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High Spirits and Fun at the 35th Giant Pumpkin Party



In 1986 the Daniel Pierce Library held a small fundraiser with coffee and doughnuts on the library lawn on Main Street. This small fundraiser grew into an annual tradition—the much loved Giant Pumpkin Party.

This year's Giant Pumpkin Party started off at 9 am with the Children's Parade held at the fairgrounds and led into a day filled with good food, fun and surprises!

Adding to the festivities this year was the unveiling of the newest Dove of 2021 to the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail, initiated by the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival.

Hand-painted by artist, Kim Simons, the dove has been permanently mounted at the entrance to the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

After thanking the many people and organizations who made it possible for the new colorful dove to greet all those who enter the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, on behalf of the Neversink Agricultural Society, Nicole Gorr assisted with the unveiling of the newest addition to the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail.

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Isaiah 60:15

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****October 1951**

Material not available for this issue.

October 11, 1961

Cadet James L. Goldsmith has been assigned as a member of the ROTC Band at St. Michael's College, Winooski Park, Vermont. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Goldsmith. He is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is a freshman at St. Michael's.

Kenneth L. Ryan, 54, died Thursday at his home in Ellenville. He was born in Claryville on Oct. 11, 1906, the son of Otis and Laura Curry Ryan. He was married to Clara Wright on May 15, 1926 in Napanoch. Mr. Ryan was a laborer.

October is bright on field and hill,
And the sky is chicory blue.

It's out of the house for a man and
his dog,

And the rest of the family too!

EVERYTHING FOR THE

HUNTER

KUM TO KRUM'S

October 20, 1971

Ira Henry Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink, has been awarded a PhD degree in physics from the Mass. Institute of Technology. He received a B.A. degree summa cum laude from Princeton University and was valedictorian of his graduating class at Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville.

Mrs. Clara Whipple Garofalo is proud to announce the marriage of her son, George Garofalo, to Irene Towne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Towne of Ulster Heights on Friday, October 1, at the Lows Corners Baptist Church. The Rev. Catherine Weston officiated. Mrs. Lydia Clark was Matron of Honor and Mr. Bruce Clark was Best Man. The couple will reside on Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville.

October 15, 1981

Airman Jamie L. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado after completing her

basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas. Jamie is a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

Arthur B. Terwilliger of Rt. 42 Grahamsville, a retired engineer for the N.Y. Telephone Co., died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1981 at Ellenville Community Hospital after a long illness. He was 75. The son of the late Nelson and Wyntje Brodhead Terwilliger, he was born April 6, 1906 in Oak Ridge. He was married to Katherine A. Coolittle Terwilliger who survives.

On Saturday, October 10th, a surprise 25th Wedding Anniversary party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Barringer. The party was held at the Grahamsville Firehouse and was attended by approximately 50 relatives and friends.

TOWN OF NEVERSINK FALL CLEANUP 2021

Fall Cleanup will be held on **Saturday October 9, 2021, Wednesday October 13, 2021 and Saturday October 16, 2021.** The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Green 2021 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires per year, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature

My Love Affair with Peekamoose

Submitted by Carol Smythe, Neversink Historian

My love affair with Peekamoose began more than 50 years ago. I was a teenager camping with my 2 cousins. We didn't have cars or even drive yet. We and our food and our camping gear got dropped off by the stream. It rained and rained, the fish didn't bite and the fire wood was all damp and smoked more than it burned.

But I kept going back. Ice skated on Peakamoose Lake. Took my kids camping even when they were in a play pen. The years passed. A long stretch of time passed. Then I became interested in history. It was only natural that the history of Peakamoose would begin to intrigue me.

There were maps. There were published articles. There were stories told. Wonderful, hand-me-down stories. I began to collect them all. Some I experienced myself. Fishing up or down the High Fall Brook. Seeing the remnants of the old road that followed High Fall Brook from Red Hill to Peekamoose. The foundation of the "Main Moe Place" just sitting in the woods next to the brook about half way down from Red Hill. Then discovering that Romain Moe really existed and actually lived in this remote spot.

Little did I realize as a young woman that early Peekamoose or Peakamoose was really high up on the mountain located on the stream and then known as Big Head. There the first settlement. The water runs fast and deep and it easy to see why a mill was built on the stream. Thanks to Jack Denman and a caretaker I was privileged to see the area and was able to put it in historical context. Imagine this hardscrabble group putting their life's work into this small community locating near the source of Peakamoose stream as we know it.

One of the stories about the mountain group tells of their once a year trek to Kingston where they took along their surplus animals to sell at market. Presumably using that income to buy needed or wanted staples.

Meanwhile, what was happening down around Peakamoose Lake? I have a copy of a handdrawn survey map signed as follows "John B Davis Surveyor in 1845 and 1846 for E A & M Livingston. It references the "Lake or Gulf Lot -1733 1/2 acres - J. Q. Ward". Several times the phrase "heap of stones" is used in defining boundaries. Unfortunately my copy of the map is not clear enough to reprint. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hint:

Wipe Away Mildew

When you want to remove mildew stains, reach for white vinegar first. It can be safely used without additional ventilation and can be applied to almost any surface -bathroom fixtures and tile, clothing, furniture, painted surfaces, plastic curtains, and more. To eliminate heavy mildew accumulations, use it full strength. For light stains, dilute it with an equal amount of water.

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.

Chubby-Cheeked Chipmunks

The woods in the backyard were busy this past weekend. On Saturday morning I was greeted by several little critters who discovered the bag of acorns and hickory nuts on the back porch that I had been saving for my arts and crafts! Their little cheek pouches were bulging with food that they carried to their burrows for winter storage. Chipmunks hibernate, but instead of storing fat, they periodically dip into their reserve of nuts and seeds throughout the winter.



Chipmunks are quick and lively little rodents who belong to the squirrel family. With cute little pudgy cheeks, large, glossy eyes, stripes, and bushy tails no wonder they became a favorite among animators, which naturally led to their popular roles in Hollywood!

Chipmunks (scientific name *Tamias*) include the eastern chipmunk of the family *Sciuridae*. All species of chipmunks are found in North America, with the exception of the Siberian chipmunk.

They are generally seen in the Catskills scampering through the undergrowth. Many dig expansive burrows which can be more than 11 ft in length with several well-concealed entrances. Their sleeping quarters are kept clean as shells and feces are stored in refuse tunnels. Others make their homes in nests, bushes, or logs.

While chipmunks can be gray the popular chipmunks in our backyards are generally reddish-brown in color with contrasting dark and light stripes on the sides of their face and across their back and tail. They range in size from 7.2 to 8.5 inches and 1.1 to 1.8 ounces, but can grow up to 11 inches and can weigh as much as 4.4 ounces.

Chipmunks generally gather food on the ground in areas with underbrush, rocks, and logs, where they can hide from predators like hawks, foxes, coyotes, weasels, and snakes. They eat grass, shoots, and many other forms of plant matter, fungi, insects, spiders, small frogs, worms, and bird eggs as well as cultivated grains and vegetables, and other plants from farms and gardens.

Chipmunks are hermitic creatures and remain secluded, except during the spring, when mating takes place. Eastern chipmunks mate in early spring and again in early summer. After a 30 day gestation, they produce litters of four or five young twice each year. The young stay with their parents for about two months before they head out on their own to gather their own provisions for the winter ahead.

Chipmunks perform several important functions in forest ecosystems. Harvesting and hoarding tree seeds plays a crucial role in seedling establishment. Equally important is consuming fungi, including those involved in symbiotic mycorrhizal (association between a fungus and the roots of a vascular host plant) associations with trees. Chipmunks help disperse the spores of subterranean sporocarps (A multicellular structure in which spores or spore-producing structures are formed, as in many fungi and slime molds.) which have co-evolved with these and other mycophagous (fungi-eating) mammals and thus lost the ability to disperse their spores through the air.

For the most part, chipmunks, although susceptible to forest fragmentation, are not currently threatened and typically live about three years although some have been observed living to nine years in captivity.

As for Alvin, Simon and Theodore, who have been around since 1958, it won't be long until we start hearing "The Christmas Song" (a/k/a *Christmas Don't Be Late*) a record that in just seven weeks sold over 4 million copies.

Not bad for such cute little critters!

My Love Affair with Peekamoose

(From Pg. 3) How did Peakamoose get its name? George Elias gathered some information about the area. Included was a letter on Peakamoose Lodge stationery telling this version "Rev. J. W. Hammond boarded with John Bush on Breath Hill, spending a month in the region of the Roundout stream, returning from the dome-shaped peak he called it 'Peak-of-Moss.' This was the first name given." A. W. Dimock called it "the Happy Valley". George W. Erts, informally known as Denning historian, wrote that the original name was The Devil's Pulpit, next called Big Head and then Peekamoose. Before the Peekamoose Post Office, the name was Bull Run.

A large tract of land in mountain wilderness. Stories told and surely more stories yet to be told.

Cider Making on the Farm Sunday, October 10th 1 to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Cider Making on the 1930s Catskill Farm will be held Sunday, October 10th 1 to 3 p.m. at the Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY. A great old fashioned fall activity - experience old time cider making with a hand cider press!

Restored by Museum Trustee David Forshay, the hand



press will press fresh local apples after they have been grinded in an old time grinder. The old time apple pressing process and its importance on family farms will be discussed, and a cider making historical display can be explored. All of the buildings on the 1930s Catskill Farm will be open for visitors, including the farm house, barn, milk house, electric plant and working waterwheel building with educational and interactive activities and guided tours.

Cider making has a long history, and was important on any farm that had an apple orchard. Since the safety of drinking water was still a concern in early America, cider continued to be the best choice. Early settlers also believed cider aided in the prevention of many illnesses and helped them live a long life.

Admission: Members are free, and non-members: \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Includes the cider making demonstration, admission to the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm and to the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions.

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

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



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

o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout -

Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

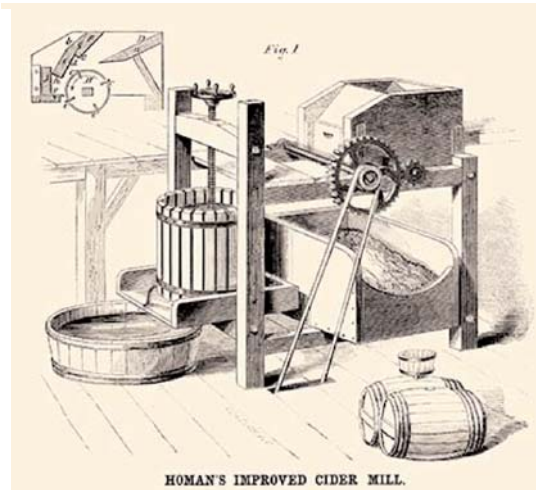
o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, out-house, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors

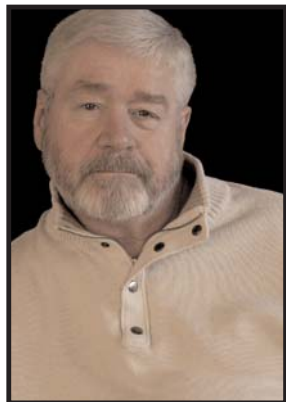
experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

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

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

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





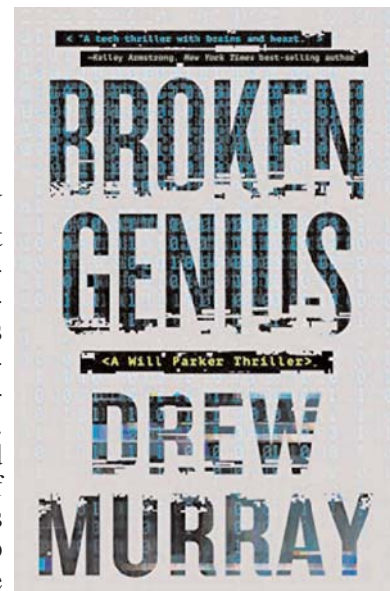
Broken Genius

Mysterious Book Report No. 465

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Broken Genius, (Oceanview, \$26.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-60809-388-5) by Drew Murray features a protagonist named Will Parker. He's a genius. A man who became fabulously rich in his 20s as the CEO of a world-class tech company, and walked away to become a special agent for the FBI's cyber division. The reason? Parker suffers from guilt for a coding error he made that led to the murder of a kidnapped college woman. Adding to the horror was the fact that Will watched it happen in real time.

His first FBI case takes him to a Comic Convention in Indiana, where a man named Roger Caplan was murdered in his hotel room. Investigators have found traces of radioactivity that match "the 2011 Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear accident" in Caplan's hotel room. Caplan, a Comic Con vendor, had been holding an auction on the Dark Web for a portable quantum computer known as the Fukushima Unicorn . . . which has the potential to change the world for good or evil, depending on who controls it. Pretty soon, Will and his FBI and law enforcement associates are battling for possession of the device with a legendary Chinese hacker, Russian criminals sent by the Kremlin, and a corporate executive trying to escape a scandal. But once again, Parker is forced into responsibility for another young woman's life when Caplan's daughter is taken hostage by unknown adversaries. It becomes a trail of blood, mayhem, and high-tech breadcrumbs that lead will ever deeper into a race against time to keep unlimited power out of the hands of those who could control the world. This high-octane, high-tech thriller will keep your favorite techno-enthusiast eagerly stuck to the page until awaiting the stunning conclusion . . . when they'll be awaiting Parker's next case!



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John Dwaine McKenna's Books
are now available at the
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Opening Day for Bear - Ulster County



On Sept. 11, opening day of early black bear hunting season, ECO Johnson came across a hunting camp baited for bear in f Wawarsing.

Early that morning, ECO Johnson observed one individual bowhunting in a tree-stand over a large pile of corn and a mineral block. After approaching the bowhunter, Officer Johnson spotted a second gun-hunter in another tree stand baited with corn and molasses. The Officer cited both hunters for multiple violations, including hunting

black bear with the aid of bait, placing a mineral lick on land inhabited by deer/bear, and additional lesser charges. In addition, the hunters were not wearing fluorescent pink or orange, which is now required.

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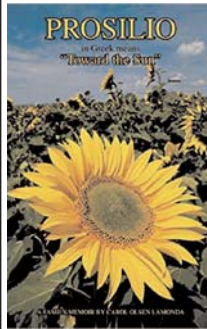
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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has



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The Olive Jar By Carol Olsen LaMonda

It Makes "Good Scents"



The other day I saw a meme that said, "Happiness is a smell." After doing a bit of research I found out that or memories are forever linked to the smell of the occasion. I thought about my favorite scents and realized they evoked very specific memories. Here are some of my favorites tied to the people or situations they recall:

- The smell of gardenias, my mom's favorite flower
- The way the hair of a newly bathed grandchild smells when they cuddle up to your neck
- The way grass smells when freshly mowed
- The aroma of brewed coffee wafting from my Nana's kitchen
- Bacon cooked in our cranberry cabin on the lake
- Fresh air from the window raised after a long winter
- The sent of Jasmine growing wild in Greece
- The turkey cooking on Thanksgiving morning
- The salt scent of an ocean breeze on a beach in Aruba
- Leaves burning at the curb in Freeport, Long Island
- Popcorn at the theater
- Hot dogs at the baseball game



Even not-so-nice smells can bring good memories.

- That new-car smell
- Painted walls
- Mimeograph fluid on worksheets in the classroom
- The gym at Onteora where we watched so many games and matches.
- and lastly,
- The smell of a wet dog reminding me of devotion and love.



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Infinite Care Agrees to Reimburse County for Taxes Due on Care Center at Sunset Lake Legislature Consents to Pay What's Owed by Deadline

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County and its new operating consultant for the Care Center at Sunset Lake, Infinite Care Management, have agreed to a deal to pay \$226,000 in school taxes due on the Care Center property for 2021.

“We were in talks with the Town of Liberty about remaining tax-exempt. The Town opted to assess the tax for the first time on that property in nearly a half century,” Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty explained. “We discussed this with Infinite Care, and they said they were willing to pay it.”

“Earlier this year, the County and the Sunset Lake Local Development Corporation (LDC), which owns the property, had spent a great deal of time researching and vetting a number of potential operators of the Care Center,” he added. “We found out our partner for the next 20 years is led by people of their word, and they are going to pay the tax. It's a win-win - County taxpayers won't be on the hook for this, and the Liberty Central School District will have an unexpected \$226,000 more to educate our children.”

In order to avoid penalties and surcharges, the County Legislature agreed on Monday to forward funds to the Sunset Lake LDC, which will pay the full bill by the September 30 deadline. (Legislator Nadia Rajsz abstained from the vote, as she sits on the LDC Board.)

Infinite Care will reimburse the LDC the portion of the taxes for the period Infinite Care has been and will be operating the Care Center (September 20, 2021-June 30, 2022), and the LDC will reimburse the County for the July 1, 2021-September 20, 2021. Going forward, Infinite Care will continue to pay the taxes on the property.

“It's important to pick good, trustworthy partners, and we have that in Infinite Care,” said Doherty.



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

All Locked Up

On Sept. 24, ECO Godson received a report of two large bucks with locked antlers on Gillette Road in the town of Barre, Orleans County.



Bucks with antlers locked

ECO Godson arrived at the scene and observed two large bucks with their antlers so intertwined the animals could barely move.

Using a winch, catch pole, Sawzall, and a tractor for elevation, ECO Godson worked with a local farmer to remove three antlers. Eventually, both bucks were freed from one another and soon ran off into the woods unharmed.



Godson and assisting farmer holding the cut antlers



ECO Godson works to free two bucks that are stuck together at the antlers

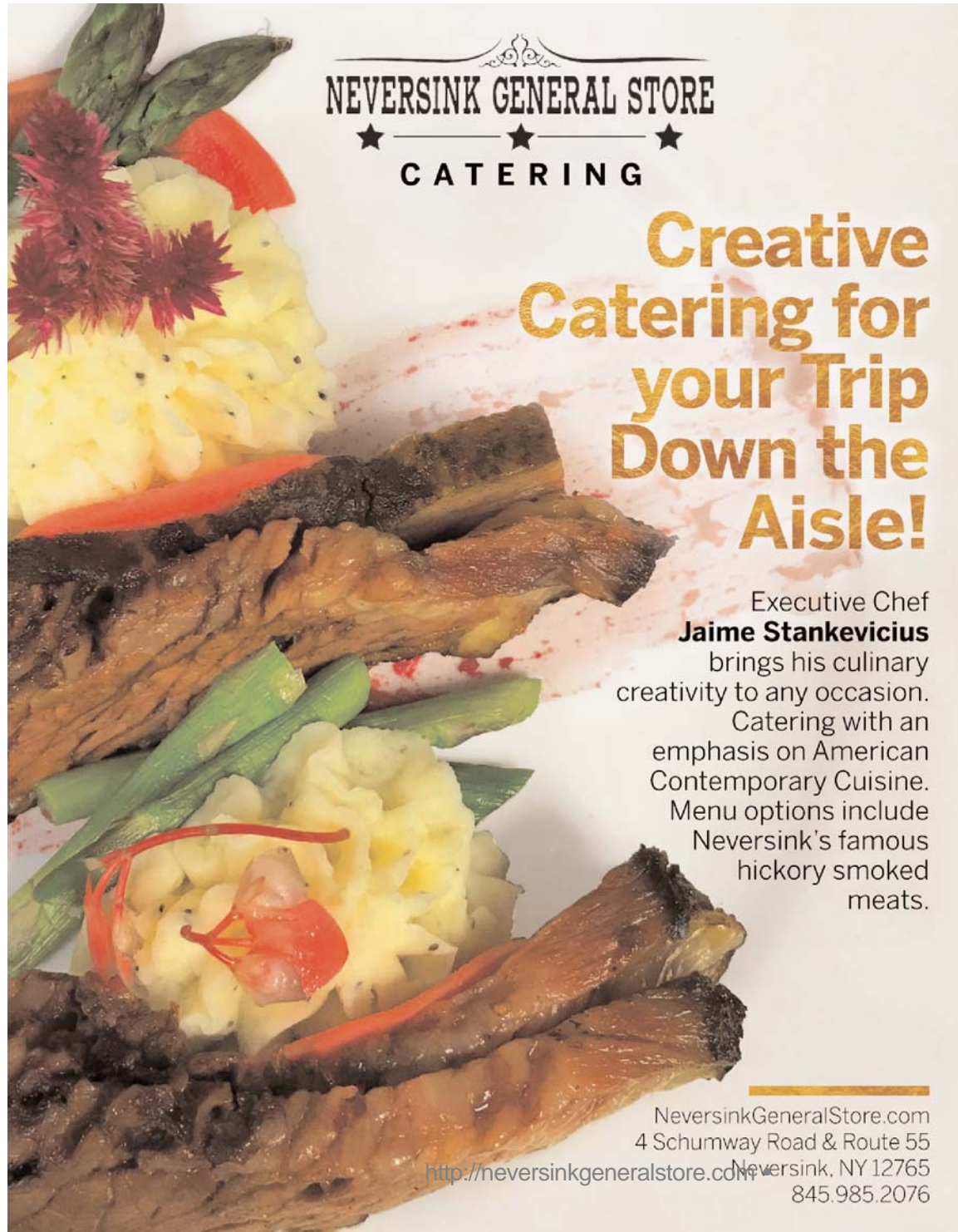
DEC Announces Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest

Dec. 31 Deadline for Photo and Artwork Submissions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the start of DEC's annual Arbor Day Poster contest. Each year, DEC's Urban and Community Forestry program coordinates the contest to promote the immeasurable value of trees in the environment and New Yorkers' lives. The winner of the contest will have their photo or artwork reproduced as the 2022 Arbor Day Poster, to commemorate the holiday.

"From the shade and wood products trees provide to their role in the fight against climate change, the benefits of trees are often underappreciated," Commissioner Seggos said. "I encourage all New Yorkers to join our annual celebration of trees by submitting art or photos that depict the beauty and importance of New York's trees."

The annual Arbor Day Poster contest is sponsored by the New York State Arbor Day Committee, which includes DEC, the Empire State Forestry Foundation, the New York State Arborist Association, State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the International Paper Company. DEC will accept original photograph and artwork submissions on behalf of the committee through Dec. 31, 2021. Entries must feature trees within New York State and should be sent to arborday@dec.ny.gov.



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State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "The Arbor Day poster contest is a great way to honor and celebrate New York's forested land and the incredible benefits that it provides to residents and visitors alike. From giving us sap to make sweet maple syrup, to cleaning our air and enhancing the scenic beauty of our state, New York's trees are a fantastic natural resource that contribute so much to our daily lives."

Participants must include their name, address, and, if submitting a photograph, where the photo was taken. Participants are limited to three submissions. Model consent forms are required for people in submitted photos. For more information about the contest, visit DEC's website or email arborday@dec.ny.gov.

To obtain past New York State Arbor Day posters, contact any local DEC forestry office or call 518-402-9428.



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UlsterCorps' 11th Annual Zombie Escape

Kick off your Halloween at UlsterCorps' 11th Annual Zombie Escape Saturday October 30th at Williams Lake in Rosendale.

Events include a 5k timed trail run, 2k walk and a free 1k Fun Run for kids.

The Zombie Escape is UlsterCorps' primary annual fundraiser, and a perfect family friendly way to start your Halloween while supporting a great cause. Enjoy the spectacular fall foliage and beautiful trails at Williams Lake, while passing socially distanced zombies and other spooky surprises hiding in the woods, tunnels and caves (no flag belts this year due to COVID).

All runners including kids will receive a themed race medal. Custom awards in overall and age groups for the 5K.

Team rate only \$17 per person if you sign up a team of 5 or more by Wednesday October 27th. We are also offering a Virtual Option at a discounted rate of \$10 per person - the trails at Williams Lake will only be accessible for the In-Person event, but you can run or walk at your own place and time between 10/25-10/31.

To learn more, or sponsor the event, email zombies@ulstercorps.org or call us at 845-481-0331.

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

It became increasingly apparent this last week –even with the 70 degree weather over the weekend– that Autumn is officially here. This is indisputably my favorite time of year particularly with its brilliant colors. It may still happen. I live in hope.

On the last day of FALL FESTIVAL & CARNIVAL, this last weekend held in Morningside Park, the great SLAM ALLEN closed the event. I had made his acquaintance a few years back when, being a newcomer, I was encouraged to see him at the SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM'S First Sunday, put together by CAROL SMITH. Although I'd heard his name often in always hushed reverence, I really didn't expect the phenomenal blues guitar work that I hadn't heard live outside of New York City. I understood then that Sullivan County understood. They had a bona fide star in their midst, recognized by the music industry as a whole and by individual stars one hears on the radio or whatever streaming service they use. A true International Star. Hushed reverence indeed.

One of the perks of writing this column is that musicians share their CDs with me, either by physical copy or online. I listen to each and every one in entirety and then add them to my collection which is categorized according to mood (mine, not the mood of the music). This way, if I need a shot of energy to clean by (and who doesn't when cleaning isn't something high on your list of enjoyable things), I know what to put on. FEEL THE BLUES is the first CD of SLAM ALLEN'S to be added and it was that day at the museum. They had my money and I had that

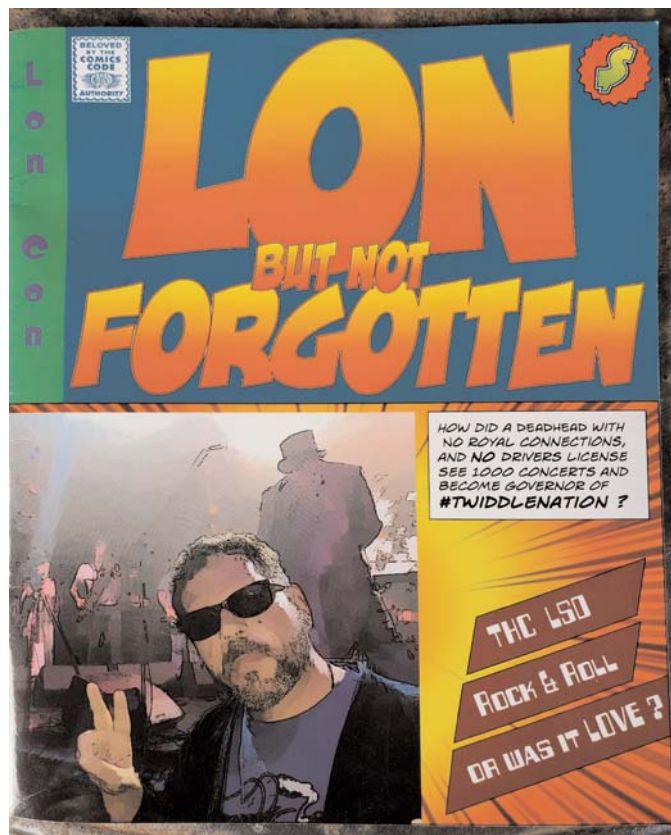
CD in my hand and was out the door before anyone knew and it is still one of my favorites. My mood for this? "Slow down! And breathe!"

SLAM ALLEN outdoors is a bit bitter-sweet, bringing to the forefront that outdoor performances of any kind are rapidly dwindling as temperatures dip. Venues are reluctant, as are some groups and solo musicians to move indoors, particularly with Sullivan County being listed in New York as one of the counties with high CoVid infection rates....still. It's better than last year when summer ended, when there was no vaccine and depression over having

no where safe to go was high. I have every confidence that this lull is temporary as they find their "sea legs" as they have in the past.

LOOKY WHAT I GOT! This glossy upscale comic book to commemorate the late LON GELMON at LON-CON FEST was disappearing so fast that the seller had trouble keeping up. I thought it and the idea were pretty cool but my attention was drawn away (Oooo...another shiny object!) in this unusual festival. Then, last week, this showed up. This is a work of art unto itself, chronicling the festival's namesake from childhood to somewhat of an icon.

You may wonder why I keep coming back to this festival. In all my years in music, this kind of thing just doesn't happen and certainly not as successfully at this one. It's an anomaly from the namesake, who was



just an ordinary guy to this gathering of hundreds of people. And I find the whole thing utterly fascinating.

The more I learn about, not just this festival, but the bands involved, the more I'm impressed in ways a jaded person like myself is boggled by. It seems a great deal of the profits from not just this festival but from their performances...and this comic book... go to THE WHITE LIGHT FOUNDATION, a nonprofit organization that then distributes to other worthy non for profits and which is funding a music scholarship for young musicians at Queens College in Lon Gellman's name. Amid the small donations and band profits are a few in the thousands by single donors. This whole way of thinking is so rooted in the 60's peace and love message. Idealistic? Maybe. But these jam bands are making it work. The world needs more of this kind of thinking.

Stay well, stay safe and mask up!
Until next time.....



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Shot from the Road Ulster County

A poaching case from last fall recently concluded in the Town of Wawarsing Court. The incident occurred on Dec. 7, 2020, near Ver Nooy Kill State Forest where a witness reported a vehicle stop on the road and shoot at a doe on private property. ECO Johnson responded to the scene along with the Ulster County Sheriff's Department and found the carcass of the doe. The witness provided officers with a vehicle description, and one week later, a concerned citizen reported seeing the vehicle parked at a gas station.

ECOs Johnson and Walraven responded to the gas station and interviewed the vehicle owner's boyfriend, who eventually admitted to driving the car while his friend shot the deer from the vehicle. Officer Johnson interviewed the alleged shooter and determined the actual shooter was the driver's brother.

Confronted with the new evidence, the driver and shooter admitted to shooting the deer from the vehicle while on the roadway. Both individuals were charged with taking deer from a motor vehicle, taking deer from a roadway, discharging a firearm over a roadway, and possessing a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle. Additional violations were added for other minor infractions. The defendants were fined more than \$3,500 in town court.

Successful Youth Pheasant Hunt in Greene County

On Sept. 25, ECOs assisted the Greene County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs with the annual youth pheasant hunt in the town of Greenville. Fifteen local youth hunters participated in the annual event accompanied by their parents, mentors, and local volunteers. The young hunters received instructions on firearm safety, skeet shooting, and pheasant hunting before an afternoon barbecue. ECOs accompanied the young hunters to help ensure a fun and safe experience, and many of the participants harvested their first pheasants during the event.

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High Spirits and Fun at the 35th Giant Pumpkin Party (From Pg. 1)

It was a day filled with good spirits, spooky spirits, and fun out in the country. Smiles were everywhere –little ghosts, goblins and witches, super heroes, and gruesome monsters. And the smiles continued from vendor to vendor who brought their hand-made crafts or food to sell. The beautiful princesses and fairies enjoyed having their picture taken with Miss New York International, Brianna Worden, while others (even tiny little ones) enjoyed the pony rides, bounce house, games and more. Young and not so young relaxed as they took a country hay ride around the fairgrounds. There was something for everyone—the Giant Pumpkin Contest, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Scarecrow Contest, Hay Bale Throw and Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin, a craft fair, hay maze, a Book Sale, delicious food, games and a variety of amusements and live music and entertainment provided by the Tri-Valley School Band and the Manaklin Brothers.

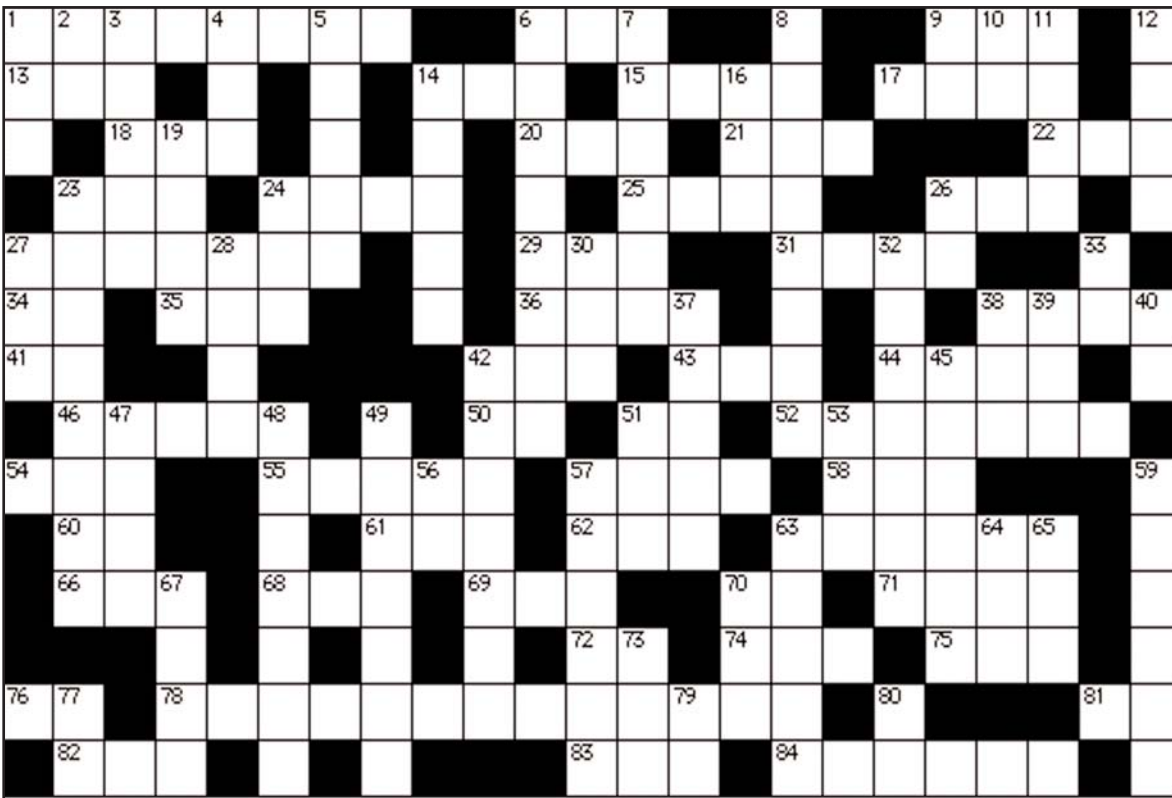
Thank you to all who helped create new memories at this year’s Giant Pumpkin Party, and for giving us something to look forward to again next year - the 36th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party!

All funds raised from the event will be used to benefit the Daniel Pierce Library.

Visit their website at: www.danielpiercelibrary.org



In 1492 He Sailed the Ocean Blue - L. Comando



- ACROSS**
- 1 16th century Spanish explorer who believed the world was round
 - 6 Gnomish creature
 - 9 Viper
 - 13 Long narrow inlet
 - 14 Long narrow inlet
 - 14 Long slender freshwater fish
 - 15 Spout
 - 17 Sheet of canvas by which some ships are driven
 - 18 Substance for road making
 - 20 Irish Republican Army
 - 21 Aged
 - 22 Used to row a boat
 - 25 Critical Care Unit
 - 24 Fleece
 - 25 Sanskrit-serpent
 - 26 Place
 - 27 1st president to be impeached
 - 29 Hollow bag or pouch
 - 31 Star that suddenly increases in brightness
 - 34 Indefinite article
 - 35 Decade
 - 36 Contraction of 'she is'
 - 38 Rich soil
 - 41 Morrison's Garage; small sporty car
 - 42 Large extinct flightless bird formerly found in New Zealand
 - 43 Private Mortgage Insurance
 - 44 Colorado _____, one of John Mc Kenna's books
 - 46 A course for traveling
 - 50 Half an em
 - 51 South America
 - 52 Gather
 - 54 Plural of man
 - 55 Vouches
 - 57 Large vessel used to navigate deep waters
 - 58 Impressive
 - 60 Saint
 - 61 A person's sister
 - 62 Writing instrument
 - 63 Person with great mental capacity
 - 66 Coded signal of distress
 - 68 Prophet Samuel's teacher
 - 69 Fermented drink
 - 70 Leave
 - 71 Escritoire
 - 72 Negative
 - 74 Type of beer with a bitter flavor
 - 75 Declare
 - 76 Exist
 - 78 Vinland sagas; Greenland legend
 - 81 You and I
 - 82 Meadow
 - 83 Crafty
 - 84 Scandinavian country
- DOWN**
- 1 To weep
 - 2 Used to attract attention
 - 3 Clasp
 - 4 Impair
 - 5 Act of joining
 - 6 Norse explorer, son of Eric the Red
 - 7 Country in Western Europe whose capital is Paris
 - 8 Ocean that touches North America and Europe
 - 9 Associate of Art
 - 10 Staten Island (abbrev)
 - 11 To mark a position of course on a map
 - 12 A man admired for his qualities
 - 14 Produces spores on undersurface of a mushroom
 - 16 Small block of wood
 - 19 My mother's sister
 - 23 The legislature of the U.S.
 - 24 Victorious
 - 26 Father
 - 27 Conserve
 - 28 Dispatched
 - 30 Expression of triumph
 - 32 Lief Erikson's destination
 - 33 North America (abbrev)
 - 37 Country that supported Columbus's voyage to the New World
 - 38 Fib
 - 39 Imaginary race of humanlike creatures
 - 40 Twelfth star of a constellation
 - 42 Memo
 - 45 Old songs
 - 47 To and upon
 - 48 Position
 - 49 Mental images
 - 51 The girl
 - 53 Solid material from which metal is extracted
 - 56 Seventh
 - note of the diatonic scale
 - 57 Pays out money
 - 59 Main organs of photosynthesis
 - 63 _____ Heights, hills between Syria and Israel
 - 64 United States of
 - America
 - 65 Welkin
 - 67 Legend; story
 - 70 Stifle
 - 73 Petroleum
 - 77 Elevated railroad
 - 79 New York
 - 80 Mister

Easy Corn Bread

... a great enhancement to any warm comfy food meal on a chilly evening.

- 1/4 c vegetable shortening or oil
- 1 c. corn meal
- 1 c. flour
- 2 to 4 Tbsp sugar
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 c. milk
- 1 egg

Mix all ingredients until blended. Bake in round 10 inch, cast iron fry pan (or 9 x 13 inch pan), greased.

Bake until golden brown on top at 350° for about 25 minutes.

Serve warm with butter and/or jam, maple syrup or honey

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Answer on page 23

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CRYPTOGRAM

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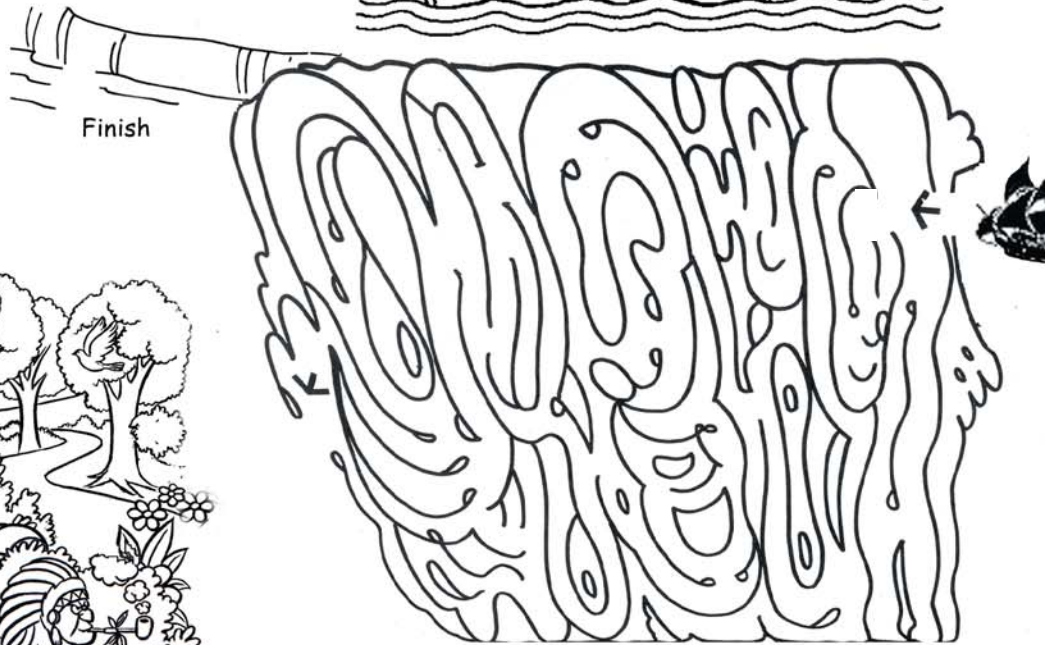
- L. Comando

Follow the dots and you will see a famous explorer. Do you know who it is?



How many words can you make from COLUMBUS?

Can you help the ship sail to the new world through the maze?



The natives lived in the Americas long before Columbus got there. What are the differences between the two pictures?



CRYPTOGRAM KEY

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UC Awarded \$1 Million in Funding to Assist Local Small Businesses

Funding will be available to support small businesses which meet income thresholds with expenses, including rent, payroll, and equipment, with a maximum of \$35,000 to be awarded

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that the County has been awarded \$1,000,000 to provide direct financial assistance to financially challenged businesses with federal CARES Act funding from the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal. A wide variety of business expenses, including rent, payroll, and equipment, will be eligible with a maximum grant award per business at \$35,000. Qualifying businesses must have 25 or fewer employees, and must be either owned by a person of limited income, or employ a majority of individuals who meet limited-income thresholds. Priority points will be awarded to minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses.

"During the pandemic we have seen big-box stores and multinational corporations continue to thrive, while our small businesses have struggled," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "In Ulster County, we are doubling-down on our efforts to support our local businesses. This \$1 million in CARES Act funding, along with the tremendous work of our Department of Economic Development, will provide the necessary tools to not just help our businesses stay afloat but to also grow and expand."

"We know that small businesses are the backbone of the Ulster County economy, so pursuing this opportunity on behalf of our community made perfect sense," Director of Economic Development Tim Weidemann said. "In particular, we know the restaurant industry was hit hard by the COVID pandemic, and our office heard personally from many businesses that were unable to access other relief funding sources. It is our sincere hope that this funding will be a tool to close the gap and help small business owners stabilize their finances."

"Since March of 2020, the Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has heard compelling testimonies from hundreds of small businesses who were extremely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. That impact persists today," Interim Center Director for SBDC Sam Kandel said. "We are thrilled to hear of this funding, and are available to assist clients through the application process or with any other needs they might have."

More details, as well as a full application, will be posted at UlsterCountyNY.gov in the coming weeks. To take the first step in qualifying for funding, please find the pre-application form online: <https://forms.gle/MKz1s5cQTvpMkg1K9>. For questions about pre-application, please contact the Office of Economic Development at oed@co.ulster.ny.us.

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Ulster County Food Fight

The Ulster County Food Fight is an annual food collection contest held in cooperation with 12 libraries throughout Ulster County from Wednesday, September 1 to Saturday, October 16. The library that collects the highest number of food items during this period wins the Food Fight and receives a winners' certificate. Help your library win the Food Fight with your donations of non-perishable (and non-expired) food items for local food pantries. The following libraries will be participating: Gardiner Library; Highland Public Library; Hurley Library; Kingston Library; Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library in Milton; Morton Memorial Library in Pine Hill; Olive Free Library; Phoenicia Library; Plattekill Library; Rosendale Library; Stone Ridge Library; and West Hurley Public Library. Contact your local library to find out what local food pantry they are supporting and all the details of how you can donate food items.

Upcoming Events in Ulster County

Oct. 9-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31 Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions: Named "#1 Haunted Attraction in America." New theme each season. Includes a haunted walking trail, corn maze, eight haunted attractions, gift shops and eateries. Visit website for dates and times. Starts at Dusk. Reservations strongly recommended. Also featuring Headless Horseman Escape Rooms. Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; <http://headlesshorseman.com>

Saturdays:

Saugerties Farmers Market 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 115 Main Street Saugerties <http://saugertiesfarmersmarket.com>

Kingston Farmers Market 9 a.m.-2 p.m. County Courthouse parking lot, Kingston info@kingstonfarmersmarket.org or <http://kingstonfarmersmarket.org>

Sundays:

Rosendale Farmers Market 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Willow Kiln Park, just behind The Rosendale Theatre, at the base of Joppenburg Mountain. <http://rosendalefarmersmarketny.com>

New Paltz Open Air Market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 45 Main St., New Paltz <http://newpaltzfarmersmarket.com>

D&H Canal Sunday Market 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Grady Park Route 213, High Falls canalmuseum.org/market/

Belleayre Farmers Market 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Discovery Lodge base area <http://belleayre.com/todo/farmers-market/>

Kingston Waterfront Farmers' Market 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Alongside the Rondout Creek in TR Gallo Park, Kingston. <http://thekingstonwaterfront.com/farmers>

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Claryville Fire District of the Towns of Denning and Neversink, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, for its consideration.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 PM at the Warren Cole Fire Hall, 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, in the Town of Denning, State of New York on the 19th day of October, 2021.

Pursuant to Town Law 181.3(a) the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning the same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerks of the towns of Denning, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY12725: and Neversink, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 and Fire District Secretary at 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725, during office hours.

Dated: October 3, 2021

Board of Fire Commissioners
Claryville Fire District
1500 Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725

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New York State Cannabis Control Board Announces First Public Meeting of the Board to be held Tuesday October 5, 2021 at 1:30 PM On September 22, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the final appointments to the five- member Cannabis Control Board. The Cannabis Control Board is charged with approving a comprehensive regulatory framework for New York's cannabis industry. The Board will oversee licensing of cannabis businesses and the approval of various actions taken by the Office of Cannabis Management. Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - The New York State Cannabis Control Board will hold its first public meeting of the Board at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Members of the public are welcome to attend virtually via videoconference.

The public is able to observe meetings from a mobile device or computer on our live webcast: https://players.brightcove.net/2886492229001/default_default/index.html?videoId=6193797864001. Videos of each meeting are also posted on our website following the meeting.

Meeting agenda and additional information can be found here:

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/cannabis-control-board-meetings>.

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Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00
p.m., Secondary School Library
Upper Level

Regular Meeting #7 - 7:00 p.m.,

Secondary School Library Lower Level

The meeting will be on our YouTube Live Channel
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Thursday, October 14, 2021

Board Audit Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Secondary School Library
Lower Level

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session -
6:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level
Regular Meeting #8 - 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level

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Fallsburg CSD Board of Education October Meetings

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HEAP Season Is Here Sign Up for Benefits Starting October 1

Liberty, NY - The 2021-2022 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season starts this week.

"HEAP's Regular component - offering a one-time payment to help buy fuel to heat a home - begins Friday, October 1," notes Sullivan County Director of Temporary Assistance Giselle Stekettee. "The Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement (HERR) and the Heating Equipment Clean & Tune (C&T) components have already begun. They provide funding to have trained professionals inspect, service and even replace furnaces, boilers, stoves and other heating equipment."

Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, over age 60 or permanently disabled. You may qualify even if you think you won't, so to apply for a 2021-2022 HEAP grant, go to...

<https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin> or call 845-807-0142.

In-person applications will be accepted at Office for the Aging and the Department of Family Services, but please call ahead to confirm.

Applications can also be obtained from the County's community partners (please call first):

o Action Toward Independence, 845-794-4228

Monticello Kiwanis Annual Fundraiser Dinner

In light of the continuing Covid situation, the Kiwanis Club of Monticello is once more making their Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner available at a time of the ticket buyer's choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. Tickets are \$20 each, which entitles the buyer to dinner platter choices of Hot Open Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken, Gyro Platter or Vegetarian Crepe. Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes and dessert. Dinners can be socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window by ordering ahead. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are valid from Oct. 15th and must be redeemed no later than Dec. 15, 2021.

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

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

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

- o Independent Living, 845-794-3322
- o Sullivan County Office for the Aging, 845-807-0241

Income thresholds for 2021-2022 Regular HEAP:

Household Size	Monthly Income Maximum
1	\$2,729
2	\$3,569
3	\$4,409
4	\$5,249
5	\$6,088
6	\$6,928

Note that Sullivan County's 4% Energy Tax will be rescinded December 1, 2021, so any deliveries made after that point will not include that tax.

New this year is the Regular Arrears Supplement (RAS), states HEAP Coordinator Rosemary Wolff: "If someone received HEAP in any form this past season and they have an arrears balance on their utility bill, they will be eligible for HEAP to pay the utility bill in full."

The person applying must be the customer of record (the bill must be in their name). People who did not receive HEAP last season can apply as of October 1, 2021 and, if eligible, can receive a heating benefit and the one-time-only RAS benefit.

The Sullivan County HEAP Office can be reached at 845-807-0142 or heap@sullivanny.us. The fax number is 845-292-4651.

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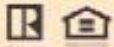
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Russian Mule Brewery



Saturday afternoon, October 9
Bryan Gordan

performing 2:30 pm until 6:00 pm

Alexander Kaletski

will make a personal appearance

at the Claryville Art Center following his successful show at the

Anna Zorina Gallery in New York City.

Anna Zorina, Alexander's wife, in addition to her New York Gallery,
is the Curator for **Claryville Art Center** and the **Kaletski Museum**,
featuring Kaletski's permanent collection.

Kaletski's show at the **Anna Zorina Gallery**

will open on Friday, October 8

and will be sponsored by **Veuve Clicquot**.

Following the opening on Friday night,

a bus will transport guests on Saturday from the City
to the **Claryville Art Center** for a reception at the **Kaletski Museum**.

The **Russian Mule** will be serving its popular

"**Taste of Russia**" menu along with its standard fare.

There are currently five different beers
made by the **Russian Mule Brewery** available for tasting.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: stpeters/bulletin

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

Good News!
St. Mark's
UM Church
 68 Clinton St.
 Napanch, NY
Thrift Shop
 and
Clothing Sale
 Will be opened
 every Friday
 from 10 - 3

Sundown United Methodist Church

Sundown Ladies
 'See you at the Annual Christmas Event at Grahamsville UMC Church in December'

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale
October 9th and October 23rd
from 9am to 12 noon

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PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY
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 Grahamsville & Sundown
 United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
 Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
 Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740
 Dial by your location
 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
 +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
 The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering.
 If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

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

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

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

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041

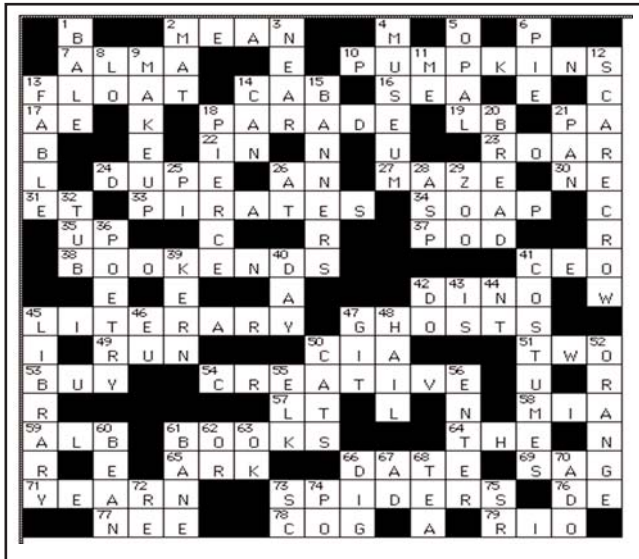
Worship Services @ 10:00 am
 Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
 Church Hall available for rent
 Call - 845-985-2041 for information



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 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
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Ans to last week's Crossword



Grahamsville UMC October Thrift Sales

The Grahamsville UMC Thrift Days are October 9th and October 23rd from 9am to 12 noon. Staff will receive donations during October on Tuesdays from 9am-11:00am, or by appointment by calling 845-985-7012 or 845-985-3128 (leave message). When you bring items, please bring them up to the Thrift Building door. Thanks for supporting this Mission Project for many years.

Cider Making on the Farm Sunday, October 10th 1 to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Cider Making on the 1930s Catskill Farm will be held Sunday, October 10th 1 to 3 p.m. at the Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY. A great old fashioned fall activity - experience old time cider making with a hand cider press!

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also
WANTED
People to play cards

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answer

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! Join Brad and Janet as they travel to the mansion of Dr. Frankenfurter and experience the wild ride-- complete with transylvanians, phantoms and more! With iconic songs like Time Warp, Sweet Transvestite, Touch a Touch Me and More--Rocky Horror is an iconic treat for all! Rocky Bags will be available with all the props needed to fully experience this wacky and wonderful show! Show dates are: October 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and 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

Haunted Theatre Tour at SC Dramatic Workshop

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents its wildly popular Haunted Theatre Tours this season at the Rivoli Theatre with three floors of fright - it'll be a scream! YOURS! Come if you dare!

Join our staff as they entertain you with the unexplainable, murmurs, ghosts and spirits. Be prepared for goosebumps but remember, as long as you stay with your group, you'll be just fine.

Tour dates are only on Fridays and Saturdays - October 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Tours are limited to groups of four and run continuously starting at 6:00 PM - last tour of the evening starts at 10:00PM. Please note that this tour includes stairs and is sometimes in complete darkness. Also, please note that this tour in NOT recommended for children under 13!

All tickets are \$10 which includes admission and a free gift from the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. Advance tickets recommended at <http://www.scdw.net>.

For more information: 845-436-5336

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

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/9/21 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 12 Noon
- 10/9/21 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner** TAKE OUT ONLY 4 - 6 pm
- 10/10/21 **Cider Making on the Farm** 1 to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum
- 10/11/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - **COLUMBUS DAY**
- 10/12/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm
(Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
- 10/13/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
- 10/19/21 Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
- 10/19/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- App. Submission date 10/5/2021
- 10/21//21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 10/29/21 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 12 Noon
- 11/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board 7 pm - App. Submission Date 10/20/21

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of October 4 - October 8, 2021

Monday, October 4

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency: Public Hearing on 2022 Budget with Regular Board Meeting Immediately Following, at 999 Flatbush Ave, Kingston, and via Webex and by Phone (408) 418-9388, Code: 1234
- o 5:00 PM - Public Health & Social Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 840 3390 4039, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Health & Social Services Committee) - Energy & Environment Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 892 3856 0937, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, October 5

- o 5:15 PM - Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 842 0206 9165, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, October 6

- o 5:15 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 860 8535 8371, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee) - Public Works & Capital Projects Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 841 4287 0467, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273 Pw: 834223, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, October 7

- o 6:00 PM - Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee, at the Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock
- o 6:00 PM - Human Rights Commission, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

Friday, October 8

- o No Meetings

**Do you like
to read?**

**Why not join
the first
Friday
of the
month book
discussion**

**Group meets at
the Daniel Pierce
Library in
Grahamsville
from
1 to 3 p.m.**

**Refreshments are
provided by
its members.**

NYC DEP Celebrates National Source Water Protection Week with Tour of 450th Stream Management Project

NYC and watershed partners are considered worldwide leaders in protecting water at its source

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Vincent Sapienza today joined the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) and local leaders in the Catskills to celebrate the nation's first Source Water Protection Week, which highlights efforts to protect the sources of drinking water that sustain communities across the United States. Participants toured the ongoing stream management project at Red Falls, along the Batavia Kill, in the towns of Ashland and Prattsville. The project to improve more than 6,000 feet of the Batavia Kill through this portion of Greene County is one of the largest and most complex projects in the history of the DEP stream management program, and it marks the 450th stream project funded by the program since it started in 1996.

"The stream management project at Red Falls underscores why New York City and its watershed partners are considered worldwide leaders in source water protection," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "New York City has invested more than \$2 billion since 1993 to protect our drinking water at its source in the Catskills. The science-based programs funded by DEP have maintained, safeguarded and improved water quality across the reservoir system that now sustains nearly 10 million New Yorkers each day. The success of the source water protection program is worth celebrating with our many partners in the watershed, without whom these efforts would not be possible or effective."

"The Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to be able to offer source water protection programming through our partnership with DEP," GCSWCD Executive Director Joel DuBois said. "The improvements to our waterways and infrastructure assets that are made possible through this partnership put us in the best possible position to be resilient during future extreme weather events."

"The New York Section American Water Works Association (NYSAWWA) is excited to kick off the inaugural Source Water Protection Week, during which we raise awareness and recognize that protecting sources of drinking water is essential to a sustainable supply for future generations," said Jenny Ingrao, executive director of NYSAWWA. "NYCDEP is helping to lead the charge with their innovative approach to safeguarding their source water and delivering high-quality water to roughly half the state."

On Thursday, DEP and the GCSWCD led a tour of the \$3.7 million project to restore more than a mile of the Batavia Kill in northwestern Greene County. This section of the stream has long been eroding the glacial clay and till that surrounds it, making it the largest single source of sediment in the watershed of Schoharie Reservoir. The force of several storms, including tropical storms Irene and Lee in 2011, caused multiple hill-slopes to fail along the Batavia Kill, including some that exceeded 50 feet in height. The Red Falls project gets its name from a waterfall that is located along the Batavia Kill, on property owned by the City and managed for passive recreation.

The stream restoration project at Batavia Kill was broken into several segments because of its overall size and complexity. The first segment was completed this year, and construction on the final sections will start as early as 2022.

During the first two phases of work, stream experts and local

excavators built a 1,250-foot-long channel to dewater the section of stream that was rehabilitated, used hundreds of boulders to build grade controls, riffles and other flow-control features, graded and stabilized more than 1,600 feet of the streambank and created a floodplain to help reduce the erosive power of the stream during large runoff events. Native plant species were also planted along the streambanks to help hold the soil tight and provide a vegetated buffer.

The design and long-term monitoring of the project site are both guided by sound science. The upper and lower limits of the entire restoration project are equipped with real-time water quality monitoring instruments, allowing scientists to measure the effect of the stream management project on suspended sediment in the stream under different volumes of flow. The project aims to restore stable stream function and reduce the impacts to water quality from the erosion of fine sediment along the streambanks and streambed.

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The work near Red Falls on the Batavia Kill is the 450th stream project since DEP began its stream management program in 1996. Those projects have restored the channel stability or vegetation at more than 50 miles of streams across the Catskills. The City has invested more than \$200 million in its stream management programs, which are carried out in partnership with the soil and water conservation districts in Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster counties, along with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. The program seeks to manage streams to limit erosion and flood-hazard risk, protect infrastructure, improve habitat, and protect and improve water quality.

New York City reservoir system a model of Source Water Protection

New York City's Catskill and Delaware water supply systems comprise the largest unfiltered water supply in the United States, delivering 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water to nearly 10 million people each day. These two systems are operated under a Filtration Avoidance Determination - a permit that sets stringent criteria for water quality and outlines a number of projects the City must fund or administer to protect its drinking water.

For decades, the City has implemented a strategy of source water protection to maintain the quality of water in its reservoirs. The science-based programs in DEP's source water protection program are rooted in the concept that it is most cost-effective and environmentally sound to protect the quality of water at its natural source. DEP's programs in the watershed have become a national and international model for protecting water at its source. Each year, water utility managers and public health professionals come from around the globe to study the City's watershed programs.

A key element of New York City's success in watershed protection has been the development of strong relationships with watershed communities, locally based organizations, environmental groups, and federal, state and local government agencies. While the City funds its watershed protection programs, most of them are administered by watershed-based agencies that partner with DEP to protect the water supply from environmental degradation or potential sources of contamination. (Contd. Pg. 26)

NYC DEP Celebrates National Source Water Protection Week with Tour of 450th Stream Management Project

(From Pg. 25)

The City has spent and committed approximately \$2.7 billion toward its source water protection programs since 1993. Its initiatives and achievements have included:

- o DEP has paid to build or upgrade 99 community wastewater facilities in the watershed, recognizing that the adequate collection and treatment of wastewater is key to the protection of drinking water. It has also funded, through the Catskill Watershed Corporation, the repair or replacement of more than 6,100 residential septic systems for homeowners living in the Catskills.

- o The City has also funded significant work on watershed farms to improve the quality of runoff from agriculture lands. DEP has partnered with the Watershed Agricultural Council to develop 464 whole farm plans and implement 8,586 best management practices that protect water quality while promoting the efficient use of working lands across the entire watershed.

- o DEP has also funded or constructed nearly 200 stormwater control projects to control nutrient-rich runoff that can affect the quality of water in its reservoirs.

- o DEP has administered a land acquisition program that has preserved more than 154,000 acres of land through fee-simple purchases or conservation easements since 1997. In addition, the City already owned nearly 45,000 acres of land surrounding its reservoirs, the State of New York owns and permanently protects 213,000 acres as parkland or forestland, and other entities own and protect nearly 25,000 acres as parkland or forestland. This land - much of it along streams and steep slopes - preserves forests that act as the natural filter of the drinking water.

- o DEP's Stream Management Program has completed 450 projects that restored the channel stability or vegetation along more than 50 miles of streams in the Catskills.

- o DEP has completed 57 forest management projects on city-owned lands across the watershed. This work has improved the overall health of our watershed forests by diversifying the age and species of trees that are found within them.

- o The City also maintains a robust water quality monitoring program that examines water quality in the reservoirs, streams and other key points across the watershed to monitor the success of its source water protection efforts. Combined with its water quality monitoring in the five boroughs of New York City, DEP scientists collect about 60,000 samples each year and perform 700,000 analyses of those samples. A network of robotic monitoring instruments provide more than 2 million additional water quality measurements throughout the year.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to nearly 10 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the water-

shed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$2.7 billion in watershed protection programs including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$20.1 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

Governor Hochul Designates Rory M. Christian As Chair of the Public Service Commission

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the designation of Rory M. Christian as Chair of the Public Service Commission and chief executive officer of the Department of Public Service, the staff arm of the Commission.

"I am pleased to designate Rory Christian chair of the PSC," Governor Hochul said. "His deep expertise on utility operations and regulation, environmental policy, and community engagement make him uniquely qualified to help the State address the climate crisis while achieving PSC's core mission to maintain reliable and affordable utility service. I have high expectations that under Rory's leadership, the PSC will advance innovative energy and telecommunications policy, protect consumers, enhance utility reliability and resilience, foster economic development, and responsibly tackle the challenge of climate change."

Mr. Christian began his career in the energy industry with KeySpan Energy where he first served as a civil engineer before transitioning to a role engaging government agencies operating in Long Island and New York City. In that role, he was responsible for coordinating activities between KeySpan and government organizations, negotiating contracts, developing contingency plans and streamlining operations to satisfy both organizations' operational needs.

Mr. Christian then transitioned to Exelon Energy, where he developed new products targeting public sector clientele and helped facilitate the creation of multiple partnerships and alliances. Mr. Christian previously served as the Director of Energy Finance and Sustainability for the New York City Housing Authority, where he oversaw the Authority's then \$500M+ utility portfolio with the aim of reducing annual energy expenditures while achieving city, state and federally mandated greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements.

More recently, he was the Director of New York Clean Energy at Environmental Defense Fund where he provided strategy management, programming, business development and stakeholder collaboration for the Clean Energy program in NY. He oversaw a multidisciplinary team (economists, lawyers, and engineers) to design, implement, and manage legislative and policy campaigns to lower the environmental impact of electricity production.

Rory Christian said, "I am deeply honored to be designated Chair of the Commission and CEO of the Department. I thank Governor Hochul and I look forward to devoting my time, my energy and talents to helping ensure New York meets its clean energy goals, through solutions that prioritize equity, reliability and resiliency."

Mr. Christian graduated from the City College of New York's, Grove School of Engineering with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and an MBA from the Baruch College, Zicklin School of Business. Mr. Christian resides in Brooklyn, New York with his family.

Attorney General James to Deliver Up to \$1.5 Billion to Local Communities Throughout NYS to Combat Opioid Crisis

AG James Begins Statewide 'HealNY' Tour to Deliver Money to Cities and Counties Ravaged by Opioid Epidemic, Stops in NYC and Long Island Today

All 62 Counties Within NYS to

Receive Funds for Opioid Abatement

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today began her statewide 'HealNY' tour of New York state, where she will begin delivering the first of up to \$1.5 billion to combat the opioid epidemic. The funds - which will go to all 10 regions of the state - come from different settlements Attorney General James has negotiated following her March 2019 lawsuit against the various manufacturers and distributors responsible for the opioid crisis. While Attorney General James' tour will make stops in dozens of counties throughout the month of October, all 62 counties in New York state will receive funds from the various settlements.

"For more than two decades, New Yorkers have experienced the dire and deadly effects of opioids, but today we are starting the process of delivering up to \$1.5 billion to New York's 62 counties to help our communities rebuild," said Attorney General James. "Today, we begin to heal New York with these funds that will help turn the tide on the opioid crisis. As we embark on a tour across the state, we are ensuring every region and every county gets financial help to recover from the devastation that opioids have inflicted on them. The funds we're infusing into New York today and going forward will be used towards combatting this epidemic with investments in prevention, treatment, and recovery. While no amount of money will ever compensate for the millions of addictions, the hundreds of thousands of deaths, or the countless families torn apart by opioids, this money will be vital in preventing future devastation."

The lawsuit Attorney General James filed in 2019 was, at the time, the nation's most extensive lawsuit against the various manufacturers and distributors of opioids. These manufacturers and distributors were responsible for heavily marketing opioids to doctors, hospitals, health care systems, and others, which led to the over prescription of the drugs across New York and the rest of the nation over the last two decades. The manufacturers named in Attorney General James' complaint included Purdue Pharma and its affiliates, as well as members of the Sackler Family (owners of Purdue) and trusts they control; Janssen Pharmaceuticals and its affiliates (including its parent company Johnson & Johnson); Mallinckrodt LLC and its affiliates; Endo Health Solutions and its affiliates; Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. and its affiliates; and Allergan Finance, LLC and its affiliates. The distributors named in the complaint were McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., Amerisource Bergen Drug Corporation, and Rochester Drug Cooperative Inc.

Last month, a settlement with Endo was announced that has already delivered \$50 million to New York state and Nassau and Suffolk counties to combat the opioid crisis and remove the opioid manufacturer from New York's ongoing opioid trial.

Also, last month, a settlement that secured more than \$4.5 billion - at least \$200 million of which will be earmarked for New York - from the Sackler family and foundations that they control, ends the Sacklers' ability to manufacture opioids ever again, and will shut down Purdue Pharma was announced.

In July, a settlement with McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen that will deliver up to \$1 billion to New York state to combat the opioid epidemic was announced.

In June, a settlement that ended Johnson & Johnson's sale of opioids nationwide and that will deliver \$230 million to New York alone was announced. The deals with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen have a global value of approximately \$26 billion.

The cases against Mallinckrodt and Rochester Drug Cooperative are now moving separately through U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The trial against the two remaining defendants - Teva Pharmaceuticals USA and Allergan Finance - is currently underway and continues in state court. (Contd. Pg. 28)

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Attorney General James to Deliver Up to \$1.5 Billion to Local Communities Throughout NYS to Combat Opioid Crisis

(From Pg. 27) Pursuant to the new law establishing the opioid settlement fund, all funds collected by the state from opioid settlements or litigation victories will be allocated specifically for abatement efforts in communities devastated by the opioid epidemic and will not go towards the state's general fund.

Every region, and specifically every county, in the state will receive millions of dollars for prevention, treatment, and recovery programs to combat the opioid crisis.

The figures listed below represent the minimum and maximum amounts each region can receive from the settlements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health, Amerisource Bergen, and Endo. The more localities across the state that agree to the terms of these different settlements, the more each locality is eligible to receive. The figures below do not include payments from Purdue Pharma or the Sackler family, as the regional split for those settlements are still being finalized. Those funds, as well as any funds from future or ongoing litigation, would be in addition to what is listed below.

New York City Total: \$140,173,322.11 - \$256,458,972.37

Long Island Total: \$139,295,547.73 - \$228,312,213.24*

- o Nassau County: \$63,324,249.44 - \$102,163,656.72*
- o Suffolk County: \$75,971,298.29 - \$126,148,556.52*

Hudson Valley: \$51,729,983.90 - \$94,455,606.10**

- o Dutchess County: \$3,682,781.87 - \$6,433,863.62
- o Orange County: \$4,360,832.35 - \$7,618,425.84
- o Putnam County: \$996,022.69 - \$1,740,063.46
- o Rockland County: \$2,590,593.17 - \$4,525,797.00
- o Sullivan County: \$1,587,590.46 - \$2,773,539.37
- o Ulster County: \$2,070,408.78 - \$3,617,028.70
- o Westchester County: \$10,678,857.89 - \$18,888,019.80***

Capital Region Total: \$17,812,303.23 - \$32,524,114.04**

- o Albany County: \$3,237,298.22 - \$5,725,907.53***
- o Columbia County: \$552,101.82 - \$964,528.42
- o Greene County: \$666,825.42 - \$1,164,951.91
- o Rensselaer County: \$1,068,187.17 - \$1,866,135.66
- o Saratoga County: \$1,411,643.69 - \$2,466,158.27
- o Schenectady County: \$1,023,351.66 - \$1,787,807.49
- o Warren County: \$514,587.63 - \$898,990.69
- o Washington County: \$403,409.72 - \$704,761.55

North Country Total: \$7,917,561.70 - \$14,456,955.77**

- o Clinton County: \$698,974.92 - \$1,221,117.47
- o Essex County: \$308,748.84 - \$539,387.88
- o Franklin County: \$384,453.65 - \$671,645.08
- o Hamilton County: \$25,444.84 - \$44,452.44
- o Jefferson County: \$1,070,668.55 - \$1,870,470.66
- o Lewis County: \$211,096.46 - \$368,788.02
- o Lawrence County: \$1,037,527.98 - \$1,812,573.69

Central New York Total: \$20,057,166.42 - \$36,623,089.16**

- o Cayuga County: \$759,507.23 - \$1,326,868.14
- o Cortland County: \$454,798.22 - \$794,537.89
- o Madison County: \$681,390.95 - \$1,190,398.07
- o Onondaga County: \$7,333,981.14 - \$12,971,834.84***

- o Oswego County: \$1,302,514.58 - \$2,275,508.42

Finger Lakes Region: \$28,886,077.70 - \$52,744,110.35**

- o Genesee County: \$597,359.78 - \$1,043,594.62
- o Livingston County: \$570,600.77 - \$996,846.31
- o Monroe County: \$10,883,598.98 - \$19,250,151.60***
- o Ontario County: \$1,101,147.15 - \$1,923,717.13
- o Orleans County: \$347,049.64 - \$606,299.83
- o Seneca County: \$325,185.88 - \$568,103.59
- o Wayne County: \$835,637.20 - \$1,459,868.10
- o Wyoming County: \$346,041.37 - \$604,538.38
- o Yates County: \$208,393.99 - \$364,066.77

Southern Tier Total: \$14,522,096.97 - \$26,516,410.21**

- o Broome County: \$2,345,856.68 - \$4,098,239.44
- o Chemung County: \$1,035,575.69 - \$1,809,163.01
- o Chenango County: \$434,152.12 - \$758,468.91
- o Delaware County: \$461,798.79 - \$806,767.96
- o Schuyler County: \$175,055.09 - \$305,823.32
- o Steuben County: \$955,885.44 - \$1,669,943.21
- o Tioga County: \$455,900.74 - \$796,464.00
- o Tompkins County: \$989,886.25 - \$1,729,343.04

Mohawk Valley Total: \$9,527,142.26 - \$17,395,945.81**

- o Fulton County: \$388,419.13 - \$678,572.82
- o Herkimer County: \$553,377.60 - \$966,757.23
- o Montgomery County: \$381,127.27 - \$665,833.87
- o Oneida County: \$2,376,168.34 - \$4,151,194.28
- o Otsego County: \$564,014.67 - \$985,340.32
- o Schoharie County: \$233,494.90 - \$407,918.34

Western New York Total: \$40,955,315.42 - \$74,781,758.10**

- o Allegany County: \$414,125.56 - \$723,482.27
- o Cattaraugus County: \$744,612.13 - \$1,300,846.23
- o Chautauqua County: \$1,439,743.06 - \$2,515,248.20
- o Erie County: \$16,215,434.58 - \$28,680,730.88***
- o Niagara County: \$2,872,246.71 - \$5,017,849.00

* Does not include payments from Endo settlement.

** In addition to sum total of counties, a regional share is also being allocated here.

*** Not all funds going to the county. Also includes funds going directly to a major city within the county.

Separately, but related to her work on opioids, this past February, Attorney General James co-led a coalition of nearly every attorney general in the nation in delivering more than \$573 million - more than \$32 million of which was earmarked for New York state - toward opioid treatment and abatement in an agreement and consent judgment with McKinsey & Company. In the Office of the New York Attorney General, this matter was led by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy, Senior Advisor and Special Counsel M. Umair Khan, and former Counsel for Opioids and Impact Litigation David Nachman. The settlements were also brought about by the work led by Senior Enforcement Counsel John Oleske and Assistant Attorney General Monica Hanna, as well as Assistant Attorneys General Conor Duffy, Carol Hunt, Diane Johnston, Leo O'Toole, Jeremy Pfetsch, Noah Popp, Michael Reisman, Lois Saldana, and Louis Testa; Project Attorneys Wil Handley, Stephanie Torre, and Eve Woodin; Paralegal Ketty Dautruche; Legal Assistant David Payne; Director of Research and Analytics Jonathan Werberg; Data Scientist Gautam Sisodia; Data Analyst Anushua Choudhury; Information Technology Specialists Hewson Chen and Paige Podolny; and E-Discovery Document Review Specialist Kristin Petrella.

Gillibrand Submits Senate Commerce Hearing Testimony Calling for Passage of Her Landmark Data Protection Legislation

As Congress Considers \$1 Billion for FTC to Strengthen Consumer Protections, Testimony Outlines Recommendations To Effectively Implement Strong Enforcement Policies

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand submitted her testimony for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation's Protecting Consumer Privacy hearing. In the testimony, Gillibrand outlines her consumer watchdog legislation, the Data Protection Act of 2021, which would create the Data Protection Agency (DPA), an independent federal agency that would protect Americans' data, safeguard their privacy, and ensure data practices are fair and transparent. First introduced in 2020, Gillibrand's legislation includes provisions to protect against privacy harms and discrimination, oversee the use of high-risk data practices, and to examine and propose remedies for the social, ethical, and economic impacts of data collection. As Congress considers \$1 billion for a new data privacy bureau at the FTC, Gillibrand expressed support for the funding as a first step and put forward recommendations for what improvements must be made to federal privacy laws. She also urged Congress to pass the Data Protection Act and establish a Data Protection Agency, whose sole mission is to build a new privacy enforcement regime for the modern era.

Gillibrand Statement on Postal Banking Pilot Program

Gillibrand praises "first step" to create a postal bank; pushes for her bill, the Postal Banking Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Senator Gillibrand praised the announcement from the U.S. Postal Service that they had launched pilot programs in several locations, including the Bronx, to offer some financial services to unbanked and underbanked Americans. Gillibrand has long pushed for her legislation, the Postal Banking Act, which would create a postal bank to provide low-cost basic financial services to people who simply do not have access, or have limited access, to America's banking system. This access will help to generate savings, wealth and credit, while bringing millions of American workers into a more fair banking system. It will also provide the United States Postal Service with as much as \$9 billion in revenue per year.

"This is a great first step toward creating a postal bank," said Senator Gillibrand. "While the products it will offer are not as expansive as those contained in my legislation, the Postal Banking Act, a pilot

program will demonstrate the value to these communities, and show that the USPS can effectively service underbanked urban and rural communities. Postal banking is an elegant solution to complex problem-not only will it help the unbanked and underbanked, but it would generate as much as \$9 billion per year for the USPS, helping to shore up its finances."

The Postal Banking Act would strengthen the Postal Service by establishing a nonprofit bank offering low-cost checking and savings accounts, ATMs, mobile banking, and low-interest loans. According to a report from the USPS Inspector General, this proposal would create up to \$9 billion in revenue for the Postal Service each year. The postal bank would provide financial services to Americans who have been economically devastated by the coronavirus pandemic. Predatory financial services such as prepaid debit cards, rent-to-own stores, and overdraft fees often exploit the most vulnerable populations - including low-income households, rural communities, veterans and families of active duty personnel - especially in times of economic crisis. Instead of turning to these predatory services, families would gain access to traditional basic banking services and safe financial alternatives through the postal bank.

Earlier this year, Gillibrand, together with Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), and U.S. Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), and Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) called on Congress to implement postal banking pilot programs in rural and urban communities across the country.

Governor Hochul Announces Grand Opening of Innovative Autism Nature Trail at Letchworth State Park

First Trail in U.S. Designed Specifically for Autism Spectrum Disorder Communities and Families • Project Supported By More Than \$3.3 Million in Private Funds

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the nation's first nature trail specifically designed to address the sensory needs of those with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities is open at Letchworth State Park in western New York State. Supported by more than \$3.3 million in private fundraising, the new Autism Nature Trail is a one-mile hiking loop that includes eight marked sensory stations, each designed to address a different sensory experience in a safe and supportive environment.

"New York State is leading the nation in creating this public trail purposefully designed to bring the benefits of the outdoors to those on the autism disorder spectrum and their families," Governor Hochul said. "State Parks should be accessible to everyone, and this is a welcoming and inclusive place for an underserved community."

Activities along the Autism Nature Trail support and encourage sensory perception and integration, while also providing enjoyable activities for visitors of all abilities and ages. The stations engage each visitor's senses, using nature and natural materials as the tools for skill-building. The trail is set up to allow for safe social distancing and planned interaction. (Contd, Pg. 30)

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(From Pg. 29) Sensory stations and other features of Autism Nature Trail include:

- o Sensory Station, where a collection of leaves, moss, fossils, animal fur, acorns and other objects are to be touched, handled, and even smelled;
- o Sunshine Slope, a gentle maze in an opening that includes a viewing platform, three cuddle swings, and an "Alone Zone;"
- o Music Circle, where a variety of nature-inspired musical instruments encourage creativity, either alone or with others;
- o Curiosity Corner, an open space with a gliding seat, ant-shaped boulders, and access to a shortcut back to the beginning of the trail;
- o Reflection Knoll, a quiet point halfway on the trail under a canopy of trees, with etchings of woodland creatures hidden in the boulders;
- o Meadow Run and Climb, a place with paths to run, jump and balance along serpentine berms and an obstacle course;
- o Design Zone, where visitors can manipulate materials from along the trail into patterns and structures;
- o Playful Path, a place of twisting paths with different surfaces including coarse gravel, log rounds, and sand;
- o The Nook, an area of carefully spaced seating set under a natural canopy;
- o The Celebration Station, as the final stop on the trail, this area has a place for visitors to express themselves through writing and drawing about their experiences on the trail.

Located near the park's Humphrey Nature Center with parking, restrooms and Wi-Fi, the ADA-compliant trail was designed with input from Dr. Temple Grandin, a cattle industry expert who was diagnosed with autism in 1950 at the age of two and is now one of the world's most well-known advocates for the autistic community.

Support and programming for the trail comes from the nearby Perry Central School District in Wyoming County and Rochester's Camp Puzzle Peace, an Adirondack summer camp for families living with developmental disabilities. Fundraising for the trail is being managed on behalf of State Parks by the Natural Heritage Trust. The trust is a not-for-profit charitable corporation that receives and administers gifts, grants, and contributions to support public programs for parks, recreation, cultural, land and water conservation and historic preservation purposes.

Last month, Autism Nature Trail supporters marked the sudden loss of one of the project's most devoted early advocates, ANT co-founder Susan Herrnstein. Her family has requested that any donations in her memory be made to the Autism Nature Trail through the Natural Heritage Trust.

Fundraising will continue to support visitor programming for the Autism Nature Trail. So far, more than 650 separate donations have been made to the project, reflecting more than 430 individual donors, 50 corporate donors, 25 community groups, and 15 foundations.

About 1 in 54 children in the U.S. have been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and often has a tremendous impact on parents, siblings, and members of the extended family.

Statistics show that young people with autism spend disproportionate amounts of time indoors, often finding comfort

in digital activities which results in social isolation. This disconnectedness not only affects individuals with ASD but also can affect caregivers and entire families, who can sometimes feel uncomfortable in outside settings.

For more information on the Autism Nature Trail, visit: <https://autismnaturetrail.com/>.

Visited by nearly one million people annually, Letchworth State Park covers more than 14,000 acres and is one of the most scenically magnificent areas in the eastern U.S. In 2015, readers of USA Today voted it the best state park in the United States. Surrounded by lush forests, the Genesee River roars through the gorge over three major waterfalls between cliffs as high as 600 feet in some places. The park features 66 miles of hiking trails, as well as trails for horseback riding, biking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. Letchworth offers nature, history and performing arts programs, as well as guided walks, tours, a summer lecture series, whitewater rafting, kayaking, a pool for swimming and hot air ballooning.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual parks, historic sites, recreational trails, and boat launches, which were visited by a record 78 million people in 2020. A recent university study found that spending by State Parks and its visitors supports \$5 billion in output and sales, 54,000 private-sector jobs and more than \$2.8 billion in additional state GDP. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit www.parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer mobile app or call 518.474.0456. Also, connect with us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

With the Rate of Military Suicide Outpacing Military Operation Deaths Four to One, Senator Gillibrand Presses for Improved access to Mental Health Care for Active-Duty Military and Veterans

From 2015 to 2017, Livingston, Columbia, and Wyoming Counties Experienced the Highest Rates Of Veteran Suicide In New York State

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee, held a video press conference to address the rising rate of suicide in the military—a crisis in New York State and across the country. A recent study conducted by the Cost of War Project shows that since 9/11, more than four times as many active-duty personnel and veterans have died by suicide when compared to the number of service members who have died in combat. Today, the Department of Defense released its annual report on suicide, showing that 580 service members died by suicide in 2020. This is an increase from 2019's report of 498 service members.

Gillibrand's push comes as three 10th Mountain Division soldiers at Fort Drum lost their lives to suspected suicide within 48 hours, two weeks ago. In response to these tragedies, Gillibrand sent a letter to the Department of Defense on Thursday asking for details on the Department's actions to address marital stress and the mental health of service members and their families. She is also renewing her push to pass the Brandon Act, bipartisan legislation named in Brandon Castera's honor, which would expand access to mental health care services for active-duty military personnel, including access to confidential mental health evaluation referrals without fear of retaliation. (Contd. Pg. 31)

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(From Pg. 30)

"If significant interventions are not implemented, we will continue to see deeply concerning suicide rates among our active-duty service members and veterans," said Senator Gillibrand. "Over the last ten years, the veteran suicide rate has doubled that of the civilian suicide rate. These aren't just numbers, these are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. And as the recent tragedies at Ft. Drum prove, no community is immune to this crisis. We owe it to these brave men and women to end the stigma on mental health and eliminate barriers that stand between our service members and veterans and access to mental health care."

More than 45,000 veterans and active-duty service members have committed suicide over a six-year period from 2013-2019. According to the DoD's reporting, suicide rates for active-duty service members and veterans continue to rise, and spiked to a five-year high in 2018. In 2017, 136 veterans in New York died by suicide -one nearly every other day- and veterans die by suicide in New York at a much higher rate than the overall state population. Additionally, between 2005 and 2017, the suicide rate more than doubled for New York veterans aged 18 to 34 years old.

Currently, the Department of Defense policy requires mental health professionals to report many cases of mental health concerns of service members to a commander. However, commanders are not required to provide opportunities for mental health treatment. This policy lacks accountability, can lead to mistrust, and serves as a barrier to treatment, as many service members fear repercussions to their career. The bipartisan Brandon Act would require the Department of Defense to establish a standard phrase that service members may use to initiate mandatory and immediate treatment and would ensure confidentiality for service members seeking treatment. This confidential request would be designed to function like the restricted reporting system for victims of military sexual assault, so that service members can receive mental health treatment in confidence.

Gillibrand's announcement also comes as U.S. soldiers withdraw from Afghanistan and the longest war in United States history. Many service members from the Fort Drum 10th Mountain Division deployed to Afghanistan to assist in the withdrawal. Many now bear the physical and mental scars of warfighting.

Senator Gillibrand has been a staunch advocate for increasing access to mental health services in order to combat the scourge of suicide in the military. On Tuesday, during a hearing in front of the Senate Armed Service Committee, Gillibrand raised the issue of suicide and access to mental health services to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley. They both emphasized the importance of destigmatizing the need for mental health support across the armed services. In 2019, Gillibrand led a Personnel Subcommittee hearing on the

steep rise in military and veteran suicide and examined strategies to prevent these tragedies, including ensuring confidentiality for service members seeking treatment. In a letter to the Department of Defense, Gillibrand noted that consistent and sustained mental health care is vital to combating the crisis of military suicides, and service members must be able to trust mental health providers to keep confidentiality. Gillibrand also called on the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense to improve the support veterans receive during their transition from military service to civilian life.

Governor Hochul Announces \$45 Million in State Grant Funding to Improve Emergency Communications

State Funding Enables Local Governments to Communicate More Effectively and Efficiently During Emergency Response

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$45 million in state grant funding has been awarded to counties statewide and the City of New York for improving the operability of emergency communications across the State. This funding will enable local governments to expand their ability to communicate, exchange valuable data, and streamline information to enhance collaboration and assist first responders.

"One of the keys to successful emergency response is a communications structure that all responders can depend on to relay important information and improve overall response activities," Governor Hochul said. "This grant will ensure our firefighters, police officers, EMTs and paramedics, and anyone who responds to a disaster will have the tools and training they need to communicate more effectively and efficiently."

The State Interoperable Communications Grant, administered by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, has awarded \$472 million to municipalities over nine rounds since December 2011.

The Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant is formula based and funded by cellular surcharge revenue. The program has allowed counties to make vital improvements in the way first responders can communicate between each other and different regions of the state using land mobile radio systems.

Each county and New York City can submit applications to fund projects involving infrastructure, equipment, and technology upgrades. Eligible counties can use the funding for various functions, including enhancing emergency response for county, local and municipal public safety organizations, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFE-COM guidance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications. This year, multiple counties are adding National Interoperability Channels to the infrastructure, as well as building new towers and land mobile radio systems, and moving to P25 technologies and equipment.

State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Patrick A. Murphy said, "Our emergency responders depend on robust and secure communications systems connecting them to vital information and services. Information sharing between responders allows New Yorkers to get the help they need when it matters most. Our staff remain committed to ensuring effective emergency communications capabilities across the State, and working with our partners to build a stronger, more resilient, and dependable emergency communications infrastructure."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Unload Ships

COVID restrictions and a shortage of dock workers have contributed to a backlog of cargo ships waiting to offload at U.S. ports. As of the end of September dozens of ships are at anchor or are adrift waiting to enter New York City, New Jersey ports, Long Beach and Los Angeles ports. The backlog is causing supply chain shortages of goods across the country and is impacting the upcoming holiday shopping season.

A possible remedy might be the use of National Guard and other military personnel to help unload the ships. There are equipment operators in units within the U.S.

After a Navy enlistment and graduation from college, in June 1963 I was a new Ensign in the Navy aboard the USS Tanner out of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and I was assigned as the officer in charge of a Navy detail designated to offload mail from a ship docked in NYC. The dock workers were on strike so we were temporarily tasked to offload the mail.

With any needed training we should utilize our available military personnel to help alleviate labor shortages in emergency situations whenever it is within the law and feasible to utilize them.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

Claudia Tenney Joins Mornings with Maria on Fox Business to Discuss Dems Tax and Spend Plan

This week, House Democrats tried to push through their radical infrastructure and reconciliation plans that would raise taxes to an unprecedented level never seen in this country before. The failed leadership of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer combined led to a totally unproductive week. Thankfully, neither of the trillion dollar plans were considered but there is still a good chance they will be considered later this year.

We cannot normalize recklessly spending trillions in taxpayer money that's going to drive inflation even further through the roof. I joined Maria Bartiromo on Fox Business to share my thoughts on the dangerous tax and spend agenda that Democrats continue to push, despite countless warning signs that this plan will do more harm than good for our economic recovery efforts.

Health Freedom For All Act
EXCLUSIVE: House Republicans Introduce Bill to Prevent Biden Administration from Enforcing Vaccine Mandates Upon Americans

In an unprecedented move, President Biden announced that he would impose a mandatory vaccine requirement on US businesses employing more than 100 workers or require weekly testing for those who remain unvaccinated. This decision is a complete reversal of previous assurances made by President Biden and his Administration that he would not impose such mandates on the American people and instead prioritize voluntary vaccination efforts.

I received my vaccine and support voluntary vaccination

efforts. However, I strongly oppose others being forced to receive the vaccine or it being made a condition of employment. I introduced a commonsense bill, the Health Freedom for All Act, which makes clear that OSHA does not have the authority to force Americans to receive vaccines or undergo testing. Like President Biden's extension of the CDC's eviction moratorium earlier this year, this mandate is yet another attempt by the Administration to skirt the law and do through government coercion what it is failing to do through persuasion. I am honored to lead this effort to stop the President from further abusing our Constitution.

Flights for Freedom Act Passes Foreign Affairs Committee

My Flights for Freedom Act PASSED the House Foreign Affairs Committee this week with bipartisan support. I introduced this bill to make sure the State Department does not charge stranded Americans for their lifesaving flights out of Afghanistan. The State Department committed to not charging Americans after it caved to public pressure. My bill ensures it sticks to this commitment.

Defending Our New York Farmers

I had the honor of welcoming New York Farm Bureau representatives from #NY22 to Washington. We discussed the devastating impacts the reconciliation bill would have on our Upstate farming community as well as the need to expand access to rural broadband. I appreciated their great insights!

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.

I voted "No" on H.R. 1693, the EQUAL Act. While I understand the intent of this legislation, it did not include meaningful input provided from the law enforcement community or adequately address their concerns. Crack cocaine is generally more accessible in communities and reducing penalties for those arrested with crack cocaine could make it harder for law enforcement to keep these drugs off the streets. This bill passed the House by a vote of 361-66.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4981, to amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act. This bill amends the previous Fentanyl Sanctions Act by extending certain deadlines, allowing the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking more time to develop solutions to combat the flow of synthetic opioids into the United States. This bill passed the House by a vote of 410-14.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4250, the War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act. This bill provides the Department of State with more resources to authorize rewards for information that may lead to the arrest, conviction, or extradition of foreign nationals wanted for alleged war crimes, genocide, and other crimes against humanity. This bill passed the House by a vote of 412-9.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1228, the Libya Stabilization Act. This bill authorizes U.S. sanctions against persons who contribute, directly or indirectly, to the violence in Libya. Additionally, the bill calls for humanitarian assistance to those suffering from the side effects of the conflict, including food, shelter, and medical care. This bill passed the House by a vote of 386-35.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4686, the Cambodia Democracy Act. This bill urges the President to impose sanctions on the senior Cambodian officials and military personnel responsible for endemic government corruptions and human rights abuses in Cambodia. This bill passed the House by a vote of 403-17. (Contd. Pg. 33)

Claudia Tenney Joins Mornings with Maria on Fox Business to Discuss Dems Tax and Spend Plan

(From Pg. 32) **I voted "Yes" on S. 848, the Consider Teachers Act.** For the past 12 years, many recipients of the TEACH Grant program have been hit by unexpected debt as small administrative errors turned their grants into loans that must be paid back with interest. This legislation will fix the problem, providing more flexibility and efficiency in the program so these grant dollars can be used more effectively with less bureaucracy. This bill passed the House by a vote of 406-16.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1154, the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Act, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to assess the sustainability and feasibility of creating a study area known as the Great Swamp National Heritage Area throughout Virginia and North Carolina. This study would determine whether the area has natural, historic and cultural resources representing different aspects of the people and culture of the United States, and whether it is worthy of recognition and continued use. This bill passed the House by a vote of 391-36.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2617, the Performance Enhancement Reform Act. This bill would reform the process for drafting performance goals for federal agencies, increasing collaboration and improving how the government delivers resources to the American people. This legislation will integrate direct feedback from key stakeholders, improving services for American families and small businesses. This bill passed the House by a vote of 414-10.

I voted "No" on the House Amendment to S. 1301, that gives a blank check to Speaker Pelosi, completely suspending the debt limit until December 2022. In the past, Republicans and Democrats have come together multiple times to raise the debt ceiling. However, this time Speaker Pelosi has again completely cut House Republicans out of the process, forcing through a bill that would clear the way for her multi-trillion-dollar deficit fueled takeover of the American economy. It would be deeply irresponsible to clear the way for a plan so out of step with the priorities of the American people. This bill passed the House by a vote of 219-212.

I voted "No" on H.R. 1204, the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Home Rule Act, which would allow the DC Government to irresponsibly increase the salary of the DC Chief Financial Officer at the cost of taxpayers. This bill required a 2/3 majority to pass and failed in the House by a vote of 259-170.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3599, the Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act. This bill will create a Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program within the Office of Personnel Management to allow cybersecurity personnel in federal agencies to do temporary rotations in other government agencies. This bill passed the House by a vote of 410-15.

I voted "No" on H.R. 5305, the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act. This stop-gap bill lacks critical policies to constrain the Biden Administration from further enacting its radical agenda, including one-size-fits-all overreaching federal vaccine mandates. The bill also includes provisions completely unrelated to government funding, such as providing benefits and Real IDs to Afghan nationals at the discretion of the Department

of Homeland Security Secretary, who I recently called on to resign for his failure to secure our southern border. I could not support a funding bill that concealed deeply flawed policy provisions without even the opportunity for debate or amendments. This is not how the American people expect Congress to operate. This bill passed by a vote of 254-175.

I voted "Yes" to H.R. 3533, To establish occupational series for Federal positions in software development, software engineering, data science, and data management. This bill would require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to establish or update existing career pathways for Federal Government positions in software development, software engineering, data science, and data management. This bill passed by a vote of 416-9.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5434, the Surface Transportation Extension Act. Unfortunately, due to mismanagement by Speaker Pelosi, authorization for federal highway programs expired midnight on Thursday. This resulted in the furloughing of 3,700 federal employees and the halting of multiple highway and road projects funded through the highway trust fund. All this disruption could have been easily avoided by a vote earlier this week, however House Democrats were too focused on ramming through their own liberal agenda. This legislation thankfully will provide a clean bipartisan extension of funding for the next 30 days so these essential programs and projects can resume. I hope in the next few weeks we can work on a longer-term authorization that is free from partisan riders. This bill passed the House by a vote of 365-51.

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Fallsburg High School Leos Club Helps with Clean Up



Ms. Shari Mednick, Faculty Advisor for the Leos Club at Fallsburg High School, led a group of club members in the Clean Up event held in Rock Hill on September 26, 2021. The Club, which is part of the Fallsburg Lions Club, has been performing community and school service for the past ten years. Adam Mednick, who is in the attached photo, is Ms. Mednick's fourth son to be one of the leaders of the group.

FCSD Wellness Committee Celebrates Edible Gardens Project

At the first meeting of the school year, the Fallsburg Central School District Wellness Committee acknowledged the Junior/Senior High School Life Skills Class for the fabulous Edible Gardens Project behind the Central Administration Offices. At the remote meeting, the class teachers, Ms. Renee Wilson and Ms. Amber Smith introduced two of the students to the Committee. Sabrina Wunner and Natalie Garcia eagerly shared about the lettuce and tomatoes that flourished over the summer with special care by the teachers, staff groundskeepers and volunteers. The children picked many pumpkins that they soon would be carving.

The garden that was filled with vegetation until recently, still has some cherry tomatoes growing and has been completely weeded and ready for planting of fresh garlic and zucchini. Some zucchini from this year was picked, and the class made zucchini bread.

Colleen Emery of Sullivan Renaissance is a long-standing member of the FCSD Wellness Committee and congratulated the students on video meeting for the excellent work they did. Sullivan Renaissance supported the project with a Community Gardens Grant that the teachers and students put together. Ms. Emery said that their organization wants to give the Life Skills students projects from other schools in the county. School Board member and part of the committee Ms. Renee Kates said that the Board of Education was very impressed with the gardens when they all did a walk-through during the summer.


At the close of the meeting, Ms. Emery added that she was excited about the Renaissance Fall Gardiner in the Schools Program. They would be providing pea shoots for planting in ten days. She knew that the Fallsburg kids would be happy to see them grow and harvested.

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Natalie Garcia, Sabrina Wunner, and Isaac Delgado standing proudly behind pumpkins that they harvested.



Teen & Adult Poetry WorkShop

Let's Explore Poetry Together at the Daniel Pierce Library!



Please join us at the
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Workshop with Sullivan
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More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 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!

UC Executive Pat Ryan Outlines 2022 Budget Plan

2022 Executive Budget again includes a 0% tax increase and zero layoffs

County Executive Ryan's 2022 Budget recognizes this unique moment by re-investing in mental health services, dedicating resources to build a more equitable economy, and addressing the urgent need for housing as Ulster County builds for future generations

County Executive Ryan announces re-investment in mental health and addiction recovery systems and resources, including the re-establishment of an Ulster County Department of Mental Health and a state-of-the-art Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Center to deliver integrated services for inpatient, outpatient, and crisis intervention

New Paltz, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan delivered a bold vision in his 2022 Executive Budget proposal at the Field



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

"Ulster County is on the strongest financial footing we have been in at least a decade," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "My 2022 Executive budget will once again hold the line on property taxes with a zero percent tax increase. In addition, we will make major commitments to bolstering mental health services, addressing the housing crisis, and directly financially supporting our small businesses. For far too long, we have understaffed, underfunded, and undervalued mental health services in New York State and across our country, including right here in Ulster County. This budget puts an end to that and puts funding directly into growing our economy and caring for those most in need in our community."

Despite another year of the pandemic, the County was able to hold the line on taxes due to strong fiscal management in

response to the crisis. Once again, Ulster County received a strong credit rating of AA in the most recent ratings by S&P Global, issued in August. Ulster County is tied for third among New York State's 62 Counties for Fiscal Stability, according to the New York State's Comptroller's Office (OSC). Ryan's Executive Budget again maintains a strong fund balance to ensure the county maintains financial flexibility going forward.

2022 Budget Initiatives

Grow and Diversify our Economy for All: Ulster County Center for Economic Innovation

To continue to accelerate the Ulster 2040 strategy - supporting both existing and new businesses - the Ulster County Executive Budget invests \$2,000,000 to build and launch the Ulster County Center for Economic Innovation at the former IBM site in the Town of Ulster. This new hub will bring together key economic development agencies and partners from education and workforce development sectors, the County team, along with anchor tenants from a number of key economic cluster areas.

Grow and Diversify our Economy for All: Direct Aid to Business

Over the next two years, the Ulster County Executive Budget dedicates \$2,000,000 to small businesses in Ulster County. With a focus on Minority- & Women-Owned Businesses and Veteran-Owned Businesses, these funds will be critical to businesses for the purchase of new equipment, assistance with rent and even to make payroll costs.

American Rescue Plan: Housing Smart Communities

The Ulster County Executive Budget directs an additional \$1.5 million to the County-led Housing Development Corporation to accelerate the demolition of the old Ulster County Jail and support the construction of 160+ units of

much-needed senior and workforce housing. The budget also proposes an investment of an additional \$2 million over the next two years to work with town, city, and village leaders across the County - along with trusted development partners - to accelerate the siting and construction of more housing for seniors, frontline workers, veterans, and more. Additionally, in this year's budget, for the first time, the County will hire a full-time planner dedicated to housing issues and focused on implementing the Ulster County Housing Action Plan.

Infrastructure: Trails and Recreation

The Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to dedicate \$1.9 million dollars to substantially improve two of the major recreational rail trails in Ulster County and complete ongoing work that has spanned over a decade. Major improvements will be made to the 27-mile-long O&W Rail Trail, which runs from Kingston south to the Village of Ellenville, and to the 22-mile-long Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, which runs from Kingston to the southern border of the Town of Gardiner. An additional \$200,000 will be made available to municipalities in Ulster County to expand other recreation facilities for residents. (Contd. Pg. 39)

UC Executive Pat Ryan Outlines 2022 Budget Plan

(From Pg. 38)

Make County Government More Responsive and Responsible: Government Operations Center

The Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to construct a state-of-the-art emergency management and government operations facility that centralizes critical functions from across County government in a hardened and energy self-sufficient structure. An expanded 911 Center will better serve residents during emergencies.

Tackle the Opioid Epidemic: Expanded Mobile Mental Health

Ulster County Mobile Mental Health is a service provided by Access: Supports for Living. The program, which launched in 2015, will be expanded in 2022 to include New Paltz, adding a third Mobile Mental Health Team to respond to appropriate 911 calls.

Tackle the Opioid Epidemic: Separate Health/Mental Health

The Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to re-establish a fully functioning Department of Mental Health, helping to elevate mental health services as a top priority. This means having a full-time Mental Health Commissioner and staff who can expand and improve mental health delivery, hold our team and partners accountable, and push for desperately needed reforms at the State and Federal levels.

American Rescue Plan: Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services

The Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to dedicate \$3.3 million in federal relief funds for design and construction of the County's first-ever Ulster County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Center, to provide residents a single location for the full continuum of care for people dealing with mental health and addiction related illness

This first major component of this will be a Crisis Stabilization Center, which would begin to be developed in 2022. There has been success with this type of program in Dutchess County and, with a \$2 million dollar jump start, Ulster County will soon see these essential services right here.

Ensure Justice for All Residents: AVERT

The Ulster County Executive Budget directs funding to the newly-created AVERT unit, which is a multi-agency team led

by Sheriff Juan Figueroa and District Attorney Dave Clegg, that will use innovative, proactive approaches to divert our young people from violent crime and get illegal guns off our streets. In particular it provides funding to bolster the team with social workers and mental health experts.

Tackle the Opioid Epidemic: Youth/Mental Health Wellness Initiative in Schools

The Ulster County Executive Budget dedicates an additional \$1 million to expand desperately-needed mental health resources in our schools, leveraging some of the County's recently-announced, multi-million dollar statewide opioid settlement funds to meet this urgent need.



Ensure Justice for All Residents: Expanded Restorative Justice to Schools

The Ulster County Executive Budget dedicates funds to allow Ulster County schools to provide resources for Restorative Justice Circles, so they can divert kids away from suspension and offer rehabilitative instead of punitive outcomes. Family of Woodstock will be expanding their Restorative Justice Program to include 4 school Districts: Kingston, Saugerties, Ellenville and Wallkill at a cost of \$65,000 per year.

Full Executive Budget Available Friday, October 1st.

The 2022 Executive Budget will be posted on the Ulster County website on Friday, October 1st, 2021. And, for the first time ever, the Ulster County Executive Budget will be published in an interactive, transparent, and easy to use website. Visit <https://ulstercountyny.gov/budget>.

British Strategy in the Hudson River-Lake Champlain Corridor during the American Revolution

Sunday, October 17th 2 p.m.

at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] An illustrated talk: *British Strategy in the Hudson River/Lake Champlain Corridor during the American Revolution (1776 - 1777)* will be held on Sunday, October 17th at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.



King George III

Military Historian Charles Breiner of Claryville, NY will discuss British strategy to divide New England from the rest of the colonies by taking control of the Lake Champlain - Hudson River Corridor. The planners will be introduced, including King George III, Lord North and Lord George Germain and the men chosen to implement this strategy, Major General Guy Carlton,

Governor of Quebec, General William Howe and his brother Admiral Richard Howe, along with General John Burgoyne. The campaigns of 1776 and 1777 will be covered culminating with the Battle of Saratoga and General Burgoyne's surrender on October 17, 1777 which led to the American victory in the Revolution.

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



General Burgoyne

Includes admission to the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm and to the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions.

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

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

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

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over

1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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

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For information Contact Bingo Chair
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Public Health Offering Booster Shots Starting Wednesday, October 6

Only Available to Certain Groups Who Received Pfizer Vaccine

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is pleased to announce that it will begin offering the "booster" shot (third dose) of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine next week.

"Now that we have the necessary guidance from the State, we are eager to provide this shot to those who meet the eligibility criteria outlined by the CDC," Public Health Director Nancy McGraw said. "We will be adding a special clinic every Wednesday to our current schedule for the distribution of this third dose, with the expectation that it will continue to limit the worst impacts of coronavirus for those at highest risk."

Starting October 6, third-dose clinics will be held at Public Health's 50 Community Lane office in Liberty every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome as long as there is room to accommodate, but pre-registration is encouraged to ensure a quick, efficient visit.

Registration can be accomplished at www.sullivanyny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics. For those who do not have a computer or encounter difficulties while registering, Sullivan County's Community Assistance Center can help complete registration by calling 845-807-0925 during business hours.

Only the following individuals are eligible for a third dose at this time:

- o Those aged 65 or older who received the Pfizer vaccination at least six (6) months ago
- o Those aged 50-64 who have underlying medical conditions (see list below) and who received the Pfizer vaccination at least six (6) months ago
- o Those aged 18-49 who have underlying medical conditions (see list below) and who received the Pfizer vaccination at least six (6) months ago, based on individual benefit and risk
- o Those aged 18-64 who received the Pfizer vaccination at least six (6) months ago and are at increased risk because of their occupational or institutional setting, including:
 - o Essential workers (frontline and non-frontline)
 - o Unpaid caregivers of frail/immunocompromised individuals
 - o Paid/unpaid workers who must interact with others less than six (6) feet away
 - o Residents of a congregate setting, like a homeless shelter or correctional facility

Underlying medical conditions which qualify someone to receive this third dose include:

- o Cancer (current or in remission)
- o Chronic kidney disease
- o Pulmonary disease, including COPD, asthma (moderate to severe), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and 9/11-related diseases
- o Intellectual and developmental disabilities, including Down Syndrome
- o Heart conditions, including heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, and high blood pressure
- o Immunocompromised states, like those associated with solid organ transplants, blood/bone marrow transplants, immune deficiencies, HIV, and immune-weakening medication use
- o Obesity
- o Pregnancy
- o Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- o Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus
- o Cerebrovascular disease
- o Neurologic conditions, including Alzheimer's and dementia
- o Liver disease



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.

Booster shots for those who took the Moderna or Janssen (J&J) vaccines are not being offered at this time. However, Public Health continues to provide first-dose Pfizer shots every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m.

The COVID-19 vaccine, including booster doses, are free and widely available statewide at pharmacies, local health departments, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and other locations across New York State. Visit vaccines.gov or text your zip code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

You can use the tool on this website to schedule an appointment at a New York State-run mass vaccination site <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov>. Subject to availability, individuals can walk in at any of the state sites without an appointment and be vaccinated. Appointments are strongly recommended for booster doses.

For more information about COVID-19, go to the Sullivan County website at www.sullivanyny.us or call the COVID-19 Sullivan County Public Health Services Information Line at (845) 513-2268, or the state's coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

Governor Hochul Releases Encouraging Data Showing Impact of Health Care Staff Vaccine Mandate Vaccine Rates Increased Considerably Over Last Four Weeks --

92% of Nursing Home Staff Compliant as of Monday Evening, Up from 71%

92% of Hospital Staff Compliant as of Monday Evening Based on Preliminary Self-Reported Data

89% of Adult Care Facilities Staff Compliant as of Monday Evening, Up from 77%

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that health care staff vaccination rates continue to rise throughout New York State, according to the latest data reported by health care facilities to the Department of Health. This new information comes as the vaccination mandate for health care staff in hospitals and nursing homes is now in effect.

"This new information shows that holding firm on the vaccine mandate for health care workers is simply the right thing to do to protect our vulnerable family members and loved ones from COVID-19," Governor Hochul said. "I am pleased to see that health care workers are getting vaccinated to keep New Yorkers safe, and I am continuing to monitor developments and ready to take action to alleviate potential staffing shortage situations in our health care systems."

Considerable progress has been made since Governor Hochul was sworn-in on August 24, and the vaccination rates among health care workers have continued to increase even in the last week leading up to the deadline.

- o The percentage of nursing home staff receiving at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose increased to 92% as of Monday evening, up from 71% on August 24 and 82% on September 20.
- o The percentage of adult care facilities staff receiving at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose increased to 89% as of Monday evening, up from 77% on August 24 and 85% on September 20.
- o The percentage of hospital staff receiving at least one dose is 92% as of Monday evening based on preliminary self-reported data. The percentage of fully vaccinated is 85% as of Monday evening, up from 84% on September 22 and 77% on August 24.

The Department of Health conducted a one-time Health Electronic Response Data System (HERDS) survey of hospitals, nursing homes and adult care facilities on September 27, 2021 to determine the vaccination status of workers in health care settings. This is being used to supplement the survey data informing our COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Long Term Care Vaccinations webpage, which is updated daily with information self-reported by Skilled Nursing Facilities and Adult Care Facilities and our Vaccine Tracker Hospital Worker Vaccination webpage, which is updated weekly with information self-reported by individual hospitals.

BY THE NUMBERS

Hospitals

There are 519,109 total staff in hospitals statewide, and 347,217 direct care/patient facing staff.

- o 92.3% of all staff and 93.3% of direct care staff have received at least one dose
- o 85.2% of staff have a complete vaccine series, and an additional 7% have received one dose
- o These rates are comparable amongst direct care staff - 86.3%

have a complete vaccine series with an additional 7% having received their first dose

- o 4.9% of staff are medically eligible to receive a vaccine, but are declining to do so This rate is slightly lower amongst direct care staff at 4.7%
- o 2.4% of staff are going to get vaccinated but are still awaiting their first dose and 0.5% of staff are medically ineligible
- o These rates are similar amongst direct care workers, with 1.6% awaiting their first dose and 0.4% being medically ineligible

Nursing Homes

There are 143,753 total staff in hospitals statewide, and 92,260 direct care/patient facing staff.

- o 92.6% of all staff and 92.3% of direct care staff have received at least one dose
- o 81.1% of staff have a complete vaccine series, and an additional 11.5% have received one dose
- o These rates are slightly lower amongst direct care staff - 79.1% have a complete vaccine series with an additional 13.2% having received their first dose
- o 5.7% of staff are medically eligible to receive a vaccine, but are declining to do so
- o This rate is slightly higher amongst direct care staff at 6%
- o 1.3% of staff are going to get vaccinated but are still awaiting their first dose and 0.4% of staff are medically ineligible
- o These rates are very similar amongst direct care workers, with 1.3% awaiting their first dose and 0.5% being medically ineligible

Adult Care Facilities

There are 29,464 total staff in hospitals statewide, and 15,395 direct care/patient facing staff.

- o 89.3% of all staff and 88.7% of direct care staff have received at least one dose
- o 82.9% of staff have a complete vaccine series, and an additional 6.4% have received one dose
- o These rates are comparable amongst direct care staff - 81% have a complete vaccine series with an additional 7.7% having received their first dose
- o 6.6% of staff are medically eligible to receive a vaccine, but are declining to do so
- o This rate is slightly higher amongst direct care staff at 7%
- o 3.5% of staff are going to get vaccinated but are still awaiting their first dose and 0.6% of staff are medically ineligible
- o These rates are nearly identical amongst direct care workers, with 3.7% awaiting their first dose and 0.6% being medically ineligible

On Monday night, Governor Hochul signed an Executive Order to significantly expand the eligible workforce and allow additional health care workers to administer COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. In addition, Governor Hochul directed a 24/7 Operations Center, led by the New York State Department of Health, to constantly monitor staffing operations and trends statewide, provide guidance to health care facilities and help troubleshoot acute situations with providers as necessary. The Governor continues to engage in ongoing outreach with local elected officials, hospitals, labor leaders, and other health care organizations to check-in on staffing status and offer State assistance.

According to the regulation issued by the State Department of Health, all health care workers in New York State, at hospitals and nursing homes, are to be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the first dose received by Monday, September 27, and staff at other covered entities including home care, hospice, and adult care facilities are to be vaccinated by October 7. The regulation also applies to all out of state and contract medical staff who practice in New York State.

Rep. Delgado Tours RUPCO Affordable Housing Site in Kingston

October 4m Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) toured RUPCO's affordable housing site, Landmark Place, in Kingston. This campus will provide affordable housing for local residents, including seniors and special needs populations. The Congressman was joined by RUPCO's Chief Executive Officer, Kevin O'Connor, Chief Operations Officer, Sheila Kilpatrick, Director of Policy and Planning at the Supportive Housing Network, Rebecca Sauer, and other RUPCO staff.

o "Upstate residents need more affordable housing," said Rep. Delgado. "It was great to join RUPCO's team for a tour of their latest project, Landmark Place. This campus will change the lives of dozens of residents in New York's 19th Congressional District. From creating jobs to utilizing existing infrastructure, RUPCO has shown that securing affordable housing is well within our reach. I will keep fighting to empower local organizations like RUPCO and deliver affordable housing units to upstate."

o "It was great for our team to be joined by Congressman Antonio Delgado and Rebecca Sauer from SHNNY to provide a tour of the soon to open Landmark Place, RUPCO's latest project that will provide 66 affordable homes for seniors age 55 and over including 35 supportive housing units for homeless seniors. Providing stable, affordable and supportive housing to our most vulnerable citizens in the historic restoration and new construction is another critical step in addressing today's housing crisis. Today, we desperately need more housing infrastructure across the board and Landmark Place is a great example of re-purposing existing infrastructure, generating jobs and contributing to the tax base while creating homes for our seniors to lay their heads at night," said Kevin O'Connor, RUPCO - Chief Executive Officer.

Rep. Antonio Delgado Reintroduces Small Farm to School Act

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) announced the reintroduction of the bipartisan Small Farm to School Act, which incentivizes partnerships between small farms and local schools. Rep. Delgado was joined by state leaders and representatives from the New York Farm Bureau, National Young Farmers Coalition, and the Cossackie-Athens School District at Black Horse Farms in Athens, NY.

"The bipartisan Small Farm to School Act is good for our farmers and good for our families," said Rep. Delgado. "We should be looking for every opportunity to support our farmers and small businesses while helping our young people access more nutritious, locally-grown food. This bill will help form new partnerships and support our farmers as we recover from COVID-19 and rebuild our communities."

"New York is an ag state, and we have an incredible opportunity to bring healthier school meals to our children while creating new markets for small farmers and strengthening our local economies at the very same time," said New York State Senate Agriculture Chair Michelle Hinchey. "The farm to school movement is a win across the board, and there are many legislative measures we can move forward at both federal and state levels to make it happen on a wider scale in New York, including Rep. Delgado's Small Farm to School Act. I thank Rep. Delgado for his continued partnership in this space as we work to build a

more resilient local food system across our state."

"This legislation will help put the most nutritious and locally-sourced food possible onto the lunch trays of our children. It will provide students with a higher quality, more satisfying meal that their parents can feel good about them eating. Our small, family-operated farms have been the backbone of our communities for generations, so the passage of this bill would be a win-win for both students and local farmers, as well as our greater local economy," said Assemblyman Chris Tague.

Governor Hochul Announces State Now Accepting Applications for \$1.16 Billion in FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program

Governor Kathy Hochul announced State agencies, cities, towns, and Indian Tribal governments can now apply for federal funding through the \$1.16 billion Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs to assist with mitigation projects designed to strengthen resiliency against future national disasters such as severe floods, wildfires, and hurricanes. The application period is open through November 30, 2021 to apply for funds using the Federal Emergency Management Agency's online system, FEMA GO. The State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will review the applications and assist applicants with questions on the process.

"I am urging local governments to apply for these important federal dollars that help support mitigation and preparedness efforts against natural disasters," Governor Hochul said. "As we've witnessed with Fred, Henri and Ida in recent months, New York State is no stranger to extreme weather events resulting in flooding and devastation, particularly in disadvantaged communities. My partners in local government should strongly consider applying for this critical funding that will help us in our fight against the effects of climate change on our state."

This year, BRIC and FMA will prioritize projects that benefit disadvantaged communities in alignment with the guiding principle of promoting equity through implementation of the Justice40 Initiative. These pre-disaster programs fund projects that help improve resiliency, reduce disaster suffering, and avoid future disaster costs, especially in disadvantaged and at-risk communities that are often disproportionately impacted by climate change.

New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Patrick A. Murphy said, "We are urging communities across the State to apply for FEMA hazard mitigation funds to complete projects benefitting their citizens and improve their preparedness for future natural disasters. These funds will allow communities to reduce their vulnerability, protect lives and strengthen their ability to address changing climate conditions."

These nationally competitive mitigation grants do not cover immediate needs or repairs from recent severe storms. These grants are to assist in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.

Each of the grant programs limits maximum project cost and the corresponding federal share. Applicants cover the remaining project cost after the federal share has been applied.

For information on available resources for survivors of Ida, visit www.ny.gov/ida.

For more information, please visit www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/ or contact [DHSES Mitigation](mailto:DHSES_Mitigation@dhses.ny.gov) at HazardMitigation@dhses.ny.gov.

FBI Releases the Internet Crime Complaint Center 2020 Internet Crime Report, Including COVID-19 Scam Statistics

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center has released its annual report. The 2020 Internet Crime Report includes information from 791,790 complaints of suspected internet crime—an increase of more than 300,000 complaints from 2019—and reported losses exceeding \$4.2 billion. State-specific statistics have also been released and can be found within the 2020 Internet Crime Report and in the accompanying 2020 State Reports.

The top three crimes reported by victims in 2020 were phishing scams, non-payment/non-delivery scams, and extortion. Victims lost the most money to business email compromise scams, romance and confidence schemes, and investment fraud. Notably, 2020 saw the emergence of scams exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic. The IC3 received over 28,500 complaints related to COVID-19, with fraudsters targeting both businesses and individuals.

In addition to statistics, the IC3's 2020 Internet Crime Report contains information about the most prevalent internet scams affecting the public and offers guidance for prevention and protection. It also highlights the FBI's work combating internet crime, including recent case examples. Finally, the 2020 Internet Crime Report explains the IC3, its mission, and functions.

The IC3 gives the public a reliable and convenient mechanism to report suspected internet crime to the FBI. The FBI analyzes and shares information from submitted complaints for investigative and intelligence purposes, for law enforcement, and for public awareness.

With the release of the 2020 Internet Crime Report, the FBI wants to remind the public to immediately report suspected criminal internet activity to the IC3 at <https://www.ic3.gov/>. By reporting internet crime, victims are not only alerting law enforcement to the activity, but aiding in the overall fight against cybercrime.

Stay safe from cybersecurity threats. Cyberattacks are a growing concern for small businesses. Learn about the threats and how to protect yourself.

Cyberattacks are a growing threat for small businesses and the U.S. economy. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Report, the cost of cybercrimes reached \$2.7 billion in 2020 alone.

Small businesses are attractive targets because they have information that cybercriminals want, and they typically lack the security infrastructure of larger businesses.

According to a recent SBA survey, 88% of small business owners felt their business was vulnerable to a cyber-attack. Yet many businesses can't afford professional IT solutions, have limited time to devote to cybersecurity, or they don't know where to begin.

Start by learning about common cyber threats, understanding where your business is vulnerable, and taking steps to improve your cybersecurity.


Common threats

Cyberattacks are constantly evolving, but business owners should at least be aware of the most common types.

Malware

Malware (malicious software) is an umbrella term that refers to software intentionally designed to cause damage to a computer, server, client, or computer network. Malware can include viruses and ransomware.

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Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

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

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert**

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Viruses

Viruses are harmful programs intended to spread from computer to computer (and other connected devices). Viruses are intended to give cybercriminals access to your system.

Ransomware

Ransomware is a specific type of malware that infects and restricts access to a computer until a ransom is paid. Ransomware is usually delivered through phishing emails and exploits unpatched vulnerabilities in software.

Phishing

Phishing is a type of cyber-attack that uses email or a malicious website to infect your machine with malware or collect your sensitive information. Phishing emails appear as though they've been sent from a legitimate organization or known individual. These emails often entice users to click on a link or open an attachment containing malicious code. After the code is run, your computer may become infected with malware.

Assess your business risk

The first step in improving your cybersecurity is understanding your risk of an attack, and where you can make the biggest improvements.

A cybersecurity risk assessment can identify where a business is vulnerable, and help you create a plan of action-which should include user training, guidance on securing email platforms, and advice on protecting the business's information assets.

Planning and assessment tools

There's no substitute for dedicated IT support-whether an employee or external consultant-but businesses of more limited means can still take measures to improve their cybersecurity.

FCC Planning Tool

The Federal Communications Commission offers a cybersecurity planning tool to help you build a strategy based on your unique business needs.

Cyber Resilience Review

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cyber Resilience Review (CRR) is a non-technical assessment to evaluate operational resilience and cybersecurity practices. You can either do the assessment yourself, or request a facilitated assessment by DHS cybersecurity professionals.

Cyber Hygiene Vulnerability Scanning

DHS also offers free cyber hygiene vulnerability scanning for small businesses. This service can help secure your internet-facing systems from weak configuration and known vulnerabilities. You will receive a weekly report for your action.

Supply Chain Risk Management

Use the Supply Chain Risk Management Toolkit to help shield your business information and communications technology from sophisticated supply chain attacks. Developed by the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA), this toolkit will help you raise awareness and reduce the impacts of supply chain risks.

Cybersecurity best practices

Train your employees

Employees and emails are a leading cause of data breaches for small businesses because they are a direct path into your systems. Training employees on basic internet best practices can go a long way in preventing cyber-attacks. The Department of Homeland Security's "Stop.Think.Connect" campaign offers training and other materials.

Training topics to cover include:

- o Spotting a phishing email
- o Using good browsing practices
- o Avoiding suspicious downloads

- o Creating strong passwords
- o Protecting sensitive customer and vendor information
- o Maintaining good cyber hygiene

Use antivirus software and keep it updated

Make sure each of your business's computers is equipped with antivirus software and antispyware and updated regularly. Such software is readily available online from a variety of vendors. All software vendors regularly provide patches and updates to their products to correct security problems and improve functionality. Configure all software to install updates automatically.

Secure your networks

Safeguard your Internet connection by using a firewall and encrypting information. If you have a Wi-Fi network, make sure it is secure and hidden. To hide your Wi-Fi network, set up your wireless access point or router so it does not broadcast the network name, known as the Service Set Identifier (SSID). Password-protect access to the router.

Use strong passwords

Using strong passwords is an easy way to improve your cybersecurity. Be sure to use different passwords for your different accounts. A strong password includes:

- o 10 characters or more
- o At least one uppercase letter
- o At least one lowercase letter
- o At least one number
- o At least one special character

Multifactor authentication

Multifactor authentication requires additional information (e.g., a security code sent to your phone) to log in. Check with your vendors that handle sensitive data, especially financial institutions, to see if they offer multifactor authentication for your account.

Protect sensitive data and back up the rest

Back up your data

Regularly back up the data on all computers. Critical data includes word processing documents, electronic spreadsheets, databases, financial files, human resources files, and accounts receivable/payable files. Back up data automatically if possible, or at least weekly, and store the copies either offsite or on the cloud.

Secure payment processing

Work with your banks or card processors to ensure the most trusted and validated tools and anti-fraud services are being used. You may also have additional security obligations related to agreements with your bank or processor. Isolate payment systems from other, less secure programs and do not use the same computer to process payments and surf the Internet.

Control physical access

Prevent access or use of business computers by unauthorized individuals. Laptops can be particularly easy targets for theft or can be lost, so lock them up when unattended. Make sure a separate user account is created for each employee and require strong passwords. Administrative privileges should only be given to trusted IT staff and key personnel.

Training and events

SBA training

SBA and its resource partners host in-person and virtual events regularly.

Check out upcoming cybersecurity events at: <https://www.sba.gov/events/find?dateRange=all&distance=200&q=cybersecurity&pageNumber=1> hosted by SBA and our Resource Partners.

Other training

The National Cybersecurity Alliance, a public-private partnership, provides virtual and in-person cybersecurity events at <https://staysafeonline.org/events/> to help small business owners stay secure.

The Grahamsville UMC Thrift Days

**Saturday, October 9th
Saturday, October 23rd
from 9am to 12 noon**

**Staff will receive donations
during October**

**on Tuesdays from 9am-11:00am
or by appointment**

by calling 845-985-7012

or 845-985-3128 (leave message).

**When you bring items, please bring
them up to the Thrift Building door.**

**Thanks for supporting this
Mission Project for many years.**

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The Wonderful World of Bats -Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

Did you know that a Little Brown Bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitos in one night? Come and find out more and get answers to so many other questions about bats! After the presentation there is a T-shirt craft for the kids to do... Bring your own light colored shirt, or purchase one for \$4 at the show. Perfect for kids & families!

SKIN DEEP is on view in the library's community room through November 6. Don't miss it!

Seven Wonders of the Universe - Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

In this virtual program, former meteorologist Joe Rao will present seven of the universe's most wonderful traits. Perfect for kids and families! ZOOM LINK to join program

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Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday: 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Ulster County Trending

Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 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. , 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 13, 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; kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 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 hrmm.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; hrmm.org

Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 13, 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. , 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, 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. 8, 9, 14, 15, 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. 8-10, 15-17 Catskill Mountain Railroad - Fall Foliage Flyer: Limited to 140 passengers. Masks recommended. Two cars are open air and four have sun canopies. Pumpkin Express: Oct 23, 24, 30, 31. Visit website for tickets. Westbrook Lane Station in the Kingston Plaza, 55 Kingston Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

Oct. 8 - Out on the Farm at Wilklow Orchard by Big Gay Hudson Valley: 4-10 p.m. Gather with your queer family, friends, and pets for a night "Out on the Farm." Family-friendly. Hayrides, fresh cider donuts, apple picking, music and more. Free. Register in advance through Eventbrite. Wilklow Orchard, 341 Pancake Hollow Road, Highland. 845-691-2339; wilkloworchards.com

Oct. 7-12, 14-19, 21-26, 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. 9, 10 Ride the Catskill Thunder Gondola at Belleayre Mountain Ski Center: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Scenic gondola ride with stunning views of the Catskills and surrounding mountains. Explore the hiking trails, picturesque overlooks, and picnic areas at the summit. Purchase gondola tickets online or at the Guest Service ticket location. 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 800-942-6904; belleayre.com

Oct. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 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. 9-11, 16-17, 23-24, 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. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 Community Appreciation Weekends at Minard's Family Farm. Oct. 2-3: College Student Appreciation Weekend; Oct. 16-17: Healthcare Professionals Appreciation Weekend; Oct. 23-24: "Sharing our Love of Fall" - one free small pumpkin per family. Oct. 30-31: Family Appreciation Weekend; 250 Hurds Road, Clintondale. 845-325-0222; minardsfamilyfarms.com

Oct. 9, 16, 23, 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 (Contd. Pg. 49)

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Oct. 9, 16, 23, 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. 9, 16, 23, 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, theatreatheroad.com, 845-475-7973. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston. 845-338-6759; olddutchchurch.org

Oct.2-11 18th Annual Catskills Lark in the Park: See spectacular fall foliage, the ponds, the lakes and the streams. Climb the mountains, visit the fire towers, paddle the rivers and reservoirs. Visit an arboretum or a sculpture garden. Find beauty from the comfort of your vehicle or take a short hike to some great views. 845-586-2611; catskillslark.org; facebook.com/catskillslarkinthepark

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. 3-7 Hiking Week for Active Older Adults at East Valley Ranch: Explore fall foliage while hike with an experienced and licensed hiking guide. Minutes away from popular Catskill trails. Information: 845-985-2291, ext. 348, email: info@eastvalleyranch.org; visit: frostvalley.org/hiking-week. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291; frostvalley.org

Oct. 10, 17, 24, 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. 12, 19, 26 Outdoor Story Times at Gardiner Library: Ages 2-5 can come to hear stories, sing songs and rhymes, take home craft kits and more. No registration is required; bring a blanket! Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer’s Turnpike. Information: 845-255-1255 or visit website. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer’s Turnpike, Gardiner. 845-255-1255; gardinerlibrary.org

Oct. 7, 10, 21, 22, 23, 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. 7, 14, 21, 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. 7, 23, 26, 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 Phillis Bridge Road, New Paltz. 845-419- 2661; watergrasshillny.com

Oct. 8-10 Field and Supply: A Modern Maker’s Craft Fair: Brings together a carefully curated group of vendors to create a unique shopping experience. Over 150 vendors. Advance tickets

strongly encouraged. Capacity limited; some tickets will be available to purchase on site. 10 a.m-6 p.m. Purchase tickets online. Hutton Brickyards, 200 North St., Kingston. 646-200-5335; fielddandsupply.com

Oct. 8-10 Eleventh Annual O+ Festival, Kingston: The Magnetic Fields and Lady Pink will headline. The O+ Festival O+ (pronounced O Positive) is “a citywide celebration of life. This year’s theme is ‘O+ygen. Solo artists, bands and ensembles. Participating artists include mural, performance, interactive, installation and fiber artists. Free and outdoors. Information: opositivefestival.org/kingston.

Oct. 8-24 Fourth Annual 2021 Kingston Design Showhouse: Every year, the Kingston Design Showhouse encourages more work to be sourced locally and promotes Hudson Valley design on a national platform. 2021 Kingston Design Showhouse, 174 Hasbrouck Avenue, Kingston. kingstondesignconnection.com

Oct. 9, 23 A Tiny Taste of Terror-Children’s Day: Families enjoy a hayride and visit friendly characters along the way. Magic Moon Maze, Haunted Gardens, Witch Hazel’s Halloween House and Dinosaur Trail. Rain dates Oct. 10th and 24th. Reservations required; tickets on website. Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; headlesshorseman.com

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. 10 54th Annual Mum Festival: Free event. Thousands of mums on display. Live music (band and chorus), Mum Queen and her court, an art show, children’s activities, free horse rides, local vendors and refreshments. Celebrating eleventh anniversary of Seamon Park. Noon-5 p.m. Seamon Park, 5 Malden Ave., Saugerties. jmmayer@hvc.rr.com; village.saugerties.ny.us/mum

Oct. 10 -14 Annual Ulster County Italian Festival: Free admission. Italian foods, beverages, products, music and family fun. Presented by Ulster County Italian American Foundation. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. T.R. Gallo Park at the foot of Broadway (Rondout Waterfront), Lower Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-9111; uciaf.org

Oct. 11 USA Triathlon 2021 Splash & Dash Young Aquathlon Series: Fun and fast-growing sport that combines running and swimming for young athletes ages 7-15. To register visit alpha.win/event/saugerties-ny/splash-dash-hudson-valley-ny 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Saugerties Village Beach, 47 S. Partition Street, Saugerties. 845-247-7275; alpha.win/event/saugerties-ny

Oct. 5-16 Blueprint Doors at Seven & Faucet Present “Door Daze:” Faucet and Doors at Seven come together to bring two days of musicians, artists, and vendors, and first screening of “Doors at Seven.” 20 performers, 15 vendors and local art. 11 a.m. -11 p.m. Tickets on sale at faucet.media. Blueprint is located at 201 Enterprise Drive, Kingston. blueprinthv.com

Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23, 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.16 The Kingston Midtown Market – Celebrating Economic Education Month with a Special Youth Vendor Room: Monthly event. Local vendors, artists and performers. Food, clothes, crafts, jewelry and self-care. 1-6 p.m. Information: kmm@cce4me.org, or call 845-338-7664. All vendors welcome. Center for Creative Education, 16 Cedar Street, Kingston. 845-338-7664; cce4me.org (Cont. Pg. 50)

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Oct. 16, 17 Opus 40: October 16 - Peak Foliage Soiree with Spanglish Fly, 4- 6 p.m. Outdoor movie, John Waters' "Hairspray." Includes pre-film music, drink specials from Stockade Tavern and picnic dinners and snacks. Starts at sunset. October 17 - Foraging Autumn Walks. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Purchase tickets at opus40.org/events. Opus 40, 356 George Sickle Road, Saugerties. 845 246 3400; opus40.org

Oct. 17 Second "Capital to Capital Virtual 5K Run:" This year's "Cap 2 Cap" is a hybrid 5K, which allows participants to join either virtually or in person. Commemorates the story of the Burning of Kingston, when in October 1777, over 2,000 Kingston refugees fled to the Town of Hurley as British soldiers burned their city. Self-register at zippyreg.com. Information: cattabianir@gmail.com

Oct. 17 Saugerties Pro Musica presents Urara Mogi & Mihae Lee, Violin & Piano: All concerts on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Free. Information: info@saugertiespromusica.org, Saugerties United Methodist Church, corner of (#67) Washington Avenue & Post Street, Saugerties. 845-679-5733; saugertiespromusica.org

Oct. 21-23 Kingston Kiwanis: Annual musical comedy show "The Godbrother" to fund Kiwanis scholarship program and other youth service projects. 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information visit website. J.W. Bailey School, Merlina Avenue, Kingston. kingstonkiwanis.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. 22 City and Colour, with opening act Ruby Waters: Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) Rare solo show. "City and Colour (singer, songwriter Dallas Green). Tickets start at \$40. Tickets: call the UPAC box office Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at 845-339-6088; email boxoffice@bardavon.org, or at ticketmaster.com. 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org

Oct. 22-24, 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. 23 FALLINCIA Fun Day: Scarecrow contest, pumpkin painting, live music, giveaways and more. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information and to enter contests: phoeniciarotaryny@gmail.com. Main Street, Phoenicia. phoenicia.com

Oct. 23 God and Country, Veterans Living History Event: 8:15 a.m.- 3:45 p.m. Slate of exceptional veterans from WWII who will be sharing unique experiences throughout the day. Dinner. Call to purchase tickets. Best Western Hotel, 503 Washington Ave, Kingston. 845- 629-2864; godandcountryny.com

Oct. 24 Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons: Hear such classic songs as "Walk Like a Man" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$79; call box office Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. email: boxoffice@bardavon.org, or online at ticketmaster.com. Ulster County Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.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

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

SCVA to Unveil Sixth Dove of 2021 at WJFF

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is excited to announce it will unveil the next Dove of 2021. The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock festival and celebrates its impact on our Sullivan Catskills.

It's a collection of 50 dove sculptures perched in villages, towns, and at several tourism businesses. Each permanently mounted dove is hand-painted by a professional local artist and inspired by the legendary event held here in 1969.

The newest Dove will make its landing at WJFF Radio Catskill at their new studio location in Liberty on Thursday, October 7 at 11:30 a.m. The artist for this dove is Christi Johnson.

The SCVA previously announced that ten new Doves will be added to the collection and make the Sullivan Catskills their home. The launch of the Dove Trail in 2019 has been met with unprecedented success as visitors have been flocking to the Sullivan Catskills to view the doves and complete the trail, taking photos along the way.

More Doves will continue to be unveiled so stay tuned and follow along. The 50th Anniversary of Woodstock is over, but the SCVA wants to make the Doves a legacy project that will encourage visitors from around the world to appreciate our history and heritage while embracing the new tourism opportunities in the Sullivan Catskills. The Dove Trail is in partnership with Sullivan Renaissance.



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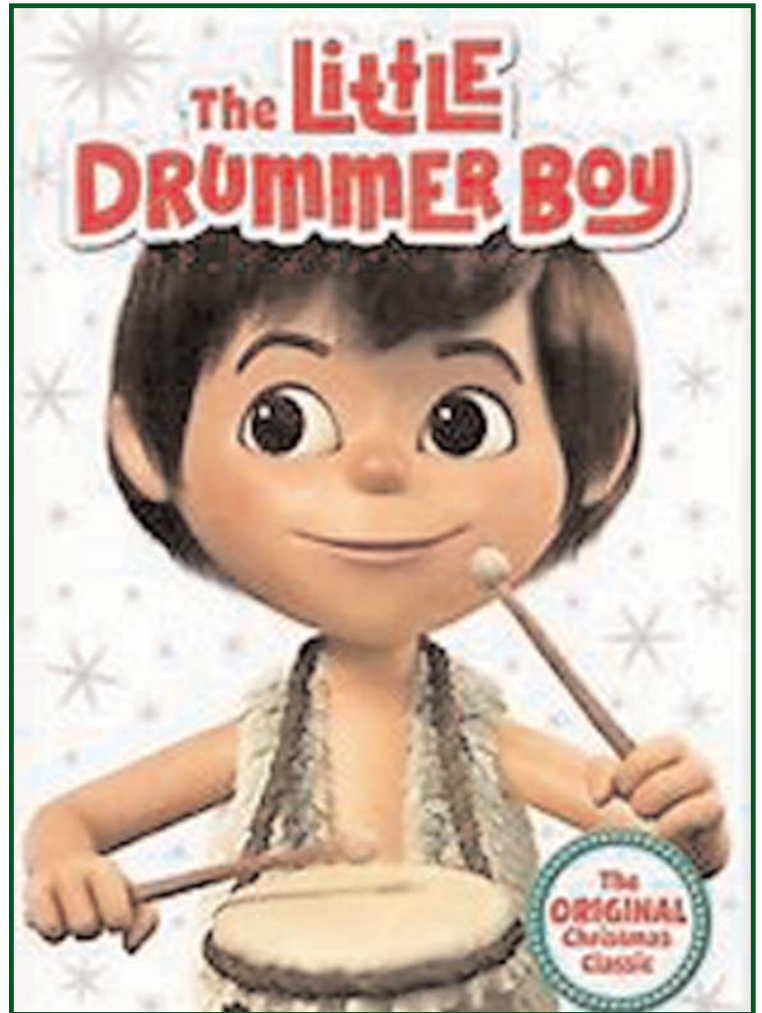
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Way more powerful, more beautiful by far than all the eons of sadness and cruelty and desolation which had come before, was that one tiny, crystalline second of laughter. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." The storyteller, regarding Aaron, having given and then received a great gift

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