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The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. Proverbs 11:25



## Utica First Insurance Company renews presenting sponsorship for Boy Scouts Golf Classic

The Leatherstocking Council Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce that Utica First Insurance Company has renewed its presenting sponsorship of its annual golf classic. The event will return for the 23rd consecutive year on Aug. 8, 2022. Next year's event will also be limited to the first 30 teams to register with returning sponsors given priority.

"We enjoyed our first ever sold-out golf

classic this year and set a new fundraising record, for the third year in a row," said Scout Executive Ray Eschenbach. "Moreover, we were once again able to join nearly all of our corporate partners in one place, at one time to celebrate all they do for the youth in our community whose lives are being changed for the better because of their support!"

This event is co-chaired by BSA vol-

unteers Matthew Dziedzic of Allstate Insurance in Yorkville, Joanie Grande of Mac-Clark Restaurants and Jill Hayes of New York Sash. It has grown from an event that net approximately \$10,000 for Scouting programs for the two decades, to net approximately \$40,000 in 2021.

Players are able to participate in a hole-in-one contests to win a new car, round-trip airfare, new clubs or a big screen television. This year, the Scouts also added a \$10,000 putting competition sponsored by Mac-Clark Restaurants – officiated by hockey players from Utica College. Each year, Leatherstocking Council donors make approximately \$45,000 worth of prizes available. Flag sponsors at \$1,200 or more are recognized by one or more 10' flags donated by The Estate of Jean Mary Hastie.

## **Drivers delaying vehicle maintenance**

Many drivers recognize the importance of vehicle maintenance, but a significant percentage of drivers are putting off taking timely care of their cars and trucks. IMR Inc. surveys 25,000 households each quarter, asking participants how they have serviced and maintained their vehicles. In the first quarter of 2020, much of which occurred prior to the declaration of a global pandemic, nearly 18% of respondents indicated they had delayed vehicle repairs or maintenance.

IMR classified "delayed

maintenance" as repairs and maintenance that vehicle owners intentionally put off despite knowing the vehicles needed them. That conscious decision to delay maintenance and repairs could prove costly in the long run, as adhering to a routine maintenance schedule is a great way to ensure cars stay on the road longer. In addition, adhering to manufacturer-recommended maintenance schedules is a great way to discover minor issues before they escalate into larger, more costly concerns.



## HCCC receives support from Chobani/Swipe Out Hunger partnership

Food insecurity is one of the most pervasive and devastating afflictions nationwide, impacting one in 10 Americans. College campuses are among the most affected, yet overlooked, communities, where one in three students faces hunger.

Costly housing, transportation, healthcare and rising tuition have created financial hardships for college students, especially students that are parenting, from the foster care system, first generation, working full-time or even homeless.

Chobani believes college hunger is unacceptable and is joining forces with Swipe Out Hunger, the leading nonprofit addressing this issue, to tackle this problem.

"Too many college students skip meals to cut corners and save money – not because they're busy or forget to eat lunch," said Chobani President and COO Peter McGuinness. "These students should be allowed to focus on their education, creating bright futures without worrying about

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their next meals. We are proud to do our part to help."

Chobani will fund food security efforts at 23 schools in partnership with Swipe Out Hunger, kickstarting or bolstering existing programs at those schools. The donation will help Swipe Out Hunger bring its expertise, including ongoing consulting and coaching, to campuses in Chobani's home states of New York and Idaho.

"Chobani's commitment thoughtfully addresses student hunger by helping colleges support their students after an extremely challenging year and a half," said Rachel Sumekh, founder and CEO of Swipe Out Hunger. "Chobani's dedication underscores that everyone has a pivotal role to play in ending college student hunger."

To continue to raise awareness about this underreported issue, Chobani and Swipe Out Hunger are also collaborating with VICE News to host a virtual summit on Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. on the VICE News YouTube channel.

"We are very proud to help support this amazing and

important campaign to raise awareness of the impact of food insecurity," said Jesse Angelo, president Global News and Entertainment, VICE Media Group. "It's a critical systemic issue that we hope our audience will engage in and help take action to end."

The summit will bring together leaders from the nonprofit, private and public sectors who are pushing for stronger federal and state policies to support college students across the country. The summit will feature a roundtable discussion with student leaders and remarks from:

• Hamdi Ulukaya, founder and CEO of Chobani

• Peter McGuinness, president and COO of Chobani

• Rachel Sumekh, founder and CEO of Swipe Out Hunger

• U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern, chair, House Rules Committee (D-MA)

• Phil Rosenthal, TV writer and producer for shows including "Everybody Loves Raymond." He is also the creator and host of "Somebody Feed Phil."

To learn more about the upcoming college hunger summit and to register, visit chobanicollegehungersummit. com.

Chobani and Swipe Out Hunger's partnership will support the following colleges in New York: SUNY Oneonta, Hartwick College, Colgate University, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cobleskill, Hamilton College, Utica College, Syracuse University, Le Moyne College, Cazenovia College, SUNY Morrisville, SUNY Broome Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, Herkimer County Community College, Onondaga Community College, CUNY Medgar Evers College and CUNY Hunter College.

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## by Cary Davis, the On-Foot Fisherman

Reflecting back to the trout season of 2021, we can count our pleasures and our pain. The record amounts of rains felt in Central New York since June made for rather challenging conditions for stream fishers this season. This fisherman experienced some productive days stalking trout as I have each season. The difference this year - the windows of opportunity were rather narrow.

This trout season did not end on Oct. 15 because on most inland streams in NY, fishing with artificial lures is permitted. Anglers may not possess trout; it's catch and release only. I do no fishing after October due to the fact that deer season begins to open so I leave the woods to the hunters for obvious safety reasons. **The On-Foot Fisherman** 

Once I used to own a boat, a small, 13-foot Gheenoe, built like a canoe but with a flat back that could accommodate a small 5 hp or trolling motor. I mainly lived in Florida then and chose not to put the boat in saltwater. The small lakes and ponds in West Florida held nice largemouth bass but too many alligators as big as that boat inhabited those waters. No thanks! Getting caught in a small vessel in the gators' own territory was not the excitement I was seeking. I only used that boat when I returned to Upstate NY (my home state) on vacation. I sold that boat in 1995 and have been on foot ever since, and probably always will be. I see much more nature up close when fishing on foot. Once an older fisherman told me, "Well, heck, all those folks fishing in boats fish near the shore anyway." So my feet are my only vessel now.

My primary approach to fishing the trout streams of Central NY is by wade fishing. I am not afraid to get into the water and get wet. This technique is always preceded by a careful assessment of water conditions: water level. temperature, force of current and access points to the water. Even when familiar with the body of water, I always give respect to the dangers that surround entering any body of water by wading. I have done this for many years and I do not suggest ever entering water you are not sure of. Only wade in waters that are compatible with your own swimming abilities.

wade fishing, When I wear long pants – not waders or hip boots that can fill with water if you fall in. This serves me well. Wading allows me to present bait from a distance to the intended hole. Fishing above the hole when water levels are up and presenting bait (or below the hole when fishing dry flies) allows me to sneak up on trout. Once a wary trout is spooked and scared into a hiding place the chances of that fish biting have been lost.

Having fished using the wade method in the High Sierra of California for the three strains of trout found here as well as cutthroat rainbow trout, and the inner coastal waterways of West Florida catching seatrout, red fish, flounder and snook, I always seem to discover more nature by wading. Enough cannot be said for the solitude that can be experienced by having a section of stream to yourself and really immersing yourself in the beauty nature provides for free. New York State has an abundance of

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Wading during the very early season (April and May) is something I rarely do. Ice cold streams and rivers can be unsafe. My best success comes later during late May through mid-July most years. A trout's metabolism is greatly slowed down in icy waters, and feeding habits are slowed as well. Water temperatures in streams of 54° - 70° F has yielded the most productive trout feeding days for me. I try in April but with minimal success.

## **This Season**

The trout fishing season of 2021 was one that required patience of local

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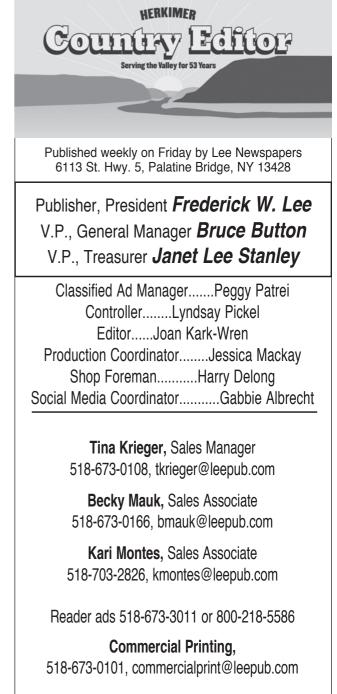


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brown trout in one hole after early morning worm fishing slowed.

Then came July, with more rain than a person or a fish could ever want. With some locations in Central NY receiving 10 inches or more of rain in a three-week period, fishing came to a halt. Local streams, the Mohawk

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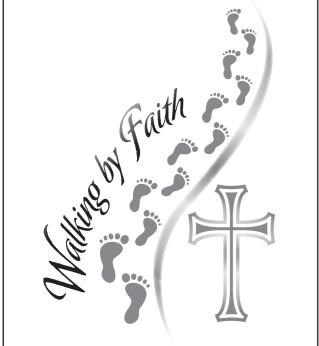
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## Local from 6 -

River and the Erie Canal had far too much water for sporting activities to go on safely. Ask our friends in Fonda, who saw Rt. 30A transformed into a raging torrent of water dumping onto Rt. 5 and the village. The community of Western (just outside Rome) saw the upper Mohawk River breach its banks at least a couple of times this year, causing damage to roads and property there. Not really primetime fishing!

Floods and flood waters are not pretty. We experienced flooding 15 years ago in Montgomery County and I hope to never see that again. Flooding also changes the characteristics of local trout streams. Those floods I recalled then took away some bends and eddies in some streams that I had come to know for years. I can report that the trout population did not suffer then, and NY DEC did a good job of preserving trout spawning beds in the affected streams. My observations from this year's high water indicate the character of local streams I fished have not been seriously compromised. The integrity of stream banks appears to be sound.

August provided two more productive fishing days. A productive day on the stream is determined by the aggressive nature of the trout strike and number of strikes felt that day. The ability to get bit or catch a number of trout that day in known trout-inhabited waters are the determining factors.

This season I caught at least 60 trout in eight or nine good days. I only go fishing if I think the conditions are right. I kept six trout all year. I practice CPR on fish: catch, photograph and release on healthy trout. Most years I have at least a dozen good days on the waters but this year there were just not as many good days. I saw the streams this year stay higher than any other year in the past 25 years. These high water levels made things very difficult for stream fisherpersons, not to mention the Canal and Old Mohawk River bed that I enjoy wading most years between Herkimer and Little Falls, above Little Falls and below Five Mile Dam. These bodies of water were not navigable by boaters or approachable by waders all summer.

Most years, during our drought or near drought conditions, I am able to

wade fish for smallmouth bass and walleyed pike on the Old Mohawk. I missed fishing the Old Mohawk River this year. The old river exists in its natural, pristine state, unaltered as a life-giving stream, as it has been for hundreds of years. It's easy to understand why indigenous people and early settlers made their homes along the banks of this waterway. All anglers suffered due to the flood-like conditions this year.

## **Trout Trifecta**

"Trout Trifecta" is a feat I try to accomplish each year, when brook, brown and rainbow trout are all caught in local streams. Some years I am able to complete this task in one day; it took a couple of days this year.

### **One Smart Trout**

There is one trout I know that is still swimming (I think). This brown trout was smart! As I baited with a nightcrawler one June morning at sunrise, I slid my bait into a large

trout hole with a huge rock at the back of the hole. As soon as the line drifted around the rock this fish slammed the bait. I leaned

my backbone into a firm hookset and was positive I had hooked the fish well. The 16-inch-plus brown trout broke water and I

could see this prize in all its vivid colors. While I waded across the stream

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Brook trout from Otsdawa Creek in Otsego County, brown trout from Zimmerman Creek in Montgomery County and rainbow trout from Otsquago Creek in Herkimer County. Photos by Carv Davis

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to get a better angle for landing the fish with my net, this fish starts swimming straight at me. I was above the hole and that trout darted between two rocks at the head of the hole just below my feet. My line was stuck. I tugged the line time and again to free line and fish while being careful not to break the six-pound test leader.

When pulling didn't work, I handed the line bit by bit until I reached the leader. Sliding my hand between the rocks I located the split shot weight 14 inches above the hook. Then I pulled up the hook leader and ... no hook, no trout! This trout swam toward me and executed an escape plan that, in all my years of fishing I had never seen. I thought, "Guess this will keep me coming back."

I tried to catch this fish two more times this year without success. It wouldn't bite – or some other fisher-

persons got lucky! Perhaps a more hardy strain of trout will evolve and render a more educated stream fisherman from this brief skirmish. This trout had probably been in the stream at least three years and had most likely been hooked before. This again demonstrates to me that the German brown trout is the smartest species of fish I have encountered and is one cunning quarry worthy of its sporting reputation.

## Where Have All the Old Fishermen Gone?

When I was a teenager, just getting serious about trout fishing, I would go out fishing with my Uncle Pappy Mentis to local trout streams he knew. We would always see Mr. Browers, Mr. Reese or one of the Countryman brothers as they were coming off one or the other stream. They would always show us their catches of trout and discuss what baits they used or other bits of

## **Calendar of events**

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## November 5 and 6

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**Rummage Sale, Plant & Bake Sale** at Cold Brook United Methodist Church, 467 Main St., Cold Brook. Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### **November 6**

**Rabies Clinic** 7 - 9 a.m. East Herkimer Fire Dept., 193 Main Rd., East Herkimer. Pre-registration will end at noon on Nov 5. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk at Holy Family Roman Cath-

nts. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com olic Church, Little Falls, 9 - 10:15 a.m. Walk begins at the Parish Gym located behind the church. For more information, visit holyfamilyparish.org

Annual Christmas Carousel, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Morning Star UMC, 36 Second St., Ilion. For more info, email barbara.horwald@gmail.com. Reference Christmas Carousel.

**BSA Troop/Pack 25 Mohawk Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or sold out) at Mohawk American Legion, 43 W. Main St., Mohawk. Takeout only. Tickets: Mr. Briggs 315.717.9780; Mr. Joyce 315.867.8239; or Mr. Roberts 315.717.6018.

Salisbury Center Universalist Church Annual Craft Fair, Bake Sale & Chinese Auction 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Auction winners drawn at 3 p.m. Food and beverages available.

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**Pierogi and Golumbki Sale** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 324 Moore Ave., Herkimer. Pierogi are \$7 a dozen. Golumbki are \$26 a dozen; \$13 a half dozen or three-piece for \$6.50. All fully cooked.

**Bake Sale** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dolgeville United Methodist Church, 21 N. Helmer Ave., in their Shulenburg Fellowship Hall downstairs. A wide assortment of pies, cookies, breads and more desserts will be available for sale. For more information, call 315.429.7381.

**Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** 5:30 p.m. at the Herkimer Elk's Lodge 124 Mary Street, Herkimer. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Cash bar. Tickets available at the Herkimer County Historical Society or call 315.866.6413 to reserve your seat.

#### November 7

Yearly Meatloaf Dinner St. Paul's UU Church, 565 Albany St., Little

**Blood Drive** 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 71 East Main St., Mohawk. Sponsor Code: blessedsacramentmohawk

November 9

## November 11

**Town Board of the Town of Stratford** public hearing 6:30 p.m. Topic: Town Budget for 2022. Regular monthly meeting immediately following the hearing.

Herkimer County Historical Society Paint and Sip 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post in Herkimer. Call the Society for reservations at 315.866.6413. Supplies included. Hosted by Jill Rae Vennera.

#### November 13

**Central Valley Central School District Foundation Turkey Trot** Road race at German Flatts Town Park, 555 State Route 5S in Mohawk. Register tinyurl.com/ypc726ft.

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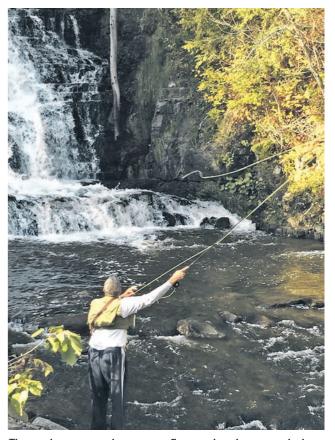
**Rabies Clinic at Susquehanna SPCA** 2 - 5 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

### **November 20**

The Mohawk Homestead's Annual Holiday Basket Raffle and Bake Sale 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 1 Fulton Street, Mohawk. Proceeds benefit Mohawk Homestead. Masks must be worn. information we considered vital to our fishing success. These guys were savvy stream fishermen possessing a wealth of knowledge from years of experience. Nowadays I see far fewer trout fishers on local streams. I hope this type of fishing, although it may not be easy, will not become a dying art.

Beginners should consider trout fishing in areas where access to the stream is easy and permitted by

Local 8



The author presenting a trout fly on a local stream during the 2021 season.

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The sale of fishing licenses is directly tied to NY DEC trout stocking programs throughout the state each year. The past few years have seen a reduction in stockings in Central NY streams. Some local streams have not been stocked the last two years that had always been stocked in past years. Montgomery County streams have experienced the greatest reduction in trout stockings. Turn a friend or family member on to fishing. I hope you'll find the cost of a fishing license to be an investment well worth the enjoyment derived from the fishing experience. **Off Season Dreamin'** 

Take the time during cold weather months to upgrade and organize your fishing gear for next season. It is also a good time to practice your knot tying for trout rigs. Knots to know:

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## Mohawk Valley FFA hosts NYS FFA State Officer Tour

On Wednesday, Oct. 6 the Mohawk Valley Chapter of FFA hosted a regional event as part of the NYS FFA State Officer Tour. Members from Fonda-Fultonville and Mount Markham FFA chapters joined in an evening of workshops, games, dinner and a keynote address.

The first workshop, "We Are All In This Together," gave members the tools and ideas to truly be able to work effectively with others and see the potential of new perspectives. "Sink or Swim?" dove into the importance of exploring the unknown and asking for help – two qualities essential for a young leader. "Experience the Fear, But Do It Anyway" illustrated that everyone is scared, but don't let the things you dread keep you from accomplishing so much more. This workshop gave students the ability to use their fears to propel forward through challenges.

In addition to her keynote address, National Officer Candidate Taylor Rollins facilitated her workshop "SCOREEEEEE!" Members were challenged to think about what their role in the FFA would and could be. Dribble, shoot and score your way into the FFA.

The evening was rounded out with learning to line dance, kickball and dinner.



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## Major benefits to early holiday shopping

Some people begin their holiday countdown the day after festivities have concluded. With 365 days until the next celebration, it may seem like one has all the time in the world to complete holiday tasks. But before long, holiday crunch time arrives, and some people find themselves rushing around to buy gifts and other essentials.

A 2020 Gallup poll found the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$942 on gifts in 2019. The personal finance site Mint.com from Intuit reported roughly \$729 billion was spent during the holidays in 2019, making it the biggest holiday season to date.

Though the pandemic changed the holiday shopping landscape in 2020, a return to normalcy appears to be on the horizon for the 2021 holiday shopping season. In fact, the adage of "the early bird catches the worm" could help shoppers scoop up gifts and bargains before the holiday shopping rush begins. Individuals who start their holiday shopping early this year may discover there are many benefits to such an approach.

Spread out spending. Those who begin shopping well before the holiday season arrives can spread their spending over several months rather than a short period of time. This can make shopping more affordable for those who may have limited financial leeway. It may be easier to swallow spending an extra \$100 per month throughout the year as opposed to having a \$1,000 bill at year's end.

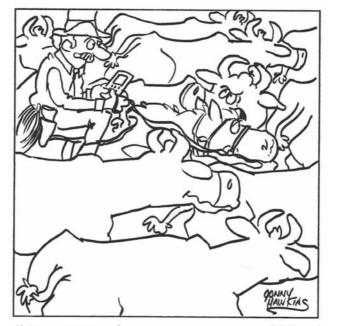
Shop sales. A Coresight Research survey found that more than 25% of shoppers expected to start holiday shopping earlier than usual in 2020, when retailers offered their promotions earlier than normal to compensate for a decline in brick-and-mortar shopping. While it remains to be seen what retailers will do this year, shopping early means people are not beholden only to holiday sales promotions; they can take advantage of major sales throughout the year.

**Avoid delays.** Continued pressure on shipping companies – as online shopping has become so prevalent – inadvertently leads to delays. Couple this with supply chain disruptions due to the pandemic and certain items may be out of stock or on back order.

"With potential product shortages continuing, if you see something you know you want, go ahead and buy it," said Karl Haller, retail industry expert at IBM Global Business Services.

Shopping early also assists those who have to ship gifts domestically or internationally. Shopping early ensures those presents get to their recipients on time.

Getting a head start on holiday shopping is advantageous to shoppers who want to budget, save and ensure items are available.



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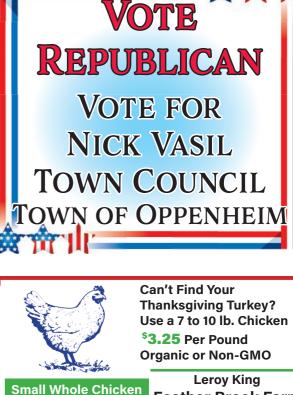
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Mon. Nov. 8th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale.

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## DMV, DOH encourage New Yorkers to register as organ donors

In honor of Organ Donor Enrollment Day, which took place Oct. 7, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Health is urging New Yorkers to consider becoming organ donors.

By registering with the NYS Donate Life Registry (donatelife.ny.gov), people can offer hope to thousands of New Yorkers awaiting a life-saving transplant.

According to the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, 8,787 NY residents including more than 110 children are currently awaiting a life-saving transplant.

"It gives me great pride

that DMV plays such a critical role in getting people to enroll as organ donors," said DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder. "There is no greater gift that one can give than life, and I hope all New Yorkers who have not yet registered will consider doing so today."

"New York's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us how valuable life is and the decision to become an organ donor is one of the most significant and selfless decisions a person can make," said Dr. Howard Zucker, NYS Health Commissioner. "Enrolling in the NYS Donate Life Registry is a simple way each of us can save the lives of up to eight people. Organ donation is truly lifesaving."

Aisha M. Tator, executive director of Donate Life NYS, said, "We are proud to be working with Governor Hochul and her administration to inspire New Yorkers ... to take action. to save lives and to heal our state through organ and tissue donations by enrolling today in New York's Donate Life Registry. One organ donor can save eight lives and restore health to 75 more people through tissue donation. I am confident that New Yorkers will choose to give hope to the 8,500 people who are in need of a lifesaving transplant by enrolling themselves as organ and tissue donors. On Organ Donor Enrollment day, and on every day, New Yorkers can take this important step and give the gift of life at donatelife. ny.gov/register."

Helen Irving, president and CEO of LiveOnNY, said, "Over the past year and a half we have seen New Yorkers support each other in remarkable ways. Signing up to be a lifesaving organ donor is one more simple way to help your neighbors. I hope ... we are all able to come together in support of organ, eye and tissue donation to bring hope to those awaiting a lifesaving transplant." Nationally, 17 people die each day while awaiting a transplant, according to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. A person is added to the wait list every nine minutes, and one organ donor can save up to eight lives. While 90% of adults nationwide say they support organ donation, only 60% are registered.

Registering through the DMV is among the simplest ways to sign up to be part of the organ donor registry. By far, the majority of people who enroll as organ donors do so through DMV. The agency enrolled more than 5.7 million of the 6.8 million consenting organ donors.

DMV customers can register as an organ donor by completing the donation section of their driver license or non-driver ID renewal application, by completing the voter registration form, or by visiting the DMV website at dmv.ny.gov.

New Yorkers can also enroll in the NYS Donate Life Registry at donatelife.ny.gov.

Other ways people interested in becoming donors can enroll in the Registry include obtaining health insurance through the NY State of Health Insurance Marketplace or by mailing a completed enrollment form to the NYS Donate Life Registry.

In recent years, NY took steps to boost organ donor enrollment. In 2017, 16- and 17-year-olds became able to enroll in the Registry and the NYS Health Insurance Marketplace became a portal for registry enrollment.

Under Lauren's Law, the DMV includes on its license renewal form the choice for New Yorkers to enroll in the NYS Donate Life Registry. Customers are required to check one of two boxes about organ donation for their application to be processed. The law is named for Lauren Shields, a Rockland County resident who received a life-saving heart transplant at age nine and who is now a strong advocate for organ donation.

DMV also offers a Donate Life custom license plate to raise awareness and support critical research. When a consumer orders the plate, \$20 of the annual fee is provided to the "Life – Pass It On Trust Fund," which is used for organ donation and transplant research and educational programs promoting organ and tissue donation. Plates can be ordered on the DMV website at dmv. ny.gov/plates/life-pass-it.



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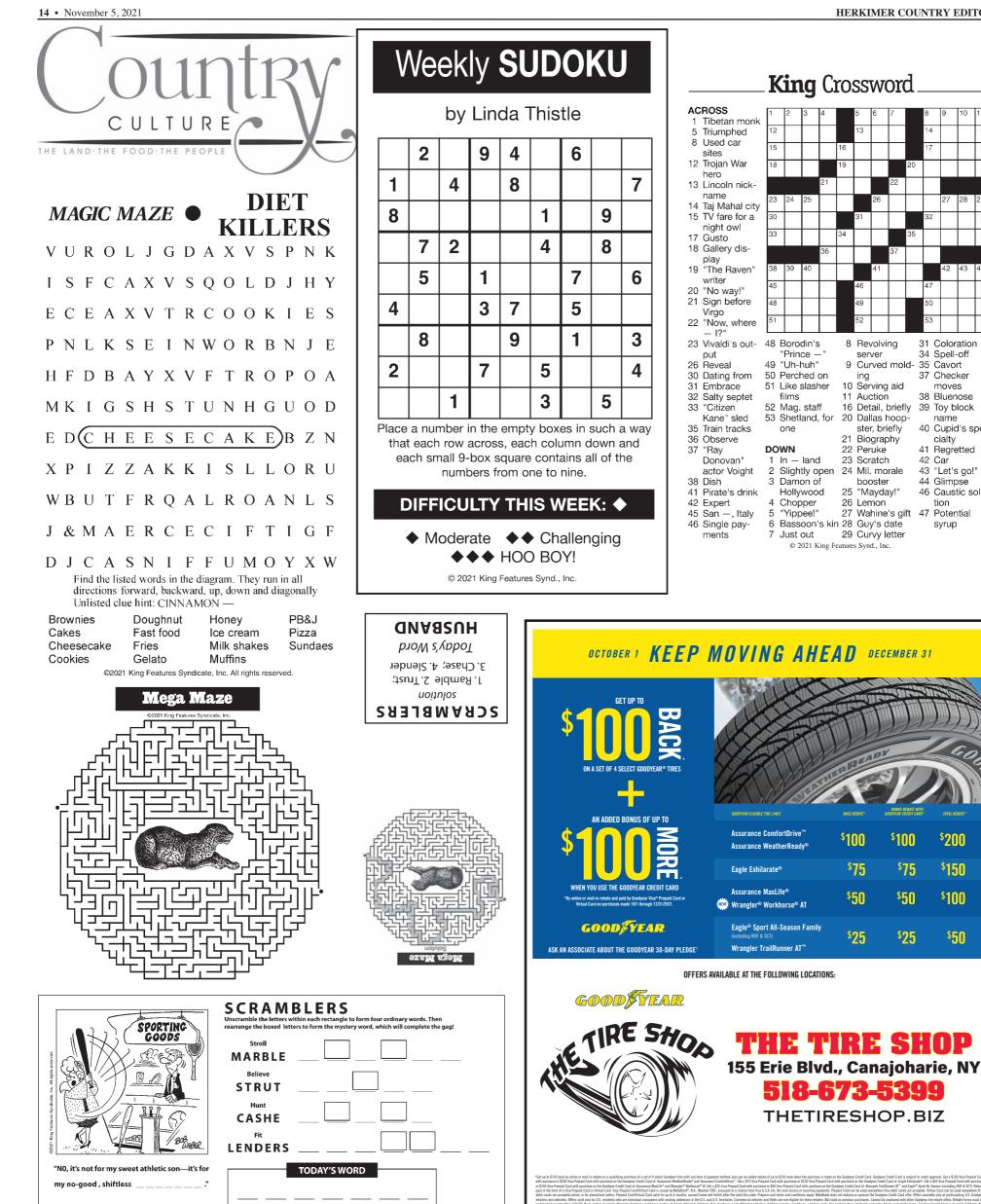


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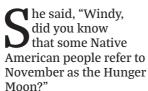
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Mamie smiled as she placed some uncooked rolled-up ground fish things with spicy whatnots on them. They were wrapped up in what was either alfalfa or a skunk cabbage leaf. Mamie Dilworth was a friendly, neighborly challenge to the aging cowboy



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and camp cook, Windy Wilson. "Native Americans?"

"You know ... Indian people." "Thass right. I memo-

rate that now. You know, Mamie, always wondered 'bout somethin'. You know I was born here in the valley, right? Long time ago now, I guess. But doesn't that make ME a Native American too? And you, too?"

Mamie smiled. "I see your point," she said. "You want some tea to go with your lunch?"

Ol' Windy grinned and patted his mouth with his napkin. "Shore do. What kinda tea we got today, Mamie?"

She told him a name he couldn't pronounce. "And this-year tea ... how does it help a guy out? Oh, thinkin' clearly... got it. Anything else? Digestive properties? And that is? Oh, sorry I asked." "I'll put the kettle

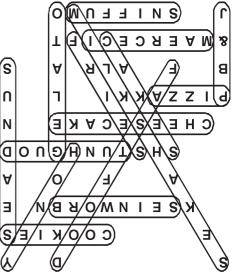
on, Windy," she said, smiling.

"Great idea," he said, grinning. Then he shoveled some of the raw fish to his fairly-new best friend, Mamie's cat. The cat waited between Windy's knees. Windy smiled and

Windy smiled and faked a burp as Mamie came in with the tea. He was still hopeful she'd someday learn to cook, but she was sure good company in the meantime.

He'd stop and get taco fixings on the way home. Brought to you by "The

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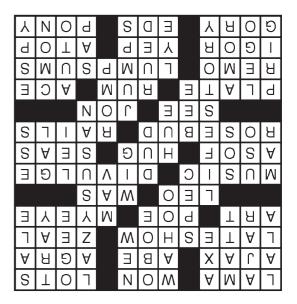


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