food benefits for October. All households participating in SNAP - including those already at the maximum level of benefits - will receive a supplemental allotment this month, resulting in a roughly \$234 million infusion of federal funding into the New York State economy.

"These emergency supplemental benefits have been vital to our efforts to combat food insecurity by helping struggling New Yorkers to feed themselves and their families," Governor Hochul said. "No New Yorker should struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table, and the \$234 million in additional SNAP funds will provide much-needed relief and support for our most vulnerable communities."

The emergency assistance supplement will be provided to all households, including those that ordinarily receive the maximum allowable benefit per month, receiving SNAP, a federally funded program overseen by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). Households already near or at the maximum benefit level - \$939 for a hous SNAP households in all counties outside of New York City should see these extra benefits post by today, Oct. 21. Those SNAP households in the five-county New York City region should see their benefits post between Monday, Oct. 24 and Thursday, Oct. 28.

OTDA began issuing the emergency supplemental benefits in April 2020 to those SNAP households receiving less than the maximum monthly benefit amount. When New York State's emergency declaration expired in June 2021, the agency successfully worked with the federal government to secure the maximum allotment for all SNAP households until the expiration of the federal declaration of a public health emergency, which was extended until January and will enable OTDA to continue issuing these benefits through February.

New Yorkers continued to rely heavily on SNAP this summer, with more than 1.6 million households, including more than 2.8 million New Yorkers, throughout the state enrolled in the program in August. While SNAP recipients statewide remained relatively flat compared to July, they were up 3.5 percent over August 2021, highlighting the continuing demand for these critical benefits.

SNAP plays an important role in New York's ongoing economic recovery and has injected more than \$2 billion into the State's economy since January. Every federal dollar invested by SNAP generates up to \$1.54 in economic activity, according to a federal study quantifying the impact of SNAP on the U.S. economy.

These supplemental benefits are also a critical lifeline for New Yorkers in need, as about 14 percent of the state's population relied on SNAP benefits last year, according to a recent study. More than half of recipient households were families with children and about 48 percent included an adult over the age of 55 or a person with a disability.

As with the prior months, the payments will be delivered directly to recipients' existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) accounts and can be accessed with their existing EBT cards. Like regular SNAP benefits, the supplemental benefits can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. Any unused SNAP benefits will automatically carry over to the following month.

New Yorkers interested in enrolling can check their SNAP eligibility, as well as apply online, by visiting mybenefits.ny.gov.

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## Join Sullivan County's Fall Cleanup Effort Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Ongoing Through October 31

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Fall Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck is now in swing through October 31. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee will be waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter.

This event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, at their town or village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center, among other sources. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email scparks@sullivanny.us.

## DEC Reminds Homeowners and Landlords to Prioritize Safety with Home Heating this Fall and Winter Property Owners Advised to Never Connect Occupied Structures to Wells; Inspect Oil Fuel Tanks and Equipment for Leaks and Spills

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today advised homeowners and landlords to put safety first when preparing for home heating needs this fall and winter. DEC reminded property owners to avoid connecting occupied buildings to wells producing natural gas because doing so can be dangerous and potentially deadly. In addition, DEC encouraged property owners that use oil for heat to inspect fuel storage tanks for potential leaks or spills before receiving shipments of fuel oil for the upcoming heating season.

"Prioritizing safety this heating season is critically important to protect yourself, your loved ones, and property, and our environment," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Heating costs are expected to rise this winter and supply disruptions are possible, but the potential costs of tempting fate through risky and unsafe fuel connections, and neglecting maintenance of heating units, is incalculably higher. DEC urges homeowners and landlords to use safe practices to protect themselves and others."

"Heating equipment, including those fueled by natural gas or oil, is among the leading causes of home fires nationally and in New York State," State Fire Administrator James Cable said. "This is the time of year to have natural gas, fuel oil, or wood burning appliances and fireplaces inspected before the colder months arrive. Remember to keep all combustible materials such as curtains, blankets, clothing and furniture away from portable space heaters and make sure to turn off those heaters before leaving a room or going to bed. Above all, make sure you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in your home."

Natural Gas Safety

DEC issued today's warning following last October's fatal home explosion in Allegany County where natural gas piped from an unplugged "home-use well" caused an explosion and destroyed the home. Home-use wells are often located on or nearby private properties and may be connected by property owners via piping to appliances, furnaces, or other ignition sources.

The danger is that natural gas produced by a gas or oil well is odorless and difficult or impossible for a person to detect. While the primary component of natural gas is methane, other gases like propane and butane may also be present in addition to water, because the gas is raw and untreated. This may result in improper and erratic combustion in appliances. The risk of an explosion due to natural gas build-up in a home is substantially greater if that gas is not provided by a utility.

If a home-use well is connected to a house or other structure:

Contact a plumber licensed to work on gas lines and have the fuel source switched to utility natural gas or consider another fuel or heating appliance;

Natural gas directly from a well is odorless and colorless, meaning it may build up to explosive levels without detection. Install methane detection alarms in any closed space where methane may accumulate;

Commercial gas suppliers always add the odorant mercaptan to natural gas before it is delivered for use. Consider adding mercaptan to natural gas from a home use well so that it can be more easily detected; and

Contact DEC if the well is not registered in DEC's database. Owning and operating an oil or gas well comes with regulatory responsibilities aimed at protecting the environment. New York is actively plugging oil and gas wells throughout the state for which there is no registered operator.

For questions and additional information about "home-use wells," contact DEC at (518) 402-8056 or oilgas@dec.ny.gov. Also, visit DEC's website for photos and additional details. Fuel Oil Safety

DEC also reminds home and property owners to inspect heating fuel oil storage tanks for leaks or spills before ordering and receiving fuel oil.

More than two million homes in New York are heated by fuel oil. Each year, the DEC Spills Hotline receives hundreds of reports of fuel oil spills from home heating oil tanks. These spills result in basement contamination, damage to basement contents, contamination of groundwater, wells, and soils, and expensive cleanups rarely covered by homeowner's insurance.

Annual inspections can prevent leaks and spills and protect property, public health, and the environment. Homeowners are advised to look for the following concerns and contact their fuel oil service provider if they see any of the items from the lists below.

#### For above-ground heating fuel oils storage tanks, look for:

Bent, rusty, or wobbly tank legs or tank located on an unstable foundation;

Signs of rust, weeps, wet spots, or many dents on the tank's surface;

Drips or any signs of leaks around the oil filter or valves;

Fuel oil lines not covered in a protective casing - even if under concrete;

Overhanging eaves where snow and ice could fall onto the tank; (Contd. Pg. 36)

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Stains on the ground or strong oil odor around the tank;

Browning, dying, or loss of vegetation around the tank; Silent overfill whistle while tank is being filled - ask fuel deliv-

ery person;

Fully or partially blocked tank vent from snow, ice, or insect nests;

Signs of spills around fill pipe or vent pipe;

Improperly sized vent pipes - ask fuel delivery person; and

Cracked, stuck, or frozen fuel level gauges or signs of fuel around them.

#### For underground heating fuel oils storage tanks, look for:

Water in the tank - ask fuel delivery person to check;

Oil or oil sheen in your basement sump or French drain;

Silent overfill whistle while tank is being filled - ask fuel delivery person;

Fully or partially blocked tank vent from snow, ice, or insect nests;

Signs of spills around fill pipe or vent pipe;

Well water has strange tastes or smells;

Complaints from neighbors of fuel oil smells; and

Using more than normal amount of fuel.

Fuel oil spills or leaks should be reported to the DEC Spills Hotline at 1-800-457-7362. For more information on home heating oil tank stewardship, visit the Underground Heating Oil Tanks: A Homeowner's Guide webpage on DEC's website.

More Help for Homeowners

Last month, Governor Hochul announced State actions to prepare New Yorkers for rising global energy costs and supply issues expected this winter. In addition, New Yorkers can take the following steps in their homes to help protect against higher energy costs, including:

apply for the Home Energy Assistance Program, with applications starting on Nov. 1;

be more energy efficient to lower energy usage;

receive a customized list of energy-related assistance in the State;

sign up for Community Solar;

get a free energy audit;

join a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign;

know your rights and protections regarding utility services; and consider bill payment options, among other steps.

Learn more at the NYS Governor's website.

outdoor oil tank next to house with oil on the ground next to it Oil spill from home heating tank

## Federal Funding To Expand 418 Existing Child Care Programs Located in Communities Where Capacity is Insufficient

#### Awards are Part of Governor Hochul's \$100 Million Commitment To Reduce Child Care Deserts Statewide

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that nearly \$30 million has been awarded to help increase capacity at more than 400 existing state-licensed, registered, or permitted child care programs that are located in underserved areas of the state. Administered by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the federal funding is part of Governor Hochul's \$100 million initiative to help increase the capacity of programs located in child care deserts -areas of the state where there is insufficient capacity to serve existing need.

"No New Yorker should ever suffer the far-reaching and heart-

wrenching effects of unaffordable and inaccessible child care programs," Governor Hochul said. "These latest awards will help New Yorkers access the quality child care programs they need to provide for their families and build careers. My administration will continue to make crucial investments in child care, ensuring working families and vulnerable populations receive the support and assistance they deserve."

Made available through the American Rescue Plan Act, the awards to 418 existing child care providers in underserved areas will help them build their programs; recruit, train and retain workers; and support their staff in accessing COVID-19 vaccines. In July, Governor Hochul announced more than \$68 million to help establish 344 new child care programs in areas of the state considered child care deserts.

Child care deserts are areas of a county where there are three or more children younger than five for each available child care slot, or there are no available child care slots at all. Roughly 60 percent of New York State is considered a child care desert based on this criteria.

The funding awards in the Mid-Hudson \$ 2,920,500 w i t h 26 awardees.

This latest round of funding to address child deserts compliments Governor Hochul's unprecedented \$7 billion commitment over four years to expand access to high-quality child care to support children and families and help stimulate New York State's continued economic recovery. Adopted as part of the FY 2023 State Budget, this commitment includes increasing the income eligibility threshold for child care subsidies to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level -\$83,250 for a family of four -extending eligibility to an estimated 394,000 young children throughout the state.

This year alone, Governor Hochul provided a historic \$2 billion investment to increase the number of families eligible for child care assistance and to ensure child care providers are adequately funded for their essential services. This investment includes \$894 million in new funding for New York State Child Care Block Grants, which was adopted as part of the recent State Budget; more than \$500 million in unspent funds previously allocated to local departments of social services; and more than \$600 million in existing COVID-19 pandemic funding.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services Commissioner Sheila Poole said, "This funding recognizes the acute shortage of infant and toddler child care and the lack of available child care in rural areas. It's hard to go to work when you can't find anyone to care for your child, which can also contribute to the labor shortage. Early child care experiences can shape children for the rest of their lives. OCFS is committed to supporting the creation of additional child care programs where families need them the most and for families with special needs."

Senator Chuck Schumer said, "For many working families, affordable child care is out of reach, and the pandemic made it worse, which made it harder to go back to work. That is why I passed the American Rescue Plan with robust child-care funding. Now, \$30 million in federal funding that I secured will go directly to eliminating child care deserts, creating good-paying jobs, and providing real help for struggling parents and children."

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "The ongoing shortage of affordable child care in our state is nothing short of a crisis. We have to do more to support our families and our child care workers. That's why I'm proud to have fought to pass the American Rescue Plan, legislation that is now delivering nearly \$30 million in federal funding to child care providers across New York. This funding will help parents across our state return to work with the knowledge that their children are in good hands while giving child care workers the resources they need to be successful. I'll keep working with Governor Hochul to ensure that all New York families have the support they need to thrive."

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### Create Your Own Themed Tree to Show! Exhibit Will Be Part of 'Holiday in Hurleyville Festival'



The decorating theme may be one which represents an organization, a business or an individual flight of fancy.

All trees must be artificial (due to fire codes) and not taller than six (6) feet. If a tree is less than five (5) feet, please bring your own table. Note that since the display is in subdued lighting, trees will not be seen at their best unless they have their own lights.

Trees and displays may be set up between November 25 and December 2 anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibits may be removed after January 3, 2023 or by appointment.





The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For suggestions or more information, call 845-434-8044 or email info@scnyhistory.org.

Hurleyville, NY -It's time to start planning for the 2022 Holiday Open House at the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum in Hurleyville. Hosted by the Sullivan County Historical Society, this year's Open House will be held Saturday, on December 3, in conjunction with the Holiday In Hurleyville Festival.

The Sullivan County Historical Society invites organizations, businesses, and individuals to decorate a tree for display at the event.

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### WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!!! WHERE? At the Route 42 Community Park in Grahamsville

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### Monticello Kiwanis Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner

at

### Yanni's Café

### on Pleasant Street in Monticello

### **Dinner platter choices:**

Hot Open Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken, Gyro Platter or Vegetarian Crepe Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes and dessert.

> Dinners can be socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window by ordering ahead

Dinner available at a time of the ticket buyer's choosing

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are valid currently until December 31, 2022 **Tickets are \$25 each** 

Tickets are available by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701

All proceeds benefit charitable projects in the community helping the Kiwanis Club fulfill their mission of "serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time".

For further information on obtaining tickets, contact Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

### ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP PRESENTS





# A BAG OF BOOKS \$2

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER, 26TH FROM 9AM TO 3PM LOBBY OF HOSPITAL

# Sugar Skull EVENT GRADES 6 AND UP SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 11:00 TO 12:00 P.M.

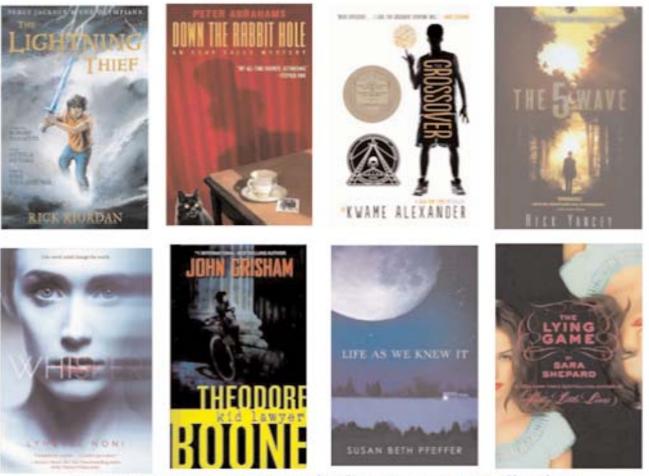
Enter as a student...leave as a SUGAR SKULL special effects artist! Make-up artist, Morgan Elizabeth will guide you in to this frightful transformation!

> No bones about it... we'll have some treats!

Space is limited. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

# Are YA ready for a challenge?

Join the Daniel Pierce Library Fall YA "Series"-ous Reading Challenge from September 19 to October 31. YA patrons (ages 10-18) read ONLY the first book in a series and fill out a raffle ticket. The more "first books" read, the more tickets earned, the higher the chance of winning a candy-filled pumpkin...and finding a series you love!



For more recommendations, see our display.

Print your tickets online @www.danielpiercelibrary.org





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### A CHALLENGE?

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Just enter your name, age and book title on the slip below and return to the circulation desk!

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### Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop Presents

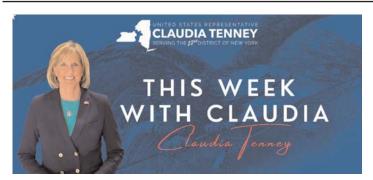
# SPOOKTACULAR DEALS ALL OCTOBER!

### 20% Off Deals All October Long...

October 3rd - 7th: Costume Jewelry October 10th - 14th: Decor October 17th - 21st: Apparel October 24th - 28th: Sterling Silver Jewelry

> Open Monday to Friday 10am - 2pm

HALLOWEEN DAY, OCTOBER 31ST, WE DARE YOU TO COME IN FOR A FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE!



### President Joe Biden Must Do More to Unleash America's Domestic Energy Production

President Biden's war on American energy is unacceptable and sending costs through the roof. That's why I joined with House Republican Whip Steve Scalise and 128 of my House Republican colleagues in sending a letter to President Biden calling on him to immediately stop his war on American energy production and issue a five-year offshore oil and natural gas leasing plan to unleash America's energy independence.

As a result, of President Biden's policies, the United States is no longer energy independent, and our nation is less secure because of it. In order to reduce the dramatically higher energy costs hard-working families are facing, my colleagues and I called on President Biden to reverse course and work with us to unleash safe and reliable American energy. This must start by issuing a five-year leasing plan that includes regular annual lease sales in America's offshore areas.

Election Integrity Update: My Statement on This Week's Record Early Voting Turnout in Georgia

This week, on day one of early voting in Georgia, nearly 125,000 Georgians turned out in-person to vote in the midterm elections-an increase of more than 50,000 from the previous record for the first day of early voting. This is a tremendous success for the people of Georgia, who are turning out in record numbers to exercise their sacred right to vote.

What this week's record turnout also shows is that Georgia's recently passed election integrity law is not 'Jim Crow in the 21st Century,' as President Biden falsely claimed. It is not inhibiting access to the ballot box, as the President and so many woke corporations asserted falsely that it would. This law is working exactly as intended: making it easier to vote and harder to cheat.

President Biden and the woke corporations that deliberately lied about Georgia's election integrity law to divide Americans and score cheap political points owe the nation an apology.

### Introduced Legislation Codifying President Trump's Sanctions on Iran

On Friday, I joined Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03) as an original cosponsor of the Mahsa Amini Human Rights and Security Accountability Act, or MAHSA Act, to support Iranian human rights protestors. The bill codifies sanctions that originally began under former President Trump.

The Iranian regime's heartless murder of Mahsa Ahmini once again exposed the reality that Iran's government abuses and subjugates women. Furthermore, the brutal crackdown on protestors has shown the regime's absolute disdain for basic human rights and underscores the need for a more permanent set of sanctions against the government. I am grateful to Congressman Banks for his leadership on this critical initiative! The full text of the bill is available here.

I recently introduced a bipartisan, bicameral resolution commending the Iranian people for their bravery in standing up against this regime. It also urged the Biden administration to continue to impose human rights sanctions, prioritize efforts to expand internet access in Iran, and work to develop a strategy to prevent the Iranian regime from obtaining and exploiting facial recognition data and software for the use of mass surveillance and enforcement of mandatory hijab. The resolution now has 40 cosponsors in the House, and the Senate Companion, introduced by Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ), has 10 cosponsors.

#### My Statement on the January 6th Committee's Subpoena of President Trump

This week, the House January 6th Committee released its formal subpoena of former President Donald Trump.

Speaker Pelosi's January 6th Committee has been a partisan, Soviet-style show trial from the start. The Committee has abandoned the basic principles of fairness and due process guaranteed to all by our Constitution, and it appears to me that their primary objective is to smear former President Trump and his supporters, not to get the truth of what really happened on January 6th.

Now, with the midterm elections just weeks away, the Committee has taken the extraordinary step of subpoenaing a former President. The subpoena is an 'October Surprise,' which is calculated solely to ignite the Democrat base just weeks before the election.

### Cosponsor Alert: Protect Farmers from the SEC Act

I recently cosponsored the Protect Farmers from the SEC Act. You may have seen that the Securities and Exchanges Commission (SEC) proposed a climate-related rule that would require companies to report their carbon emissions and other climate-related data, including similar information from their "upstream" and "downstream" affiliates. This proposed rule could have a detrimental impact on our agriculture industry, especially our family farms. It would give the SEC unprecedented control over farmers, require vast amounts of information about farmers' day-to-day operations, and create onerous reporting requirements for small operations, even those with few-tono employees.

This bill would exempt agriculture from this proposed rule. I'm honored to be a cosponsor and stand in support of our family farms!

### Update on New York's Unconstitutional Concealed Carry Improvement Act

Legal challenges to New York's unconstitutional Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) continue to make their way through the Courts.

This week, one specific challenge prevailed in a federal court in Western New York when U.S. District Court Judge John Sinatra issued a temporary stay that blocked a provision of the CCIA that prohibits individuals from carrying a concealed firearm in houses of worship, taking away a key defense for many. This is a major win for the Second Amendment and our Constitution!

As a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, I'll always fight to protect New Yorkers' right to keep and bear arms. Last week, I introduced a resolution with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) condemning the CCIA as unconstitutional, and I'll continue fighting to overturn this law.

# **Olive Free Library** COMMUNITY ART SVAP Bring your

donations to the library between Saturday, November 5th and Thursday, November 10!

Saturday, November 12 II a.m. - 3 p.m.

### rules for DONATIONS

- Art & craft materials only
- Must be fit for reuse—new or gently used, not expired
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- When in doubt, use the "bestie" rule: would I give this item to my best friend?

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### Assemblymember Cahill Calls Attention to Student Debt Relief Developments

(Kingston, NY) - On Monday October 17, the Biden administration launched its web portal to apply for the student debt forgiveness program announced in August. This program can relieve up to \$20,000 in student loan debt for those who received a Pell grant for their education, and up to \$10,000 for those who did not. The online application takes less than five minutes and is available in English and Spanish. No federal student aid ID is necessary and no documentation needs to be uploaded.

"Crushing student debt is a major reason many graduates of our secondary education system cannot afford to own a home and save for their and their family's future," said Assemblymember Cahill. "This federal program will help to lift a massive burden from that population, allowing them a brighter future and providing them with the ability to be more active participants in our economy."

The U.S. Department of Education already has financial information for those who either recently filled out the federal financial aid form (FAFSA) or are enrolled in an incomebased loan repayment plan. These eligible borrowers will receive an email from the Education Department with more information on their automatic forgiveness and need not apply. Most borrowers, however, must complete the application to receive this debt relief.

Targeted toward middle-class debtors, this federal plan can provide forgiveness to individual borrowers who earn less than \$125,000 per year and borrowers whose household earns less than \$250,000. Repayment of federal student loans will resume for all borrowers this coming January after a lengthy pause put in place in response to the COVID pandemic.

Current employees of government and non-profits are also encouraged to apply for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program. After ten years of public service in these sectors, eligible applicants to this program can be released from the remaining balance of their student debt. A limited PSLF waiver that expires on October 31, 2022 expanded the types of loans that an eligible individual may receive a benefit for, included past periods of repayment that were missed as creditable and added assistance to the program for those that have been employed for less than ten years in eligible work.

"I encourage all local, state and federal government employees as well as workers for non-profits to apply for this aid as soon as possible. A PLSF award is compensation for a person who has dedicated their life to bettering our communities and the very limited window of opportunity to claim it will close in a matter of days," concluded Cahill.

To apply for the Federal Student Aid program, borrowers should go to:

https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief/application

For more information on PSLAF, public and nonprofit borrowers should go to:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/publicserviceloanforgiveness/

### Gillibrand Was Joined by Health, Food, and Conservation Experts to Announce Whole-of-Government Approach of the One Health Security Act

NEW YORK, NY - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced her groundbreaking One Health Security Act to prevent, detect, and respond to biological threats. The One Health bill would create a federal council charged with preventing, detecting and responding to biological threats that significantly impact our national health, economy, and national security. Support for the One Health Security Act legislation includes New York City Health + Hospitals, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Right to Health Action, the Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Entomological Society of America. Gillibrand stood at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue with experts in health care, conservation, and nutrition to announce the whole-of-government approach of the bill.

"While the spread of COVID-19 is stabilizing in many parts of the world, the impact this pandemic has had on our communities and our economy presents a dire threat, not only to our global health, but also to our national security. While we can't predict the next global biological menace, we can streamline the local, city, and federal resources at our disposal so we are better prepared to respond to biological threats," said U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "My bill, the One Health Security Act, is the important step we need to facilitate a more coordinated threat assessment system and response. "One Health" is the simple concept that human health is intrinsically connected to the health of animals, plants, and our environment. A One Health approach allows us to effectively address complex, multidisciplinary health problems - like coronaviruses and Ebola, food and crop diseases, and antimicrobial-resistant pathogens. We must act now to strengthen our defenses and to facilitate a more coordinated response consistent with One Health principles so that the uncontrolled spread of life-threatening diseases will once and for all be a thing of the past."

"Senator Gillibrand's One Health Security Act is a critical first step in taking a whole-of-government approach in the US to prevent pandemics at the source. We applaud this legislation which advances the One Health approach as it is a definitive and practical step needed by the US to prevent and manage future pandemics like we are experiencing with COVID-19,' said Dr. Chris Walzer, Executive Director of Health at the Wildlife Conservation Society. "WCS has been pioneering One Health since 2004 and today we are working in the US and across the globe, through our WildHealthNet program, to train and help governments create the infrastructure and processes that ensure human, wildlife, livestock and environmental health experts are working together. Senator Gillibrand's One Health Security Act will help ensure the US can better address biothreats and prevent and manage the future spillover of pathogens from animals to humans.'

"A recent headline in the magazine 'Foreign Policy' said it very clearly; 'No Bread, No Peace.' National security experts need to put food back on the table as a core issue," said Dr. Charles Platkin, Executive Director of the Hunter College New York City Food Policy Center. (Contd. Pg. 62)

# Ladies Auxiliary Lake Hill Fire Co. #3 Penny Social Sat. Oct. 29

### For your convenience: 12:00 Kitchen Opens 1:00 Tables Open 2:00 Calling

# Lake Hill Firehouse

Rte. 212, 8 miles West of Woodstock

Information: 679-2982 or 679-4510

# Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall. 9/1, 10/6, 11/3 & 12/8/2022.



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search sullivancountydmvscheduling

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Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule) Callicoon Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule) Rockland Town Hall - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule) Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule) Mamakating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule) Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule) Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule) Bloomingburg Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)

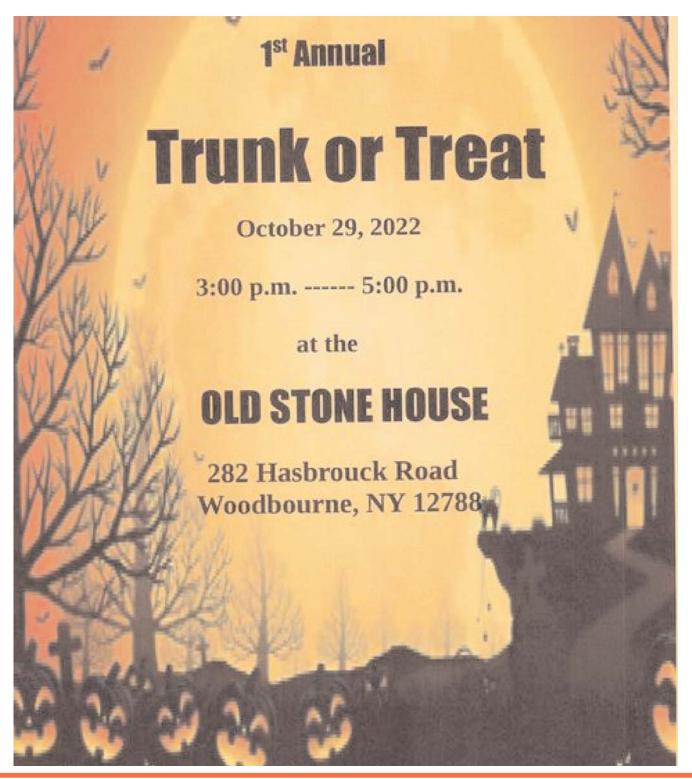
Customers <u>MUST</u> have all forms completed <u>PRIOR</u> to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - <u>dmv.ny.gov</u>

\*\*\* IF YOU ARE LATE OR NOT PREPARED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE \*\*\*

Please limit the number of people coming to your appointment. Additional people not necessary

to the transaction may be asked to wait outside.

The DMV will continue to take mail-in license renewals with proof of an eye exam and registration renewals to: Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello NY, 12701



Attention!

We have so many items left over from our auction and flea market from the summer -we will be holding a **Bag Day** this Saturaday, October 30 starting 1:00pm at the Old Stonehouse 282 Hasbrouck Road., Woodbourne, NY

Everybody bring your shopping bags.

**Every bag \$5!** Pick out what you want! Fill them up! All proceeds go to the house and hopefully we will get some heat in there this winter. Items include lambs glassware; depression wear; clothes galore; children's toys; children's items; kitchenware... just too much to list. You'll never know what you may find!

Also, thanking everyone for all their support over the summer and in the future!!!!



Curbside pick up will continue to be available every day from a half hour after opening until a half hour before closing time.

### Albany, Buffalo, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers Will Each Receive Up to \$4 Million through Project RISE: Respond, Invest, Sustain and Empower

Funding Will Help Community-Based Organizations Identify Needs, Gaps in Services and Develop Plans to Expand Programming for Youth and Families and Improve Public Safety

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the availability of \$28 million to assist seven cities - Albany, Buffalo, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers - combat gun violence across the state. This funding is being made available through Project RISE - Respond, Invest, Sustain and Empower - to provide community-based organizations in each city up to \$2 million to implement, expand and improve programs and services that increase opportunity for youth and families, empower neighborhoods disproportionately affected by gun violence and improve public safety. Additionally, \$2 million in capital funding is being made available in each city to support these violence prevention services and safer neighborhoods.

"The scourge of gun violence requires bold investments on multiple fronts, and by investing in local organizations through Project RISE we will help meet each neighborhood's needs, address local challenges, and provide effective, sustainable solutions," Governor Hochul said. "This funding and these partnerships will improve, enhance and expand the State's comprehensive response to gun violence in each of these cities, helping address the root causes of gun violence and create safer neighborhoods for all New Yorkers."

"The Governor and I are coming at this increase in gun violence from all angles, doubling down on public safety. In addition to engaging law enforcement, strengthening gun laws and running gun buyback programs, we are also empowering communities through outreach efforts," said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. "The new Project RISE will allow local governments and community organizations to direct the funding to where it is needed most."

Lieutenant Governor Delgado joined elected, community, and law enforcement leaders at the Boys & Girls Club of Mount Vernon this morning to outline the state's significant investment in Project RISE, part of the administration's multifaceted plan to address the increase in shootings and firearm-related homicides since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Developed and administered by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Project RISE allows local stakeholders in each city to develop a comprehensive plan for funding that addresses the unique needs of their neighborhoods. While gun violence in these seven communities and 13 others that participate in the state's Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative declined in the first eight months of this year when compared to 2021, it has not decreased to pre-pandemic levels.

The budget also includes an additional \$10 million to support body-worn cameras, as well \$20 million inpretrial services fundingto all counties outside of New York City to support a continuum of pretrial services, including screening and assessments, supervision, a centralized case management system, and dedicated information sharing with the court system.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services is a multi-function criminal justice support agency and has a variety of responsibilities, including law enforcement training; collection and analysis of statewide crime data; maintenance of criminal history information and fingerprint files; administrative oversight of the state's DNA databank, in partnership with the New York State Police; funding and oversight of probation and community correction programs; administration of federal and state criminal justice funds; support of criminal justice-related agencies across the state; and administration of the state's Sex Offender Registry. Follow the agency on Twitter and Facebook.

#### Gillibrand Was Joined by Health, Food, and Conservation Experts to Announce Whole-of-Government Approach of the One Health Security Act

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"As a public health and food policy advocate, recognizing the ecological, holistic and collaborative, multisector approach to health is crucial and Senator Gillibrand's One Health Security Act, realizing that a threat to food security is a threat to national security, brings a required and much-needed approach to combat any and all threats to human health."

The One Health Security Act aims to prevent against the next pandemic and emerging biological threats to human health by establishing a One Health Security Council, under the charge of the National Security Council. The One Health Security Council would be responsible for developing and implementing a One Health Security Strategy that integrates a whole-of-government approach to biodefense in accordance with One Health principles. It would also oversee a Pandemic Preparedness Network to serve as a 24/7/365 detection system for zoonotic and vectorborne diseases. It would also allow for local, state and federal agencies as well as private and public entities to effectively collaborate in addressing a myriad of complex, multidisciplinary health problems, such as coronaviruses and Ebola, food and crop diseases, and antimicrobial-resistant pathogens.

The One Health Security Act would integrate veterinary, agricultural, environmental, and human health expertise with security, foreign policy, and intelligence expertise at the local, regional, national and global levels; taking an integrative approach that would establish:

1. One Health Security Council: In accordance with the Apollo program recommendation, a new Deputy National Security Advisor would lead a One Health Security Council within the Executive Office of the President responsible for coordinating whole-of-government One Health Security-related activities.

2. One Health Security Strategy: The One Health Security Council would develop a strategy that would advise the President with respect to the integration of domestic, foreign, and military policies relating to One Health Security to enable Federal agencies to cooperate more effectively.

3. One Health Security and Pandemic Preparedness Network: The network would support global efforts to develop a prevention, early detection and warning system for zoonotic and vectorborne disease. It would be managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's One Health Office, in collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of the Interior.

4. One Health Security Activities: The One Health Security Council would recommend funding allocation for activities that would be critical to improving our biodefense and ability to defend against natural, human-generated and accidental biological events.

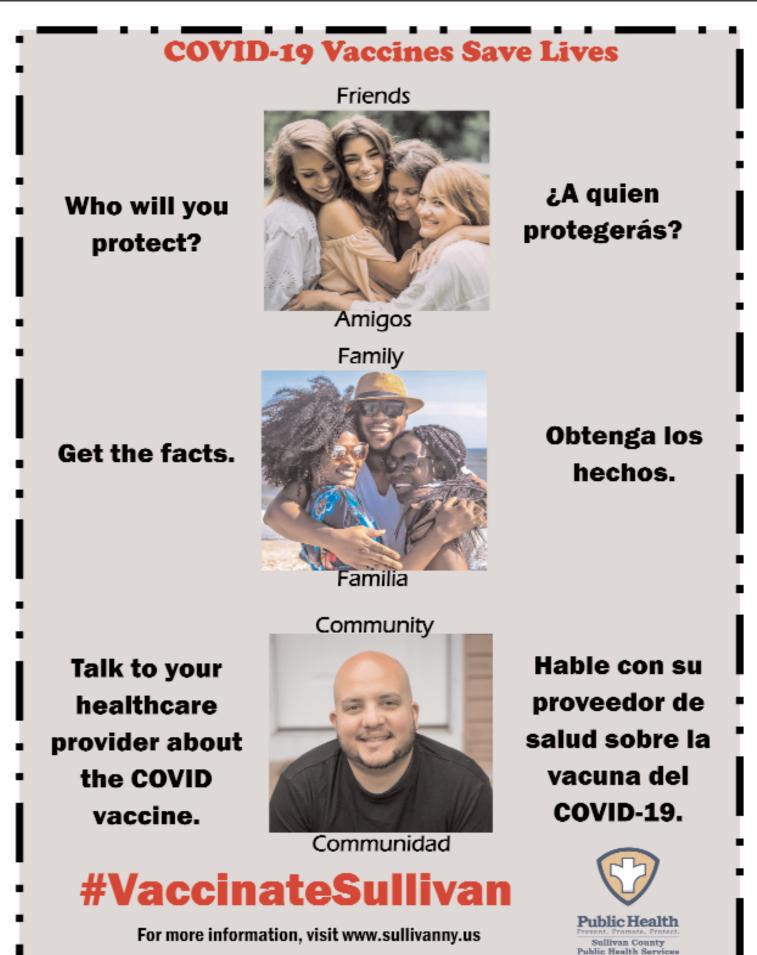
A discussion draft of the bill is available here.

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Dicussion%2 0Draft%20-%20Bill%20Text%20-

%20One%20Health%20Security%20Act.pdf

A full list of organizations and experts that have endorsed the One Health Security Act is available here. https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Endorsers%2

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# Sullivan County Text For Teens

londay - Friday 4pm-10pm

> Saturday & Sunday 5pm-12am

Hey...I really need to talk to someone. Can you help?



Free & confidential support Someone who can listen and help Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen: Bullying - Eating Disorders -Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -Pregnancy - Problems at Home -Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ -Divorce - School Issues -Substance Use -Physical/Mental/Sexual Health and more!

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### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family? Are you a teen having problems at home? **Help is available now!** 

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.

# (C)) Text 845-372-1817 Call 866-372-2336

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### ULSTER COUNTY

### Halloween in Ulster County 2022

### OCTOBER 1

#### Dracula

Live staging of Bram Stoker's Dracula performed by Theater on the Road and Directed by Frank Marquette.

Tickets \$20 general; \$15 Century House Members of Widow Janc Minc

668 NY-213, Rosendale, 845-658-9900 https://www.centuryhouse.org/drac 22/

#### October 1, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30

Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions and Escape Room

Ten attractions, gill shops, donut bakery, and food cafes. Named the #1 Haunted Attraction in America and one of the "Top 13 Escape Rooms in America." Reservations required.

7 p.m. General admission \$74:33; Scream Pass (front line access) \$105.73; Separate fee for Escape Rooms

778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. https://headlesshorseman.com/

#### October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The City Awakens - Haunted History Cemetery Tour

Step across three centuries and meet 6 characters that put Kingston on the map.

Adults \$15; Students and Seniors \$10; 12 and under, free

Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston www.livinghistoryny.com

#### October 21

Spookaplooza/Fryte Nyte Festival

Family-friendly outdoor Halloween fest. Join us ghouls goblins and spooks for food fun and horror. 4 p.m.

Pryte Nyte Pestival for adults at 9 p.m. Tickets \$10, \$15.

Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Road, New Paliz, Facebook: Spookaplooza/Fryte Nyte Festival

#### October 29

MyKingstonKids Halloween Fest & Parade – "Monsters Ball"

Special Halloween performances including singers, costumes, various types of music, lots of dancing and so much more. Includes vendors, food, trick-or-treating, carnival games, activities and more.

Parade location: 151 Plaza Rd, Kingston, Event location: YMCA Kingston, 507 Broadway, Kingston, 845-896-0105; https://mykingstonkids.com/

#### October 29

Ulster Corps' 12th Annual Zombie Escape

Events include a 5k timed trail run, 2k walk and free 1k Fun Run for kids. Socially distanced zombies and other spooky surprises. Awards.

Tickets start at \$17. Registration: 8:45 a.m.; 10 a.m. Zombie event.

Information: email zombies@ulstercorps.org, or call Williams Lake, Rosendale, 845-481-0031; https://www.ulstercorps.org/ulstercorps-12th-annual-zombieescape/

Registration: https://zippy-reg.com/register/zombierum

#### October 29

Meet Me In Marlborough-Kids & Adults Trick or Treat Event

Stroll through the quaint hamlet of Marlboro, and meet and greet local business owners, civic/school groups and more. Join in many Halloween lestivities: Dance, Costume Contest, music, ice cream sundacs, food, crafts and much more.

2.4 p.m. Free. 1 Western Ave., Marlborough. https://www.meetmeinmarlborough.com/special-events/

#### October 29

Seventh Annual Halloween Bash at Ole Savannah

Join us for a spooktackular night, 25 and older only. Must wear a costume for entry. Featuring DJ Eddie P. \$1,500 prize to be given to the best costume. \$500 second place.

9 p.m. 1 a.m. General Admission \$20

Ole Savannah Southern Table and Bar, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283 https://olesavannab.com/

### October 31

Trick-Or-Treat on Huguenot Street

Children and families are welcome to gather on Huguenot Street and seek goodies from the residents of the historic homes, both past and present.

3:30 5:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, RSVP.

81 Huguenot Street, New Paliz. https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-ofevents/2022/10/31/trick-or-treat-on-huguenot-street.

#### October 31 New Paltz Halloween Parade

Come in costume and march or come as you are to watch. Start at the Middle School and end at Village Hall.

5:30 p.m. Free.

New Paltz Middle School, 196 Main Street, New Paltz. https://www.facebook.com/events/198735368763020



### **Ulster County U-Pick Apple Farms**

Westwind Orchard & Cidery, Accord westwindorchard.com

Tantillo's Farm Market, Gardiner tantillofarm.com

DuBois Farms, Highland duboisfarms.com

Wilklow Orchards, Highland wilkloworchards.com

Borchert Orchards, Marlboro

Locust Grove Fruit Farm, Milton locustgrovefruitfarm.com

Clarkes Family Farm, Modena clarkesfamilyfarm.com

Apple Hill Farm, New Paltz applehillfarm.com

Jenkins-Lueken Orchards New Paltz jlorchards.com

Stone Ridge Orchard, Stone Ridge Stoneridgeorchard.us Minard's Family Farm, Clintondale minardsfamilyfarms.com

Wright's Farm, Gardiner eatapples.com

Liberty View Farm, Highland libertyviewfarm.biz

Wightman Fruit Farm, Kerhonkson wightmanfruitfarm.com

Weed Orchards & Winery Marlboro, weedorchardscom

Prospect Hill Orchards, Milton prospecthillorchards.com

Hurds Family Farm, Modena hurdsfamilyfarm.com

Dressel Farms, New Paltz Facebook: Dressel Farms, New Paltz

Twin Star Orchards, New Paltz twinstarorchards.com

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### OCTOBER 27, 2022



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*"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I "* WATCH AT YOUR PLEASURE ON AMAZON WITH PRIME YOU GET FREE MOVIES & SHIPPING RENT FROM \$3.99, \$7.99 TO BUY **Beetlejuice** (1988 | PG | CC / 4.8 stars)





The story unfolds as Barbara and Adam Maitland decide to spend their vacation decorating their idyllic Connecticut country home. As the two are driving home from a trip to town, Barbara swerves to avoid a dog and the car plunges into a river. After they return home, Adam

decides to retrace their steps as they can't remember how they got home. Upon stepping outside, he's taken to a desert world with monstrous sandworms where Beetlejuice hangs out and tries to convince the couple to say his name three times to allow him back into reality. The recently deceased couple become ghosts haunting their former home while Beetlejuice an obnoxious, devious poltergeist continues to haunt the married couple.

Directed by: Tim Burton, and Starring: Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, and Jeffrey Jones

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### THE TOWNSMAN

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### "KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II" WATCH AT YOUR PLEASURE **ON AMAZON WITH PRIME YOU GET FREE MOVIES & SHIPPING RENT FROM \$3.99, \$8.99 TO BUY OR AVAILABLE WITH A PRIME VIDEO** CHANNELS SUBSCRIPTION HALLOWEEN

(1978 / R / CC / 4.7 STARS / 1HR 31 MIN) The 1978 original of the Halloween series. The original draft of the screenplay was titled The Babysitter Murders and The Night He Came Home.



As Michael walks out of the room, down the stairs and out of the house, a shocked Mr. and Mrs. Myers arrive home, finding their son holding a bloody butcher knife in his hand. Mr. Myers pulls the mask off of Michael's head which reveals a blank and expressionless face. In the same town of Haddonfield, Illinois, high school student Laurie Strode is about to leave her house and begins walking to school when her father, a realtor, asks her to drop a key off at the Myers' house while w e the audience feel the chills of anticipation waiting to be shocked by the violence we love to watch.

John Carpenter directed the film, which stars Donald Pleasence as Dr. Sam Loomis, Jamie Lee Curtis as Laurie Strode, and Nick Castle, Tony Moran, Debra Hill, and Tommy Lee Wallace sharing the role of Michael Myers (listed in the credits as "The Shape").

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III WATCH AT YOUR PLEASURE **ON AMAZON WITH PRIME YOU GET FREE MOVIES & SHIPPING RENT FROM \$3.99, \$7.99 TO BUY** If you have Prime Video this film is Included with your Prime membership, Watch now. Halloween Party (2020 / TV-14 / CC / 3.7 stars / 1hr. 32 min.)



When her best friend dies mysteriously, college student Grace enlists a talented I.T. student, Spencer, to help her investigate. The two soon discover that the school has a terrible secret - their dorm rooms were once used as a hospice for house dying patients, including The Balloon Babies -monstrously disfigured teens who wore masks 24/7 for "The Halloween Party."



Directed by: Jay Dahl. Starring: Amy Groening, T. Thomason, Marietta Laan, et al.

Stay safe, and stay well Knarf Odnamoc Gnome

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**