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Meet the Candidates Town of Neversink and Town of Denning

Several candidates responded to our invitation to submit a summary of their qualifications, platforms or other information they wanted to convey to their constituents. You can read their statements on pages 20 and 21 in this week's issue.

Next Tuesday, November 2, 2021 is Election Day – please be sure to get out and vote.

Mike Scagnelli gets Endorsement of Town of Neversink Republican Chair

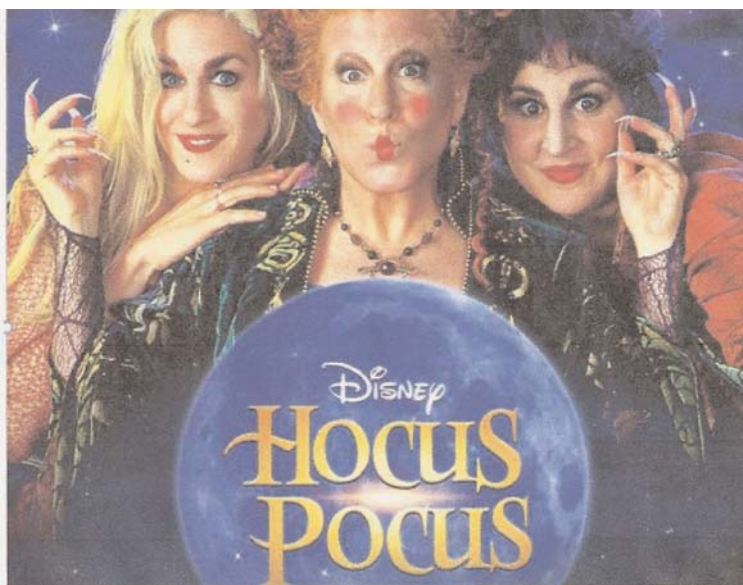


While many friends and supporters of Mike Scagnelli, Town of Neversink Republican candidate for Town Justice, gathered for a social event at Scagnelli's home on Sunday, Hope Costa formerly endorsed Mike Scagnelli. Hope is the new chair of the Town of Neversink Republican Committee.

Scagnelli has also been endorsed by Senator Mike Matucci, Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff, Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck, Tom Mungeer –President of the NYS Troopers PBA, Tim Dymond, –President of the New York State Police Investigator's Association and Jack Harb –President of the Sullivan County PBA and their union.

Mike Scagnelli retired from the NYC Police Department with a rank of 3 Star Chief after spending 39 years on the force. He and his wife Edie, reside on South Hill in Grahamsville where they have lived for the past ten years. Mike is very active in the community and his church. He is a member of the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club, Daniel Pierce Library and the Time and the Valleys Museum.

News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec



HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!

It's Halloween week and time for all our ghosts and goblins to get their treats. Parks & Rec and Tri-Valley School are hosted the Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30th at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 2 pm -4 pm. We have a lot of "trunks" signed up for this event (a big thank you to all of you!). So bring your ghosts, goblins, and costumed kids to the Fairgrounds for a fun day of trunk or treating. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

ON THE FRONT BURNER: Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak; O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed. Psalm 6:2

OBITUARIES

Tadeusz Jucha of Grahamsville, NY, a retired employee for SUNY



was born January 3, 1935 in Poland.

Tadeusz was a great carpenter and he could fix anything; he enjoyed spending time in his garden. Most of all, he adored his grandchildren; he would do anything to make them smile, including building two ponds for them to enjoy, tractor rides and playing cards.

Survivors include his loving wife, Maria Jucha, at home; three children, Peter Jucha of Grahamsville, NY, Elizabeth Loarca and her husband Cesar of Hurleyville, NY and Theodore Jucha and his wife Cassandra of Grahamsville, NY; five grandchildren, Violeta, Elizabeth, Tadeusz, Nicholas and Noah.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Woodbourne, NY. Father Ignas Dhas officiated.

Memorial contributions in Tadeusz's name may be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550.

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

Linda C. Moore, 78, of Shokan, NY,



passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at home. She was born May 23, 1943 in Kingston, NY, daughter of the late Harold Buley,

Sr. and Kathleen (Phillips) Buley. She was married to Sherman O. Moore, Sherman passed away on August 5, 2003. Linda retired in 2014 from Eastern Materials in Kingston. She was a member of the Reservoir United Methodist Church and enjoyed bingo, family gatherings, playing cards, baking, gardening, Lotto scratch off tickets, collecting Beanie Babies. Above all, she loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, more than life itself. Linda is survived by her children, Kathleen (Timothy) Cusa of Lake Katrine, Carol (Donald, Jr.) Kenly of Kingston, John (Sandy Edwards) Moore of Shokan, her grandchildren, David (Annie) Curci, Daniel (Tiffany) Curci, Donald Kenly, III, Sherman Kenly (Laura), Rose Moore (Eric), Matthew Cusa, Valerie (Michael) Wilder, 11 great grandchildren, her siblings, Arnold Buley, Beverly Roebuck, Irving Buley, Barbara Stewart, Louise Clark, Bruce Buley, Roger Buley, Sr., and Gloria Reed, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. In addition to her husband and parents she is predeceased by her brothers, Harold Buley, Jr. and Barry Buley. The family would like to especially thank Hospice Nurse Kevin for the wonderful care he provided. Arrangements entrusted to Keyser Funeral & Cremation Service, 326 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY, 12401, A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 followed by burial in Hurley Cemetery, Hurley, NY. For those who wish, contributions in Linda's memory may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice at www.HVHospice.org A tribute for Linda can be found at www.KeyserFuneralService.com, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for her family. <https://www.lastingmemories.com/linda-c-moore>

Elizabeth Ida Caruso "of Grahamsville, NY fondly called "Betty" by her family and friends, passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021. She was 89 years old. Betty was born on February 4, 1932 in Ellenville, NY; She was the daughter of the late Earl and Vera (Krom) Terwilliger.

Betty grew up in a large family, she was one of 15 children. On August 2, 1953 she married James Caruso Jr. He has since predeceased her. Betty had worked at Imperial Schrade until its closing. In her younger years she enjoyed biking with her husband. (Contd. Pg. 3)

OBITUARIES (From Pg. 2)

Some of Betty's hobbies were doing word search puzzles, adult coloring books, quilting with her sisters aka. "stitch and bitch," but most of all she loved cooking and baking for her family. She was best known for her giant pizza parties.

In addition to her husband, Betty was predeceased by her siblings, Gloria, Esther, Harold and Chris.

She is survived by her children, Stephen Caruso and family, Randy Caruso and family, Todd Caruso and family, Wendy Caruso and family, Melody Arroyo and family and Derrel Caruso; her siblings, Alice, Donald, Robert, Jimmy, Kenneth, Joyce, Sue, Audrey, Linda and Vi; her sister-in-law, Pauline; her numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren whom she adored dearly as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visiting was held on Tuesday, October 26th with a service immediately following at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville. Burial took place at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery.

DAYS OF YORE...
Today's History**November 7, 1951**

William Gorman, Aden Postmaster for nineteen years until the office was abolished, died at his home at Aden on Saturday, October 27. He was born in the Town of Neversink 72 years ago on January 25, 1879, the son of John Gorman and Sarah Johnson. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Rooney; a daughter, Sarah Johnston; a son James, a member of the N.Y.C. Police Dept. in Brooklyn.

Invitations for the wedding of Mrs. Ethel Low and Mr. Paul Benton were mailed out last week. The wedding is to take place at the Liberty Baptist Church on Saturday, November 24th. The reception will follow at the home of Mrs. Hazel Low.

November 1, 1961

Monday morning, a forest fire of uncontrollable proportions was burning in Watson Hollow and climbing Mombaccus Mountain. State conservation men, Board of Water Supply men and all volunteers were fighting the fire that was located between Sundown and Shokan off the Peekamoose Road. Fortunately rain Monday afternoon aided the volunteers in putting out the fire.

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Household Hint:**Degrease grates, fans, and air-conditioner grilles**

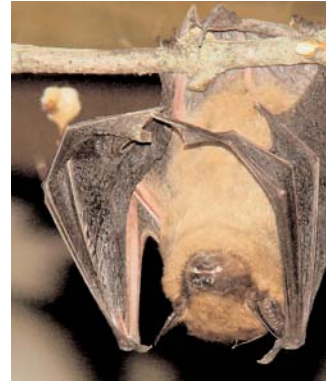
Even in the cleanest of homes, air-conditioner grilles, heating grates, and fan blades eventually develop a layer of dust and grease. To clean them, wipe them with full-strength white vinegar. Use an old toothbrush to work the vinegar into the tight spaces on air-conditioner grilles and exhaust fans.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Annual Halloween Week Observance of Bat Week Raises Awareness to Reduce Human Disturbance to Threatened Bats

In observance of Bat Week, an internationally recognized week-long focus to raise awareness about the important role bats play in our environment, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today urged outdoor adventurers to avoid visiting caves and mines that may serve as seasonal homes for hibernating bats. Human disturbance is especially harmful to the State's bat populations since the arrival of the disease known as white-nose syndrome, a fungus that has killed more than 90 percent of bats at hibernation sites in New York.



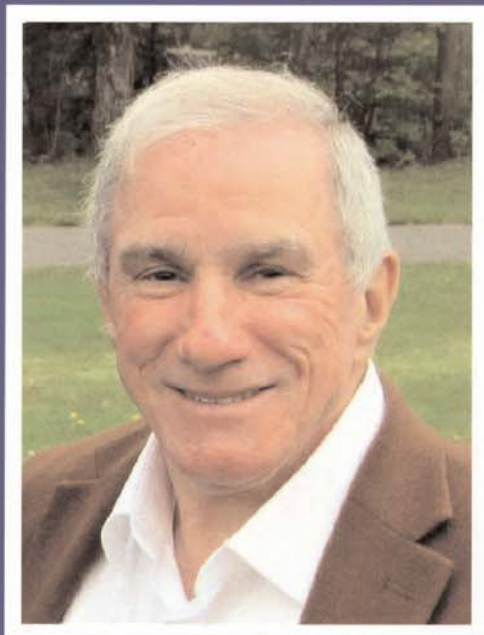
"Exploring caves can be a fun adventure, but it can lead to disaster for New York's bat populations," Commissioner Seggos said. "Hibernating bats are highly susceptible to even the quietest cave visits. If disturbed, bats will temporarily increase their metabolism and expend significantly more energy than normal, making them more susceptible to disease. During hibernation months, it's better and safer for visitors to stay out of caves altogether, but if you do come across hibernating bats in a cave, I urge you to leave quickly and quietly."

DEC reminds the public to follow all posted notices restricting access to caves and mines. When bats are disturbed during hibernation it forces them to raise their body temperature, depleting fat reserves. This stored fat is the only source of energy available to the bats until the weather warms in spring.

Bat Week is observed through Oct. 31, and is organized by representatives from conservation groups and government agencies in the United States and Canada. Two species of bats are currently protected under federal and State endangered species law. The Indiana bat, which is sparsely distributed across New York, is a federally endangered bat listed before white-nose syndrome began affecting bat populations. The northern long-eared bat is protected as a threatened species under federal and New York State Endangered Species law. The current population for this formerly common bat is approximately one percent of its previous size, making the species the most severely affected by white-nose syndrome. Nonetheless, northern long-eared bats are still widely distributed in New York and their presence has been documented in most of the state's 100 or so caves and mines that serve as bat hibernation sites. Anyone entering a northern long-eared bat hibernation site from Oct. 1 through April 30, the typical hibernation period for bats, may be subject to prosecution.

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

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- St. John's University
- Police Management Institute of Columbia University

EXPERIENCE

- 39 Years law enforcement experience - NYPD
- Retired with the rank of 3-star chief
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- Resident of South Hill in Grahamsville
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Dear Child

Mysterious Book Report No. 423

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

A woman – who's been kidnapped and held in a boarded-up hovel deep in some remote woods, while being forced to act as a wife to a strange and brutal man and a mother to his two small children – manages to overcome her captor and escape . . . “*But the end of her ordeal is only the beginning of her nightmare,*” in a searing debut entitled, *Dear Child*, (Flatiron Books, \$26.99, 349 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-76853-7) by author Romy Hausmann. The novel, which is already a runaway best-seller in Europe, has just been translated and published in

English, and what a wrenching tale it is.

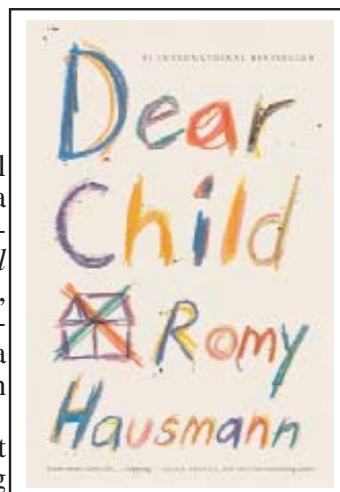
Told in three first person points-of-view by: a young girl, whose entire life has been spent living in the windowless, dank and cramped cabin . . . the abducted woman, who's been trying to stay alive and escape from the monster who's abusing her mentally, physically, and sexually . . . and the missing woman's elderly father, who's losing his mind from rage, grief and the strain of a thirteen year quest to find his beloved daughter.

As each narrator speaks, small details are revealed on every page, which tell the story drop by drop by drop-but as each new clue appears – so do new plot twists that show how the narrator has held something out, some character detail, or flaw, which then points the reader in an altogether new direction. Therefore, as each new AHA! moment comes to the reader, so does another different revelation, which makes *Dear Child* one of the most compelling, engaging page-turning psychological thrillers to cross the MBR's desk this year. It will keep readers enthralled and riveted to the end!

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Sullivan Granted Official Medical Reserve Corps Status

Hundreds of Volunteers Already Involved

Liberty, NY - As COVID-19 made clear, it takes a community to battle a pandemic. And Sullivan County plans on keeping that powerful force at the ready.

“We were looking to initiate a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) before coronavirus hit, and that desire turned into action - as the virus rolled across the County, our volunteers rolled too, providing much-needed support to our nurses and other County employees,” Public Health Services Director Nancy McGraw recalled.

“So we submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to form an official MRC. We just received word that our application has been accepted,” she added.

The MRC program was established to provide a way to recruit, train, and activate medical and public health professionals and other volunteers to respond to community health needs during disasters and other public health emergencies. The Sullivan County MRC will continue doing what its volunteers have already been doing “unofficially”: assisting at COVID-19 vaccination clinics, delivering supplies where needed, and providing critical education to the public.

As of the end of this summer, 354 volunteers with Public Health Services had given 11,653 volunteer hours, mostly at 49 community COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Some handled paperwork, others directed participants to the correct location, and those licensed as LPNs, EMTs, RNs or MDs took on medical duties, including administering vaccines.

“They were incredibly helpful during the entire extent of the crisis,” McGraw affirmed, “and we will continue to rely on them to step up to the plate anytime and anywhere they're needed as we roll out booster doses and as COVID-19 vaccines are approved for children ages 5-11 years old. In addition, we will be reaching out to current MRC members soon to develop additional trainings and MRC volunteer opportunities for area residents.”

For more information or to join the MRC, visit:

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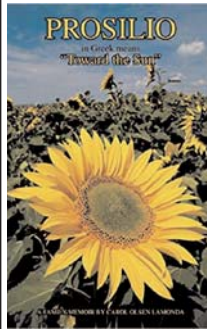
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The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Ready or Not



My son was born in a snow storm on this day, today I could go outdoors without a coat to tend the blooming flowers on the deck. I remember the Halloween blizzard just a few years ago. However, this week seems more like late summer. The calendar is reminding me to hurry up and get ready for winter even though the thermometer is still reaching seventy.



'Tis the season to get busy. Our lake house is drained and winterized, but here in Shokan, I am procrastinating about taking in the house plants that have been luxuriating outside in the balmy weather. I should put my lightweight, pastel clothes away, but I am still using them. I do know, however, that one of these nights or mornings will surprise us with frost or snow.

The time between now and New Year's is a roller coaster ride of decorating, shopping, and entertaining (if Covid will allow). Yet, I sit leisurely on the deck reading a novel. I am the proverbial grasshopper knowing I should shift into busy little ant gear.

I am ahead of the curve having gotten my third Moderna shot, a flue shot, dental checkup, and car inspection. I just can't move from my summer mode into winter prep.

I haven't been shopping besides a grocery store, but I hear the merchants are pushing a hasty shopping season for holiday gifts because of shortages. Perhaps this might just be the holiday to shop local, craft some presents, or re-gift some of our treasures.

Perhaps a cold snap might wake me from my "midsummer's night dream" where I can drink lemonade, cook hot-dogs on the grill, and pinch my petunias into more pink blossoms. Ready or not, the calendar says summer is over even if the weather forecast doesn't agree.



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DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. .3)

Mrs. Florence Burch, 89, died Friday in Middletown after a long illness. Born in Parksville, December 18, 1871, she was the daughter of Thaddeus and Lomiro Sheeley Hornbeck. Mrs. Hornbeck was married to the late Burl Burch at Grahamsville, November 28, 1894. She was a member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church.

Mrs. Kathleen Hamilton has taken over as acting postmaster at Neversink. The post office was moved to Mrs. Hamilton's home from a location farther west on Route 55 where Mrs. Archie Dean had been postmaster. She held that post for 18 years. Mrs. Hamilton, a Port Jervis native, has resided in Neversink 22 years and is the widow of Cecil Hamilton.

November 10, 1971

Miss Martha DeWire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. DeWire of Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. Harold Godowski, Jr. On October 24th at a ceremony performed at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. A reception followed at the Holiday Inn in Liberty. The couple will live in Liberty following a wedding trip to Florida.

November 10, 1971

Our warmest congratulations to Mrs. Marion Rubenzahl of Neversink, who was honored Sunday evening at the Hudson-Delaware Council's 23rd Annual Beech Mountain Camp Fund dinner at the Concord Hotel. She received the Silver Fawn Award for Distinguished Service to Boyhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a family gathering at their home in Sundown on Sunday, October 24th. They were married on October 26, 1921 by the Rev. F. Purvis. The wedding took place at the hilltop farm of Mrs. George's parents. The farm was later purchased by the George family and has been their home for many years.

November 5, 1981

The Neversink Fire Department Ambulance Squad celebrated their 25th Anniversary of service with a dinner at the Neversink Community Hall on October 22nd. The dinner was sponsored by the Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District.

On Saturday evening, November 7th, family, friends, Scouts are invited to the Eagle Court of Honor for Paul Nyhof at the Elementary School auditorium. Paul is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Harland Nyhof of Grahamsville.



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News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

(From Pg. 1)

And let's not forget our STUFF THE BUS sponsored by Tri-Valley. Our goal is to fill the bus, so graciously donated by Rolling V Bus Corporation, to the brim with non-perishable food. Not only will we have lots of decorated trunks, but Tri-Valley is sponsoring the "STUFF THE BUS." A big THANK YOU to Rolling V Bus Corporation for loaning us the bus! And we hope to get it stuffed to the brim with all kinds of non-perishable food items, including much needed Thanksgiving items. All food will be distributed by Tri-Valley to those families and students in need. So bring a non-perishable food item and come join us. Any questions or wanting to sign up for a trunk, please contact me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com. And check out the flyer in your Townsman!

Other BIG NEWS---we tested the movie equipment and ALL WORKS GREAT! I know you all saw the "HUGE" screen in last week's Townsman. Well now we have that screen working with all the other parts! As promised, we will have one movie this season. Join us on Halloween Eve, (Saturday October 30th) at 7 PM to see HOCUS POCUS! The movie is free, but bring your chairs, blankets, popcorns, snacks and drinks. This is just a preview of what's to come next summer when we have our "MOVIES AT THE FAIRGROUNDS" hopefully every weekend. Thank you to Tri-Valley School and our Town Board for helping to make this happen! More info: check out the flyer in this townsmen or contact me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com. If we have to cancel due to weather, we will post on our Facebook page.

Other events coming up. Our Town Annual Tree Lighting is tentatively schedule for December 5th at Bicentennial Park. More to follow on that in upcoming week. And of course we are hoping to open the Community Ice Rink right after

Thanksgiving, depending on weather conditions. We will be looking for volunteers to support your rink. More on this in upcoming issues of the Townsman.

This is short update as we have all been working hard on the Trunk or Treat and the Movies at the Fairgrounds! But keep reading your Townsman for more details on our upcoming Parks & Rec events. And as always, any questions reach out to me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Take care everyone. Be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy. AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

"Vet 2 Vet"

ATI's new program seeks input and participation from veterans

Vets invited to Military Appreciation football game scheduled at West Point

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Put on a Sweater and Head to the Catskills

Put on a sweater and wrap a scarf around your neck—the leaves are dancing and swirling in the late October winds in our Sullivan Catskills, and the only thing missing is you! It's a beautiful time to visit and be entertained.

If you missed your opportunity this summer to go trout fishing in our crystal-clear waters, you're in luck because New York State has extended the trout season! Now, until March 31 you can catch and release in our trout streams.

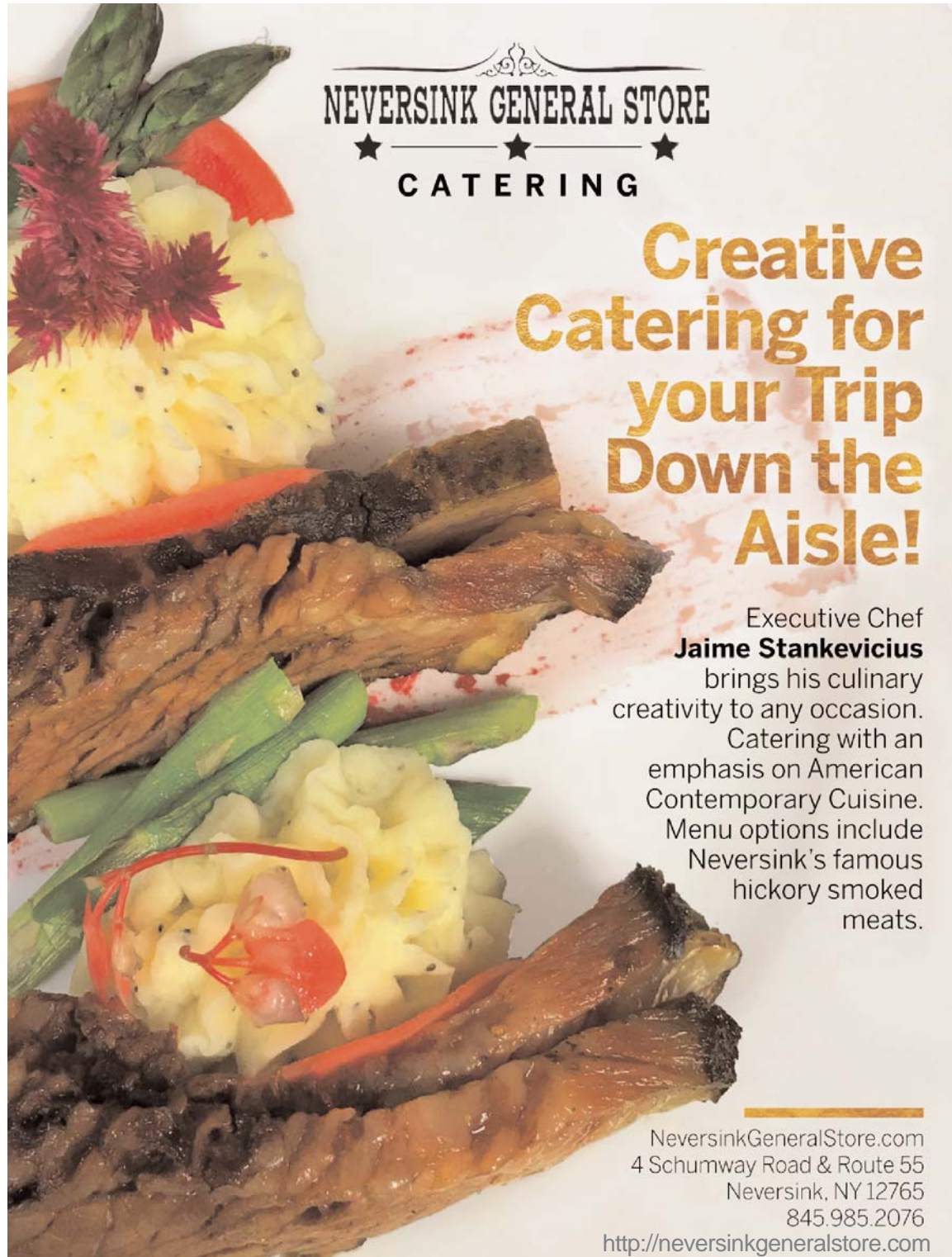
Of course there's plenty more to explore during our fall season including the Dove Trail (we've added new ones) and the Craft Beverage Trail. Or enjoy the crisp fall air on the golf courses or hiking trails. There's plenty of shopping to do if you're looking for retail therapy, and our talented makers and proprietors will be happy to help you find just the right home décor, antique treasures, clothing or other specialty item.

Some people just come to enjoy our Catskill-icious food scene. Try some roadside BBQ or brick oven pizza. How about an inventive multi-course meal, a small-batch bagel, or a hot latte and a fresh morning donut? Our chefs, bakers, and baristas know the way to your heart is through your stomach!

PLAN AHEAD:

The weather may be turning colder, that's no reason to stay home. Start planning now for events to come including concerts at Bethel Woods' Event Gallery featuring Amy Helm, November 5; Jimmy Webb, November 12 and Iron and Wine, November 13. And if you're thinking about your Thanksgiving meal, mark your calendar for the Outdoor Thanksgiving Market at the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market on November 20. Details to come!

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A ***SNEAK PEEK*** of *THE NICETIES* The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES

A black student visits her white professor during office hours to discuss her paper on the American Revolution. But the polite review of her thesis soon explodes into a high-stakes debate over race, history, power, and revolution. And when it goes public, what's been said can't be unsaid, and both women face the consequences.

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

A preview was held on Friday October 22nd with an Opening Night celebration that followed the Saturday October 23rd performance.

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

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

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! Go to:

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

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Good lord in heaven, what's this world coming to when a staple in most dinner recipes, the onion, is recalled in 37 states including New York due to it sickening the eaters with Salmonella. Not being a big fan of the onion, raw or cooked, I tend to buy only a single onion at a time, and therein lies the rub. It is these 'singles' - white, red, yellow, Vidalia and a

partridge in a pear tree - that seem to be the p r o b l e m .

“Throw away any onions with this sticker or that were imported from Chihuahua, Mexico.” the CDC says. Great! say I. How the heck am I supposed to know when the last two single onions I bought did not have a sticker OR a place of origin? What possessed me to rant about this? Serious digestive issues this week led me to e x a m i n e

everything I made for myself this week for 'bad food'. The onion news came out the following day. OK, it's onion powder from now on.

I haven't really been anywhere for a couple of weeks now because my car has been in the shop for body repair and the rental I have leaves a lot to be desired. What happened, you ask. Looked like someone backed into me in one of the seven parking lots I was in, in that whirlwind weekend in September. To put things in perspective, empty store shelves are not the only victims of the supply chain kinks. It took the shop almost three weeks to collect all but one of the parts needed to repair my baby. It took another two to find the last one. I have a Toyota...and before I start hearing 'buy American', might I remind you that repairing a new Ford would have taken about the same amount of time. Most parts are not made here anymore.

So anyway, on Saturday, when a friend came up from the city, I jumped at the chance to go to CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville for dinner. Supporting local venues that are still offering live music is important. And right

now, CABERNET FRANK'S and THE DALE in Mountindale are pretty much it in a 15 mile radius. To my delight, THE DAVE WALTON BAND was on stage. I like this band. They are pretty much a cover band but their covers include songs like the deep dark CORDELIA by (I believe) TRAGICALLY HIP and WATER UNDER BRIDGES by the great GREGORY PORTER as well as the Cajun traditional with the lyric “Goin downtown, gonna find me a new man.” Gotta love it all. And this keeps my ear to the ground as to where they are performing

ing next. That and listening to DAVE WALTON playing that sweet huge hollow b o d y acoustic guitar.

So, Halloween is coming up and CABERNET FRANK'S has an enormous weekend planned of five bands on each the 30th and 31st along with the first (e v e r ?) Halloween Parade in Parksville. It all should be great fun and



THE DAVE WALTON BAND

I know where part of my time will be spent. You can get more information on all the events and bands booked on their Facebook page.

And if you do attend anything this coming weekend, be careful and mask up. The average percentage of the vaccinated in the towns in Sullivan County is less than 50% with the highest vaccination rates in the western part of the county. Hurleyville is at 36% and Fallsburg sits pitifully at 10%. (from the new website unveiled last week by our new Governor Kathy Hochul) I like this website. It's user friendly when searching for information and far easier to use than the Dashboard put out here.

Happy Halloween everyone!
Stay well, stay safe and mask-up!

(my favorite quote of the week came from someone who asked me “Is that thing (my mask) pasted to your face?” Why yes, yes it is.)

Until next time.....



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Dutchess County Assemblymembers Secure Grant Combating Food Insecurity

Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) joined his colleagues Didi Barrett and Jonathan Jacobson to present a check signifying the procurement of a state grant to representatives from Dutchess Outreach, a non-profit organization focused on food security. The small event was held at Chaseholm Farm in Pine Plains, New York, a beautiful family owned dairy, beef and pork operation that often donates surplus to those in need within their community.

"Food insecurity has emerged as one of the greatest concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic presently affecting our state. I am happy to work together with my colleagues and community organizations towards addressing a solution to that concern," stated Assemblymember Cahill (Red Hook, Rhinebeck).

This \$100,000 grant, which was included in the 2021 State Budget, will bolster the efforts of Dutchess Outreach in providing access to nutritious food items for those in need. This subsidy is one of six nutrition security measures proposed by Member Cahill to help non-profit organizations feed those within the 103rd Assembly District. In the near future this funding will be followed by grants of \$50,000 to Family of New Paltz, \$50,000 to Red Hook Responds, \$50,000 to Angel Food East of Kingston, \$50,000 to Ulster Immigrant Defense Network and \$25,000 to Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of Cocheton Spirits

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce invites you to join in celebrating the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of Cocheton Spirits on Thursday October 28th at 4:00PM

Cocheton Spirits is located at 54 County Rd 114, Cocheton, NY 12726

Cocheton Spirits, a neighborhood spirits and wine store with a focus on quality small producers featuring Sullivan County, New York State, and others around the globe.

The Ribbon Cutting will be held at 4:30 with Champagne tasting.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney - Week in Washington

Introduced Bill to Audit COVID-19 Spending
Congress has passed several COVID-19 relief bills since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020, authorizing an unprecedented \$5.3 trillion in taxpayer funding. Much of this funding was desperately needed by our community but some of it has also been lost to fraud, waste, and abuse. That's why this week I introduced legislation to ensure a comprehensive audit of all COVID funds.

We've learned about many alarming cases of fraud, waste, and abuse, including a NASA senior executive who used grants to pay down his credit card bills, a former NFL player who filed fraudulent loan applications and used funding from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to purchase luxury goods, and a Texas man who received \$1.6 million from PPP applications to purchase a Lamborghini and other high-end goods. An October 7 report by the Office of the Inspector General also found that the Small Business Administration provided \$4.5 billion more in Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) grants to sole proprietors and independent contractors than they were entitled to receive based on the adopted policies of the COVID-19 bills.

To address these and other reports, I introduced H.R. 5672, the Transparency in COVID-19 Expenditures Act. This bill would direct the Comptroller General of the United States to audit all funding provided by the five COVID-19 relief bills. It is imperative that we audit these funds to ensure that relief provided to the American people made it into the right hands. This bill already has 11 original cosponsors and I'll continue pressing for support in Congress.

Introduced Bipartisan Veterans Legislation

Veterans who served their country should never have to contend with homelessness. This week, I joined Congresswoman Nikema Williams of Georgia to introduce H.R. 5606, the bipartisan Return Home to Housing Act.

Our bipartisan bill works to combat the homelessness epidemic facing America's veterans. Through greater awareness, support, and targeted investments, we can end this scourge. The bill will tackle this issue by ensuring organizations dedicated to this fight have the necessary resources to help homeless veterans. I will always support our heroes who have served and sacrificed so much on our behalf. You can learn more about our bill here.

BURMA Act Passes Foreign Affairs Committee

New York's 22nd District is home to generations of Burmese refugees, many continue to express grave concern for the lives of family and friends in Burma following a military coup there earlier this year. (Contd. Pg. 17)

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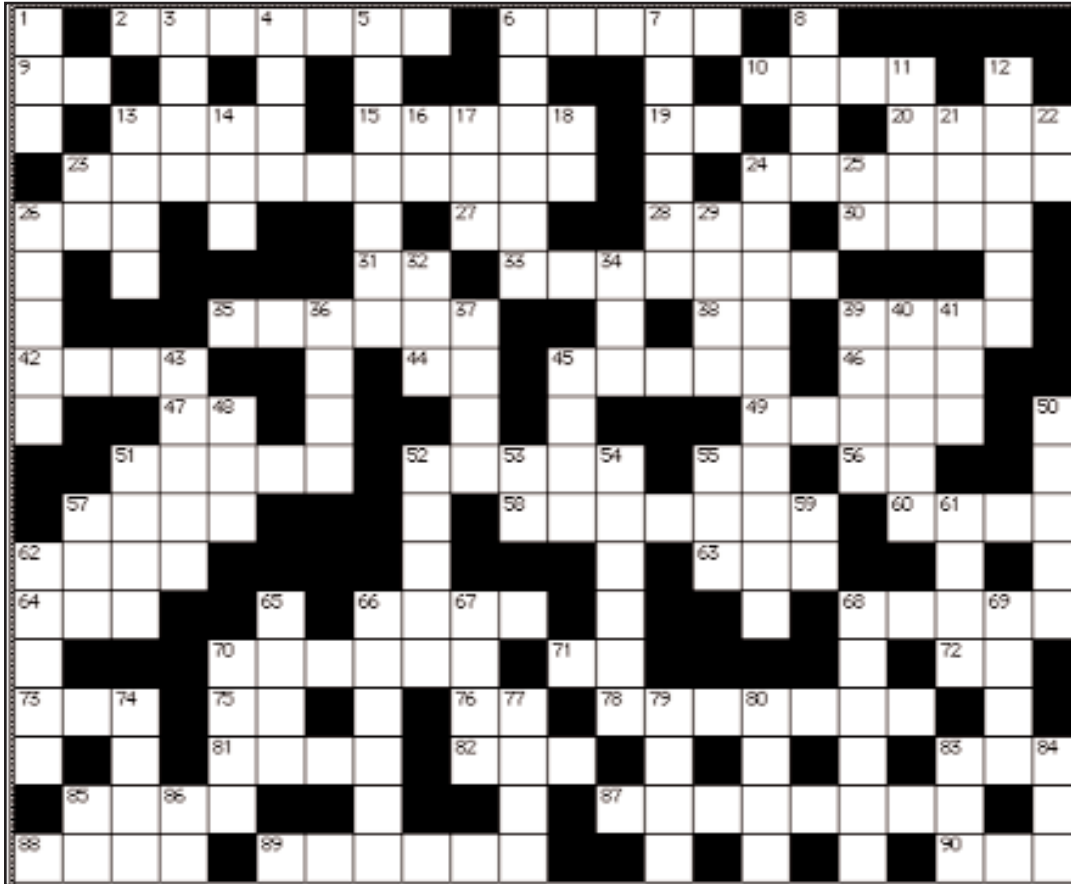
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Mask Up and have Some Halloween fun! -Linda G. Comando



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- 2 Halloween garment
- 6 Barb
- 9 Morning
- 10 Belonging to mother
- 13 Broad
- 15 Father in the Addams Family
- 19 You and I
- 20 As soon as possible
- 23 Woolly Bear
- 24 Large open-air fire
- 26 A boil
- 27 Near
- 28 Cereal plant
- 30 A penny
- 31 Chem. element silver
- 33 Time when the sun disappears and ghosts and goblins start to appear on
- 35 What you may be dunking for
- 38 Private soldier in the US Army
- 39 Heavenly body
- 42 Crook
- 44 Expression location
- 45 Significant
- 46 Globe
- 47 Half an em
- 49 Baked sweet treats
- 51 Ploy
- 52 Over-shadow
- 55 Exclamation
- 56 Each
- 57 Simmer
- 58 Ancient Roman
- 60 Popular Swedish handcrafted horse

- 62 A piece that makes up a skeleton
- 63 Carrier of genetic information
- 64 Fish eggs
- 66 Unspecified amount
- 68 Venerated person
- 70 Roman goddess of apples
- 71 Part of the human psyche
- 72 Perform
- 73 Single unit
- 75 I am (contraction)
- 76 Senior
- 78 Celtic New Year and festival of the dead
- 81 A woodwind instrument
- 82 Clue
- 83 Upper appendage

- 85 Portent
 - 87 Witch's iron kettle
 - 88 Where the 'wicked witch' lives
 - 89 Taper
 - 90 Unpleasant prolonged noise
- DOWN**
- 1 Popular Halloween animal
 - 3 Leave out
 - 4 Layer
 - 5 Mystical
 - 6 Halloween goodies
 - 7 Bounty
 - 8 Single-handed
 - 11 Protected
 - 12 One who suffers for the sake of their belief
 - 13 Baton
 - 14 Sanctum
 - 16 Used in chemistry to form names of organic

- compounds
- 17 Modern Language Association
- 18 Chem. element
- Zirconium
- 21 Transgression
- 22 Physical Education
- 23 Common Era
- 24 Enchanting
- 25 North Carolina
- 26 Necromancer
- 29 One of Gomez Addam's pastimes
- 32 Acquire
- 34 National Public Radio
- 36 Quarter of a bushel
- 37 Inner being
- 39 Right of local jurisdiction
- 40 Tramp
- 41 Abdominal muscles

- 43 Sinister
- 45 Mucilage
- 48 Naught
- 50 Center of love and emotions
- 51 Sound quality
- 52 Sing softly
- 53 A preposition
- 54 Ancient Celtic

- soothsayers
- 55 Aged
- 57 What a ghost may say
- 59 Associate of Arts
- 61 Dry
- 62 A witch's transportation
- 65 Crypt
- 66 Somber
- 67 Face covering
- 68 Small stocky sparrow hawk
- 69 Black
- 70 Pi meson
- 74 Tall deciduous trees
- 77 Advice or counsel
- 79 Gelatinous substance
- 80 Pious
- 83 Along with
- 84 Human adult male
- 85 Over-eater's
- Anonymous
- 86 Extraterrestrial

Apple Crisp

- 8 apples, sliced
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 c. water
- 1 c. sugar
- 3/4 c. flour
- 7 Tbsp. butter

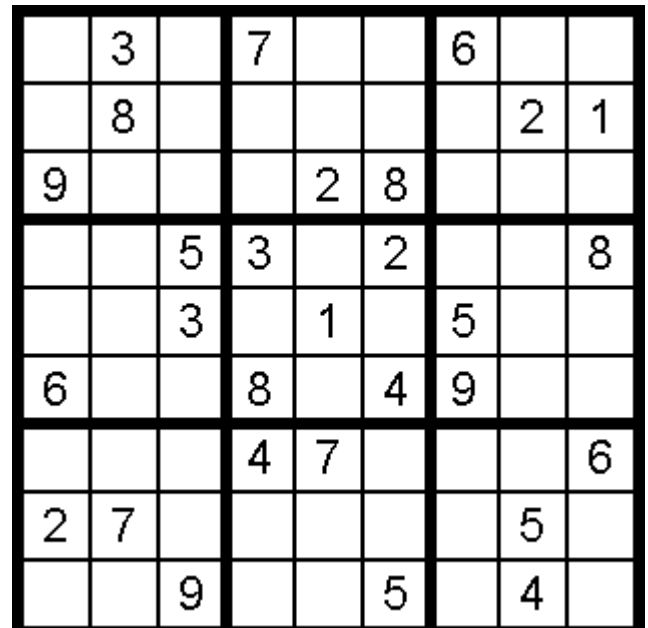
Grease well a baking dish. Fill with apples, water and cinnamon that have been mixed.

Work the rest of the ingredients (sugar, flour and butter) with fingertips until crumbly.

Spread over apple mixture and bake, uncovered, about 30 minutes at 350°.

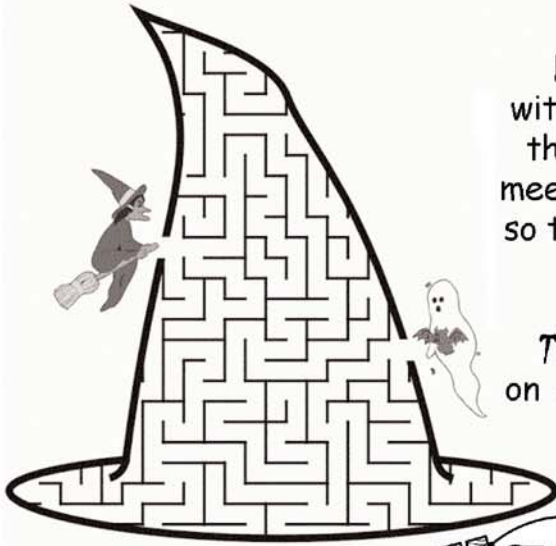
Serve with whipped cream or lemon sauce.

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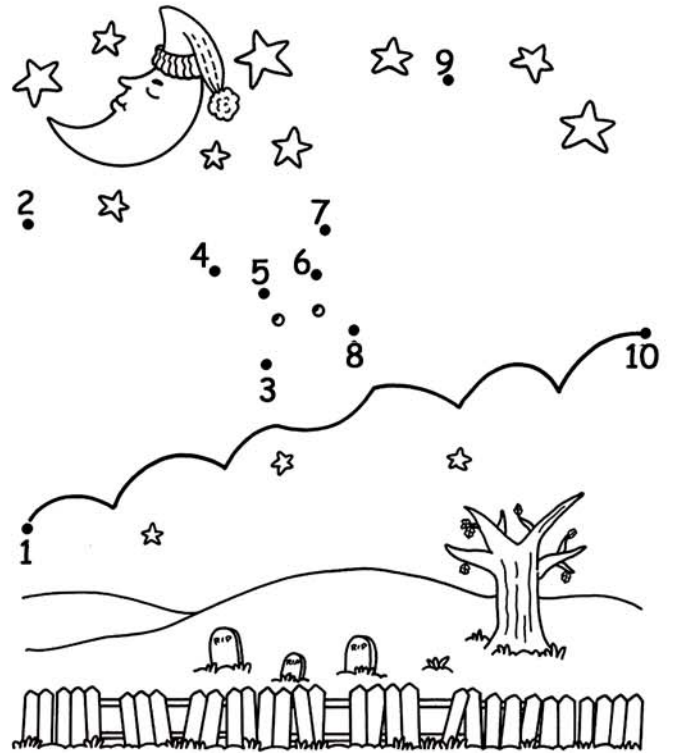


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To play SUDOKO online: <https://sudoku.com>



Help the witch through the maze to meet the ghost so they can go **TRICK OR TREATING** on Halloween!



Follow the dots to see a familiar Halloween friend.

Kids' Autumn Fun Page
- L. Comando



HALLOWEEN CRYPTOGRAM

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- SPIDERS
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- TREATS
- TRICKS
- DRACULA



Broomhilda is getting ready for Halloween. What are 5 differences between the two pictures?



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Editor:

I am voting for Mike Scagnelli for Neversink Town Justice because he is the most qualified having served for 39 years and having risen from patrolman to three star chief in the NTC Police Department. He knows vehicle and traffic laws among many other things pertaining to being a judge. Even having known Mike for only a few months I can easily see that he is both fair minded and compassionate. These in short are why I am voting for Mike Scagnelli for Town Justice.

Charles M. Breiner
Claryville

To the Editor:

This November 2nd, the citizens of Neversink will go to the voting polls to select their next Town Justice. Recent changes to the way our courts operate, such as bail reform, have made things more complicated. Your next Town Justice should have the experience necessary to navigate our criminal justice system while making fair, just and compassionate decisions.

That is why I am endorsing Michael J. Scagnelli for Town Judge.

Mike Scagnelli has had a distinguished 39 year career with the New York City Police Department, rising to the rank of 3-star chief. He knows how the court system works, having testified in over 100 State Supreme Court trials and many more grand jury hearings. He is a graduate of St. John's University and the Police Management Institute of Columbia University. Mike is the Chairperson of the Parish Council of the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, a member of the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club, the Daniel Pierce Library, and the Time and The Valleys Museum. You will frequently see him out and about in town with his grandchildren. Mike's life experience is what makes him uniquely qualified for the position of Neversink Town Justice.

The changes that our governor and the state legislature have made to our criminal justice system are not for the faint of heart. The town court is the first stop in that system. Being a judge is not a policy position like being a town supervisor or a school board member. Unless you have a background and understanding of how it all works, you are at a distinct disadvantage. That is why I am supporting Michael Scagnelli for Town Justice. He is the candidate with the right credentials to serve with honor and distinction as your next Neversink Town Justice.

Michael A Schiff
SC Sheriff

To the Editor:

Michael Scagnelli has been endorsed by the State Police Investigators Association. With the unprecedented turmoil in our state's criminal justice system, we can't leave anything to chance when choosing our next Town Justice. Michael Scagnelli has a demonstrated record of success in all aspects of his career, publicly and privately, reinforcing our belief that he is the right candidate. As a Neversink resident I urge you to vote Michael Scagnelli for judge.

Timothy Dymond
Resident of Neversink and
President of the New York State Police
Investigators Association

Letter to the Editor:

Michael Scagnelli is endorsed by the men and women of the NYS Troopers PBA. Having worked for many years as a Trooper patrolling the Town of Neversink, with children who attended Tri-Valley, I can tell you that the town court is an important part of what makes Neversink a safe place to live. Mike Scagnelli is the candidate with the right temperament, compassion and experience for the position of town judge. Please join me in supporting Michael Scagnelli for Town of Neversink Justice.

Thomas Mungeer President,
New York State Troopers PBA
and former Tri-Valley resident.

To the Editor:

Michael Scagnelli has received the endorsement of the Sullivan County PBA. As a member of the Sheriff's Office who lives and works in Neversink, I can't stress enough how important it is to elect a candidate with the right credentials. Michael Scagnelli's education and real life hands on experience in the criminal justice system makes him the best candidate for the position of town justice. I ask that you vote Mike Scagnelli for Town Judge.

Jack Harb
Resident of Neversink and
President of the Sullivan County PBA

Election Day - November 2, 2021



LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**Independent Audit Report Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Tri-Valley Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, have been examined by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and that the Audit Report prepared in conjunction with the Independent Audit has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing Board of the Tri-Valley Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of examination prepared by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested parties not later than January 14, 2022.

Norma Peña
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Applications must be received by Thursday, November 4, 2021 and are available at the Town of Neversink Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink Website, www.townofneversink.org under documents.

Please send applications to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, or drop it off at the Town Hall.

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Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

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

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

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

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

Fallsburg CSD Board of Education November Meetings

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

Tri-Valley Central School District Board Building Committee Meeting

**Tuesday,
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES (Contd. from Pg. 18)

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

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

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

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

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

Supervisor	\$17,000.00
Councilman	1,500.00
Supt. Of Highways	52,033.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	30,500.00
Town Justice	8,000.00

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

October 14th, 2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

By order of Superintendent
Daniel Van Saders

10/28

Village of Monticello Fall Cleanup 2021

Saturday, October 23rd, 2021
Monday-Friday 8am - 2pm daily
Saturday 8am-11am

Permits are available beginning
Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 for pick-up at:
Village Hall-2 Pleasant Street-
Monticello, NY 12701
Monday -Friday
8:30am-4:30pm

Pickups are available to Village Residents ONLY who are Handicapped and/or Senior Citizens; please visit Village Hall at 2 Pleasant Street to get your name on the list and pick-up your permit. All items must be at your curb and ready for pickup on
Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 8am -Friday,
October 22nd, 2021 12:00 noon only
For more information please
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

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

Town of Neversink Candidates for Town Supervisor

Dear Neversink Voters,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chris Mathews

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

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

Jerry Stevens

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Town of Neversink Candidate for Justice

Neversink Voters

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mike Scagnelli

Town of Denning Candidate for Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nancy Parrow

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 Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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



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

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

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Claryville Road
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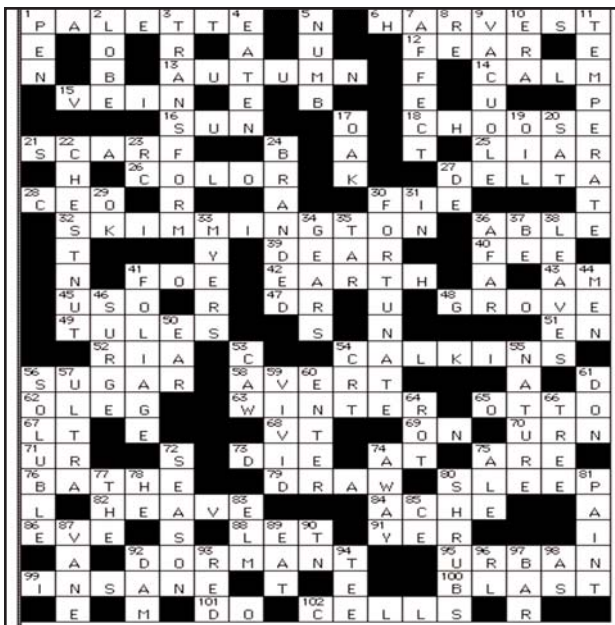


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 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Last Thrift Sale of the Season

The GUMC will have the final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th from 9-12. Even when we are closed we want the community to know that, by appointment, our Thrift items are always available to anyone in case of an emergency by calling 845-985-2283. Because of storage space we are NOT ABLE to receive items again until next spring. Please help us by storing your treasures at your house until then.

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

Forestburgh Playhouse is ready to do the Time Warp Again!

The Rocky Horror Show Live will be performed in the Forestburgh Tavern 8 times for patrons to enjoy! This immersive production features amazing Playhouse talent, a fantastic live band of the best local musicians and a ton of fun!

Show dates are: October 29-30. Doors open at 6 for dinner and drinks and showtime is 8PM. Cocktails available right up to showtime and at intermission. Don't miss it!

Visit <http://fbplayhouse.org> or forestburghtavern.com for tickets today! Follow Forestburgh Playhouse on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube

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

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

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- o Artwork can be no larger than 6 inches in any direction (not including frame or base).
- o All artwork will be juried from actual artwork - not all work will be accepted.
- o Each artist may submit up to four (4) works.
- o All media will be considered.
- o Artwork must be ready to hang and professionally presented.
- o If framed, plain black, white or neutral frames are suggested and no bigger than 10".
- o Gallery shelves are available for small sculptures.
- o All artwork must be for sale - prices can start no lower than \$60.
- o Work previously exhibited at DVAA is not eligible.
- o All artwork must be original (no digital print reproductions of original works).
- o Each artist must completely fill out the entry submission form and art labels forms (which can be downloaded from delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) and bring them with the artwork when dropped off. *Please complete all paperwork prior to dropping off your submission.

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

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

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AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.
 Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/26/21 **TVCS District Board Building Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m. in Room 50**
- 11/2/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **ELECTION DAY**
- 11/2//21 Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
- 11/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board 7 pm - App. Submission Date 10/20/21
- 11/6/21 Grahamsville UMC Last **THRIFT SALE** of the Season! 9 am - 12 noon
- 11/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board & Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm
(Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
- 11/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
- 11/11/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **VETERAN'S DAY**
- 11/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- App. Submission Date - 11/2/2021
- 11/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For October 25 - October 29, 2021

Monday, October 25

- 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, Code: 1234
- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 880 2549 6095, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, October 26

- o No Meetings

Wednesday, October 27

- o 8:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors, at 271 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561
- o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 878 8519 0725, Dial In Number (929) 436-2866
- o 4:00 PM - Special Joint Meeting of the Public Works & Capital Projects and the Ways & Means Committees, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 876 1997 1221, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Password: 278571, Dial In (646) 558-8656
- o 7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 848 8838 4760, Passcode: 661745, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, October 28

- o No Meetings

Friday, October 29

- o No Meetings

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ArtUnder100– Artwork Priced \$99 and Under Holiday Art Sale

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. 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 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 and 5 (F/S/S) and December 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 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: <http://waynecountyartsalliance.org>

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.

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Attorney General James Leads Coalition Urging FDA to Accelerate Actions to Protect Children From Toxic Metals in Baby Food

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James, leading a coalition of 23 attorneys general, today petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to protect the health and well-being of babies across the United States by accelerating actions to remove toxic heavy metals found in infant and toddler foods. The petition responds to rising alarm about the health hazards posed by dangerous heavy metals in these foods, and the failure of baby food brands and their suppliers to aggressively reduce these hazards.

The petition follows a letter sent by Attorney General James, in February 2021, to the acting FDA commissioner, urging the agency to take prompt regulatory action to protect young children from toxic metals in baby foods.

"Every day and across the country, baby food companies are selling products containing dangerous levels of lead and other toxic metals, and urgent action is needed to stop it," said Attorney General James. "There are common-sense, science-based actions that can drive down the levels of heavy metals in baby foods, which is why we are calling on the FDA to take these actions as soon as possible. No parent should have to worry about the safety of their children's food. Our children must have the opportunity to live healthy lives, and their parents deserve the peace-of-mind in knowing their babies are safe from the products they consume."

In February 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives' Oversight and Reform Committee's Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy published a report that determined that there are high levels of toxic heavy metals - including arsenic, lead, cadmium, and mercury - in baby foods being sold by at least four of the nation's seven largest manufacturers. The subcommittee issued a follow-up report last month that urged the FDA "to move expeditiously to set limits for arsenic, lead, cadmium, and mercury in baby foods."

Though the FDA does set limits on toxic metals in other consumable products - like bottled water, juice, and candy - the agency has failed to adequately regulate baby food, and has, so far, only established just one action level for one type of heavy metal (inorganic arsenic) in one type of baby food product (infant rice cereal). This lack of oversight comes despite the fact that the FDA has concluded that babies' and young children's smaller body sizes and metabolisms make them more vulnerable to the harmful neurotoxic effects of these metals.

The petition sent by the attorneys general seeks to strengthen protections for young children by urging the FDA to issue interim action levels for limiting heavy metal contamination in baby food more swiftly than the timelines announced by the FDA in their "Closer to Zero plan," announced this past April. Under that plan, the FDA would propose guidance on limiting lead in

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baby food by the middle of 2022, guidance for limiting inorganic arsenic by April 2024, and guidance for limiting cadmium and mercury sometime after April 2024. The members of the "Baby Food Council" - a group created in 2019 by four of the largest baby food brands - have not publicly committed to meeting any particular voluntary targets for reducing the levels of heavy metals in their products, pending FDA action.

Specifically, today's petition calls on the FDA to:

- o Propose science-based, achievability-focused interim limits for inorganic arsenic, lead, cadmium, and mercury in relevant categories of infant and toddler foods;
- o Propose a lower limit for inorganic arsenic in infant rice cereal than that currently set forth in FDA guidance; and
- o Instruct all baby food manufacturers to test their finished products for toxic heavy metals.

The coalition of attorneys general urge the FDA to take these actions no later than April 2022 - the shortest timeframe for requesting FDA action on a petition under the agency's regulations.

In addition to today's petition, Attorney General James launched a probe in April into several manufacturers of baby food regarding levels of inorganic arsenic found in infant rice cereal products. The Office of the Attorney General has requested information from the companies that make Gerber, Beech-Nut, Earth's Best (Hain), and HappyBABY (Nurture) brands to examine whether infant rice cereal products that have been sold in New York contain, or contained, inorganic arsenic in concentrations exceeding the FDA-prescribed action level. Attorney General James is also seeking information about the advertising and promotion of these products to assess their compliance with New York's consumer protection laws.

"Our babies cannot wait," said Scott Faber, senior vice president of government affairs, Environment Working Group (EWG). "For too long, it's been the food companies, not the FDA, that have decided whether our food is safe to eat. And our babies have been paying the price. It's time for the FDA to act, but the FDA's plan to set levels for toxic metals in baby food is far too slow. The FDA must set interim standards for baby food companies right away, and the evidence shows that companies can meet tough standards, but only when the FDA decides to set them. EWG applauds Attorney General James and her colleagues for making our babies' health her top priority."

"Baby food products with concerning levels of toxic heavy metals continue to be manufactured and sold, and it's becoming increasingly evident that the timelines in the FDA's 'Closer To Zero' plan for addressing this critical public health issue are inadequate," said Brian Ronholm, director of food policy, Consumer Reports. (Contd. Pg. 28)

Attorney General James Secures \$1.5 Million From Online Sports Retailer Fanatics for Under Collecting Sales Tax Fanatics Failed to Collect and Remit Sales Tax on Certain Internet Sales in NYS

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced she has secured \$1,508,466 from sports merchandise and memorabilia retailer Fanatics, Inc. and its affiliates for knowingly under-collecting on sales tax on online sales. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Fanatics' sales tax collection system periodically failed to calculate the correct amount of sales tax due to New York state and to various local governments on sales made through websites managed by Fanatics, and that the company was aware of this failure for at least three years but still did nothing to rectify the issue. As a result, Fanatics' periodic sales tax returns understated the amount of sales tax due to the state.

"When a company doesn't properly calculate and charge sales tax, they cheat every taxpayer across the state," said Attorney General James. "Over the course of years, Fanatics failed to deliver more than \$1 million in sales tax they were required to collect and pay over to the state. No company is above the law, which is why New Yorkers can trust that I will hold accountable those who skirt their responsibilities and try to illegally tilt the playing field."

Fanatics sells licensed sports merchandise and memorabilia online, through websites it operates. In 2013, Fanatics launched a new third-party tax computation system for its websites and also developed a back-up solution (the "back-up table") in the event that the new tax service failed. If utilized, the back-up table would apply a single default statewide sales tax rate to all sales that did not account for local sales tax rates or exemptions from tax for particular items. Fanatics' back-up table's default sales tax rate for New York state changed over time: Initially set at four percent, then set to zero percent from July 2013 to November 2015, after which it was changed back to four percent.

However, the default tax rate did not always reflect applicable local sales tax at the time and, for certain purchases where no exemptions were applicable, sometimes did not reflect applicable state sales tax. As a result, when the third-party computation system periodically failed, some of the transactions that defaulted to a back-up table rate was too low, and Fanatics, consequently, under-collected both applicable New York state and local sales taxes.

In September 2014, Fanatics became aware that its new tax collection system did periodically fail, and that the back-up table took over during those times. It was also made aware that the back-up table did not always calculate the correct amount of tax due, but, nonetheless, did not fully correct

these issues for several years, until December 2017.

The OAG's investigation began after a whistleblower filed a qui tam complaint under the New York False Claims Act. The New York False Claims Act allows private persons to file civil actions on behalf of the government and to share in any recovery.

The investigation was led by Assistant Attorney General Laura Jereski, assisted by Legal Support Analyst Iuliia Belyshkina - both of the Taxpayer Protection Bureau. The Taxpayer Protection Bureau is led by Bureau Chief Thomas Teige Carroll and Deputy Bureau Chief Scott J. Spiegelman, and is a part of the Division for Economic Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Attorney General James Leads Coalition Urging FDA to Accelerate Actions to Protect Children From Toxic Metals in Baby Food

(From Pg. 27) "Consumer Reports strongly supports the expedited, science-based approach called for in Attorney General James' petition, which offers a much-needed path to ensuring the safety of the baby food parents and caregivers serve their children every day."

"Babies are exquisitely sensitive to heavy metals," said Dr. Philip J. Landrigan, pediatrician and director of Global Public Health, Boston College. "No level of metal exposure is safe for a young child, and early-life exposures to even very low levels of lead, arsenic cadmium, and mercury increase risks of brain damage, cancer, anemia, and kidney damage. As a pediatrician who has worked for decades to protect children against toxic chemicals in the environment, I strongly endorse Attorney General Letitia James' effort to compel the FDA to rapidly reduce toxic metal levels in baby foods."

Joining Attorney General James in sending today's petition to the FDA are the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

This matter is being handled by Assistant Attorneys General Max Shterngel and Brian Lusignan, Chief Environmental Scientist Jodi Feld, Environmental Scientist Joseph E. Haas, II, and Science Intern Zachary Krauss - all under the supervision of Bureau Chief Lemuel M. Srolovic and all of the Environmental Protection Bureau. The Environmental Protection Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux. The matter is also being handled by Senior Advisor and Special Counsel M. Umair Khan and Policy Analyst Melanie Weniger - both of the Executive Division. Both the Division for Social Justice and the Executive Division are overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Governor Hochul Announces Strides Pharma Inc. to Move Manufacturing Operations to Rockland County

Acquisition of Manufacturing facility from subsidiaries of Endo International plc ("Endo"), Retain and Create 250 Jobs in the Mid-Hudson Region

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that Strides Pharma Inc. will expand its manufacturing and marketing operations from New Jersey and Florida to Chestnut Ridge, Rockland County, New York. Strides will acquire and build out the former Endo Pharmaceutical plant, retain more than 215 of its employees, add an additional 40 jobs and invest more than \$42 million over a span of the next few years to manufacture both brand-name and generic drugs for its own distribution and marketing as well as for others as a contract manufacturer.

Strides Pharma Science Limited, the parent company of Strides Pharma, Inc., is a pharmaceutical company with a major focus on development and manufacture of technology-led finished dosage formulations. The company is also among the world's largest manufacturers of soft gelatin capsules.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has made clear that having domestically produced medical supplies, especially in times of crisis, is critical for a secure supply chain and a safer New York," Governor Hochul said. "I am pleased that Strides Pharma, Inc. will expand in the Mid-Hudson region, creating good paying jobs and investing in the State's economy."

Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin said, "This is another great company that has recognized that New York State is a good place to do business. Strides Pharma's move to acquire Endo Pharmaceuticals and invest in the region will fill a critical need for pharmaceuticals manufactured in the U.S, retain and create much needed jobs and continue the positive momentum we are experiencing as we move further from the hardships brought by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Strides Pharma, Inc.'s new 200,000 Square Foot facility will further bolster Strides' US presence through the acquisition of a multi-dosage facility. The facility at Chestnut Ridge has an annual capacity of 2 billion units across semisolids, liquids, nasal sprays and oral solids. The facility is also registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) enabling Strides to manufacture controlled substances. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated supply chain issues. By consolidating operations in New York State into a facility that is ready for immediate occupancy, Strides will help mitigate supply chain related bottlenecks and will drive logistics-related synergies in the US market. Empire State Development will provide up to \$10 million in Excelsior Jobs Tax Credits in exchange for retaining 215 employees and creating 40 jobs.

Rockland County Executive Ed Day said, "On behalf of Rockland County, I welcome Strides Pharma as a working partner as this new beginning for the former Endo facility is now formalized. This investment is a tribute to the attractiveness of Rockland to new business ventures and the resiliency of our local economy that remains strong as we come out of the pandemic. This partnership ensures that 215 jobs will remain here in Rockland while creating new job opportunities for our talented, diverse and well-educated residents. My gratitude to Strides Pharma and Empire State Development for their investment and belief in our county."

Legislation (S.191/A.5459) Authorizes Credit Unions to Participate in the Excelsior Linked Deposit Program to Help Borrowers Obtain Reduced Rate Financing on Loans

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.191/A.5459) authorizing credit unions to participate in the Excelsior Linked Deposit. In the past 35 years as New York has shifted from a manufacturing to a service economy, some of the largest companies in the state have downsized, forcing many individuals to become self-employed. Credit unions have responded to the needs of their members and communities by offering business loans.

"Small businesses have long been the backbone of our state's economy," Governor Hochul said. "This legislation is yet another sign of our commitment to boosting Main Street businesses and fostering New Yorkers' unparalleled entrepreneurial spirit."

New York State places a deposit for the same amount as the loan taken out at Linked Deposit Program participants and earns less interest on the deposit, allowing the lender to transfer the interest rate savings on to the borrower. At the end of the four-year term of Linked Deposit assistance, the credit union returns the deposit to New York State.

With the State's economic and employment fortunes resting on the success of small business, it is increasingly evident that small businesses must have greater access to capital through a wider range of lenders. Since their inception, credit unions have filled an important niche in serving communities that are underserved by commercial banks. Over 700 credit unions across the state play an integral role in serving the financial needs of 3.5 million New Yorkers. Credit unions were created as a not-for-profit alternative to other financial institutions primarily because working-class individuals were being denied business through the ELDP which is a natural extension of the credit union mission.

"For far too long too many places in NYS were banking deserts, longing for proper attention to help them grow," said Senator James Sanders Jr. "By signing this bill, the Governor is unleashing the power of credit unions to aid the unbanked. Thank you Governor Hochul for signing this bill which supports worthy but unbanked communities."

"I would like to thank my colleague and Senate Sponsor, Senator Sanders for recognizing the need for this important legislation," said Assembly Member Taylor Darling. "Traditional banking institutions still possess many equity gaps especially when it pertains to individuals obtaining business loans. Allowing credit unions to now participate in the Excelsior Link program makes the program more accessible to our hard-working New Yorkers - especially our small business owners, who need our support now more than ever. Thank you, Governor Hochul, for leveling the playing field more by signing this bill into law. Ever Upward."

Governor Kathy Hochul Announces Opening of Application Period for Next Round of Grants to Secure Communities Against Hate Crimes \$25 Million Available Through the Division of Criminal Justice Services to Support Building Security and Training Projects

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the opening of the application period for \$25 million in grants to strengthen safety and security measures at facilities of nonprofit organizations at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs, or missions. The funding is being administered through the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Program at the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and allows for the purchase of additional security needs.

"As New Yorkers, there is nothing we are more proud of than our diversity," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "Our state has long been a refuge for those who have been persecuted for how they worship, who they love, or where they come from. Despite that commitment to equality and inclusivity, there will always be those who seek to divide us. We will never let these bad actors tear us apart and this funding is critical to ensuring they don't."

As defined by state law, hate crimes are those perpetrated against individuals, groups of individuals or property because of a perception or belief about race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, religion or other characteristics. These crimes adversely affect entire communities, not just the intended targets. New York State tracks these incidents separately from other crimes so trends can be monitored and steps can be taken proactively in their prevention.

New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie said, "Hate has no place in New York, and the Assembly Majority is committed to ensuring that our state is inclusive and welcoming for all. This funding will give organizations the resources they need to upgrade their security against those that seek to bring hate and fear into our communities. We will continue to work to call out and stand up against hate and to ensure that every New Yorker - regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity - feels safe in their community."

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services First Deputy Commissioner Mark E. White said, "Public safety and equality go hand-in-hand. We've seen time and again the consequences of intolerance, discrimination and hatred, and the

toll they take both financially and in the form of trauma inflicted on individuals, their loved ones, communities and even bystanders. We thank Governor Hochul for her commitment to preventing these vicious attacks by providing funds to deter hate crimes before they take place."

Through the latest round of funding, awards of up to \$50,000 will be granted to support two-year contracts that are expected to begin in June of 2022. Funds can cover exterior or interior security improvements, including lighting locks, alarms, panic buttons, fencing, barriers, access control, shatter-resistant glass, blast-resistant film and public address systems. Funds can also cover costs associated with security training.

Eligible organizations may submit up to three applications for a maximum of \$150,000. Each facility will require a separate application. Facilities that have previously received Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Program funding are not eligible; however, organizations may apply for more than one facility.

Applications must be submitted to DCJS by Friday, January 7, 2022. Visit the Grants/Funding page of the DCJS website for eligibility requirements, instructions, guidelines and additional information.



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Governor Hochul Announces Opening of the East Gate Plaza at the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park

Project More than Doubles the Size of the Pathway Atop the Washington Street Stairs just Outside the Poughkeepsie Gates

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the opening of the \$2 million East Gate Plaza outside of the Poughkeepsie entrance to the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. The expanded gathering space more than doubles the size of the pathway atop the Washington Street Stairs and provides an ideal location for community events.

"The new East Gate Plaza in Poughkeepsie will serve as a great resource for showcasing local products and enhancing the overall Walkway visitor experience," Governor Hochul said. "The remarkable scenery of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park continues to attract individuals and families from all over and the new plaza will further highlight the Hudson Valley as a tourist destination."

The hallmark of the East Gate Plaza includes a walk-in space for guests to purchase Walkway merchandise, improved access to snacks, drinks, and other items, and a covered pavilion with audio/visual capabilities to support events, tours, and special programs.



Part of the project is on property that State Parks acquired through the support of the not-for-profit Open Space Institute.

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "These improvements at the Walkway will encourage even more people to explore this amazing place and allow them to better connect with the park and surrounding community."

Walkway Over the Hudson Friends Executive Director Elizabeth Waldstein said, "We are pleased to have partnered with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to celebrate the new East Gate Plaza, another step in providing improved amenities for our visitors and contributing to the economic vitality of the region. The new plaza and Friends Shop provides a welcoming space for our Walkway Ambassadors to meet, greet and inform our 600,000 annual patrons."

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said, "Since its opening in 2009, the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic

Park has brought more people and tourism into Ulster County and the community of Highland. Projects that enhance the Walkway will only stimulate this activity, and Ulster County is pleased to see the state's strong commitment to one of the Hudson Valley's premier tourist attractions."

Additional benefits of the project include:

- o Rainwater collection from roofs into a cistern for irrigation use.
- o Permeable/porous pavement material to reduce stormwater runoff.
- o Replacement of a decaying retaining wall from the bridge's original construction in the 1880s.
- o Re-use of the historic bridge posts into the railing system.
- o Energy Efficiency: heat-pump for heating and cooling, lighting.
- o Bike racks
- o More seating
- o Landscaping



The \$2 million project was funded through State Parks Capital Funds, the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), and support from the Friends of Walkway.

The world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge, the 1.28-mile span of a former railroad bridge offers sweeping views of the Hudson Valley and draws some 600,000 visitors annually. More than 6.2 million people have visited since the park opened in 2009 after decades of neglect.

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, connect with us on Facebook, or follow on Instagram, Twitter or on the State Parks blog.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney - Week in Washington

(From Pg. 13) For nearly a decade, the Burmese people have been working diligently to establish credible elections, democratic civilian governance, and a peaceful transition of power. However, this progress came to an abrupt halt after the military's actions on February 1 led to the overthrow of the democratically elected Burmese government.

The United States must be steadfast in our support of the Burmese people in their struggle for freedom. The House Foreign Affairs Committee passed H.R. 5497, the BURMA Act this week. This bill ends financial backing for the Burmese military through increased sanctions and diplomatic pressure. I am honored to cosponsor this bill and stand with the people of Burma, including those in our community. I will continue to advocate for its passage into law.

House Election Integrity Caucus Update

Tenney Joins Sebastian Gorka to Discuss End Zuckerbucks Act

As Co-Chair of the House Election Integrity Caucus, I was honored to host journalist, author, and columnist Mollie Hemingway for a roundtable discussion in Washington this week. Hemingway authored a book that extensively details how the 2020 was unlike any other in American history. Her well-researched and thoroughly sourced book exposes how the censorship of conservative outlets, financial influence of billionaire Mark Zuckerberg, and unprecedented role of Big Tech media giants influenced the 2020 election.

I appreciate Mollie coming to our Caucus event and sharing her great insights. I recently introduced H.R. 4290, the End Zuckerbucks Act. This bill prevents Big Tech billionaires from channeling private funds to election agencies without any accountability or transparency. I look forward to continuing to work with Caucus members to drive concrete proposals to secure our elections.

Protecting Our Children's Digital Privacy

This week, I joined Congresswoman Mary Miller of Illinois to introduce H.R. 5630, the Safeguarding Children's Privacy in Schools Act of 2021. Under current law, Big Tech giants like Google and Amazon do not need to receive a parent's consent in order to collect, use, and sell their child's private data.

This legislation requires direct parental consent for data collection on educational devices, technology, and education platforms. Additionally, it prohibits schools from allowing Big Tech companies to collect student data to sell to advertisers. School boards have repeatedly blocked parents from being involved in their children's education and curriculum. This much-needed reform gives parents a seat at the table, and I'm honored to join this effort.

My Votes Explained

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1029, the Free Veterans from Fees Act. This bill waives the application fee for veterans trying to obtain a special-use permit for events held at war memorials in Washington, D.C. This bill passed the House by a vote of 421-3.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4089, the Darren Drake Act. This legislation directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to devise protocols to help vehicle rental companies and car dealers report suspicious behavior to law enforcement. This bill passed the House by a vote of 379-51.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4369, the National Centers of Excellence

in Advanced and Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act of 2021. This legislation will authorize grants to further develop the emerging, faster continuous drug manufacturing technique and ensure the United States remains a hub of pharmaceutical innovation. This bill passed the House by a vote of 368-56.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4611, the DHS Software Supply Chain Risk Management Act. This legislation will direct the Department of Homeland Security to modernize its computer systems and adopt best practices to ensure all software components are safe and secure. This bill passed the House by a vote of 412-2.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2379, the State Opioid Response Grant Authorization. This commonsense and bipartisan legislation will authorize \$9 billion over six years in flexible funding for State Opioid Response (SOR) Grants and Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grants to fight this epidemic of addiction and abuse. This bill passed the House by a vote of 380-46.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 654, the Drug Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act. This bipartisan legislation will grant the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) the authority to waive the program's local matching requirements. This bill passed the House by a vote of 395-30.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3635, the Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act. This bill will change the management of the Strategic National Stockpile and will help reduce dependence on foreign countries for critical supplies, boost domestic manufacturing, and improve transparency. This bill passed the House by a vote of 397-22.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3919, the Secure Equipment Act. This bill will prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from providing licenses for telecommunications equipment from companies that pose a national security threat. It will further protect U.S. security by keeping companies like Chinese state directed Huawei out of the U.S. telecommunications network. This bill passed the House by a vote of 420-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4032, the Open RAN Outreach Act. This bill will promote a competitive market for open and interoperable network equipment, which will enable small and rural networks to use affordable, trusted vendors to provide 5G equipment. This will ensure small and rural providers are not subject to the influence of the Chinese and high-risk companies like Huawei. This bill passed the House by a vote of 410-17.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4067, the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Act. This bill would direct the Federal Communications Commission to create a council to make recommendations on increasing the security, reliability and interoperability of communications networks. It would require biannual reports and recommendations for strengthening our communications networks. This bill passed the House by a vote of 397-29.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4028, the Information and Communication Technology Strategy Act. This Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress within one year a report regarding the information and communication technology supply chain that identifies technology critical to U.S. competitiveness as well as the industrial capacity of ITC vendors and of trusted ITC vendors that produce items critical to U.S. competitiveness. This bill passed the House by a vote of 413-14.

I voted "No" on H.Res. 730, a Resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find Stephen K. Bannon in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. Instead of pursuing a valid legislative purpose, this subpoena serves a partisan goal and targets a private citizen, threatening his First Amendment rights. (Contd. Pg. 33)

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney - Week in Washington

(From Pg. 32) This Select Committee takes power out of the hands of the House of Representative's standing committees of jurisdiction, which are entirely capable of conducting a thorough investigation. We should return power to these standing congressional committees and not a body like this Select Committee, which is highly partisan and in fact "bipartisan" in name only. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 229-202.

I voted "No" on H.R. 3110, the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act. This legislation would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to add new rigid requirements for employers to provide a non-bathroom location and time for women to pump breastmilk for up to two years after the birth of a child. This bill also dramatically expands penalties for employers who are unable to accommodate these new requirements. As written, this top-down rule unfortunately does not account for the specific limitations of certain workplaces such as the agriculture industry. Its expansive mandate and lack of clarity would also open employers to additional frivolous lawsuits. While this legislation is well intentioned, we need a more well-thought out, targeted solution that gives workplaces the flexibility to succeed and empower their employers. This bill passed the House by a vote of 276-149.

Sullivan County District Attorney's Office announces Michael Boyles Conviction of Robbery in the First Degree



Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan announced that Michael Boyles, 31, of

Swan Lake, was convicted of Robbery in the First Degree before the Sullivan County Court. By his guilty plea today, Boyles admitted that he forcibly stole cigarettes and beer from the Mobil gas station on North Main Street in the Village of Liberty on March 29, 2020 while he was armed with a knife. Boyles was apprehended by members of the Village of Liberty Police Department within minutes of the robbery and taken into custody.

Galligan said, "This defendant's actions put this victim in immediate fear for his safety. I'm pleased that the clerk was able to escape to a safe location during this robbery, and I am pleased that the Sullivan County community will be safeguarded from this defendant's violent acts for several years to come." Galligan thanked the Liberty Police Department for its immediate response and thorough investigation into this case, remarking on the professionalism consistent with their commitment to public safety.

Boyles is expected to be sentenced to 10 years in prison with 5 years of post-release supervision on January 13, 2022, before County Court Judge Jim Farrell.

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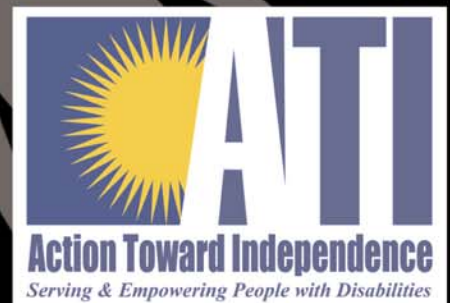
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SC Community Organizer Denise Frangipane to Receive 2021 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award

South Fallsburg, NY - October 26, 2021 - The SYDA Foundation has announced that Denise Frangipane of Bethel,



New York, has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award. This prestigious award includes a certificate of merit for outstanding service to the Sullivan County community and a monetary gift of \$6,000 to be distributed by the recipient to the charities of her choice.

Since 1986, the SYDA Foundation has sponsored this annual award to recognize and honor local citizens for outstanding community service. The selection committee, comprised of past award recipients and local civic leaders, chose Denise Frangipane to receive this year's award in recognition of her many years of service to the community of Sullivan County. Denise's areas of service include environmental protection, advocacy on behalf of women and girls, local historical preservation, beautification and community development.

Denise currently serves as the executive director at Sullivan Renaissance, where she works with her team to support grassroots volunteer efforts to build beautiful, active communities in Sullivan County. In this role, she also helped Sandra Gerry and the Gerry Foundation with the development of Sullivan 180, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of residents of Sullivan County.

In 2000, Denise began working with the Gerry Foundation as part of the research and development team for Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, where she saw the project through from groundbreaking to ribbon cutting. During this time, she established the Harvest Festival and worked on the creation of the Museum at Bethel Woods.

Inspired from an early age by her experiences of the natural beauty of Sullivan County, Denise is passionate about protecting the environment. She joined Sullivan County Environmental to successfully oppose a proposed medical waste facility in Monticello at a site that is now a senior housing facility. As a member of the Bethel Town Council, she advocated to preserve the health and safety of her community from overdevelopment; helped establish the Forest Reserve at Smallwood with a permanent conservation easement; and worked with her colleagues to pass a ban on heavy industrial uses, which included damaging drilling practices.

After graduating from the Duggan School and Monticello High School, Denise attended SUNY Binghamton, where she became involved with issues related to safety for women and children. She returned to Sullivan County after graduation and volunteered with a crisis hotline and was an advocate with Safe Passage, which provided services to survivors of domestic abuse. She also worked for the Center for Discovery and for Catholic Charities in a group home for girls. Later, Denise was appointed by the Sullivan County Manager to develop systems and policies that improved access to the Division of Health and Family Services, includ-

ing programs for pregnant and parenting teens.

Denise also serves on the board of the Catskills Food Hub, as a member of the board of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County, and as a trustee on the board for the Museum at Bethel Woods.

Denise resides in Bethel, New York, with her husband, Dr. William Pammer, and their nine-year-old son, Ian. Her parents, Al and Maria Frangipane, were recipients of the 2013 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award.

Due to ongoing pandemic concerns, the SYDA Foundation Community Service Award will be presented in a virtual format this year. The virtual award presentation will take place on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. To request the link to participate, please email csa@syda.org.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend

UC Will Begin to Administer Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Boosters in Addition to Pfizer on Friday

County Executive Ryan announced that two more COVID-19 boosters have been approved by the FDA, CDC, and New York State Department of Health

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that all three COVID-19 booster doses have been approved by the FDA, CDC, and New York State Department of Health, and that Ulster County will begin to administer Moderna and Johnson & Johnson booster doses, in addition to Pfizer, starting Friday, October 29th, at the Ulster County Department of Health's POD (point of dispensing) at the former Best Buy at the Hudson Valley Mall. Appointments are available at VaccinateUlster.com, and walk-ins are welcome.

"Our ability to offer vaccines safely and quickly was an essential part of why Ulster County became a leader in vaccination rates and how we were able to keep our positivity rate down," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "As we enter the winter holiday season, I am encouraging all residents who are eligible to receive their booster shot."

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

- o Ages 65 years 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

A Johnson & Johnson 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 may benefit those who received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It is recommended that people who received a Pfizer or Moderna series receive a booster of the same vaccine. The Moderna booster dose is half the amount of a first, second, or additional dose. 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 primary care physician to determine what is the best option for COVID-19 booster for you.

For answers to frequently asked questions, to view the upcoming Ulster County Department of Health POD schedule and to make an appointment, visit VaccinateUlster.com.

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.

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

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

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



Daniel Pierce Library

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SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE 0 (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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DEC Announces Opening of Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Seasons

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that many furbearer trapping seasons begin on Monday, Oct. 25. Before venturing afield, trappers are advised to note changes to special permit requirements for fisher trapping seasons.

"Trapping and hunting provide important benefits to New Yorkers by helping to reduce human-wildlife conflicts and damage to crops and property," Commissioner Seggos said. "This year, as trappers and hunters head afield to pursue New York's abundant furbearer populations, I encourage trappers to familiarize themselves with the new requirements and to always hunt safely and responsibly." _

More information on trapping regulations, trapping seasons, fisher and marten trapping seasons, and furbearer hunting can be found on DEC's website, and in the New York State Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide. Go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/37136.html>

Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Seasons

With 16 species of furbearers living in New York, furbearer hunting and trapping opportunities are abundant. Coyote hunting season began Oct. 1 across much of the state and hunting seasons for other furbearers such as bobcat, raccoon, and fox begin on Oct. 25. Season dates and zone boundaries for all furbearers can be found on DEC's website and in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide.

Trapping season dates vary by species and geography, with raccoon, fox, and bobcat opening on Oct. 25, and beaver, mink, and muskrat opening on Nov. 1 in northern New York, and Nov. 10 across the Southern Zone. Trappers should check the regulations guide or the DEC website for opening dates in their area.

All harvested marten, fisher, otter, and bobcat need to be sealed by a DEC representative within 10 days after the close of the season in the wildlife management unit where the animal was taken. Harvesters should contact their regional wildlife office to make pelt sealing arrangements prior to visiting.

Fisher and Marten Permit Updates

Earlier this year, DEC proposed regulations removing the requirement for the free special fisher trapping permit. DEC has gathered sufficient data on fisher harvest during previous seasons and determined the special permit is no longer necessary. Unfortunately, amended regulations cannot be adopted prior to the start of the 2021 trapping season. To simplify the process for trappers this season, DEC created a self-issued fisher trapping permit for trappers.

DEC sent fisher permits to all those who applied for a Fisher Trapping Permit in 2020. Trappers who did not receive a permit can download the permit from the DEC website. Trappers are not required to submit the lower jaw, head, or carcass of any fisher taken during the 2021 trapping season. In addition, trappers do not have to complete or submit a Fisher Trapping Activity Log this season. Trappers are still required to have a trapping license and must have all harvested fisher sealed by DEC staff.

Please note that a separate permit is required for trappers wishing to pursue marten. This permit does include an activity log. Trappers can contact the DEC Region 5 Wildlife Office in Warrensburg at 518-623-1240 to obtain a marten trapping

Catskill Park Trail Conditions

Always know what to expect when you head out for a hike or want to get in a little camping this fall and be prepared.

Conditions are posted every Thursday for your weekend adventures by Trail Conditions / Catskills Visitor Center

Visit the website at:

https://catskillsvisitorcenter.org/hiking-and-camping/trail-conditions/?mc_cid=45ac39e010&mc_eid=741885eb1c

Monti Elks Bingo 7:00 -pm Every Tuesday at the Lodge • 46 North Street • Monticello

**Full payout and a progressive jackpot with weekly door prizes
• Food is also available in the Bingo kitchen**

The Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.

For information Contact Bingo Chair
and Past Exalted Ruler Lisa Muller at: 914-799-1831

**The Last
Grahamsville
UMC Thrift Day
For This Year**

**Saturday, November 6
from 9am to 12 noon**

**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.**

Ulster County Trending

Oct. 22-24, 28-31 -Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions: Named “#1 Haunted Attraction in America.” Includes haunted walking trail, corn maze, eight haunted attraction including Escapes, gift shops and eateries. Starts at Dusk. Reservations strongly recommended. Also featuring Headless Horseman Escape Rooms. 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; headlesshorseman.com

Oct. 1-ongoing - The D.R.A.W. Registration for Fall Classes: Variety of art classes for all age groups. 20 Cedar St. (entrance at 24 Iwo Jima Lane), Kingston. 845-802-0097; drawkingston.org.

Oct. 1-30 Rosendale Theatre: Upcoming movies including “Ma, Belle, My Beauty,” “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” and more. Buy tickets online. For more details call or visit our website. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org.

Oct. 29, 30 Volunteer Firemen’s Museum: A “little gem of a museum” housed in the 1857 Wiltwyck Fire House. Display of fire engines and firemanic artifacts. Open Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstontoolboxfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

Oct. 29, 30 Hudson River Maritime Museum Boat Tour-Lantern Cruise: 7:30 p.m. Explore the Hudson River and Rondout Creek by searchlight. Listen to legends and lore of the Hudson River. Tickets hrm.org. Includes boat ride and general admission to museum, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: solarboattours.org. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrm.org

Oct. 29, 30 Friends of Historic Kingston-“Signs of the Times – The Modjeska Sign Studio, Kingston, NY:” Features the signs of many Kingston businesses from the 1920’s to the early 1970’s. Founded by Gus Modjeska. Open Fri., Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friends of Historic Kingston, 63 Main Street, corner of Wall and Main streets, Kingston. 845-339-0720; fohk.org

Oct. 27-31 Hudson River Sightseeing Cruises: Book tickets online for a Leaf Peeping or Music Cruise and explore the Historic Hudson Valley. Music Cruise is scheduled for October 16th – “Lost Cowboys.” Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended. Hudson River Cruises, 1 E. Strand St., Kingston. 845-340-4700; hudsonrivercruises.com

Oct. 23, 29, 30 Colony Woodstock: Visit website for complete schedule. Outdoor Beer Garden events available. 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-ROCK (7625); colonywoodstock.com

Oct. 28-31 Kelder’s Farm Fall Harvest Celebration: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (last entry is 5 p.m.) Twenty-plus farm attractions. Corn maze, combine slides, farm animals, games, ice cream, food and drinks. Admission includes pumpkin and apple picking. Purchase online. Admission required for adults and Children ages 3 and up. Kelder’s Farm, 5755 US Route 209, Kerhonkson. 845-626-7137; keldersfarm.com

Oct. 30, 31 Seed Song Farm’s Farm-Family Fun Events: Weekends in October (good weather). U-pick Pumpkins, Corn Maze, Haunted Trail, live music, food, and refreshments. Admission is on a sliding scale. To guarantee a spot, RSVP. Walk-ins will be accepted until capacity is met. Information: visit website. Seed Song Farm & Center, 160 Esopus Ave., Kingston. 845-383-1528; seedsongfarm.org

Oct. 30-31 Trolley Museum of New York: Trolley rides, exhibits, gift shop, theater, and interactive, hands-on activities for kids. Open noon – 5 p.m. weekends, holidays until late October. Trolley schedule and museum hours may differ depending on events and staff availability. Trolley Museum of New York, 89 East Strand Street, Kingston. 845-331-3399; tmny.org

Oct. 30-31 Community Appreciation Weekends at Minard’s Family Farm. Oct. 30-31: Family Appreciation Weekend; 250 Hurds Road, Clintondale. 845-325-0222; minardsfamilyfarms.com

Oct. 30 The Hurley Heritage Museum: Now open for Saturday visits and tours. Walking tours of Historic Main Street at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tours cost \$5. Meet in front of the museum; reservations are advised. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays through October 30. Colonel Jonathan Elmendorf House, 52 Main Street, Hurley. 845-338-1661; hurleyheritagesociety.org

Oct. 30 Fine Arts at Old Dutch Church: Uptown fine arts music series. Mid-day break of performances featuring artists in a variety of musical programs. Saturdays, noon- 12:30 p.m. Free. Accessible. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. 845-338-6759; olddutchchurch.org

Oct. 30 Seventh Annual Living History Cemetery Tour, “Boomtown:” Meet seven characters who made Kingston roar in the 1920’s. Saturdays, 1 p.m. \$15 Adults; \$10 students and seniors, 12 and under free. Tickets: livinghistoryny.com. Produced by Theatre on the Road, theatreontheroad.com, 845-475-7973. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston. 845-338-6759; olddutchchurch.org

Oct. 2-30 ASK Arts Society of Kingston: “Jose Acosta” and October Member’s Show – “It’s Music to My Eyes!” – Inspired by music and sound, see, hear, and feel the artwork through this interdisciplinary prompt. Open Tues.-Sun. 1-6 p.m. ask@askforarts.org. ASK, 97 Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-0333, askforarts.org

Oct. 31 High Falls Flea Market: Presented by D&H Canal Museum. Open air market offering a variety of vendors of antiques and collectibles, jewelry, vintage clothing, plants and more. Meets every Sunday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through October 31st. Grady Park, 23 Mohonk Road & Rt. 213 High Falls. For more information visit canalmuseum.org/market

Oct. 31 Levon Helm Studios: Visit website for complete schedule and ticket prices. Ticket sales are online only. All tickets are for Will Call pickup. (1, 3, 8, 9, 17, 29, 30 are SOLD OUT) Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2744; levonhelm.com

Oct. 28 Gardiner Library Walking Club for Senior: Meets every Thursday, weather permitting, in the upper parking lot of the library. Great way to get some fresh air, meet new people and exercise. 9-9:45 a.m. For more information contact Nicole at nlane@rcls.org. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer’s Turnpike, Gardiner. 845-255-1255; gardinerlibrary.org

Oct. 28 DIY Workshops at Watergrasshill B & B: Experience one of our signature workshops in our kitchen studio or barn, as a group or private class. See our schedule & register online. Watergrass Hill Bed & Breakfast, 105 Phillies Bridge Road, New Paltz. 845-419- 2661; watergrasshillny.com
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Ulster County Trending

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Oct. 9-Dec. 11 Woodstock School of Art Exhibition -“Native Stone: The Art of Tomas Penning:” Reveals the life, artistry, and achievement of bluestone sculptor Tomas Penning. Opening reception October 9, 3-5 p.m. October 23rd 2 p.m.; “Tomas Penning’s Highwoods Grounds” – Tour of property formerly owned by sculptor. 2470 NY-212, Woodstock. 845-679-2388; woodstockschoolofart.org

Oct. 29, 30, 31 Haunted Huguenot Street: Gertrude Deyo’s Ghost Ball: Meet the spirits who inhabit Huguenot Street. Fabulous night of merriment and mischief. Outdoors. Festive mock-tails, fortune-telling games, spectral music and a photo booth. Tickets: \$25 (\$20 with discounted admission). 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Information on website. 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255-1889; huguenotstreet.org

Oct. 21-Nov. 14 DENIZEN Theatre presents “Apples in Winter:” By Jennifer Fawcett; directed by James P. Rees. Thurs. to Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. A powerhouse one-woman play that will stir your heart and make you laugh out loud. Explores the ideas of mercy, motherhood and madness. DENIZEN Theatre, Water Street Market, 10 Main Street, Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-303-4136; denizen theatre.com

Oct. 29-31, Nov. 5-7 Shadowland Stages presents “The Niceties:” A black student visits her white professor to discuss her paper on the American Revolution. The polite review of her thesis soon explodes into a high-stakes debate over race, history, power and revolution. Purchase tickets online. The Main Stage at Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandstages.org

Oct. 27 Halloween Murder Mystery at The Venue Uptown: Entertainment by Murder Café. Murder mystery three course dinner show. Come in costume, dance, dine and guess whodunit. Limited spaces. Book tickets at murdercafe.net. Ages 12 \$55 per person. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; dinner and show at 7 p.m. The Venue Uptown, 503 Washington Ave. Kingston. 845-802-7007; thevenueuptown.com

Oct. 28 The Barn at Indian Ridge: Harvest Wine Dinner and Masquerade Party. 6 p.m. \$150 pre-paid. 500 Crescent Avenue, Highland. 845- 883-3208; instagram.com/shiptoshorehv/

Oct.29 Film: Nosferatu (1922): 7:30 p.m. A chilling performance from Max Schreck as the vampire. Live organ accompaniment. Costume contests, photo booth and more. \$6. Tickets: call box office Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at

845-339-6088; email boxoffice@bardavon.org, or online at ticketmaster.com. Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. upac.org

Oct. 30 Trunk or Treat- Town of Esopus Library: Family friendly Halloween event, cars arrive at 1 p.m., costume parade 2 p.m. and Trick or Treating at 2:15 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to coolest, scariest, and funniest (cars & costumes). RSVP to email programmer@esopuslibrary.org. Town of Esopus Library, 189 Broadway, Port Ewen. 845-338-5580; esopuslibrary.org

Oct. 30 Bat-O-Ween: 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This fun-filled celebration is part of Bat Conservation International’s Bat Week to educate folks about the importance of Bats in our environment. Bat crafts, bat education booths, face painting, Haunted House and Costume Contest. Food and vendors. Information: mastergardener2000@gmail.com. 845- 340-1293. Facebook: [townofesopus](https://www.facebook.com/townofesopus)

Oct. 30 Rondout National Historic District Walking Tour: Hear how immigrants and entrepreneurs transformed farmland into a thriving maritime village during the era when Rondout was the terminus for the D&H Canal. Some uphill walking. Adults \$10, children under 16 \$5. Departing 11 a.m., gazebo in T.R. Gallo Park, 73 West Strand Street, Kingston. 845-339-0720; fohk.org

Oct. 30 MyKingstonKids Halloween Fest & Parade: 3– 8 p.m. Free outdoor event outdoors. Ghostbusters-themed event. Dance Party, children’s costume fashion show, vendor trick or treating, live performances, family games/activities, music, food and a special live Ghostbusters Performance. YMCA, 507 Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org

Oct. 30 Ulster Corps’ 11th Annual Zombie Escape: Events include a 5k timed trail run, 2k walk and free 1k Fun Run for kids. Socially distanced zombies and other spooky surprises. Awards. \$17 per person if you sign up a team of five or more by October 27th. Registration: 8:45 a.m. Information: email zombies@ulstercorps.org, or call Williams Lake, Rosendale. 845-481-0331; ulstercorps.org



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Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

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

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SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

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

- *Orange County Federally Designated As a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Even Before the COVID-19 Pandemic Put Immense Strain on Local New York Health Systems;*
- *Area Health Education Centers Provide Critical Opportunities to Recognize and Respond to Local Health Needs;*
- *Gillibrand Continues to Push for the Implementation of Landmark Public Health Force Legislation*

NEWBURGH, NY --- U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stood at the SUNY Orange Newburgh campus to announce her push to provide \$67 million for the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); Gillibrand is pushing for the funding in a letter to congressional leadership. She was joined by NYS Senator James Skoufis, NYS Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson, City of Newburgh Mayor Torrance Harvey, Deputy Orange County Executive Harry Porr, and Orange County Legislator Kevindaryán Luján.

The U.S. is currently facing a historic health care worker shortage that's been exacerbated by the strains of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the problem is only expected to worsen. Experts estimate that the country could see a shortfall of as many as 124,000 physicians by 2034, and New York alone is projected to be short more than 39,000 registered nurses by 2030. More than 5 million New Yorkers live in primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs); this figure exceeds the primary care HPSA populations of 46 other states. Orange County as a whole is a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and was designated a HPSA even before the pandemic.

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

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

"For over 50 years, federally sponsored Area Health Education Centers have filled an important gap in health and mental health services in our underserved and rural areas across the country," said NYS Senator James Skoufis. "Given Orange County's worsening healthcare workforce shortage amid an ongoing pandemic, there's never been a more meaningful time for Congress to expand funding for healthcare training and access. Programs such as the Pathways Transfer Agreement I recently helped broker between SUNY Orange and Empire State College, which encourages aspiring nurses to stay local for their advanced degrees, is a piece of a much larger puzzle state and federal leadership must work together to solve. I thank Senator Gillibrand for her advocacy on behalf of Area Health Education Centers and her recognition of the challenges



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.

communities like ours in Orange County are facing."

"Even before the pandemic, the Mid-Hudson Valley suffered from a chronic shortage of healthcare workers. COVID has only made a bad situation even more dire," said NYS Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson. "That's why I am grateful to Senator Gillibrand for working hard to ensure that the federal government funds Area Health Education Centers, which play a crucial role in educating young people about careers in healthcare and make it easier for them to acquire their credentials and enter the profession. SUNY Orange does an incredible job educating future healthcare professionals, but they could do so much more with additional support."

"Access to affordable healthcare, delivered by trained and compassionate professionals, is something each of us should enjoy, regardless of who we are, where we live or what we make. SUNY Orange's health professions programs have a long and rich history of producing highly qualified, trained and caring graduates, many of whom leave our ranks and move directly into distinguished and meaningful careers here in the Hudson Valley," said Dr. Kristine Young, SUNY Orange President. (Contd. Pg. 44)

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Sat. November 13**

9:00 - 2:00

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

Information: (845)679-4039

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

(From Pg. 42)“Senator Gillibrand’s request for greater funding for AHECs seeks to guarantee expanded access to affordable healthcare, specifically for underserved populations and geographic regions. It also would provide for additional timely and relevant training for healthcare workers, a need that became supremely evident during the pandemic.”

“Our current crisis continues to threaten the already serious and growing health professional shortage which has led to a lack of access to care in Orange County,” said Megan Deichler, Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (CHAHEC) Executive Director. “The workforce is our healthcare infrastructure, and it needs adequate investment if we are to end health disparities and ensure health equity. CHAHEC thanks Senator Gillibrand for always being a champion for AHECs. Our work would not be possible without the federal funding we receive each year, and we are grateful for the Senator’s efforts on these very important issues.”

AHECs serve 85% of all counties nationally and support health care workforce development and education by training providers in interdisciplinary settings to respond to the needs of special and underserved populations. In New York State, there are three regional centers and nine AHECs statewide. Locally, the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center works to address workforce shortages by introducing high school students to careers in health care and working with local nursing, medical, and physician assistant schools to provide students an opportunity to understand the social and cultural factors that influence an individual’s overall health and access to quality care.

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

According to Recent Reporting, New York Residents Will Pay 21% More For Heat This Year; Utility Debt Grew From \$12 Billion to As Much As \$32 Billion Nationwide Last Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With colder weather around the corner and energy costs projected to sharply increase this winter, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is calling for robust Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assistance. October marks the start of the heating season for many states and many New Yorkers will struggle to afford the cost of keeping the heat turned on in their homes during the cold winter months. In New York State alone, there are already 1.2 million households that collectively owe more than \$1.5 billion in late energy bill payments. The ongoing economic crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic has also put unprecedented financial burdens on low-income families and seniors and rising heating costs will only add to this strain. Gillibrand is urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to distribute LIHEAP funding quickly and at the highest level possible.

“As winter looms, New Yorkers are still feeling the financial strain of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and hold approximately \$1.5 billion in energy bill debt,” said Senator Gillibrand. “During long New York winters, LIHEAP is a critical lifeline for seniors and low-income workers in need of assistance to stay safe and warm. This funding has never been more important as temperatures drop and heating bills are expected to rise by more than 50% for some households - I am urging HHS to distribute this critical funding swiftly and without delay.”

The average cost of home heating is unaffordable for millions of low-income households, costing over \$900 per year nationally. With prices surging worldwide for heating oil, natural gas, and other fuels, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is projecting even higher prices for home heating this winter. The EIA’s Winter Fuels Outlook reports households nationwide could see their heating bills jump as much as 54% from last winter. The EIA also projects that Northeast customers who use natural gas will see their bills rise to \$865, up from \$731 last year. New Yorkers can spend more than \$3,000 a year on energy bills alone - for low-income New Yorkers, that can amount to more than 10% of their income on energy. Significant and early LIHEAP funding is a crucial lifeline that will help meet the demand of rising utility costs and help financially strained households pay their energy bills and stay safe throughout the winter.

Senator Gillibrand has consistently fought to ensure New Yorkers can afford their utilities. When millions of workers were laid off at the onset of the pandemic, Senator Gillibrand fought alongside her colleagues to deliver \$900 million in LIHEAP funding in the CARES Act and an additional \$4.5 billion in supplemental funding to the program as part of the American Rescue Plan. Earlier this year, Gillibrand made stops across New York State - including in Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, and Albany - in her fight for robust LIHEAP funding in the COVID-19 relief package. Gillibrand also successfully pushed the Trump administration to immediately release the emergency funding and send a vital lifeline to New Yorkers.

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1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 21st

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available 985-7270

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

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball Supper



Saturday, November 27

Serving 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Adults: \$10

Children Ages 5-11: \$6

Under 5 Yrs. Free

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

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DEC Encourages New Yorkers to Help Safeguard Bats During Annual 'Bat Week' Annual Halloween Week Observance Raises Awareness to Reduce Human Disturbance to Endangered and Threatened Bats

In observance of the annual, internationally recognized Bat Week, Oct. 24-31, which raises awareness about the critical role of bats in our environment, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today urged outdoor adventurers to avoid visiting caves and mines during the fall and winter months. Bats hibernate in many of these underground cavities, where relatively constant, warm temperatures protect bats from noise and harsh winter temperatures above ground. Human disturbance is especially harmful to New York's bat populations since the arrival of white-nose syndrome, a fungus that has killed more than 90 percent of bats at hibernation sites in the state.

"With Halloween fast approaching, DEC is urging outdoor adventurers to steer clear of caves and mines to protect New York's at-risk bat populations," Commissioner Seggos said. "Right now, bats hunkering down in their winter homes are highly susceptible to disturbance from even the quietest cave visits. If disturbed, bats will wake from hibernation and expend significantly more energy than normal, increasing the harm caused by the white-nose disease. If explorers do venture out and come across hibernating bats in a cave, I urge these visitors to leave quickly and quietly."

DEC reminds the public to follow all posted notices restricting access to caves and mines. When bats are disturbed during hibernation, it forces them to raise their body temperature, depleting crucial fat reserves. This stored fat is the only source of energy available to the bats until the weather warms in spring and insects become readily available. The more frequently bats are disturbed, the less likely they are to survive the winter.

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

In recent years, scientists have found some evidence of recovery of the once-common little brown bat throughout New York State. While this apparent stabilization provides a hopeful outlook after more than a decade of devastating declines, similar evidence of stabilization is not yet seen for other severely affected bat species. Two species of bats are currently protected under federal and State endangered species law. The Indiana bat, which is sparsely distributed across New York, is a federally endangered bat listed before white-nose syndrome began affecting bat populations. The northern long-eared bat is protected as a threatened species under federal and New York State endangered species law. The current population for this formerly common bat is approximately one percent of its previous size, making this species the most severely affected by white-nose syndrome. Nonetheless, northern long-eared bats are still widely distributed in New York and their presence has been documented in most of the state's approximately 100 caves and mines serving as bat hibernation sites.

Anyone entering a northern long-eared bat hibernation site from Oct. 1 through April 30, the typical hibernation period for bats, may be subject to prosecution.

There is currently no treatment for bats suffering from white-nose syndrome. Along with the New York State Department of Health, DEC is partnering with researchers from the National

Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, and experts at universities across the country to better understand the disease and develop a treatment. This collaborative effort helped identify that reducing disturbances at hibernation sites during the winter can help the remaining animals survive. For more information about white-nose syndrome, visit the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team website. Details about the protection of the northern long-eared bat can be found on DEC's website.

Deer Management Permits (DMPs) in several Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) will be available to hunters beginning Nov. 1, 2021

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that remaining Deer Management Permits (DMPs) in several Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) will be available to hunters beginning Nov. 1, 2021.

"DMPs are an important tool for achieving the state's management objectives, and we encourage all interested hunters to pick up any extra permits available in select units," Commissioner Seggos said. "We also encourage all participating hunters to prioritize doe harvest with available DMPs while letting young bucks go to help advance our deer management goals. Interested hunters can also help feed hungry New Yorkers through the Venison Donation Coalition, or sharing extra venison with family and neighbors."

DMPs allow hunters to harvest antlerless deer and are issued for specific WMUs to help control deer populations. In some WMUs, all applicants received permits during the initial application process, and the DMP target has not been reached. In these units, DEC will re-open the DMP application process starting Nov. 1, on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters may apply for up to two additional DMPs in these WMUs at any DEC license sales outlet beginning Nov. 1.

While Hudson Valley deer populations are robust and long-term population impacts from Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease are not anticipated, DEC will not be issuing leftover DMPs in several Hudson Valley WMUs most heavily affected by the disease. In other affected WMUs, DEC will evaluate the impact of EHD and modify DMP issuance next year, as needed.

Leftover DMPs are not available by phone, mail, or internet. Applications must be made at license issuing outlets. Applicants who previously paid the \$10 DMP application fee during the initial application period, or are exempt from the application fee, will not be charged for this additional application. Hunters who did not previously apply for a deer management permit are required to pay the \$10 application fee.

Applications for leftover DMPs will be accepted for the following WMUs: 1C, 3M, 3R, 3S (bowhunting-only), 4J (bowhunting-only), 6P, 7F, 7H, 7J, 7R, 8A, 8C (bowhunting-only), 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, 8N, 8R, 9A, 9F, and 9G. For WMU locations, refer to the 2021-22 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or visit DEC's website.

During this extended application period, DEC will issue DMPs for an individual WMU until the target issuance quota is achieved. The status of permits will be reviewed each night, and as individual units are filled, they will be removed from the list of those available effective the following day. A list of units with available leftover DMPs will routinely be updated on DEC's website or via the DMP Hotline at 1-866-472-4332.

Additionally, Bonus DMPs are available for hunters who successfully take an antlerless deer in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J, or 8C.



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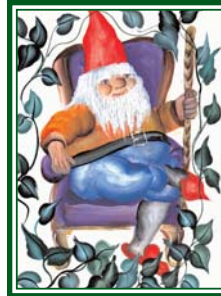
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Beetlejuice

(1988 | PG | CC / 4.8 stars)

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



they return home, Adam decides to retrace their steps as they can't remember how they got home. Upon stepping outside, he's taken to a desert world with monstrous sandworms before being pulled back in by Barbara. Beetlejuice hangs out in the desert trying to convince the couple to say his name three times to allow him back into reality. The recently deceased couple become ghosts haunting their former home. Beetlejuice an obnoxious, devious poltergeist who haunts themarried couple
 Directed by: **Tim Burton**, and starring **Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, and Jeffrey Jones.**

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HALLOWEEN

(1978 / R / CC / 4.7 STARS / 1HR 31 MIN)

The 1978 original of the Halloween series. The original draft of the screenplay was titled *The Babysitter Murders* and *The Night He Came Home*. John Carpenter directed the film, which stars Donald Pleasence as Dr. Sam Loomis, Jamie Lee Curtis as Laurie Strode, and Nick Castle, Tony Moran, Debra Hill, and Tommy Lee Wallace sharing the role of Michael Myers (listed in the credits as "The Shape").



Michael walks out of the room, down the stairs and out of the house, toward a disturbed Mr. and Mrs. Myers arriving home and finding their son holding a bloody butcher knife in his hand. Mr. Myers pulls the mask off of Michael's head which reveals his blank and expressionless face. In the town of Haddonfield, Illinois, high school student Laurie Strode leaves her house and begins walking to school. Her father, a realtor, asks her to drop a key off at the Myers house. The audience chills with the anticipation of being shocked by the violence so many love to watch. Starring: Donald Pleasence, Jamie Lee Curtis and Tony Moran

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Halloween Party

(2020 / TV-14 / CC / 3.7 stars / 1hr. 32 min.)



When her best friend dies mysteriously, a college student, Grace enlists a talented I.T. student, Spencer, to help her investigate.



The two soon discover that the school has a terrible secret - their dorm rooms were once used as a hospice to house dying patients, including The Balloon Babies, monstrously disfigured teens who wore masks twenty-four seven for "The Halloween Party."

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

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN