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## Monticello Kiwanis Gives Thanksgiving Donations



*Kiwanis Board member Robert Green, Kiwanis Treasurer Linda Barriger and United Way CPO Julian Dawson.*

Following in the continuous tradition of community service, the Monticello Kiwanis Club members donated and presented Julian Dawson, Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Sullivan County, with two turkeys and a check for \$350.00 to purchase additional turkeys and Thanksgiving food trimmings. The food items were distributed to families in need in the community for their Thanksgiving enjoyment.

## Alvarez Joins Board of NYS Association of Counties

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County District 6 Legislator Luis



Alvarez has been appointed to the Board of the NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC), one of the most influential advocates for the State's 62 counties.

"NYSAC is proud of the work we do to support our member counties, which have been on the front lines of this coronavirus pandemic. While the worst is over, we still have much work to do," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.

"We appreciate Legislator Alvarez's ability to serve, and his experience and perspective will be a valuable asset as we continue to address the critical issues facing counties across the state." (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Veterans Enjoy West Point Military Appreciation Game



On November 13, the Action Toward Independence Vet 2 Vet program sponsored a trip for veterans and their families to the West Point Military Appreciation Game. The West Point Black Knights won their game against the Bucknell Bisons 63 - 10. For information about the Vet 2 Vet program, call 845-794-4228.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Vira M. Slater**, age 96, passed away on November 16, 2021, at Garnet Medical Center in Harris, NY.

She was born to Doris and Ralph Hornbeck in Eureka, NY. Vira was a lifelong resident of the Ellenville and Grahamsville communities.

Vira grew up on the family farm in Yeagersville. Following graduation from Ellenville High School she was employed by the Ellenville Telephone Company as a switchboard operator. When Vira married she stayed home raising her family and helping with farm chores. After her children were grown, she found employment as a nurse's aide with the Sullivan County Infirmary. Vira retired after twenty-five years, only to continue her caregiving in more informal ways.

Vira appreciated the many wonderful gifts of nature including fishing, gardening, and hiking. She regularly walked through the woods and along country roads well into her senior years. Staying active in mind as well as body, Vira was an avid reader, wrote poetry, enjoyed crossword puzzles and a friendly game of cards. She had a kind heart, a positive outlook on life and enjoyed being with other people.

Vira was a dedicated member of the WSCS Sundown Methodist Church. She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star as well as the Ladies Auxiliary of both Grahamsville Fire Department and the VFW. She also enjoyed attending meetings of the Mountain Doll Club.

Vira is survived by her son Gary and his wife Robin, sister Betty Shaver, and sister-in-law Elise Hornbeck, all of Grahamsville. She is also survived by eight nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and nephews. Vira was predeceased by her daughter Teresa Horvath, brother Raymond Hornbeck, sister Dorothy Botsford and her husband Milton Botsford, and niece Dona (Botsford) Valletta.

Services will be held in late spring. The family would like to express their gratitude to all the staff at Sullivan County Adult Care Center for the loving care they provided throughout her stay.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Sundown, 11 Barnum Rd., Sundown, NY 12740.

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**Bruce Garritt**, aged 60, passed away at Westchester Medical Center on Monday, November 15, 2021. He was born June 16, 1961, to Bruce and Betty Garritt, the oldest of three boys.

At only 5 years old, Bruce began a friendship with Karen Foster, later attending Ellenville High School together in Ister County where Bruce played baseball, winning sections. Two decades after becoming friends at age 5, they married and raised two sons, Jason and Justin, in Liberty, NY.

Bruce attended Sullivan County Community College and then served for 33 years as Food Administrator of Sullivan Correctional Facility before retiring. In retirement, Bruce enjoyed traveling with his family and friends, mowing lawns, hunting, and boating, especially during the annual family trip to the 1000 Islands. In addition, he was a member of the Covered Bridge Hunting Camp.

Bruce will be remembered as the rock of his family, completely selfless in the support of those he loved. He is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Jason and Justin; father, Bruce; and brothers, David and Carl. The family celebrated his life at the Claryville Firehouse on Saturday, November 20th with a special tribute sharing a memories of Bruce. No donations or flowers. Give your loved ones an extra hug. Life is too short.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 [www.Harris-FH.com](http://www.Harris-FH.com)

## DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

**November 28, 1951**

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

### Today's History

(From Pg. 2) A pretty fall wedding took place at the Liberty Baptist Church on November 24th when Miss Ethel Mary Low, daughter of Mrs. Abram Low of Loch Sheldrake Road in Liberty, became the bride of Mr. Paul Creighton Benton, son of Mrs. Warren Benton of Livingston Manor. After a honeymoon in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Benton will make their home at 15 John Street in Liberty. The bride graduated from the Kingston City Hospital School of Nursing and American Univ. in Washington, D.C. Mr. Benton is a member of the firm of Benton Bros. in Liberty.

### November 29, 1961

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

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

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

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

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

### November 24, 1971

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

Mr. Manville B. Wakefield, SCCC commercial art faculty chairman and a resident of Grahamsville, was slated to be featured on the CBS television evening news either Tuesday or today. He was awarded a commendation certificate by the American Association for State and Local History for his recent published history of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad. The book also traces the development of the Catskill resort industry fostered by the railroad. He has also been named to Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who in the East.

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## Household Hint:

### Safe All Purpose Cleaner

An excellent all-purpose cleaner: vinegar mixed with salt. Cleans copper, bronze, brass, dishes, pots, pans, skillets, glasses, and even windows. Rinse well.

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

## As Traditional as Turkey for Thanksgiving... American Wild Turkey

By Peggy DeWire

"Gobble, gobble," said the wild tom turkey sitting on a limb in a maple tree almost hidden in the leaves. "You caught me resting after my lunch of grasshoppers and seeds. I'm called Tom Two Toes and I'll tell you how I got named."



He settled himself more comfortably on the limb fluffing out his beautiful brown plumage, tail hanging down neatly folded and beard tassel on his chest swinging to and fro.

Two years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the woods to the edge on an open field.

There we watched how she pecked at ants, bugs and berries (strawberries are my favorite). She showed us things that are good to eat. She walked along very slowly to keep her brood together and stopped often, spreading her wings so we could rest under their shade.

We came to a pond on our way to the next open meadow and the whole family waded in with Mom cackling at us to stay together and paddle quickly across.

All the splashing caught a snapping turtle's attention and it investigated, managing to bite off two toes of the last chick to struggle up on land, safely across. I limped along at first but I kept right up with my family after that awful experience.

I also remember my first flight one summer day when I was about two weeks old. Mom and all of us were feeding together in a field pecking at ants and grass seeds. My keen eyesight helped me get the smallest bits of food as well as keep a sharp lookout for danger.

Suddenly Mom flew up into a tree and landed on a limb six feet off the ground. From there she called perk, perk encouraging us to join her.

One by one we flapped out little wings to get up there, the smaller chicks landing short on the ground and launching themselves again and again till they succeeded. I made it on my first try and snuggled beside Mom proudly. After that day we never slept on the ground but always in a tree.

By the end of my first summer I was nearly as big as Mom and looked like her in my new brown-bronze plumage. My head and wattle turned red, white and blue, my wing feathers brown with white edging. Half-inch long yellow spurs grew on my legs. A grand five-inch brown bristle beard drooped from my chest.

My brothers and I practiced loud gobbling, dragging wing tips on the ground and spreading our tail feathers into wide showy fans.

All this gobbling commotion was too much for Mom and she drove all her young toms out of the flock with loud yelping cries, and led our sisters off and away.

During the winter it was very hard to find enough food until we joined some deer that scraped snow aside uncovering moss and grass. While they foraged, we turkeys with sharp eyesight watched every alert for danger. And then we ate.

I'm now a full-grown gobbler who controls the clearing you're standing in looking up at me. This spring I fought another tom and beat him in a knock-down fight for this spot.

He grabbed me by the neck but I spurred him hard enough on the chest to draw blood. He let go and fell flat on the ground defeated. I jumped on his back and did a victory march to and fro. Then I let him escape.

Now I gobble to attract hens to my clearing where I'll be the alpha male for the next ten years, barring a hunting accident.

I think it's easier for you to call me Tom Two Toes rather than my full name, Meleagris galloparrva.

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

#### November 19, 1981

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

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

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

## Alvarez Joins Board of NYS Association of Counties

(From Pg. 1) Representing the State's Third Judicial District, Legislator Alvarez joins 14 other board members, including NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio, in helping guide NYSAC forward.

A longtime (now retired) Sheriff's deputy and formerly chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature, Alvarez also maintains seats on multiple National Association of Counties (NACo) boards, including as Vice Chair of Medicaid and Indigent Care on NACo's Health Steering Subcommittee, its Health Policy Steering Committee, Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board, Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee, Programs and Services Standing Committee, Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee, Veterans and Military Services Committee, and Immigration Reform Task Force.

"It is an honor to serve with NYSAC, which has long been an indispensable advocate and supporter of Sullivan County," Alvarez remarked. "I'm also glad to help guide NYSAC and NACo as we navigate through vital issues in Albany and Washington. I remain committed to my constituents as their legislator, but it's important to recognize that we're part of a larger system of government that constantly needs review and improvement."

NYSAC represents New York counties and their taxpayers before Federal, State and Local officials on matters germane to county governments, and informs its membership and the public at large on issues of importance to counties. The Albany-based organization educates, trains and provides research on public policy to Federal, State and Local officials and to the membership on a variety of issues and hosted its 2019 conference in Sullivan County.

## Aspiring and Established Farm and Food Business Owners Invited to sign up for our Business and Marketing Workshop Series!

LIBERTY, NY-A business and marketing plan is the story of your business and is essential to the success of every new or existing business. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering three interdependent workshops beginning in December on Writing a Business Plan. Participants starting a new business or building on existing knowledge can benefit from this opportunity.

Charlene Finerty of Plans & Profits will present the ins and outs of writing a customized business plan and getting one step closer to a successful start-up. Edison Guzman of Prosperity Marketing will present on how to develop a marketing plan and properly brand your farm or food business. Participants will also have access to the presenters to review business and marketing plans post workshop series. Workshops are held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The series is only \$15 per person. Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivance.org](http://www.sullivance.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit.

#### December 1st: Part 1 - Writing Your Business Plan

Participants will review the structure of a business plan and provided with an outline binder to assist in writing your business plan.

#### December 8th: Part 2 - Writing Your Business Plan (con't)

Participants will finish their narrative and move on to one-year projections including: 12-month Cash Flow, Sales, Advertising and Personnel schedules.

#### December 15th: Part 3 - Writing Your Marketing Plan

This session will help participants create a marketing plan that fits perfectly within their overall business plan. The course will review how to properly brand your farming business to appeal to your best audience, website design that will attract your ideal client, how to use social media for maximum exposure, and how to preform research for the best ways to promote your farming products and services.

The workshop series is part of CCE Sullivan's Farm and Food Business Training Program. The program offers a step-by-step, hands-on approach to developing business and marketing plans for your farm or food business, along with providing technical assistance on licensing, permitting, value-added productions, and more. In addition, the Farm and Food Business Training Program offers participants pathways to funding and other support services to help new farm and food businesses get off the ground, and existing farm and food businesses to improve and expand their operations. Participants of the workshop series will be eligible for low-interest loans through the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development.

## SC Chamber of Commerce Pride of Community Awards

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## Assassin's Strike

### Mysterious Book Report No. 413

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

If you recognize the names Gabriel Allon, Bob Swagger, or Jason Bourne, you're gonna love David Slayton. He's the protagonist and off-the-books secret agent good guy in Ward Larsen's award-winning series featuring the lone wolf operator and notorious assassin.

*Assassin's Strike*, (Forge, \$27.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-76539156-8) by

Ward Larsen, is the seventh and latest in the electrifying, kinetic and attention-grabbing thriller series. It opens with a secret meeting between the presidents of Russia and Iran in Damascus, Syria. The only persons in the room are the two presidents and two interpreters, because they are there to discuss the transfer of certain secret technologies that are outlawed in the rest of the world . . . the use of which is a war crime, as well as a crime against humanity. Shortly after the meeting ends, the Iranian interpreter is thrown to her death in front of a terrified Ludmilla Kravchuk —President Petrov's interpreter—who assumes that she's next, and runs for her life. She takes refuge with an old acquaintance in the city and tries to contact and solicit help from the Americans. She holes up and waits, hoping and worrying, praying for rescue before Syrian police or the Russians find her.

In America, word of the interpreter's defection reaches the highest levels of the intel community . . . where top CIA officials are desperate to learn what took place at the clandestine meeting, and why. They task an unofficial operator and legendary assassin named David Slayton to attempt the rescue of a middle-aged woman who's untrained for combat operations and basically an intellectual, from deep inside a war-torn country while the full police resources of two nations try to stop them.

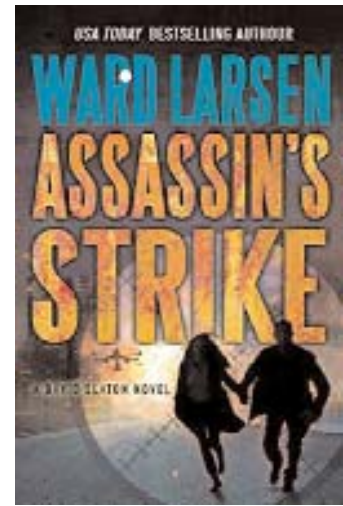
As things are happening in Syria, a cattle herder and his son suffer horrifying deaths in Darfur, Africa, when they stumble upon a collection of chemical weapons, hidden in a remote, lawless area of the drought-stricken and war-ravaged nation.

Although seemingly random and unrelated events taking place on two different continents, the killings in Africa are linked to Slayton's mission in the Middle East. They're all being orchestrated by a shadowy figure who dreams of being the fifth Rashidun of Islam. A man who intends to unite the religion by igniting a war throughout the region with a massive false flag attack . . . an attack that will change the world and elevate a notorious clan to power. The only thing standing in his way is a single individual named David Slayton in this high-octane thrill-fest that will leave you standing on your chair and cheering for the quiet hero and the red, white and blue!

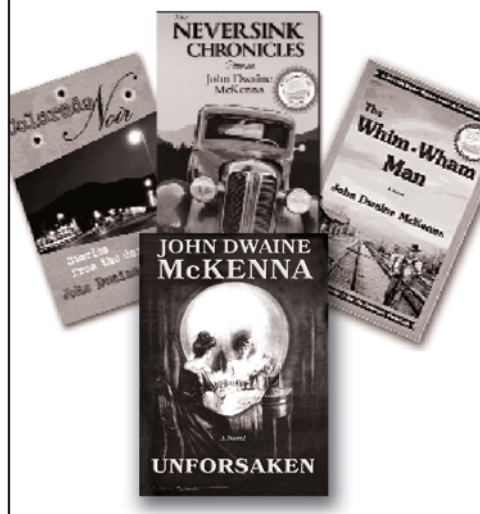
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## Statement from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos on the Appointment of Lisa Garcia as U.S. EPA Region 2 Administrator

I offer my sincere congratulations to my friend Lisa Garcia on her appointment as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 Administrator. Lisa's appointment is proof positive of President Biden's and Administrator Regan's commitment to protecting our environment and our communities. With roots in New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico, and of course her years as DEC's Director of Environmental Justice and Indian Affairs, Lisa is a highly accomplished, collaborative, and dedicated public servant. I welcome her leadership, partnership, and support to help address our most pressing environmental challenges, including the climate crisis, threats to air and water quality, and impacts to communities that for far too long have borne the brunt of environmental pollution. Lisa has the expertise and the experience to advance meaningful policy and landmark protections for our region and the nation. EPA's Region 2 will be in good hands with Lisa at the regional helm.

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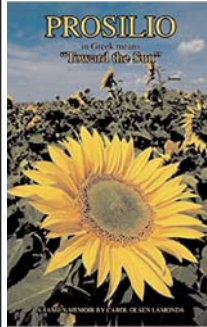
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# The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Jet Lag

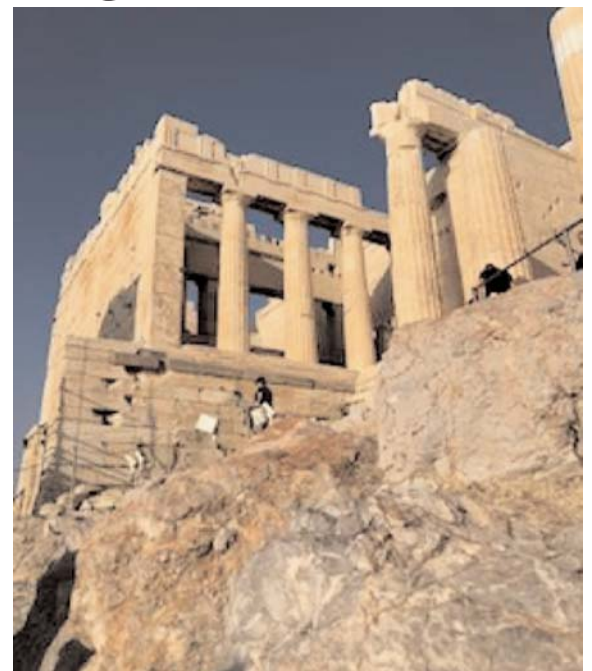


Good morning, or is it night? I am writing this column in the dark (Is it morning or night?) when I woke up, wide awake at 2:30 a.m. Shokan time. I had gotten seven hours of sleep since I fell asleep at 7:30 right after Jeopardy.

On Tuesday, or Wednesday Greek time, I traveled home from an eleven-day vacation with the Ulster Chamber of Commerce. The journey home took thirty hours from Santorini to Athens to New York when you counted the three-hour wait for our luggage because the cargo cart got stuck in the belly of the plane. Then throw in a six hour difference in time and an hour lost to the universe for Daylight Savings' Time.

Time is relative, but at the moment, I have to consult a clock and a calendar to place myself in time and space. However, it was all worth it.

We toured Athens where we saw the Olympic Stadium, climbed up to the Temple of Athena on the Acropolis, saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Parliament building, visited the Museum of Athens, sat in the oldest theater in Greece, and shopped. In Delphi we again climbed the site of the Oracle and the Treasury of Athens and visited that museum. In Corinth we visited yet another museum and wandered through the ruins of the original agora. (Contd. Pg. 7)





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(From Pg. 6) We had a lovely lunch alongside the Corinth Canal, a waterway that crosses the narrow isthmus of Corinth to link the Gulf of Corinth to the Saronic Gulf of the Aegean Sea. As such, the canal separates the Greek mainland from the Peloponnese, turning it into an island. The Canal is only 25 meters wide and insane people bungee jump it or try to jump it on motorcycles!

We were treated to a sumptuous buffet three times each day of Greek dishes like Moussaka, Pastichio, Seafood,

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Stuffed Grape Leaves and the iconic Greek salads with Feta and Oregano. We visited an Olive Oil Farm and Factory and tasted three wines at the famous Santorini Wine Factory.

Another day was the site of Olympus and my roommate and I decided to not endure yet another six hour bus ride. Instead we sat at our home base, Kinetta Beach Resort, and swam in the Aegean Sea which was just steps from our patio and open beach bar. (Contd. Pg. 8)





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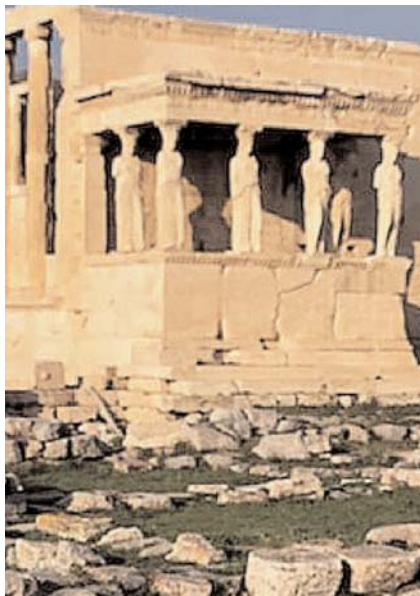
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# The Olive Jar Jet Lag

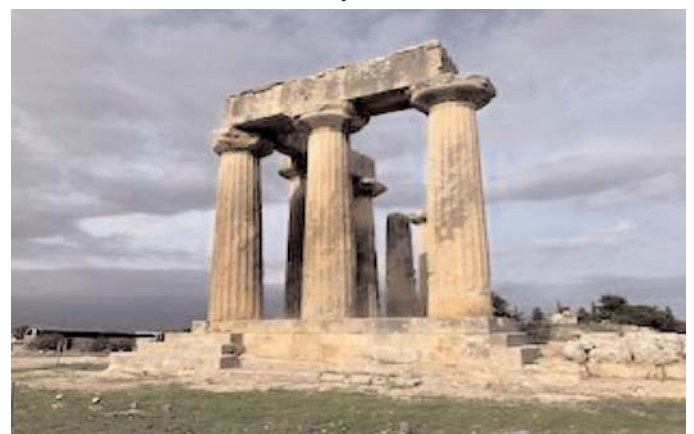
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The beach was not sandy but made of little smooth pebbles, and the water, which was luke-warm and crystal clear, is so salty that it is impossible to sink. Floating there looking at the Greek Islands in the distance was pure heaven.

At Santorini we toured the entire volcanic island, climbed a castle, climbed a monas-tery, shopped, and ate at two restaurants that have me salivating in their memory. I even tried the grilled octopus. When in Rome...or Greece I should say.

memory. I even tried the grilled octopus. When in Rome...or Greece I should say.



So a little jet lag will be forgotten soon; they say one day recovery for each hour of time difference, but the memories of the trip will stay with me forever. Climb stone stairs, eat, shop, swim, visit museum....repeat each day.





## Sullivan Catskills Kicks off the Holiday Season

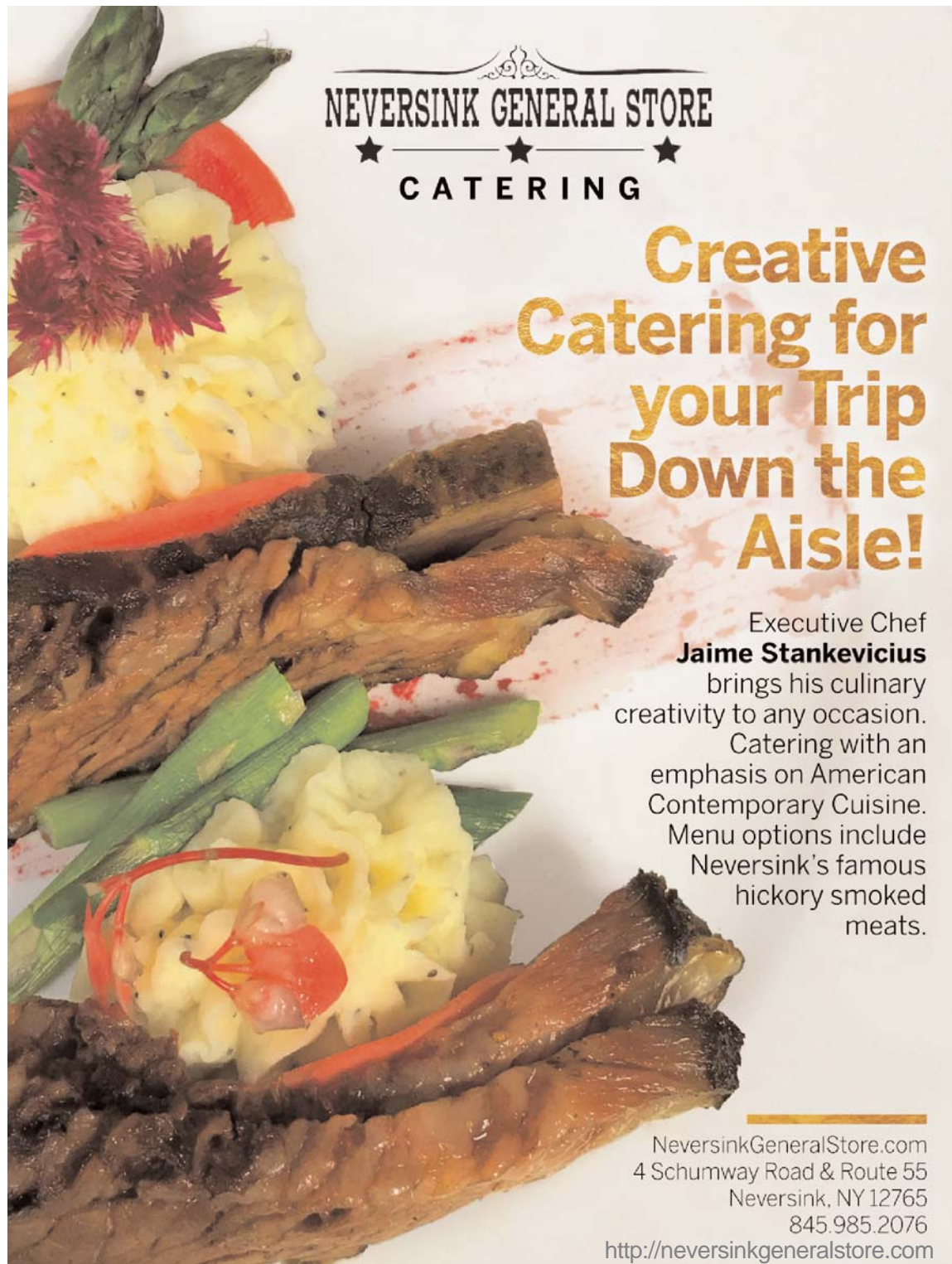
The fire of hospitality always burns bright in the Sullivan Catskills. As we approach the holiday season, the fire burns brighter, longer, and stronger- and spending time with people you love becomes sweeter.

Come visit and find the sweetness in life. This past weekend we kicked off the holiday season Friday night at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' Peace, Love & Lights drive-through holiday light show. This year it's brighter and bigger including a 1.7-mile route, a new entrance, and new themed areas. After your drive head over to the Holiday Hub at the Market Sheds to dance by the 30-foot-tall Musical Mega Trees, lit and synched to holiday tunes! There will be refreshments, too. Don't worry if you didn't make it for opening weekend. The show runs through January 2.

It's not too late to join us for Thanksgiving dinner. Our chefs love to show off their craft. Hurry and grab a last-minute reservation at Yo1 Health Resort, Bernie's Holiday Restaurant, The Homestead Restaurant and Lounge at Eldred Preserve, Kenoza Hall, DeBruce, The Arnold, North Branch Inn, Villa Roma, Cellaio at Resorts World Catskills and Eat. Eat. Eat. and Bixby's at Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark.

If you come for dinner, you should sleepover. Take your pick of full-service resorts, hotels, spas, B&B's or charming inns. There's nothing quite like a nap after dinner, right? And when you wake, you'll be hungry again so check out our Catskill-icious food scene. It's one you shouldn't miss. Combine it with a trip on the Craft Beverage Trail where you'll find over a dozen breweries, distilleries, wineries, and cideries. Taste them all if you're up for it. Just drink responsibly and please designate a driver.

Enjoy our fresh mountain air on one of dozens of trails, suitable for all levels from beginners to experts. Consider taking advantage of the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River's Take a Hike! Program. A partnership with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, the



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When you visit your wellbeing is important to us. We all play our part in the Catskills Confidence program which accommodates social distancing and health and safety sanitation protocols for your peace of mind. All we ask is that you please bring a mask. Some of our proprietors may require one, or that you show proof of vaccinations.

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## **SC Historical Society's Annual Theme Tree Exhibition and Holiday Craft Fair! Sunday, December 5th • 12-4:00 pm**

It seems hard to believe that the Sullivan County Historical Society has been hosting an annual Open House and Theme Tree Exhibition at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville for over 33 years. The tradition began in 1987 as a way to bring the community together, by inviting local businesses and individuals to display decorated holiday trees in the Museum's auditorium. Last year's lock down kept us home, but we are happy to be back! Adding to the festivities will be live music by Little Sparrow and a Holiday Craft Fair. It's a family event, with free admission, refreshments and something for everyone.

The craft show will feature some of Sullivan County's finest artists, including hand-painted doves by Tialisa Whipple, Jewelry by Billie Robson, and hand carved and painted wooden flags by Matthew Lare of Patriot Art (pictured in the photo).

Along with the craft artists, two local authors will be on hand selling and signing books - Kim Simons, Sullivan County resident and award winning author of the gluten free cook book *Get All Cook-Y* with Kim. She will be sharing the secrets of a cake recipe that won Food Network's Holiday Cake Wars! And Bill Fleck, who is the author of several books, including *Gimme a Show*, a biography of James Pankow, trombonist and founding member of the band Chicago.

The event will take place on Sunday, December 5th, from 12-4pm. The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For more information please call 845 434-8044, or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/scnyhistory>.



## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

First, let me inform you, that if you haven't already heard, ERIC SOMMER will NOT BE APPEARING at THE HEARTBEAT MUSICAL HALL Thursday, Thanksgiving Night. Repeat: ERIC SOMMER will NOT be at HEARTBEAT on Thanksgiving Night. He will be coming through in the spring. So that turkey sandwich you were going to put off until after the show, go ahead and have it.

It's quite obvious the Holidays are upon us. This past Saturday, I drove to Kingston to have lunch with my best friend who moved to Woodstock a few years ago and found myself dodging drivers who reminded me of the summer visitors who get behind the wheel of a car ONLY when they are up here. Be careful out there on the roads!

Funny thing about momentum. After coming home, I wasn't willing to just sit and watch TV, even though one of my fuzzy guys that is having trouble with the time change woke me up at 5am. So I put my coat back on and went out to CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville to see a band I hadn't even heard of. BEAT THE DEVIL won THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE in the RIVER REPORTER for BEST BAND.

I really didn't know what to expect and that usually is when magic happens. I can tell you I was mesmerized from the moment I walked in. The first I heard had serious jazz undertones from PAM ARNOLD'S caressing of the drums to the strong, sultry vocals of NANCY MACE (lead vocals, songwriter). When joined in another by RUTA COLE (violin and vocals) I realized I was hearing two voices that any musical theatre production would lust after, projecting crisp, clear enunciated power. Then there were the other little surprises, like watching DOUG RODGERS (band leader, vocals, songwriter and arrangements) not just play chords or under melody on the keyboard but to accentuate certain things with single notes; his skillful maneuvering of an accordion in a tune where you couldn't HEAR it was an accordion; NANCY MACE whipping out a big old wood saw and proceeding to play it; PAM ARNOLD'S seemingly effortless moving from one style to another; and RUTA COLE'S mastery of the violin weaving it into every song. And in addition, they have fun with each other on stage and draw their audience into that fun. I know why the PEOPLE chose them.

This band does not have a CD. What this band DOES have is heart and soul and experiencing them live is to appreciate at the ultimate level.

So, here we go, dear readers into not just the Holidays but into that dreaded time known as 'Winter'. That 'snow stuff' will be holding off for a bit more and certainly long enough to get one more evening with our favorite son ALBI BELULI on Friday December 3rd at THE AROMA THYME BISTRO in Ellenville from 7-10pm. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 1-845-647-3000. I've made mine...see you there!

For all you book lovers out there, when I was in Kingston, I visited the (new) Barnes and Noble location...which just happens to be directly opposite of the old one! It's smaller, more compact and there is less café space, none of which deterred me from walking out with two new books for me and a Holiday present for someone.

When you are going out, please remember that even if you are fully vaccinated with a booster, keep your mask on and keep your hand sanitizer handy. Three weeks ago, Sullivan County was averaging 16-17 new cases a day. This last week's average was close to 40 new cases a day and we haven't gathered for one holiday event yet. Anti vaxxers are not going to come around, so please, just take care of yourselves in these most difficult times.

Until next time.....

## 2022 Arts for Sullivan & Restart NY Grants Available

### Project Grants Up To \$3,500 Available

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY (November 2021) - Each year, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), the Arts Council for Sullivan County, administers grants to Sullivan County cultural groups and individual artists. For 2022, as in years past, project grants in the Community Arts and four fellowships for Individual Artists who live and work in Sullivan County, in the disciplines of Visual and Literary arts will be offered. Special for 2022 will be Restart NY Live Performance Grant funds which are made possible with funds provided to the New York State Council on the Arts through the CARES Act.

In accordance with its mandate from the State Legislature to encourage participation in the grants decision-making process at the county and regional level, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) inaugurated the Statewide Community Regrant Program (formerly known as Decentralization) in 1977 for the redistribution of public funds to ensure that New York's cultural funding reaches every part of the state. This program enables selected local arts councils, county governments, or regional advisory boards to regrant state funds for arts events and cultural development within their communities.

Since 1984, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) has worked with NYSCA as the SCR Program site in Sullivan County, for the purpose of administering Arts for Sullivan funding for artists, art organizations, cultural and heritage groups. The program is largely credited for establishing Sullivan County's cultural life as we know it today--relevant, vibrant, and healthy.

### NEW FOR 2022 - RESTART NY LIVE PERFORMANCE GRANTS

In order to support New York's return to live, in-person performances grants from \$500 to a maximum of \$1,500 are available to assist artists, nonprofit arts, cultural, and heritage groups who wish to present live performance projects, as well as projects that feature a public program or presentation. The opportunity also emphasizes supporting artist fees with a requirement of 60% of funds granted going to participating artists. Applicants may also apply for Community Arts funding, as long as the applications are for two clearly separate projects.

### COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

The Arts for Sullivan Community Arts grants assist nonprofit arts, cultural, and heritage groups who wish to create or present programming in Sullivan County throughout the year. Projects can be offered live or virtually (following state guidelines for gatherings.) They can include theatre, music, dance, literary arts, folklore, installation, and visual arts, among other art forms. Independent artists who wish to produce community art projects can work with a non-profit organization in Sullivan County acting as a fiscal sponsor. Applicants may apply for up to three grants that range from \$500 to a maximum total ask of \$3,500.

### INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships will be given to four artists who live and work in Sullivan County, to support the creation of new work. Each artist will receive \$1,000. Applications will be accepted in the disciplines of Visual Arts and Literary Arts. (Contd. Pg. 12)




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# 2022 Arts for Sullivan & Restart NY Grants Available

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## INFORMATION SESSIONS

A series of free information workshops will be hosted online and in-person by DVAA to assist with effective grant writing, creating a budget, generating ideas, and networking with other artists and organizations.

Workshop registration is required and new applicants. In-person and online workshop times and locations are listed below. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted on Submittable.com, our online submission platform. The grant application window is November 1 - December 15, 2021. The 2022 Arts for Sullivan guidelines, grant information, & workshop registration are available at [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) (under "Empower"). Artists and groups may also schedule a phone or online meeting to discuss their grant.

### 2022 information sessions will be held via both in person & via Zoom

- o Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 12pm - 1pm  
Zoom Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121212121>
- o Saturday, November 20, 2021 11am -12 pm\*Focus on Individual Artist Fellowships: Visual and Literary  
Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Calendly: <https://calendly.com/dvaa/grants-for-sullivan-dvaa?month=2021-11&date=2021-11-20>

- o Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5 - 6pm \*Focus on theater, with presentation by Corinne Woods of the Creative Opportunity Fund

Zoom Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121212121>

- o Friday, December 3, 2021 12 - 1pm  
Ethelbert Crawford Public Library 479 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701

Calendly: <https://calendly.com/dvaa/artsforsullivanethelbert-crawford>

- o Saturday, December 4, 2021, 11am - 12pm  
Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, 15 Sullivan Ave. Liberty, NY 12754

Calendly: <https://calendly.com/dvaa/arts-for-sullivan-scva>

\*For in-person grant information sessions, attendees are required to be masked, socially distanced, and provide proof of vaccination or negative test results within 72 hours of the event.

### Questions & Office Hours

For more information, contact the Grants Manager, Erica Freyberger at (845) 252-7576 x 1004. Office hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am-6pm and check out our grant program Instagram account @ArtsforSullivan.

### About DVAA:

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), founded in 1976, serves as Arts Council for Sullivan County, New York. DVAA presents programs in the visual, performing, community arts, and arts resources for a county- and valley-wide constituency of artists, arts groups and the general public. Our mandate is to lead collaborations that advance the arts; to encourage and support cultural programs relevant to all citizens; and to provide services to individual artists, arts organizations, and the area's arts community. and promotion support. Visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) or call 845-252-7576 for more information.

## DEC Forest Ranger Highlights Recent Forest Ranger Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 492 search and rescue missions, extinguished 192 wildfires that burned a total of more than 1,122 acres, participated in eight prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 203 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in 3,131 tickets or arrests.

"During New York's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, more people are enjoying the outdoors than ever before and our Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help people get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Rangers' knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques are critical to the success of their missions, which for more than a century have taken them from remote wilderness areas with rugged mountain peaks, to white water rivers, and throughout our vast forests statewide."

### Wilderness Rescue in Pleasant Valley

On Nov. 10 at 7:30 a.m., Central Dispatch received a call from Dutchess County 911 regarding an injured hiker in his 50s at the Taconic Hereford Multiple Use Area. Ranger Sweeney determined the hiker from Hyde Park had stepped on a machete while getting out of his hammock the night before and as a result had lost a significant amount of blood. Responders included Rangers Sweeney and Cowart, Pleasant Valley Fire and EMS, Unionvale Fire and EMS, and New York State Police. Rescuers transported the hiker out of the woods via UTV to a Mobile Life Support ambulance. Resources were clear at 10:15 a.m.

### Wilderness Rescue in Liberty

On Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m., Ranger Stratton heard a radio call for a 73-year-old who had fallen out of a tree stand while hunting. Ranger Stratton reached the hunter and transported him out of the woods via ATV. At 3:30 p.m., the hunter was flown via LifeNet to Westchester Medical Center.

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

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

## It's Going to be A Long Lonely Cold Winter



If you have ever considered adopting a dog, have you thought about the perks of adopting an older dog? Older dogs are already housebroken, don't chew up your furniture or slippers like a puppy and you will have a good clue as to what their personality is. Life is tough for all of us when you get older.

This senior Lab/Shepherd mix is presently calling the local dog pound home. It wasn't so bad when it was sunny and warm. Now, the nights are longer and it is starting to get chilly out. The nights at the dog pound are lonely and cold for this female dog who is the only guest at the pound.

While the radio that the Dog Control Officer plays, does break the silence of the long cold nights, this poor lonely pooch is just waiting to lay by someone's feet, for a pat on the head, and to become someone's faithful companion.

Think about it. And... if you are not able to have a dog at this time, maybe you know someone who is.

If you want to make this senior female dog happy and warm for the holidays, why not call the Town of Neversink DCO at 845-985-7281 today and arrange to adopt her. It certainly would become a happy story for the Holidays 2021.

See page 54 for further information.

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

1 ornament per child.

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

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

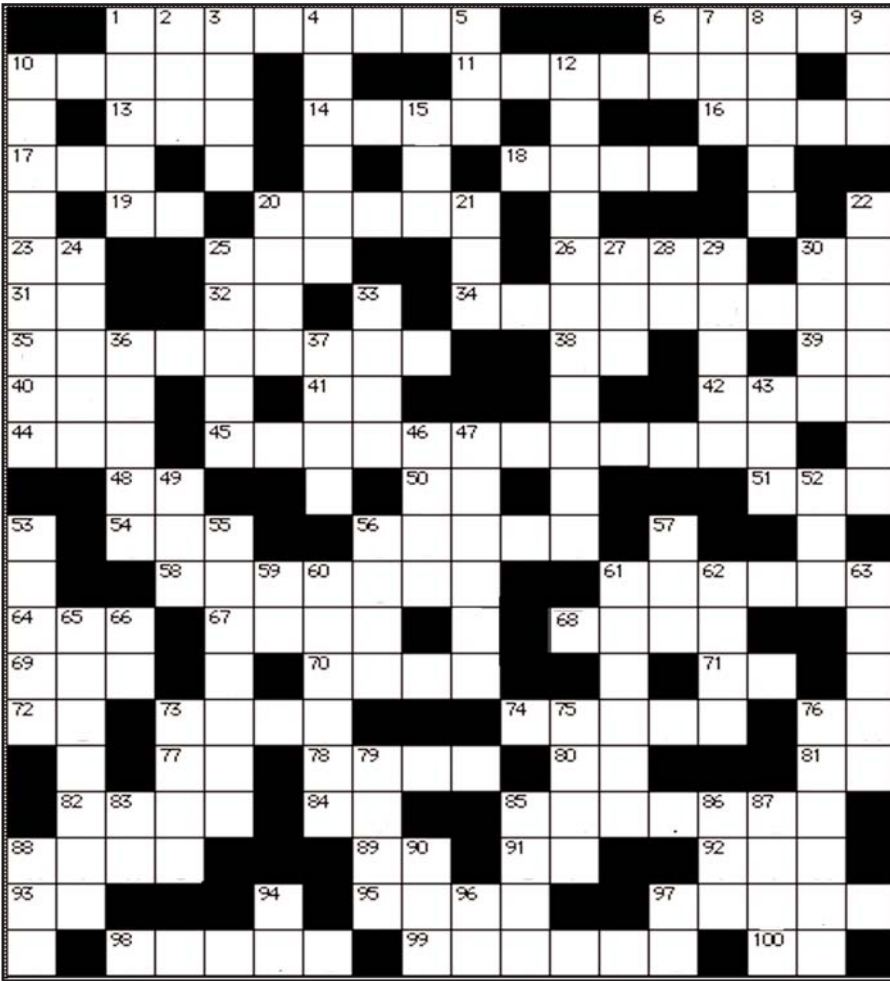
ALL completed ornaments MUST be returned to the library no later than Tuesday, December 7th, so that we may decorate our happy little trees!



*Happy Holidays!*

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Time for Giving and Thanks -L. Comando



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 15 Fuel  
 20 Grain husk  
 21 Save Our Ship  
 22 Day of festivity  
 24 Meat sauce  
 25 Large meal  
 27 Rapid eye movement  
 28 Part of the human psyche  
 29 Given under oath  
 30 Fruit of the blackthorne  
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 36 Encounters  
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 46 Type of oven  
 47 Eight-legged Arachnid  
 49 For each  
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 53 A fruit used to make wine  
 55 Omen  
 56 Carbonated beverage  
 57 Pertaining to recreation  
 59 Nonstandard spelling of 'you'  
 60 English poet who wrote "Paradise Lost"  
 61 Main meal of the day  
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## Honey Ginger Carrots

- 1 pound carrots, sliced
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 1/2 tablespoons honey
- 1 pinch ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, or to taste

Bring a pot of water to a boil. Add carrots and cook until tender but still firm, about 5 minutes. Drain.

In a large skillet over low heat, melt butter with honey. Stir in ground ginger and lemon juice. Stir in carrots and simmer until heated through.

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# Kids' Thanksgiving Fun Page -

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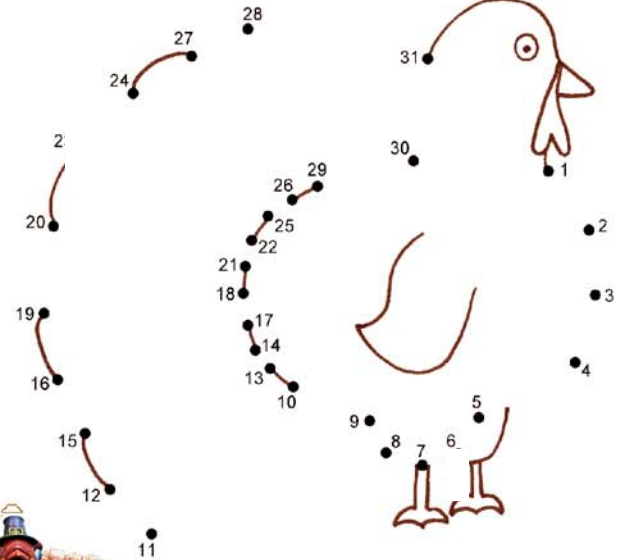
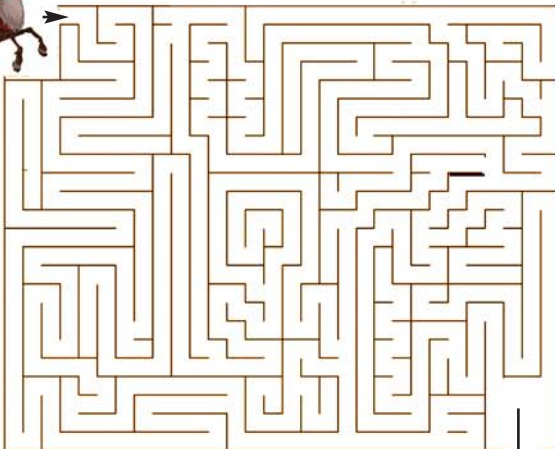
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Meister Eckhar

Can you find the 10 differences between the two pictures?



Santa is on his way to the Thanksgiving Parade. Can you help him through the maze so he arrives on time?



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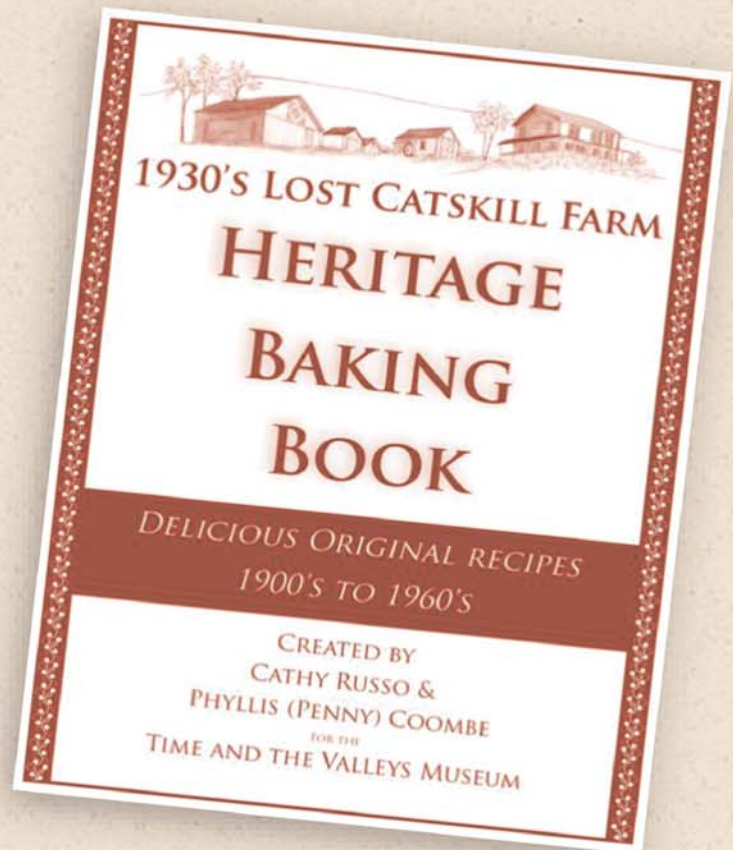
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

# DMV will be at the Neversink Town Hall on 12/09/2021



You **MUST** go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](https://sullivancountydmscheduling.com)

\* SULLIVAN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY \*\*

*Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.*

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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)**

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **PRIOR** to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](https://dmv.ny.gov)

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

*ONLY THE PERSON COMPLETING THE TRANSACTION WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE DMV*

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

For further information please contact us at: 845-794-3872

We reserve the right to cancel multiple appointments or appointments to out of county residents.

## ROAD CLOSURE in Sullivan County

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

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

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

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

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

## Fallsburg CSD Board of Education

## December Meetings

**December 1, 2021  
December 15, 2021**

## Check & Connect Program at BCES

Since 1990, the Check & Connect (C&C) Program has been available as an intervention used with K-12 students that show warning signs of disengagement in school and who are at risk of dropping out. NY State Department of Education has a number of tiers designated for one on one, small group and larger group. At Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), the Tier 2 program has been in place since 2012.



The staff person responsible for C&C is Ms. Patti Schmahl. Ms. Schmahl has been employed at BCES for 26 years and is a teaching assistant. She has been part of the Positive Intervention Support Program (PBIS) for the past nine years. During this time, she has served as the Character Ed Support staff overseeing students in need of additional behavioral supports. In the C&C Program, Ms. Schmahl works closely with the Olweus Anti-Bullying Coordinator at BCES and the ISS Coordinator at the Junior Senior High School, Lisa McAdoo.

Early intervention is critical in Ms. Schmahl's work. Students are referred to her after showing warning signs of disengagement from school activities, such as poor attendance, behavioral issues and/or low grades. She will meet the children and the parents or guardians to explain what services the program provides. Essentially, Ms. Schmahl is a mentor to the child and a liaison between the school and the family. She also works in tandem with the student's classroom teachers.

The "Check" part of the program is regular meetings between mentor and student to monitor academic, social and emotional issues that arise. They discuss attendance, lateness, behavioral referrals and grades. The goal is to evaluate and re-evaluate each student and to wean them out of the program. The teacher/mentor guides the child and promotes positive behavior and attitude. Ms. Schmahl says that the kids appreciate being in the program.

One of the children came into the office while this reporter was present, and it was a joy to see the child interacting with Ms. Schmahl. The mutual respect was apparent, and so was the trust and comfort that the program embodies. Check & Connect is a good experience and clearly benefits the Fallsburg Central School District.

## BCES 3rd Grade Class has a Special Visitor

How timely and fortunate for Ms. Dianne Matinez that one of the children in her third-grade class at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is Virginia Blackford. The teacher discovered that Virginia's father, Mark, was the first Poet Laureate in Sullivan County, and Classroom 28 was studying poetry and the power of words. The children did not know what a Poet Laureate was (except for Virginia!), and Mr. Blackford was very happy to visit the class on November 9, 2021. The class soon found out that a poet laureate is appointed to, or regarded unofficially as holding, an honorary representative position in a particular country, region, or group.

After his introduction to the students, the Mr. Blackford discussed the power of words and how people use words to express themselves. He told of the magic of figurative language as illustrated in some of his favorite children's poems. The class loved the selections. They proudly shared what they had already learned about figurative language during the previous week's lessons. Prior to the visit, the students made a PowerPoint of questions to ask Mr. Blackford about his life and his experiences with poetry. The day's visit ended with each child asking his question and listening enthusiastically to Mr. Blackford's thoughtful responses. To one question, he answered that "alliteration" was one of the favorite tools in his writing.

Virginia's response to her dad joining the class for the day was brief and to the point, "Yay!" Also, she said that her dad was very excited to come in. Who knows, some day one of these third graders may be a Poet Laureate in Sullivan County or somewhere



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**30% off jewelry-50% off  
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Irene's Crocheted Items  
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Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
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**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 3:00 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sales**  
will reopen in the Spring  
See you then



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

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**The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.**  
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Worship Service 9:30 am  
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Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

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Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

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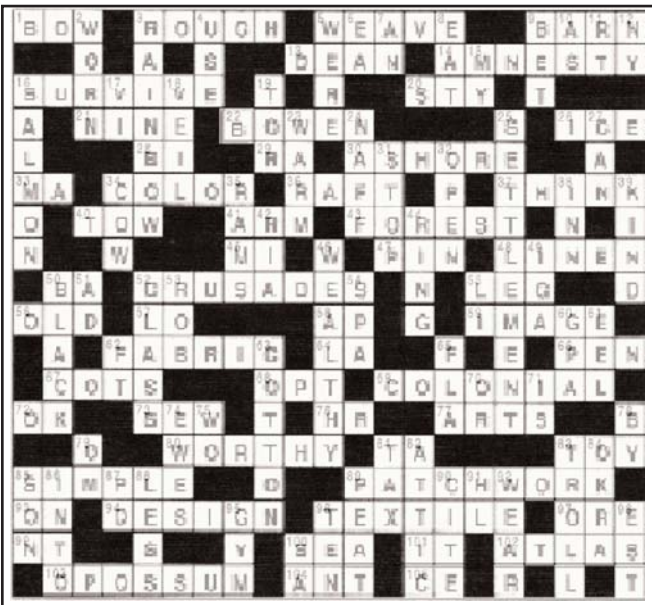


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Ans to last week's Crossword



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

The Town of Neversink is sponsoring its Annual House Decorating Contest, with entries due no later than Thursday, December 2 and judging on Friday, December 3. Winners will be announced at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Get your entry form for the House Decorating Contest at Town Hall or on the Parks and Rec Facebook page or in your *Townsman*. And check out the flyer on the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5 at 5 pm at Bicentennial Park in Grahamsville.

## 2021 Town of Neversink Holiday Hours

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours: Christmas - close at noon on 12/23 and all day on 12/24. New Years - close at noon on 12/30 and all day on 12/31.

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on Christmas Day - Saturday 12/25. It will be OPEN on Monday 12/27 from 11 am to 7 pm. Wednesday's 12/29 hours will remain as usual.

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on New Year's Day - Saturday 01/01/2022. No additional hours will be added.

Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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## Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

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

## DEC Announces Detailed Investigation of Contamination to Begin at State Superfund Site on County Rd. 183A, Swan Lake

This link opens a fact sheet that describes a detailed environmental study that has begun at the Sullivan County International Airport, site ID #353016 (Swan Lake, Sullivan County), within New York's State Superfund Program:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/353016riwp.pdf>

The purpose of the investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination at the site.

The fact sheet is in PDF format. You can save, open, and read the fact sheet by using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the following web page on the DEC website to download the program:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/590.html>

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 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.  
 Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 11/25/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Thanksgiving**  
 11/25/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Thanksgiving**  
 12/1/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board 7 pm - App. Submission Date 11/17/21  
 12/7/21 Claryville Fire District -District Elections 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville  
 12/8/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular  
 12/14//21 Town of Denning Town Board & Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm  
 12/16/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm  
 12/21/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm App. Submission Date 12/7/21

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

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update November 22 - November 26, 2021

Monday, November 22

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors, at 999 Flatbush Ave, Kingston, and via Webex and by Phone (408) 418-9388, Access Code: 2632 348 9829, Password: 1234
- o 4:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee: Budgetary Appeals & Amendments, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 889 0074 5132, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 880 2549 6095, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, November 23

- o 4:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee: Budget Amendments Vote, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 853 3697 3525, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:45 PM - Commission on Reapportionment Subcommittee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 896 3961 7771, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, November 24

- o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Password: 278571, Dial In (646) 558-8656

Thursday, November 25

- o Thanksgiving Day - All County Offices Closed

Friday, November 26

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## Governor Hochul Announces \$230 Million in Additional Food Assistance for New Yorkers in November

- *All SNAP Households to Receive the Maximum Level of Food Benefits*
  - *More Than \$2.2 Billion in Supplemental Food Benefits Distributed So Far This Year*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that all New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will receive the maximum allowable level of food benefits for November. All households participating in SNAP-including those already at the maximum level of benefits-will receive a supplemental allotment later this month, bringing in roughly \$230 million in federal funding into the state's economy.

"No New Yorker should have to face the prospect of hunger and food insecurity," Governor Hochul said. "It is impossible for children to focus on school and adults to be successful if they are worried about where their next meal will come from. This supplemental food assistance will help to ensure that everyone in this state can make ends meet and put enough food on the table to support themselves and their families." (Contd. Pg. 26)

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CONCERT SERIES  
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### MISU Annual Holiday Concert

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Live and on Zoom

Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 pm

MISU Community String Ensemble will present their holiday program featuring works from their classical and pop repertoire, after which our Guest artists will perform the Corelli Christmas concerto as well as Albinoni's Adagio. To reserve your space hover your phone's camera over the QR code. Registration is required for in person and Zoom attendance.



## Governor Hochul Announces \$230 Million in Additional Food Assistance for New Yorkers in November

(From Pg. 25) SNAP households in all counties outside of New York City should see these benefits between now and Nov. 19. Those SNAP households in the five-county New York City region should see their benefits post between today and the end of the month.

The emergency assistance supplement will be provided to households that do not ordinarily receive the maximum allowable benefit per month on SNAP - a federally funded program administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Those households already near or at the maximum benefit level will receive a supplemental payment of at least \$95.

OTDA Executive Deputy Commissioner Barbara Guinn said, "The supplemental food benefits continue to play an important role in helping New Yorkers avoid food insecurity. As we continue to weather the ongoing public health crisis, these benefits remain an important stop-gap to help struggling households make ends meet."

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

Struggling New Yorkers continue to rely heavily on SNAP as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact everyday life. As of September 2021, there were more than 2.77 million SNAP recipients throughout the state.

Every dollar invested in food benefits can generate up to \$1.54 in economic activity, according to a federal study quantifying the impact of SNAP on the U.S. economy. The study also found that an additional \$1 billion invested in new SNAP benefits could support roughly 13,560 jobs nationwide.

Find more information on the emergency supplemental SNAP benefits, including answers to frequently asked questions, New Yorkers can check their eligibility for SNAP and apply online by visiting [mybenefits.ny.gov](http://mybenefits.ny.gov).

## Governor Hochul Delivers Remarks at 1199SEIU : "Together We Stand" March and Rally

Governor Hochul: "All you're asking for in return is not to be called somebody's hero but all you're saying is, 'just give me a little respect'... And 'respect' means we're going to pay you what you deserve and get a contract right now. It's that simple."

Hochul: "So let's get it done. Because at the time of the greatest need you did not abandon our fathers and our mothers and our grandparents. You did not abandon them and therefore your governor will never abandon you. That is my commitment."

Governor Kathy Hochul joined the health care workers at the 1199SEIU "Together We Stand" march and rally.

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

# CURRENT HOURS



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

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

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

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



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December 4 & 5

December 11 & 12

December 18 & 19

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AT  
BICENTENNIAL PARK (across from Town Hall)**

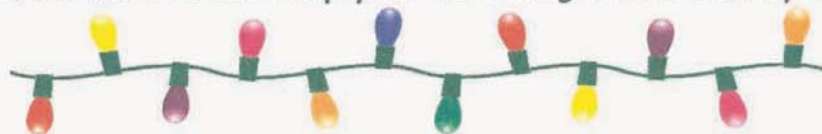


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# Shadowland Stages Announces a SPECIAL DELIVERY

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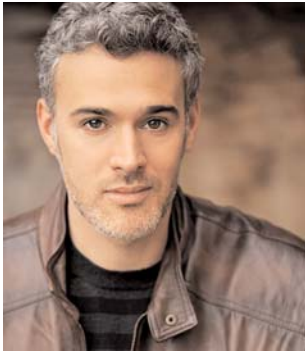
They're so happy to be here, and we're happy to have them!  
Anat Cogan

Of f-Of f Broadway: David (St. Marks Theatre), Ajax In Iraq (Flux), What's In Alaska? (MTF), A Thousand Words (Manhattan Rep). Regional: Handle With Care (Florida Studio Theater). International: Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare Co.), Hamlet (Shakespeare Co.), Tartuffe (TLV), Mother Courage (TLV), Donia Rosita The Spinster (TLV). Television: Prisoners of war, Mysteries at the Museum. Graduate of The Lee Strasberg Theatre and film institute NYC and Nissan Nativ Acting Studio TLV.



Jordan Kaplan

Jordan Kaplan is excited to be working with SHADOWLAND STAGES for the first time! He has performed with many NYC companies including Prospect Theater Company, Hunger & Thirst Theatre, The Red Fern Theatre Company, Astoria Performing Arts Center, and the Guerrilla Shakespeare Project. He has performed regionally with American Conservatory Theater, Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Tennessee Shakespeare Company, Trinity Repertory Company, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, and Stanford Summer Theater. Proud graduate of Stanford University and Brown/Trinity Rep. He lives in Croton-on-Hudson with his wife Kim and their twin sons Max & Ieo.



Justin Pietropaolo

Justin is always happy to be back at SHADOWLAND. He has previously been seen in K2, THE NIGHT ALIVE, GREETINGS!, THE WHIPPING MAN, MOON OVER BUFFALO, SHIPWRECKED! and the last show before the pandemic, IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY. Previous selected credits include THE GHOST TRAIN at Centenary Stage Company, JUDEVINE at Oldcastle Theatre Company, and SALT PEPPER KETCHUP at InterAct Theatre Company. In NYC, THOM PAIN (based on nothing) with The Poor Mouth Theatre Company, HISSIFIT with The Cradle Theatre Company, and COOKIE IRELAND HAS A GIRAFFE with The Igloo Collective. He also stars in Andrew Gibson's GUTTERBUG, currently in the festival circuit and coming soon to streaming.



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Lori Wilner

Lori is thrilled to be back at SHADOWLAND, where she has appeared in THE FOREIGNER, THE MEMORY OF WATER, FARRAGUT NORTH and BILL W AND DR. BOB. Lori is a born and bred New Yorker, but now lives here, in the Hudson Valley. Her Broadway credits include FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (2015 and 2004 revival) BEAUTIFUL, DOMESTICATED, THE ASSEMBLED PARTIES, ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER, A CATERED AFFAIR, THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, AWAKE AND SING!, THE PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE, EVERETT BEEKIN, and THOSE WERE THE DAYS. Off Broadway, she co-created and starred in HANNAH SENESH, for which she received a Goldy Award and a Drama Desk nomination, and she is the proud recipient of a Hirschfeld (one Nina). Other Off-Broadway credits include DANCING ON NAILS, MILK AND HONEY, YIDDISH TROJAN WOMEN, HANNAH 1939. THE ADVENTURES OF HERSHELE OSTROPOLYE, THE WITCH, THE LAST SURVIVOR, THE DREYFUS AFFAIR and BUBBE MEISES. Her regional credits include CABARET (Theatre Aspen - Henry Award and Arizona Rep), OTHER DESERT CITIES, GIANT (Signature- world premiere), RELATIVITY (with Richard Dreyfuss), RAGS (Goodspeed), BEAU JEST (Gulfshore), BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS (Geva), BROADWAY BOUND, BROKEN GLASS (Philadelphia Thea. Co.), THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG (Alliance), THE GLASS MENAGERIE (N.M.Rep), THE HEIDI CHRONICLES (Forum), LOST IN YONKERS (Arkansas Rep), CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER (Geva), SWEEPERS (Capital Rep), THE IMMIGRANT, BUTTERFINGERS ANGEL (Syracuse Stage), FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (Goodspeed), WHEN SOMETHING WONDERFUL HAPPENS (Humana Festival), QUILTERS (WPA) Film/TV: Second Guessing Grandma, Gebirtig, Ride for your Life, New Amsterdam, Wagners' Jews. Lori is a member of Actors and Writers, and the proud recipient of the New Dramatists' Charles Bowden award for acting excellence. Lori is a classically trained pianist and singer.



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## New Initiative Will Be Created Using Federal CDBG CARES Act Funds To Help Farms Reduce Spread Of Coronavirus, Protect Workforce

- *\$10 Million Will Go Toward The Farmworker Safety Housing Grant Program To Improve Farmworker Housing*
- *\$15 Million Will Go To A Farmworker Housing Revolving Loan Program*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced a new \$25 million package in grants and loans to improve housing conditions for farmworkers and to protect the health and safety of this critical workforce. The Farmworker Safety Housing Grant Program will fund the rehabilitation and replacement of existing substandard farmworker housing. Grants are available from NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) through Federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act funding, which provides resources to municipalities to improve housing and community facilities in response to COVID-19. In addition, the State oversees a \$15 million Farmworker Housing Program, a revolving loan program designed to improve farmworker housing, through which farmers can apply for up to \$200,000 per farm.

"The New Yorkers who work hard to keep our farms operating deserve housing that is safe, secure, and does not jeopardize their health or wellbeing," Governor Hochul said. "Many of these individuals often reside in congregate housing already in need of rehabilitation, and with the risks still posed by COVID-19, it's critical we get this work underway as soon as possible. Thanks to this funding, we can make that a reality and ensure these hardworking New Yorkers have a suitable place to call home."

For the Farmworker Safety Housing Grant Program, municipalities may apply for grants of up to \$1 million to support a farm or group of farms with 5-10 housing units in need of rehabilitation or replacement to address issues such as environmental hazards, outdated air filtration systems, and to provide essential personal protective equipment such as masks and hand sanitizer.

Grants must benefit low- to moderate-income individuals with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income and work must be completed within 12-18 months of award.

Applications are available online: <https://hcr.ny.gov/cdbg-cares>

The Farmworker Safety Housing Grant Program complements the New York State Farmworker Housing Program, which was created more than 20 years ago to help farms provide safe and appropriate housing for their employees. The program is administered by Farm Credit East in partnership with New York State Homes and Community Renewal and provides no-interest loans to finance improvement of existing housing or the construction or purchase of new housing for farmworkers. New York agricultural producers, including fruit, vegetable, greenhouse and nursery, equine, and dairy operations are eligible to apply.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "New York's farmworkers have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep food on our tables. We owe it to them to make sure their living conditions do not put them at additional risk for COVID-19 exposure. I'll keep fighting to protect farmworkers and keep New York's agricultural community strong."



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Fall 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Register  
today!

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

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

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Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

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**Governor Hochul Announces More than \$6 Million Available for Animal Shelter Improvement Projects –The Companion Animal Capital Fund is the First State-Funded Program in the Nation to Support Critical Improvement Projects at Animal Shelters**

- *Round 4 of the Companion Animal Capital Fund Continues Support of Construction, Renovation, and Expansion Projects*
- *For the First Time, Organizations That Have Already Completed Projects are Eligible to Apply Again*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced over \$6 million is available to support critical upgrades at New York's animal shelters. This is the fourth round of funding for New York State's Companion Animal Capital Fund, which helps eligible organizations to make major improvements to their facilities to enhance animal care and health. For the first time, shelters that have previously been awarded funding through this program and that have completed their projects are eligible to apply again. Additionally, a portion of the funds is dedicated to organizations in regions where there is insufficient shelter capacity for pets.

"During the pandemic, the number of pet adoptions skyrocketed, demonstrating just how important animal care organizations are in our world for both humans and animals alike," Governor Hochul said. "This latest round of the Companion Animal Capital Funding will help strengthen New York's shelters by providing employees and volunteers the tools and resources they need to help the animals in their care all year round."

Today's announcement brings the total dedicated to the program to more than \$20 million since 2017. Since the launch of the program, 41 projects have been awarded across New York State and 20 projects have been fully completed.

The Companion Animal Capital Fund is administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The program provides competitive matching grants to offset the costs associated with capital projects, allowing for better care and improved environments for animals that are housed in local shelters. Funds are available to eligible incorporated and municipal animal shelters, pounds, and humane societies. Grants can be used to construct, renovate, rehabilitate, or acquire buildings and equipment needed to house, treat, and care for sheltered dogs and cats.

Two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have been released through Round 4 of this program:

- o RFP 0255:
  - o \$4.25 million is available to award grants between \$50,000 and \$500,000 to municipal and incorporated not-for-profit pounds, shelters and humane societies that are operated by or under contract with a municipality.
  - o Entities that have been awarded funds during previous Companion Animal Capital Projects funding opportunities are eligible to apply for an award under this RFP. Previously funded projects must be complete before an entity can apply for an award.

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- o RFP 0258:
  - o \$1.8 million is available to award grants between \$50,000 and \$200,000 to pounds, shelters or humane societies that are not operated by or under contract with a municipality but that are registered with the Department.

All applicants must apply through Grants Gateway by 4:00 pm on January 25, 2022. More details on eligibility and how to apply can be found at [agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities](http://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities).

**State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball** said, "New York's Companion Animal Capital Fund makes a real difference for animal shelters across our state. We are pleased and proud to see this funding continued so that we can build on the program's success and continue to support healthy pets as they await their new homes."

**Executive Director of the New York Animal Protection Federation Libby Post** said, "This year's Companion Animal Capital Fund's RFP for \$5 million in grants marks a \$20 million capital investment by the state in our network of animal shelters. The Federation's thanks go to Governor Hochul and our legislative champions Assemblymember Deborah Glick, State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Assembly Agriculture Committee Chair Donna Lupardo, and State Senator Agriculture Chair Michelle Hinchey-without their efforts, the Fund may not have made it back into the budget. I have visited two new shelters-Susquehanna SPCA in Cooperstown and the SPCA of Westchester in Briarcliff-both of whom credited their \$500,000 matching CACF grant with kickstarting their capital campaign efforts. (Contd Pg. 40)

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

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

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

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**Happy Holidays from The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce!**

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### More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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## Aktion Club of Sullivan County Involved in Community Service Activities



*From left - Kiwanians Jane Sorensen, Sheila Lashinsky & Sue Kasofsky, Aktion Club members Gary Walling, Willie Conklin & James Santinelli & Aktion Club Advisor Kim Loucks*



*Federation Director Kathy Kreiter, Aktion Club Advisor Kim Loucks and Federation's Ruby Ehlers displaying Thanksgiving Basket.*

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County is always ready and willing to help with community service activities. During the month of November, in addition to making cards for distribution to Veterans, they collected non perishable food items from club members, agency reps and Kiwanis Co-Advisors and had fun decorating and filling baskets that were distributed to needy families in several school districts in the County as well as to the Federation for the Homeless and United Way of Sullivan County.

The club, which is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge, New York, is comprised of individuals with various disabilities and affiliated with The Arc Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community and The Center for Discovery. Pictured are



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## P.L.A.Y. the Classics welcomes back the Young People's Chorus of New York City in "An Afternoon of Choral Artistry"

BETHEL, NY - Excitement is building for "An Afternoon of Choral Artistry," an encore performance by the Young People's Chorus of New York City (YPC). The multiple-award-winning chorus last performed in Sullivan County to great acclaim in April of 2018.

The performance, a part of P.L.A.Y. the Classics ("Peace, Love, Arts, You!"), a collaboration of the Shanderee Music Festival and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, will be held on Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m. at the Bethel Woods Event Gallery.

A multi-cultural youth chorus, the YPC is internationally renowned for its superb virtuosity, brilliant showmanship and innovative model of diversity. The group was founded in 1988 by Artistic Director Francisco J. Núñez, a MacArthur Fellow and Musical America's 2018 Educator of the Year. His commitment to the arts, youth, and diversity have been recognized through numerous awards and honors, including: an ASCAP Victor Herbert Award; the New York Choral Society's Choral Excellence Award; ASCAP's 2019 Life In Music Award; Musical America Worldwide's 30 Influencers; and honorary Doctor of Music degrees from both Ithaca and Gettysburg College.



Among the many awards the YPC has earned are a National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, the Margaret Hillis Award For Choral Excellence, and the 2018 Choir of the World award. Additionally, in 2017, the YPC was the first children's chorus to open Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival, and the chorus won five gold medals in every choral competition category at the 2015 Golden Gate International Choral Competition.

The YPC is described by Opera News as "one of New York City's artistic treasures."

*The Young People's Chorus performing at Bethel Woods Event Gallery in 2018. They'll be returning for an encore performance on Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m. (Photos by Carol Montana)*

The program for December 5 will include original, traditional and spiritual songs, as well as some holiday classics such as: "To Sing," "Coventry Carol," "Hallelujah," "Sleigh Ride," "Ose Shalom with Bottle Dance," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," and "Footprint on Winter."

The Bethel Woods Event Gallery is located at 200 Hurd Road in Bethel, NY.

Tickets for "An Afternoon of Choral Artistry" on December 5 at Bethel Woods are \$35 for General Admission, \$30 for SMF Members, and \$10.00 for students 17 and under. More information about the SMF, along with an opportunity to become a member, join the mailing list, sponsor a concert and purchase tickets is available at [www.shanderee.org](http://www.shanderee.org) or by calling 845-439-3277 or 646-657-0284.



## A Harvest of Apples at FCSD

Mid-autumn was a special time to celebrate New York state's bountiful apple crop at Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD).



Along with other Sullivan County schools and through the guidance and support of Cornell Cooperative Extension, FCSD's Wellness Committee organized both buildings in the district to join Big Apple Crunch Day on October 21, 2021.

FarmOn! Foundation, a non-profit, has been working to fill the succession gap on family farms in rural America. According to FarmOn, The Big Apple Crunch began in 2012. Last year, with hundreds of thousands of students at schools and college campuses statewide joining in, over 2.3 mil-

lion New Yorkers participated. Each year, on or around October 24, participants from across the state are invited to take a bite out of an apple grown in New York.

FCSD received over 1,700 apples at the Food Services in each school building. On October 20, volunteers from the Wellness Committee washed these apples, packed them in plastic food bags of 25 each, and distributed them through Food Service to each homeroom class or class period for every student to take outside the building and take a bite at exactly 2:00 PM.

The weather was extremely cooperative with mild temperatures and bright sunny skies. Students, teachers and staff made one terrific crunching noise that resounded through the Town. As you can tell by the looks on student faces, this was a joyous and a healthy event.

There is nothing like a crispy New York apple on a crispy New York day!



## Governor Hochul Announces More than \$6 Million Available for Animal Shelter Improvement Projects – The Companion Animal Capital Fund is the First State-Funded Program in the Nation to Support Critical Improvement Projects at Animal Shelters

(From Pg 33) These shelters' state of the art facilities provide optimum care for their homeless animals, create a new destination in their community for adopters, and set new standards for animal care throughout the state. The Federation's Education Fund is looking forward to once again providing low-cost grant writers to help our members facilitate the RFP process."

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "The Companion Animal Action Fund is an important program that extends much-needed support to our local animal shelters, which rely mainly on donations and hardworking volunteers who provide loving care to animals in their most vulnerable moments. As Senate Agriculture Chair, I was proud to advocate for this program in the State Budget, and I thank Governor Hochul for making it available through this latest round of grant funding so that animal shelters across New York State can continue to provide the highest quality care for homeless animals as they eagerly await their forever home."

## Governor Hochul Announces Record Breaking Number of Stays at NY State Campgrounds in 2021

- 2021 State Parks Campground Overnight Stays Up 15 Percent from Previous 2019 Record
- 2021 DEC Campground Overnight Stays Up More Than 10 Percent from Previous 2016 Record
- Campsites, Cabins, Cottages, Yurts Occupied Nearly 1.2 Million Nights

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that overnight reservations at campgrounds operated by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) climbed to record highs this year as visitors embraced safe, healthy, and affordable recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through Columbus Day, campsites, cabins, cottages, and yurts at State Parks campgrounds were occupied for 787,103 nights, surpassing the previous 2019 record of 684,820 nights by 15 percent. DEC campgrounds were occupied for 394,401 nights, surpassing the previous 2016 record of 354,521 nights by more than 10 percent.

"The numbers don't lie - people have shown how much they appreciate all that our State campgrounds have to offer, especially as the pandemic made outdoor recreation more desirable than ever," Governor Hochul said. "Not only are our campgrounds, affordable, clean, and safe, but with these sites being so vital to New York's tourism economy, my administration will continue to do all we can to ensure New York remains a top destination for campers."

Over the last decade, as improvements were being made

statewide under the NY Parks 2020 capital program, total overnight stays at State Parks campgrounds have risen nearly 45 percent.

State Parks operates 68 State Parks campgrounds, featuring 8,179 campsites, 825 cabins, 18 yurts, and 136 full-service cottages with amenities like power, kitchen, bath, beds, living room, and outdoor living space.

State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "It is gratifying that the public has again given State Parks a vote of confidence. Providing places for safe and healthy recreation has been critical as we continue to emerge from the pandemic, and people obviously enjoy the many improvements made under the NY Parks 2020 initiative. People have many choices today on how to spend their recreational time, and we are grateful that so many are choosing to spend it at our Parks. We intend to keep this progress going."

DEC operates 52 campgrounds and five day-use areas in the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves that provide a wide variety of experiences, including island camping, tent and trailer camping, boat launching facilities, hiking trails, beaches and day use areas with picnic tables and grills. The camping season runs through the summer, with some facilities remaining open during fall foliage and hunting season. Under the Adventure NY and other initiatives, DEC continues to make improvements at DEC camping facilities, including several for the 2021 season to provide new showers and comfort stations, power and water systems, and equestrian-specific improvements at the Frontier Town campground.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "When New Yorkers were eager to get outside safely during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, they knew exactly where to go. New York State is home to a wide variety of campground destinations that everyone can enjoy. I'm encouraged by the record number of visitors this year and look forward to their return to take advantage of the opportunities New York's Adirondack and Catskill parks have to offer."

In 2021, New York State rolled out a new Loyalty/Reward program for campers where they earn points for every dollar spent on overnight accommodations at all state-owned and -operated campgrounds for both State Parks and the Department of Environmental Conservation. More than 55,800 people have enrolled so far. Campers can start earning points on new reservations as soon as they are enrolled. For more information about the program and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3Ek7Hsp>.

Reservations for State Park campgrounds are available through ReserveAmerica, which provides online and phone reservations for campsites throughout New York. Reservations are accepted for campsites and cabins, from one day to nine months in advance of the planned arrival date. Visit the website or call toll free 1-800-456-CAMP.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which were visited by a record 78 million in 2020. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov), connect with us on Facebook, or follow on Instagram, Twitter or on the State Parks blog.

To improve public safety and encourage visitors to State-owned lands to practice responsible recreation, this spring DEC launched the 'Love Our New York Lands' campaign. The campaign is responsive to the steady increase in the number of visitors to state lands, both during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the decade prior, as more and more New Yorkers and visitors from other states and countries discovered the natural beauty of New York State lands. For details and more information, visit the *Love Our New York Lands* webpage.



## Governor Hochul Announces SUNY and CUNY Scholarship Program to Cover Tuition for 1,000 New Registered Nurses

### *Nurses For Our Future Scholarship Will Fund the Education Of 1,000 New Nurses to Take Care of New Yorkers*

Governor Kathy Hochul at a breakfast hosted by the Association for a Better New York, announced a State University of New York and City University of New York Scholarship Program called the Nurses For Our Future Scholarship that will cover tuition for 1,000 new healthcare workers to get RNs at SUNY and CUNY. The program comes in an effort to help address the shortage in healthcare and lack of workers in hospitals around the state.

"Just a year ago, we were celebrating our healthcare workers as the heroes they are, and the pandemic has shown us that we cannot afford a labor shortage in the healthcare industry," Governor Hochul said. "I'm proud to announce our new Nurses For Our Future Scholarship as an important step to train more nurses and bring them into our healthcare system. SUNY and CUNY scholarships move us toward a more prosperous and equal New York, by working to make sure every New Yorker has access to training programs, one-, two-, and four-year degrees, community college; SUNY and CUNY should be the pathway to the middle class."

Since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, hospitals have been facing a labor shortage and a massive influx of patients. This scholarship program is designed to recruit and retrain nursing and health care professionals to serve in NYSRNs which are most in need. There are currently more than 9,300 openings for Registered Nurses in New York State. The Nurses For Our Future Scholarship will mean 1,000 more students can enter a nursing program in either SUNY or CUNY. Students will be able to complete their programs with a flexible schedule, either part-time or full-time.

This effort will incentivize New York State residents active in the health care field to upskill their career path and advance their education through the SUNY or CUNY system.

In addition, the New York State Department of Labor will help market these new opportunities to existing and unemployed workers, including opportunities available through regional SUNY Educational Opportunity Centers for entry-level nurse certifications in high demand including Certified Nursing Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse and Nursing Home Aide.

#### **Job Search Assistance**

The New York State Job Bank features nearly 220,000 jobs available today in New York State and users can search by keyword, zip code and browse by job title and company name. By using the JobZone job search and career development tool, individuals can plan their future, organize their job search, develop resumes and explore careers.

The Department of Labor also hosts daily live virtual workshops and webinars on relevant topics for job seekers in all industries, like resume writing, job search and interviewing techniques. The agency partners with hundreds of businesses to host Virtual Career Fairs where job seekers can engage with businesses in a job fair setting, browse their available jobs and

connect directly with businesses hiring to ask questions, all without leaving home.

For those looking to work part-time, the state has a part-time hiring opportunities job bank listing nearly 30,000 part-time jobs available now in New York State sorted by location, job title and company that can also be searched by keyword.

Businesses can use the Department of Labor to access millions of potential job seekers through no-cost programs and services. They can post jobs on the NYS Job Bank through direct indexing from an existing website or post with staff assistance and can get direct access to the NYS Talent Bank with millions of qualified job seekers to meet their hiring needs. They can also sign up to take part in upcoming career fairs or learn about available tax credits and other hiring incentives.

This announcement follows the recent opening of Binghamton University's Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences, affirming Governor Hochul's dedication to expanding healthcare education and New York State's nursing workforce. SUNY colleges and universities across New York offer more than 70 fully accredited nursing degree undergraduate and graduate programs, offering 17 different credentials in nursing from home health aide to doctoral and advanced certificates. SUNY students graduate prepared to enter the healthcare field following rigorous course work online or in the classroom, combined with required hands-on real-world experience. CUNY graduates 1,800 students each year from over 50 nursing advanced credit-bearing certificate and degree programs, including LPN, Associate, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programs (DNP and Ph.D.) at 14 CUNY institutions, including nursing programs at both senior and community colleges. CUNY's nursing programs are united in their commitment to expanding opportunity and advancement in the health-care field, and to training the next generation of nursing professionals to provide high-quality and equitable health care, particularly for the most vulnerable and underserved populations

## Governor Hochul Statement on CDC Approval of COVID-19 Booster for All Adults

"Today, boosters for all adults cleared the final round of federal review by health experts and doctors. This is great news as we enter the holiday season and gather indoors with friends and family.

"Boosters can help provide additional protection, especially for those over the age of 50 and others with underlying conditions. With 80 percent of New York State adults fully vaccinated, getting the booster is another important way to protect ourselves and our loved ones, as well as washing our hands and wearing a mask.

"We know the recent increase in the spread of COVID across regions of New York State is happening due to lower vaccination rates in those areas. Getting more New Yorkers vaccinated, including children aged 5 and older, remains the best way to help turn the tide in our fight against COVID-19.

"So, if you are unvaccinated, get vaccinated. If you have kids, get them vaccinated. And if you have been vaccinated, get the booster. It's widely available, free and safe. Let's do this, New York."

# FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL



## FROST VALLEY YMCA COMMUNITY EVENTS



### DEC 10, 2021 5:00 – 8:00PM Annual FREE Community Holiday Family-Style Dinner

We welcome local families and friends to join us for a delicious holiday dinner (served family style) accompanied by holiday crafts and cookie decorating your whole family will enjoy. Join us for this FREE event in the Thomas Lodge Dining Hall from 5-8pm for family fun, with family-style dinner served at 5:30pm sharp.

Please bring a government issued photo ID and a mask to wear when not seated with your party. Social distancing and mask-wearing safety protocols will be required regardless of vaccination status.

#### Shuttle Service:

For those without transportation, there will be limited busing available. Limited space available. Advanced registration is required!

Bus Pick-Up/Drop-Off Times:  
Neversink Town Hall – 4:45pm/8:15pm

#### RSVP TODAY!

While this is a FREE event, reservations are required as space is limited. Families wishing to sit together must make 1 combined reservation.

#### To Register:

CALL: 845-985-2291 x 450  
EMAIL: [reservations@frostvalley.org](mailto:reservations@frostvalley.org)  
VISIT: <http://www.frostvalley.org/community-dinner>

### DEC 27-31, 2021 8:30AM – 5:30PM Winter Break Day Camp

Looking for something for your kids to do when they are on break from school? Frost Valley offers engaging, stimulating activities for children during their winter break. Daily activities include archery, snow adventures (weather permitting), broomball, arts & crafts, and more! Parents will be responsible for providing a bagged lunch for their camper as Frost Valley will not be providing lunch this year.

Social distancing and mask-wearing will be required. A brief health questionnaire will be conducted, as well as daily temperature checks at drop off.

#### What to Bring:

Please send the following items with your child: bagged lunch, snow clothes, extra warm clothes, water bottle, sturdy laced shoes and snow boots, hats and gloves.

#### Times/Transportation:

Winter Break Day Camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from camp as we will not be offering busing this year.

#### Ages/Rates:

For ages 5-12  
\$195 - 4 days, \$225 - 5 days

#### To Register:

CALL: 845-985-2291 x 203  
EMAIL: [daycamp@frostvalley.org](mailto:daycamp@frostvalley.org)  
VISIT: <http://www.frostvalley.org/winter-break-camp>

## ArtUnder100 Artwork Priced \$99 and Under Holiday Art Sale Wayne County Arts Alliance

The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) announces their fifth annual holiday art sale, Art Under \$100. The expanded sale features two different shopping opportunities. ArtUnder100 ONLINE will begin the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 26 and run through December 18 with shopping 24/7 on the organization's WCAA Online Shop at [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org). ArtUnder100 INSTORE Shopping will take place at the Dorflinger Factory Museum in White Mills, PA for eight days in conjunction with Hawley Winterfest held from December 3-12. An evening reception is planned for December 3rd.

ArtUnder100 showcases artworks by Wayne County Arts Alliance's member artists and is a benefit of membership in the organization. The project provides retail opportunities and support for their member artists. Different artwork will be available online and instore!

ArtUnder100 artwork is priced \$99 and under, and offers a perfect opportunity to choose original and unique artwork for holiday gift-giving and year-round enjoyment. INSTORE Shopping features artwork different than online. ArtUnder100 provides a varied shopping experience for buyers as well as a broader selling opportunity for the artists. Choosing art for your holiday gifts this year is a win-win-win: selecting unique and one-of-a-kind gifts, shopping local, and supporting talented artists and the Wayne County Arts Alliance. Both the Online and Instore opportunities make it easy to check someone off your list, and give the gift of Art this holiday season!

ArtUnder100 includes a wide variety of choices in painting, ceramics, collage, jewelry, mixed media, photography, sculpture, and more, and last year featured the artwork of over thirty member artists of the Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA). At the time of this writing, participating artists include Norma Bernstock, Austin Burke, Barbara Carpenito, Elizabeth Castellano, Phyllis Chekenian, Elaine Flynn, Bozena Janiszewski, JoAnne Kriskowski, Louis Marquette, Stephanie Marquette, Francis Minien, Paul Plumadore, Joan Polishook, Matt Povse, Ellen Silberlicht, and James Spencer. Many of the artists participate in both opportunities.

### When and Where:

24/7 ONLINE SHOPPING begins Friday, November 26 on the organization's WCAA Online Shop at [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org) and runs through December 18. Depending on each artist's preference, sold work may be picked up directly from the artist, shipped for a fee, or picked-up locally in Honesdale on December 21st at the organization's WCAA Main Street Gallery.

INSTORE SHOPPING will be held for eight days at Dorflinger Factory Museum in the Blue Room (ground floor), 8 Elizabeth Street, (off Route 6), White Mills, PA 18424: December 3/4/5 (F/S/S) and December 8/9/10/11/12 (W/TH/F/S/S). Hours: Wed-Sat 10 AM - 5 PM and Sundays 1-5 PM. An evening reception is planned for December 3rd.

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization governed by volunteer members of artists and people interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. WCAA is committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens. ArtUnder100 is one of many events and programs that WCAA hosts, promotes, and sponsors throughout the year including the popular "Artists' Studio Tour" in July.

For further information visit: [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org)

## Campaign Urges Eligible NY'rs to Apply for Various State Programs to Help Pay Heating and Utility Expenses as Winter Months Approach

### *Consumer Tips and Best Practices Offered to Help Renters and Homeowners Guard Against Rising Utility Costs*

Governor Kathy Hochul launched a new digital media campaign designed to raise awareness of the various state programs available to help struggling New Yorkers pay heating and utility expenses to avoid potential service interruptions during the cold weather months ahead. With utility prices expected to spike this season, the campaign will also provide tips and best practices to help contend with higher-than-average home heating costs.

"Rising heating and utility costs in the winter months can be enough to break the bank for many New Yorkers already struggling to make ends meet," Governor Hochul said. "This new campaign will highlight the multitude of programs and resources available to those in need-from direct financial assistance to free weatherization workshops offered to low-income homeowners and renters. Connecting people to these programs is critical to ensuring that people can heat their homes in the freezing months ahead."

### **Heating and Utility Assistance**

Eligible homeowners and renters may apply for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which can provide up to \$751 depending on income, household size and how they heat their home. A family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,249 or an annual gross income of \$62,983 and still qualify for benefits - a modest increase from the previous year's threshold.

Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, applications for HEAP are accepted in-person at local departments of social services or by telephone, with funding provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents outside of New York City may also apply online for regular heating assistance benefits. New York State is also providing \$150 million in federal funding to help low-income households pay heating utility arrears. This Regular Arrears Supplement is available to households who are eligible for HEAP and behind on their heating utility bills, but that do not qualify for the utility assistance offered by New York's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The one-time payments through the regular arrears supplement can cover all accumulated heating utility arrears up to \$10,000 per household, with applications for assistance accepted at local departments of social services in person or by telephone.

So far, roughly 523,000 households have received \$158.6 million in regular HEAP benefits during the 2021-22 heating season. Likewise, more than \$79 million has been paid on behalf of 50,000 households for the Regular Arrears Supplement, which opened for applications in late September.

OTDA is also accepting applications for its heating equipment repair or replacement benefit. Eligible homeowners can now apply for up to \$3,000 for repair or \$6,500 for replacement of a furnace, boiler or other direct heating equipment necessary to keep the household's primary heating source working. Additionally, eligible households can receive energy efficiency services, which includes the cleaning of primary heating equipment to allow for its safe and efficient operation.

Electric and natural gas bills are expected to be higher for the 2021-2022 winter season than last year, with natural gas projected to increase by an average of about 21 percent statewide, according to the New York Public Service Commission. Given this projection, the New York State Division of Consumer Protection is offering tips for consumers to deal with the higher-than-average home heating prices that are expected this winter season:

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(From Pg. 43) o Take steps to be more energy efficient. Consumers can take small steps at home, such as lowering the thermostat by a few degrees, using curtains that help keep heat in, and adding weather stripping to windows and doors -all that are either no or low-cost improvements. NYSERDA offers energy saving tips for residents and homeowners that can lower energy usage. Income eligible customers may also qualify for reduced-cost or free energy upgrades to their homes through Empower New York and Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® programs. Homeowners should also check with their local gas and electric utility companies to access discounted products and services that can help them lower their energy costs.

o Get a free energy audit. New York homeowners are eligible for a free home energy assessment through NYSERDA's Residential Energy Audit Program. Qualified contractors help homeowners decide on and install worthy energy improvements, then assist them in connecting with NYSERDA's low-interest financing programs.

o Upgrade to a clean energy heat pump. With rising fuel costs, homeowners may consider switching from fossil fuel heating equipment to a clean energy heat pump system. The NYS Clean Heat program offers rebates to homeowners to install both ground source (geothermal) heat pumps and cold-climate air source heat pumps.

o Join a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign. NYSERDA supports communities across the state in implementing community-based outreach and education campaigns for clean heating and cooling. These campaigns are designed to help consumers understand heat pump and home improvement technologies and their benefits. Community members can negotiate rates collectively, select an installer competitively, and decrease up-front costs by enrolling in a local campaign.

o Know your rights and protections. The New York State Home Energy Fair Practices Act has comprehensive protections for residential customers regarding their utility services. These rights include the option to pay bills in installments, a cap on late fees, sufficient notice prior to shut-off of services, and protections for those on a fixed income or with medical conditions. Learn about these from the Department of Public Service at AskPSC.

o Consider bill payment options. Residential consumers can inquire with their utility provider about billing options that allow for deferred payments or 'budget billing' to even out utility bills that are higher in one season and lower in another. This can help structure payments to make it easier to navigate costs.

o Sign up for community solar. Community solar allows New Yorkers to save money on their electric bills each month. Consumers can subscribe to a community solar project and start receiving credits on their regular electric bill for clean energy produced by a solar farm. Renters, co-op/condo owners and businesses can save money by accessing the clean energy produced by these solar farms. Learn more about how to sign up for community solar on NYSERDA's website.

### Weatherization Workshops

The New York Power Authority, through its Environmental Justice Community Energy Education programming, conducts weatherization workshops for low-income homeowners and renters. Workshop participants learn about simple ways to lower their heating and cooling costs, including low-cost changes they can make in their homes to help prepare for winter and summer energy needs. These interactive sessions are taught by NYPA's expert staff, in partnership with community-based organizations, including places of worship and neighborhood organizations.

After each workshop, NYPA distributes free weatherization kits that contain tools to implement many of the weatherization measures discussed during the workshop. Workshops and materials are translated into different languages to ensure weatherization messages are appropriately communicated to audience members that may speak different languages. NYPA's Environmental Justice education programs are designed to provide energy literacy and awareness for historically disadvantaged communities. Eligible entities include organizations that serve residents who live within proximity of NYPA facilities.

To enroll in the utility bill discount program, customers should contact their individual utility: Con Edison Customers: Con Ed; Orange & Rockland Customers: O&R; National Grid Customers: National Grid; National Fuel Gas Customers: NFG; NYSEG Customers: NYSEG; Rochester Gas & Electric Customers: RGE; PSEG-LI Customers: PSEG; or Central Hudson Customers: CH

## Governor Hochul Announces New PSA to Encourage Parents and Caregivers to Vaccinate 5-11 year-olds Against COVID-19

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that a new PSA will be hitting the airwaves starting today aimed at encouraging vaccination of 5-11 year-olds against COVID-19. The seven-week campaign will air statewide in English and Spanish November through January on television, radio and social media and is focused on alleviating concerns and reassuring parents and caregivers of the benefits of getting vaccinated. 156,244 children aged 5-11 statewide have already received their first dose since the FDA approved, and the CDC recommended, the vaccine for this age group.

"Parents across the State have been waiting for the opportunity to vaccinate and protect children from the COVID-19 virus and now they can," Governor Hochul said. "The vaccine is safe, free, and easy to get. I encourage parents and guardians to schedule an appointment with their child's pediatrician, primary care provider, pharmacies, and State mass vaccination sites. New York State continues to support our local health care providers in this critical vaccination effort and this PSA amplifies a simple message across the state - let's get everyone vaccinated, including our kids."

New Yorkers looking to schedule vaccine appointments for 5-11-year-old children are encouraged to contact their child's pediatrician, family physician, county health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), rural health centers, or pharmacies that may be administering the vaccine for this age group. Parents and guardians can visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov), text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations. Make sure that the provider offers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, as the other COVID-19 vaccines are not yet authorized for this age group. Please check New York's Am I Eligible site for more information.

Unfortunately, vaccination misinformation is also prevalent online, in the media, and in our communities. To combat this, New York's newest PSA encourages parents with questions or concerns to talk to their child's health care provider as a source of credible information. Parents can also get accurate and reliable information at our [#getthevaxfacts](https://www.getthevaxfacts.com) website here.

Visit our new website for parents and guardians for new information, frequently asked questions and answers, and resources specifically designed for parents and guardians of this age group.

For more information about how you can get the vaccine for your child please see here. <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

## UC NOW TRENDING... NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

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

Ulster County venues: visit [hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com](http://hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com)

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

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

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

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

**Nov. 26-28 A Frosty Fest:** A family-fun holiday light spectacular Friday, Reservations required. Purchase tickets online. Dec.: 3-

**Nov. 28 Pete Levin Trio at Pearl Moon:** 52 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-684-5537; [pearlmoonwoodstock.com](http://pearlmoonwoodstock.com)

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

**Nov. 26-Dec. 23 The Catskill Mountain Railroad Christmas Express,** Kingston

**Nov. 26-Dec. 19 A Frosty Fest,** Ulster Park

**Dec. 3 Ninth Annual Snowflake Festival,** Kingston

Dec. 3-4, 10-13, 17-19 Shadowland Stages presents "HANDLE WITH CARE," Ellenville

**Dec. 4 Bardovan Presents "EN VOGUE,"** UPAC, Kingston

**Dec. 4 The Wawarsing Wassail Featuring Joshua R. Peters Memorial Electric Fire Truck Parade,** Ellenville, Napanoch and Wawarsing

**Dec. 4, 11, 18 Annual Made In Kingston, Kingston**

**Dec. 5 Saugerties Holiday in the Village,** Saugerties

**Dec. 10 Light Up the Hamlet,** Highland

**Dec. 11 Second Annual Holiday Hoopla Parade and Winter Carnival,** New Paltz

## Get *Koselig* in Ulster County.

Have you heard the word "Koselig?" It's a Norwegian word, a concept really, that means "coziness and comfort." But it's more than just a word to us - it's a way of life, one we proudly invite you to share every winter. Just two hours north of New York in the eastern Catskills and heart of the Mid-Hudson Valley, coziness comes home to Ulster County. If the arrival of winter puts a spring in your step, you'll find an abundance of rejuvenating outdoor (and indoor) activities in our neck of the woods.



You're always welcome to "Seek For Yourself," but to truly appreciate our winter wonderland, we suggest the following rejuvenating reprieves.

Wintertime offers a wide array of thrills and chills for those who take delight in arctic adventures along challenging terrains. The Belleayre Mountain boasts some of the best skiing on the Eastern Seaboard, from chal-

lenging steep to breezy bunny slopes. With 171 skiable acres, 50 trails, two parks and eight lifts, you'll find plenty of opportunities for all skill levels. Love to ice skate? Perfect your spiral at one of Ulster County's indoor and outdoor ice skating attractions, including the Olympic-sized rink at Kiwanis Ice Arena in Saugerties, or the truly epic outdoor skating experience in Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz.



### Spoil Your Inner Foodie

Ulster is a foodie's paradise any time of year, but there's something extra "koselig" about dining with us in the winter months. Partake in a hearty farm-to-table feast at one of the Hudson Valley's finest restaurants, prepared by one of our acclaimed chefs. Wherever you roam you'll find a table set for an elaborate bounty or simple rustic fare. Complement your meal with a craft beverage, including seasonal favorites such as hard ciders and dark ales. We'll drink to that!



### Take A Cozy Stroll



For a more leisurely adventure, trade your skis and skates for snowshoes. Feel the familiar crunch of soft snow beneath your feet with a snowshoeing jaunt across the Mohonk Preserve or Minnewaska State Park. You can rent snowshoes at Kenco in Kingston or Rock and Snow in New Paltz. Looking for more activity? Grab your boots for a brisk hike along the Ashokan, Hurley, Hudson Valley or Wallkill Valley Rail Trails. If you've only hit these attractions in warm weather, you owe yourself a visit in the winter.

### Enjoy the Wonder of It All

Sometimes the best activity of all is to do nothing at all. And if you're going to do nothing, there's no better place to do it than Ulster County. Get away to a warm and welcoming place to stay, grab your favorite book and something hot to sip, and snuggle up as the snow gently blankets the majestic Catskill Mountains. Surround yourself with friends and family, and you'll be reminded that winter can be the warmest time of year.

**You've learned the word "koselig."  
Now experience it for yourself in Ulster County.**

# Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect other people.


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

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

# Please Wear a Face Mask



## Help Stop the Spread



**Public Health**  
Protect. Promote. Prevent.  
 Sullivan County  
 Public Health Services

## Public Health Services COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine Clinics

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

### Pediatric Pfizer Clinic Dates

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

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

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

**Vaccine appointments are limited.**


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

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT**

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

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

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



# **Claryville Fire Dept.**

**1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725**

## **All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball Supper**



## **Saturday, November 27**

**Serving 4:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Adults: \$10**

**Children Ages 5-11: \$6**

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

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

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

## Permits in the Preserves Do the experiences in the Catskills travel to the Adirondacks?

By Gwendolyn Craig

from *Adirondack Explorer* November 15, 2021

It was a chilly and rainy Monday in September just after 8 a.m. The 70-spot parking lot of the Adirondack Mountain Reserve contained eight cars, one belonging to Chris Hunter. The 49-year-old Schenectady science museum archivist wore a long raincoat and held a walking stick. He was ready for the slog to a couple of waterfalls and the iconic fjord view from Indian Head if the rain didn't get to him.

The reserve's new parking reservation system, which kicked off in May and ran through the end of October, afforded Hunter a little extra sleep. He had never hiked at the AMR before and had seen the photos of Indian Head on social media.

"It can be a little bit intimidating to find the parking," he said, noting he would have had to get to the lot much earlier if there were no reservations. "On the flip side, leaf peeper season-it's kind of like getting a hot concert ticket, which is why I'm here on a Monday, regardless of the weather."

The reserve is the first location in the Adirondack Park to institute a parking reservation system, though forest preserve neighbors to the south in the Catskill Park's Peekamoose Valley have had something similar for a few years. Visitors have both embraced and shunned the limits on access to the state's public lands, instituted as a kind of last-ditch effort when a large number of people and a place collide. While officials at the AMR are enthusiastic about the parking reservation system, Catskill leaders are leery of the crowd management strategy.

"It's not a copy-and-paste for different areas, but when it works, it works OK," said Andy Mossey, stewardship and advocacy coordinator for the nonprofit organization, the Catskill Center. Before his current job, Mossey worked with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. In that role in 2017, Mossey surveyed Peekamoose Blue Hole and recommended the state implement special regulations or a kind of permit system. "I don't think it's really the best solution," Mossey added, standing inside the renovated Catskill Visitor Center in the hamlet of Mount Tremper. "I think it needs to be paired with certain other things, such as education and outreach."

By nature, permits have limited the number of people accessing the location, Mossey said. Stewards have seen less trash and human waste at the Blue Hole. Some feel access is actually better with a permit, too. Those who have permits are guaranteed a parking space or a camping site. Combined with stewards, informational signs, bathrooms and bear-proof trash cans, Mossey said some visitors are seeing a positive difference from pre-permit days. He would like to see the state advertise the permit more. Catskill Center staff said there was animosity from some visitors who drove several hours to the Blue Hole and didn't know they needed a permit.

Basil Seggos, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Conservation, said the Adirondack reservation program, devised by his department in partnership with the AMR management, appears to be going well. He believes the system is addressing public safety while allowing DEC to manage the natural resources in the area.

"We're going to do a debrief after the season and look at what worked well, and what may be improved," Seggos added. "We always want to do better."

### Testing in the Adirondacks

Route 73 runs through the heart of the Adirondack High

Peaks. On busy summer days in past years, hikers parked along the highway. Forest rangers stationed at trailheads witnessed a number of near misses between cars and pedestrians. Rubber skid marks could often be seen at popular non-official crossings. One of those was at the AMR.

The AMR is privately owned by trustees, who are members of the Ausable Club. Through a foot traffic easement with the state, the public crosses parts of the property to get to popular hiking destinations including Indian Head, Noonmark Mountain and about a dozen High Peaks. In return, AMR receives a tax break on the property.

The Ausable Club's president, Roland Morris, told *Adirondack Explorer* last year that an increase in hiking traffic was also degrading natural resources in the area. Morris did not say where he was seeing degradation, but Schuler said there has been an increase in trash and improperly buried human waste over the years on AMR property. Trail registers the club keeps showed fewer than 5,000 hikers on the property in 1978. In 2017, the number reached 25,000.

In October last year, Morris and other Ausable Club members told the *Adirondack Explorer* they would implement limits on their property in 2021, whether the state was on board or not. At that time, state officials did not have much to say. A special committee former Gov. Andrew Cuomo appointed to consider strategies for addressing high use in the High Peaks released a report recommending a three-year pilot reservation system somewhere in the park.

By March the AMR and DEC announced the new reservation system. Seggos confirmed that the AMR was the site of the committee's proposed three-year pilot.

### How it's working

Through the website hikeamr.org, people can sign up for an account and book a free parking reservation up to two weeks out. While the website shows specific arrival times, AMR has since clarified the reservation would be for the full day. Each reservation covers up to eight people. While the state continues to stress the system is not a permit, AMR requires those walking in or bicycling in to also have a parking reservation. A sign outside the AMR parking lot also warns that one must have a permit.

John Schuler, general manager of the club, said since the reservation system began, staff have not had to clean up as much trash (including toilet paper) on Lake Road, the main thoroughfare to trailheads. The reservation system website includes messages about Leave No Trace, a popular set of guidelines for outdoor ethics. Schuler thinks that's helped, too.

As of Sept. 23, AMR tracked about 13,360 reservations, which includes the approximately 3,000 reservations that were canceled. About 17,600 people had registered for an AMR account, with a registration bump between the beginning and end of September. AMR officials attributed that to autumn leaf peepers.

Seggos and Schuler said the system has adapted to the public's feedback over the course of the year. For example, the AMR installed a one-way automatic gate so hikers arriving back at the parking lot after hours can exit. Reservations once had to be made 24 hours in advance at minimum, but that has been reduced to 12. Emailed cancellation reminders, Seggos added, has reduced the number of no-shows. A press liaison for AMR said gate attendants did not keep track of no-show numbers.

"I think in the beginning people were making reservations to make sure they had them, whether or not they had plans," Schuler said. "That knee-jerk reaction has stopped."

The only other way to get into the AMR without a reservation is with a same-day Greyhound bus ticket. The state, AMR and some nonprofit leaders had touted the option as a way to keep the land more accessible. But as of early September, about two people used the bus ticket option, Schuler said. (Contd. Pg. 49 )



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(From Pg. 48) Seggos said many people are not riding buses because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"We'll need to look at a couple of years of data before we make any determinations about Greyhound or any other options," Seggos said.

Seggos and Schuler would not yet comment on any specific changes that could be coming for 2022. But the AMR with the help of the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry is asking for the public's feedback on the system, through an online survey that closed Nov. 1.

### AMR hiker permits

#### Early feedback

One thing Chris Hunter wondered about was why the new Keene hiker shuttle system was not stopping at the AMR. Schuler said the shuttle was not part of the pilot program at this time. Seggos said combining the two could be a possibility. He blamed tight budgets and the coronavirus pandemic for a lack of coordination this year.

Though AMR and DEC shortened the window for making reservations to 12 hours ahead, some hikers would like to see same-day reservations.

Tara Hammond was hiking with her son Nathan Martindale on the same rainy September day as Hunter. They had made their reservation two weeks ahead of time, but as the day drew closer, the forecast worsened. All other days were booked, and hikers are not allowed to make more than one reservation in a two-week time span.

Hammond, who's from Charlton, also noticed people from out of state on social media sites asking to jump on others' reservations. They were even willing to go on the rainy days. They hadn't known to get a reservation or were too late. Hammond would like to see the AMR accept same-day reservations if there are cancellations, pointing to the near-empty parking lot.

"It's not terrible," Hammond said about the reservation system. "It's just that you have to plan if the weather is bad, you either have to stay home or you do it."

Hikers Steve Shadlock, of Niskayuna, and Amanda Shadlock, of Boston, were able to secure a reservation the day before. They had wanted to hike on a better weather day but had to settle for the rain.

Shadlock said the reservation system "seems like a good idea when it's heavy. But this morning, there's hardly anyone in the lot and reservations are booked out until Tuesday."

It appears AMR has some logistics to work out internally, too, about those who show sans reservation.

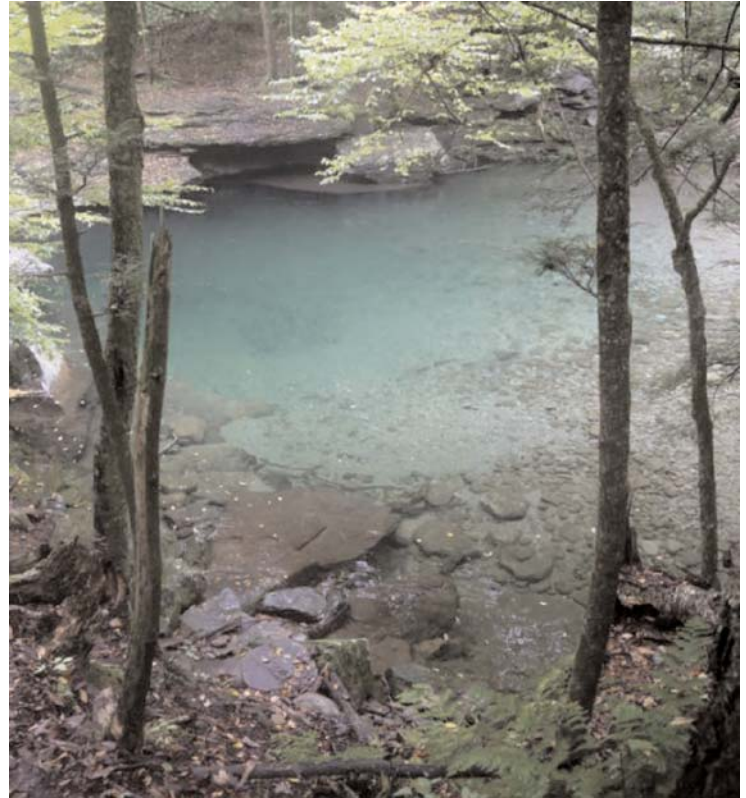
C.J. Montante and Kelly Kaczor arrived at the AMR lot with intentions to hike Indian Head. The couple from Buffalo had heard about the hike from Montante's brother, who had hiked there the summer before. The problem? Montante and Kaczor did not have a reservation.

The parking attendant suggested they approach someone in the parking lot and jump on their reservation, considering one covers up to eight people. They did, but another AMR attendant a half-mile down at the official trail register said the parking attendant shouldn't have suggested that.

"What I was a little confused about is it's free, and it's kind of empty, so why couldn't you make a reservation day-of?" Montante said. "I get why they would do it for the summer or busy weekends. You can't have thousands of people on the trails. But for a day like today, obviously it would be beneficial for us."

Montante also thought the reservation system needed to be better marketed.

## The Blue Hole



*Peekamoose Blue Hole in the Catskill Park.*

*Photo by Gwendolyn Craig*

About 200 miles south of the AMR, stewards from the Catskill Center and DEC forest rangers are at the helm of a paid permit system several years underway.

Jeff Senterman, executive director of the Catskill Center, said the popular swimming hole called Peekamoose Blue Hole was getting noticeably busier by 2015. A normal day would see 50 bathers but as word got out about the location, as many as 1,000 people were showing up. The Blue Hole is a day-trip drive from New York City. Families would set up picnics and spend the day.

The area saw a similar story to AMR—more trash and a congested road. But added to the mix was an active black bear population, attracted particularly to all the picnics and trash. DEC received several reports of black bears in camping areas near the Blue Hole, but so far, no direct interactions or injuries.

Then, the travel media outlet Lonely Planet named the Catskills in 2019 as the number two destination in the world to visit (second to a picturesque Italian village known for its wine). In 2020 during the height of the pandemic, visitors flocked to the Blue Hole for an outdoor escape. Any gains made by the free, weekend-only permit system started in 2018 appeared lost.

"We were kind of back to square one," Senterman said.

In 2021, the DEC changed the permit system to be seven days a week. It went from free to costing \$10 a permit to access the Peekamoose Valley parking area, not just the Blue Hole. The AMR pays for the online reservation system there, but the DEC pays Reserve America to use its online marketplace. About \$7.25 per permit goes to Reserve America, the DEC said, while the remaining \$2.75 goes into the state's General Fund. There are 60 day-use permits available. DEC Region 3 Director Kelly Turturro said 4,535 day-use permits were reserved in 2021.

The DEC also now requires permits at 29 backcountry camping sites, which are also \$10 each. Turturro said 1,150 camping reservations were booked in 2021. In total, that is a little over \$15,600 the state pocketed this season. (Contd. Pg. 50)

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“The primary reason for implementing the permit fee was to allow more access to the site,” Turturro said. “When the permit was free to the public, many people got the permit but did not use it to visit the site, in turn preventing others from being able to use the site.”

Senterman said about 50% of permit holders would show up when the permits were free. Now, between 75% and 80% show.

The state was also losing money, he said, when the permit was free but the state was still having to pay Reserve America for use of its site.

Seggos said the DEC is not looking at adding any fees to the AMR's system at this time.

Same-day booking is available for the Catskills permit, but unlike at the AMR, there is no cell service or Wi-Fi available in the area. One must drive about 15 minutes to get service and book a permit.

“It's actually quite helpful for our stewards that that is the case,” Mossey said, of the lack of cell coverage. “That way, it's less likely that if they (a visitor) were really upset that they would come back to confront our stewards.”

Generally one to three DEC forest rangers assist with enforcing the permit system, Mossey said. Once a person arrives at the parking area for the Blue Hole, there are more than two dozen signs in approximately a quarter mile posted on trees and message boards alerting the visitor to the permit requirement.

With all the changes, Senterman thinks the permit system is slowly working, but “it wasn't like we turned a key and instituted a permit system and solved all the problems.”

Google reviewers have widely expressed their opinions on the paid permit. Some, who frequented the swimming hole pre-permit days have said they appreciate knowing they'll have a parking spot. They've noticed less garbage and fewer people. Others criticized the permit and the location, calling the parking “horrible” and not worth “driving 2+ hours from the city to see a dirty green hole.”

Hiking at Kaaterskill Falls about a half-hour north of the Blue Hole, friends from the New York City area Daniel Ferreira and Jason Cho had never heard of the swimming hole. But when asked about their thoughts on a paid permit, Cho said the government should collect money somewhere else and “not in the mountains.”

“I think that would turn people off,” Ferreira said.

“This is free land,” Cho said. “America is a free land. That's the main reason I immigrated to this country a long time ago.”

Just as Montante felt the state should do a better job with promotion, so does Senterman. The number of people who show up from the city who don't know they need a permit, Senterman said, has created a certain level of animosity and disappointment.

In 2020 with the influx of visitors during the coronavirus pandemic, Mossey said stewards turned away nearly 12,000 people from the Blue Hole. In 2021, stewards turned away just over 4,000 people.

Another consideration is where to send people without a permit once they arrive. In the beginning year of the permit, stewards would send those without one to Minnewaska State Park. But then Minnewaska told them to stop.

“DEC and Parks were not even on the same page of where to send people,” Senterman said.

While the DEC is also not yet saying what could change in the Peekamoos Valley for next year's permit system, Mossey hopes it isn't much. There have been so many changes in the past couple of years, he said, that “it's been pretty hard for the general public to stay aware of what to do.” He does hope the permit website is made more user-friendly.

“At the end of the day, this is public land, and if we are going to have some type of hurdle for people to access that public land, it should be as easy as possible,” Mossey said.

## This Week in Washington with Claudia Tenney

Speaker Pelosi this week brought up the highly partisan Build Back Better Act for a vote in Congress - I along with every Republican and even one Democrat voted "NO" on this dangerous and costly legislation. This bill is estimated to cost taxpayers at least \$1.7 trillion dollars and add \$367 billion to the national deficit over ten years. This bill will raise your taxes, increase the national debt, and reward America's wealthiest taxpayers. In passing it, House Democrats ignored rising inflation, rejected concerns from small businesses and family farms that opposed the bill, and completely mortgaged our future.

This reconciliation package was rammed through the House of Representatives without any meaningful opportunity for review, consideration, or amendment. For weeks, we have waited for a Congressional Budget Office analysis, which we only received hours before the vote. What's more astonishing is House Democrats still have no idea how many of this bill's provisions and new programs, of which there are 150, will even work. The bill is a handout to communist China that will raise taxes on small businesses, hurt Upstate farms, and drag government into every aspect of our family life.

I reject this bill and the one-party rule in Washington that delivered it. This hodgepodge of Green New Deal wish list items and subsidies for special interests undermines our free-market system and erodes the great American spirit of entrepreneurship and opportunity.

### Introduced Made in America Legislation

In recent decades, trade and economic policies have contributed to America's decline in domestic manufacturing and an increased reliance on foreign products for many of our most sensitive industrial and national security needs.

To address this issue, I've introduced the Make it in America to Sell it in America Act, which would support American manufacturers and help ensure that the United States always has a reliable capacity to produce critical goods here in America. Increasing domestic production is not only good for the durability of our supply chains, but it will also support well-paying jobs at home, and end our dependency on foreign nations like China. It's a win all around.

This bill builds on my continued efforts in Congress to help rural communities like ours restore our manufacturing heritage and revive the Made in America movement. Earlier this year, I introduced H.R. 2262, the AIM Act, which will boost small manufacturing companies in places like upstate New York.

### Holding the Small Business Administration Accountable Rep. Tenney Presses SBA Administrator Over PPP Loans Provided Illegally to Planned Parenthood

The Paycheck Protection Program was a lifeline for small businesses, which is why I supported it in Congress and voted to pass the PPP Extension Act earlier this year. However, it recently came to light that Planned Parenthood received PPP loans that the organization did not qualify for under the law.

Unfortunately, the Biden Administration has not made any effort to claw back these illegal loans. This week during a House Small Business Committee oversight hearing, I pressed the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Isabella Guzman, on why this happened and how and when Planned Parenthood - the nation's leading abortion provider - would be repaying these loans. (Contd. Pg. 51)

## This Week in Washington with Claudia Tenney

(From Pg. 50) She was not able to answer my questions, which is why I'm going to continue pressing for accountability. Click the video to watch our full exchange. I will always fight for a transparent and fair government.

Introduced New Bill to Restore Sanity in the House

DAILY CALLER EXCLUSIVE: Rep. Tenney Wants To Forbid Votes From Going Longer Than Twice The Length Directed By Speaker

Speaker Pelosi continues to undermine and erode the democratic process. Last week, as she scrambled to find support for her partisan agenda, the Speaker opened a 15-minute vote series that lasted seven hours and six minutes, breaking the record for the longest vote in the House.

This is not a record she should be honored to break. This move sets a harmful precedent that will only lead to further dysfunction and partisanship in the future. It is no way to govern. That's why I introduced the VOTE Resolution to ensure that no vote in the House can last longer than twice the time allotted. Congress should be efficient and work for all Americans, not just the Speaker and the majority party. This is just one of the many bills I've introduced or supported to hold politicians accountable, reform Congress, and advance term limits.

Congress Must Pass the Essential Caregivers Act

Tenney Highlights Essential Caregivers' Stories, Calls for Passage of Essential Caregivers Act

I was honored this week to speak on the House Floor to recognize the suffering of long-term care residents and underscore the need for Congress to pass the bipartisan Essential Caregivers Act to prevent such an injustice in the future. As you know, many essential caregivers were denied access to their loved ones during the pandemic due to misguided health policies. As a result, residents suffered in isolation, as their physical and mental health declined. In some cases, families were not even permitted to visit their dying loved ones.

Fighting this injustice has been one of my top priorities in Congress. One of the first bills I introduced this Congress was the bipartisan Essential Caregiver's Act, which will ensure that no one is left to suffer alone. In my speech, I also highlighted, "Protecting them to Death," a new book compiled by essential caregivers across the country that tells the stories of how their loved ones suffered in isolation. This book was spearheaded in part by Utica resident and essential caregiving advocate Karla Abraham-Conley. Karla lost her mother in a nursing home because of a failure to thrive during prolonged lockdowns and isolation. She is such a tenacious fighter and an inspiration to me. I will not stop fighting until this bipartisan bill becomes law.

Congresswoman Tenney Pushes for Immediate Action on Bipartisan Essential Caregivers Act  
The Government is Not a Co-Parent

I was honored to join a group of concerned parents at the United States Capitol this week for a rally supporting parental rights. Our message is simple: The federal government is NOT a co-parent.

Over the past several months, we've seen Critical Race Theory, stifling COVID-policies, and other progressive agenda items forced on our children. Concerned parents who spoke up were labeled domestic terrorists by the Administration and new information out this week suggests the FBI may even be compiling a database of concerned parents. I stand with parents today and every day.

This week I joined my colleagues in Congress to introduce a Parents Bill of Rights. This simple bill makes clear that parents should never be pushed out of discussions about their child's edu-

cation. We need to teach our kids how to think, not what to think. Congressional Review Act for Biden's Unconstitutional Vaccine Mandate

Biden's vaccine mandate is unconstitutional. Americans see this mandate for exactly what it is: federal overreach and another attempt by the Biden Administration to skirt the law and do through government coercion what it is failing to do through leadership and persuasion.

My colleagues and I introduced a Congressional Review Act resolution this week to nullify this devastating mandate. I have also introduced a pair of bills that would undo this edict and restore freedom of choice for millions of Americans being targeted: the Health Freedom for All Act and the Employment Freedom for All Act. You can read more about these bills here on my website.

My Votes Explained

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

I voted "Yes" on S. 1095, the Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act. This bill would extend in-state tuition benefits to individuals eligible for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program, which helps pay for school or job training for the children and spouses of veterans or service members who have died, been captured, are missing, or have disabilities. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 424-0.

I voted "Yes" on S. 796, the Protecting Moms Who Served Act. This bill will require the VA to implement a maternity care coordination program and provide community maternity care providers with training and support focused on the unique needs of pregnant and postpartum veterans. It also will require the Government Accountability Office to report on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity among pregnant and postpartum veterans. This legislation passed by a vote of 414-9.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4233, the Student Veterans Counseling Centers Eligibility Act. This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide counseling services to veterans and service members who receive VA benefits. Under this bill, student veterans and service members who receive GI Bill benefits and other education assistance could request readjustment counseling and mental health services at Vet Centers. This legislation passed by a vote of 420-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 147, the BRAVE Act. This bill requires the Department of Labor (DOL), in the implementation of the Transition Assistance Program, to provide information concerning apprenticeship programs to members of the Armed Forces who are separating from active duty. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in coordination with DOL, must establish a publicly accessible and user-friendly website on which veterans can find specified information about apprenticeship programs that are approved under VA education benefit provisions. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 427-0.

I voted "No" on H. Res. 789, Censuring Representative Paul Gosar. This resolution is a shallow, partisan political stunt that skirts congressional ethics procedures in an attempt by Nancy Pelosi to infringe on the rights of the minority party to seat its members on congressional committees. This is a harmful precedent that will only lead to additional dysfunction and partisanship in the future. Speaker Pelosi continues to undermine and erode the democratic process, First Amendment rights, and trust in the sacred institution of Congress. Pelosi spearheaded two sham impeachment trials, boosted the Russia collusion hoax, and has repeatedly ignored actual calls for violence by members of her own party. (Contd. Pg. 52)

## This Week in Washington with Claudia Tenney

(From Pg. 51) Now, she wants to play judge, jury, and executioner in a cynical partisan ploy, throwing both precedent and the long-standing rules of the House out the door. The Speaker lacks the moral authority and support of the American people. I condemn political violence, but that is clearly not what this vote was about. This resolution was adopted by a vote of 223-207.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3730, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States. This bill gives veterans from the Marianas, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the Freely Associated States a formal voice within the Department of Veterans' Affairs to recommend improvements in delivery of benefits and services to veterans living in these areas. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 420-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5574, the TRANSLATE Act. This legislation directs the Transportation Security Administration to provide materials that are accessible to the visually impaired and in different languages at major airports. This effort will help the visually impaired community travel with increased ease and accessibility and will also boost the American tourism industry. This legislation passed by a vote of 369-49.

I voted "No" on H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act. This mammoth and irresponsible tax and spend package was rammed through the House of Representatives without any meaningful opportunity for review or consideration. For weeks, Members of Congress waited for a Congressional Budget Office analysis that was only received hours before the vote. What's more astonishing is House Democrats still have no idea how many of the bill's provisions and new programs will even function. The so-called Build Back Better Act is a handout to communist China that will raise taxes on small businesses, hurt Upstate farms, and drag government into every aspect of family life. This hodgepodge of Green New Deal wish list items and subsidies for special interests undermines our free-market system and erodes the great American spirit of entrepreneurship and opportunity. I reject this bill and the one-party rule in Washington that delivered it. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 220-213.

## Attorney General James Issues Warning Against Marketing Schemes Aimed at Trapping Consumers into Recurring Payments

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued an alert to New Yorkers reminding them to take precaution when presented with deceptive marketing offers that may unwittingly result in recurring charges. This kind of marketing, known as negative option marketing, comes in several forms. Each contains a term or condition under which a seller interprets a consumer's silence or failure to take affirmative action to reject a good or service or to cancel the agreement as acceptance or continuing acceptance of the offer.

"Consumers should never be tricked into paying recurring charges for goods and services that they are not aware of and did not authorize," said Attorney General James. "As consumers continue to suffer the financial harms of COVID-19, the last thing companies should be doing is making it harder for consumers to end a service. We encourage any consumer who has been unwittingly trapped by these offers to file a complaint with our office, as we will do everything in our power to protect New Yorkers' wallets."

One example of negative option marketing involves a so-called "free" or low-priced trial offer, where consumers are offered a trial period of a product or service. To receive the trial, consumers are

required to submit their payment information, such as a credit or debit card number. However, the trial has additional terms and conditions - which may not be clearly or conspicuously disclosed to the consumer - stating that unless consumers cancel the goods or services by a certain date they are agreeing to continue to receive and pay for them. Often, once consumers discover that they have been unwittingly charged, many companies make it difficult to cancel, resulting in consumers incurring additional charges until they succeed or give up trying.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently issued guidance on this topic, which provides consumers and businesses with the FTC's interpretations of federal laws and regulations in this area. Earlier this year, New York's Automatic Renewal Statute, GBL § 527-a, became effective, which provides important consumer protections and adds to the tools available to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to combat problems with this type of marketing.

Under both federal guidance and New York's laws, businesses engaged in these negative option marketing tactics must follow three key requirements

- o Clear and Conspicuous Disclosures
- o Material terms of the offer must include, among other notices:
  - o That consumers will be charged for the good or service and how much,
  - o That those charges will increase after any applicable trial period ends,
  - o That the charges will be made on a recurring basis, unless the consumer timely takes steps to prevent or stop such charges in a timely manner, if applicable, and
  - o How to prevent or stop such charges.
- o Internet disclosures should be unavoidable, meaning consumers need not take any action, such as clicking on a hyperlink or hovering over an icon to see it.
- o Written disclosures, including on the Internet, should appear immediately adjacent to the means of recording consumer consent to the negative option feature and should appear before consumers make a decision to buy.
- o Informed Consent
  - o The consumer's acceptance of the negative option offer should be obtained separately from any other portion of the entire transaction and should not include any information that interferes with, detracts from, contradicts, or otherwise undermines the consent process.
  - o A "pre-checked box" does not constitute affirmative consent.
- o Simple Cancellation Processes:
  - o It must be just as easy to cancel as it was to sign up.
  - o Consumers should be allowed, at minimum, to cancel using the same method they used to enroll, i.e. if consumers accept an offer online, they should be able to cancel online.
  - o Consumers should not be subject to new offers or attempts to "save the sale" that impose unreasonable delays on the cancellation effort.
  - o New York requires most industries that allow consumers to purchase goods or services via online enrollment to allow consumers to cancel online as well.

In December 2019, Attorney General James co-led a coalition of 23 attorneys general from around the nation in urging the FTC to adopt greatly needed regulations to prevent consumers from being deceived by negative option marketing schemes. In a letter to the agency, Attorney General James and the coalition argued for the FTC to use its rulemaking authority to further expand existing negative option regulations. As part of its recommendations, the coalition recommended that consumers should be allowed to cancel their membership using the same method they used to enroll. The FTC guidance issued late last month states that the FTC is still considering various options, including rule amendments.

Consumers who feel they have fallen victim to a negative option marketing scheme are encouraged to file a complaint on the OAG website or call (800) 771-7755.

The OAG has also settled a number of matters involving deceptive recurring fee-based membership programs, including settlements with dietary supplement manufacturers, an online language learning program, an online apparel seller, and a credit monitoring program.

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## UC Executive Pat Ryan Encourages Residents to Get Their COVID-19 Booster Ahead of the Holiday Season

*County Executive Ryan announced that the Ulster County Department of Health will run two vaccination PODs next week, before Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. County Executive Ryan received a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, November 17th, at the Ulster County Department of Health's POD.*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that the Ulster County Department of Health will run two COVID-19 vaccination points of dispensing (PODs) next week, ahead of the Thanksgiving and Hanukkah holidays. On Monday, November 22nd, a vaccination POD will be held from 11a-7p, at which first, second, additional, and booster doses of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines will be administered. On Tuesday, November 23rd, a pediatric vaccination POD will be held from 3-7p to administer pediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine to 5-11-year-olds.

"If you look at what happened last year between mid-November and early December 2020, we saw a 378% increase in active cases. We're at a similar moment now in 2021, where we're starting to see a slow build of another possible wave. The decisions we make and the precautions we take in the next week or two really will be determinative of whether we have another big spike or whether we can keep things at a relative plateau," said Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. "Our goal is to not repeat what happened last year during the winter. Our Ulster County Department of Health has administered 5,676 booster doses as of today, and I encourage all residents who are eligible, which is basically anyone over the age of 18 who completed the vaccine series at least six months ago, to get the COVID-19 booster. On Wednesday, November 17th, the team at our POD will be administering a COVID-19 booster dose to me."

To date, approximately 120,500 Ulster County residents have completed the vaccine series, and the CDC recommends boosters for almost everyone.

Pfizer and Moderna boosters are recommended for people who received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago and are:

- o Age 65 and older
- o Age 18 and older who live in a long-term care setting
- o Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions
- o Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings (This group includes anyone who works within 6 feet of other people, whether paid or volunteer.)

A Johnson & Johnson/Janssen booster is recommended for anyone 18 and older who is two or more months from having received the vaccine.

Some research indicates that an mRNA vaccine booster (Pfizer and Moderna) may benefit those who received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine. It is recommended that people who received a Pfizer or Moderna



series receive a booster of the same vaccine. However, if the same vaccine is not available or if a different COVID-19 vaccine is desired, any FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine can be used for the booster dose, according to the FDA and CDC. Consult

with your doctor to determine the best option for COVID-19 booster for you.

Booster appointments are recommended for the County's vaccination PODs; walk-ins will be accommodated as capacity allows.

Appointments for the County's pediatric PODs are required, and patients must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The Ulster County Department of Health is still accepting volunteers to help with the County's vaccination efforts, particularly medical volunteers to be vaccinators and screeners. Vaccinators need both an active license and current CPR certificate, or can be basic and advanced EMTs with current CPR certificate. Screeners create the record of vaccination for each patient, so should be computer literate, have attention to detail, and good customer service and communication skills. Both of these medical volunteers will receive a stipend. Sign up to volunteer at <https://covid19.ulstercountry.gov/vaccine-volunteer/>.

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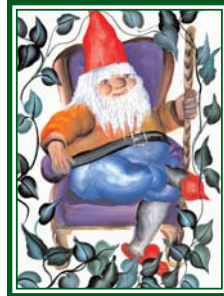


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**PRODUCTION OF  
“Eskimo”****PRODUCED BY HUNT STROMBERG**

This film was viewed by me on Turner classic films this TCM. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has done humanity a great service by producing an epic film preserving the indigenous culture of the Eskimo's. Translated by John Lee Mahin, from the books, “Der Eskimo,” and “Die Flucht ins Weisse Land, by Peter Freuchen, Published by Horace Liveright, Inc.

**THE FILM “Eskimo,”** excepting the characters of the Royal Canadian Police, there are no actors in this film. the entire story is told by primitive eskimos in native tongue, and in native custom, with titles and narration. *This expedition to the Arctic began in April 1932, and in November of 1933 this record was completed – enjoy...* The books by Peter Freuchen were notable for their “frank” discussion of the moral code of the Eskimos. This record attempts to present that code, a strange to some of us lifestyle, that was the primeval lifestyle, and creed belonging to the indigenous peace loving Eskimos, who stand tall on integrity, and are highly respectful of all life and peoples from the farthest wilderness of the endless North.



Look for “Eskimo” on TCM, Netflix, Amazon Prime, Imob, or your preferred viewing choice...enjoy.

**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE”**  
**STREAMING NOW! ON AMAZON PRIME**  
**SHOWTIME'S MEGA-HIT**  
**“FLUIDITY”**

Strangely enough the moral code of the Eskimo is still alive today and practiced by hundreds of millions of people around the world today. With close to two-million practicing this moral code in North America alone, not including the data of the hundreds of millions of today's millennial population. A good example is the film “**FLUIDITY**,” that has asimular moral code. In today's oppositional poised oppressive world society it is paramount that the “One World Society,” begins to understand each



other with a great deal more of  
**“agape compassion,”**  
*(Helping those in need –looking for nothing in return.)*

We begin to establish more agape love and compassion for each other more during this terrible plague hatched from China's Wuhan's Biological Warfare Lab's COVID-19 project. Whether it was purposely created and released as believed by some the result of sloppy handling that caused

this destruction of the world's population, the working, poorer classes, and the elderly were targeted. Now, with euthanasia approved in many western European countries by the ruling classes our freedom loving working and poor peoples of the world are fearful. It is in this spirit of world peace and understanding each other, that we can offer insight and understanding of the youth in our country.. The Millennial population is now a larger block then the “Baby Boomers.” Our “Millennials” were improperly educated in our school systems. Political correctness has increased adolescent and teen suicides –a 70% increase. Political correctness has the ability to destroys a child's self esteem. Whole language, left a child not being able to spell while new math leaves the youth without simple math skills - adding and subtracting! Grads were technically trained rather than educated and now as young adults cannot make change from a \$10 bill for a \$3.63 purchase. Unfortunately, they have been conditioned by the merchants, “It tastes good, it feels good, I like it, give me more.” Too often you hear of school advisors stating a student will not amount to anything, and advising them to quit school. In the spirit of mutual understanding the millennial society “**FLUIDITY**,” is the story of ten millennials living in New York City whose sexual lives intersect in the age of social media –where likes, impressions, and virtual “connections” threaten the very notion of personal relationships and human intimacy. Superbly directed by Linda Yellen; Starring Nico Tortorella, Isabella Farrell, Tommy Dorfman. Drama Subtitles English [CC], Audio Languages English for visually impaired. Rated MA- adult situations.

**Stay safe, and stay well and Happy Thanksgiving**

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