

Herkimer County Newsletter

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HERKIMER COUNTY APPOINTS NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



**DEBORAH KESSLER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**



Deborah Kessler has been named the new Community Development Director for the county.

The creation of a Community Development Strategic Plan for Herkimer County began when the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Herkimer County government, the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency and county municipalities teamed up to sponsor a project to foster a shared vision for a prosperous future for Herkimer County.

During the creation of this plan, it became clear that, when it comes to innovative approaches, civic life and community development, it is happening in Herkimer County! Thus the title of the project was born.

Kessler's responsibilities are to work to implement the Herkimer County Community Development Strategy. This will involve supporting and fostering initiatives to improve the

quality of life. Kessler will spend time within the communities' of Herkimer County getting to know each one's issues, opportunities and important initiatives, in addition to work with members of the community and others on important community priorities.

"Herkimer County has great potential, many assets, and a rich history. We're here to find out what's working well in our county, where we need do better, and how we can break down silos and work together. I am looking forward to working with the communities of Herkimer County to discover, connect and benefit from the creative energies and ideas found throughout this remarkable area." said Kessler.

Kessler is no stranger to community involvement. She serves on the following board of directors; Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Empowered Pathways, and the Herkimer Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

She also works part-time as an entrepreneur by operating her own promotions, consulting and marketing company.

Kessler has a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations from the former Utica College and lives in Poland with her husband, Ward. She has two children: Brianna (Corey) and Adam (Faith) and three granddaughters.

Kessler can be reached at:

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Upcoming 2022 Legislature Meeting Dates:

Be sure to check our website at a later date for 2023 meeting dates and times..

- October 5 - 2:00 p.m.
 - October 26—7:00 p.m.
 - November 16—7:00 p.m.
 - December 14—7:00 p.m.
- All meetings are held in the
Legislature Chambers
109 Mary Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
Check our website for
Meeting minutes at
www.herkimercounty.org

Civil Service Exams:

- October 1
- October 22
- November 5
- December 10

Please visit www.herkimercounty.org and click on "Civil Service Exams" for more information!



Legal Holidays. All Herkimer County Offices will be closed:

- October 10—Columbus Day
- November 8 – Election Day
- November 11—Veterans' Day
- November 24—Thanksgiving Day
- November 25—Day after Thanksgiving
- December 26—Christmas Day

*Highway and Deputy Sherriff's Association Employees excluded

County Office Building
Winter Hours
8:00AM—4:30PM
September 6, 2022 to May 26, 2023.



FROM HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
QUARTERLY MEETING 10/5/22:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a crime and deep rooted societal problem with enormous and tragic consequences for abused individuals, children and families; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is abusive behavior - a pattern of coercive tactics which can include physical, psychological, sexual, economic and emotional abuse perpetrated by one person against a family or household member, with the goal of establishing and maintaining power and control over the victim; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence takes many different forms and includes behaviors such as threats, name calling, preventing contact with family or friends, withholding money, actual or threatened physical harm and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Each year in New York State, our police receive over 400,000 calls to help victims of domestic violence, more than 15,000 individuals stay in emergency shelters each year and there were 137 intimate partner homicides in the State, the vast majority of them women; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence awareness month provides the unique opportunity for Shine the Light on Domestic Violence and Turn New York State Purple; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, *That I, VINCENT J. BONO, Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature, do deem it fitting and appropriate to proclaim, October 2022 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Herkimer County and urge the residents of the County to join in recognition.*

Dated: October 5, 2022.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the County of Herkimer, New York, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

MENTAL HEALTH VISITS

Mental Health Clinic Visits		
Jun. - 725 (52% tele-health and 48% in-office)	Jul. - 622 (48% tele-health and 52% in-office)	Aug. - 715 (46% tele-health and 54% in-office)

Mental Health Jail Visits		
Jun. - 41	Jul. - 47	Aug.- 62

FROM HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

Italian Heritage Month
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

The United States is named for the Italian explorer and geographer, Amerigo Vespucci; and

WHEREAS,

Over 5.4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 1992. Today, there are over 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States; and

WHEREAS,

Italian Heritage Month exists to celebrate the rich history, traditions, culture and abundant contributions of the Italian people; and

WHEREAS,

Herkimer County, New York is home to 10,312 Italian-Americans, 16.7% of its overall population; and

WHEREAS,

Herkimer County recognizes the enrichment provided by the many Americans of Italian descent among our population and throughout our great country; *Now, Therefore, be it*

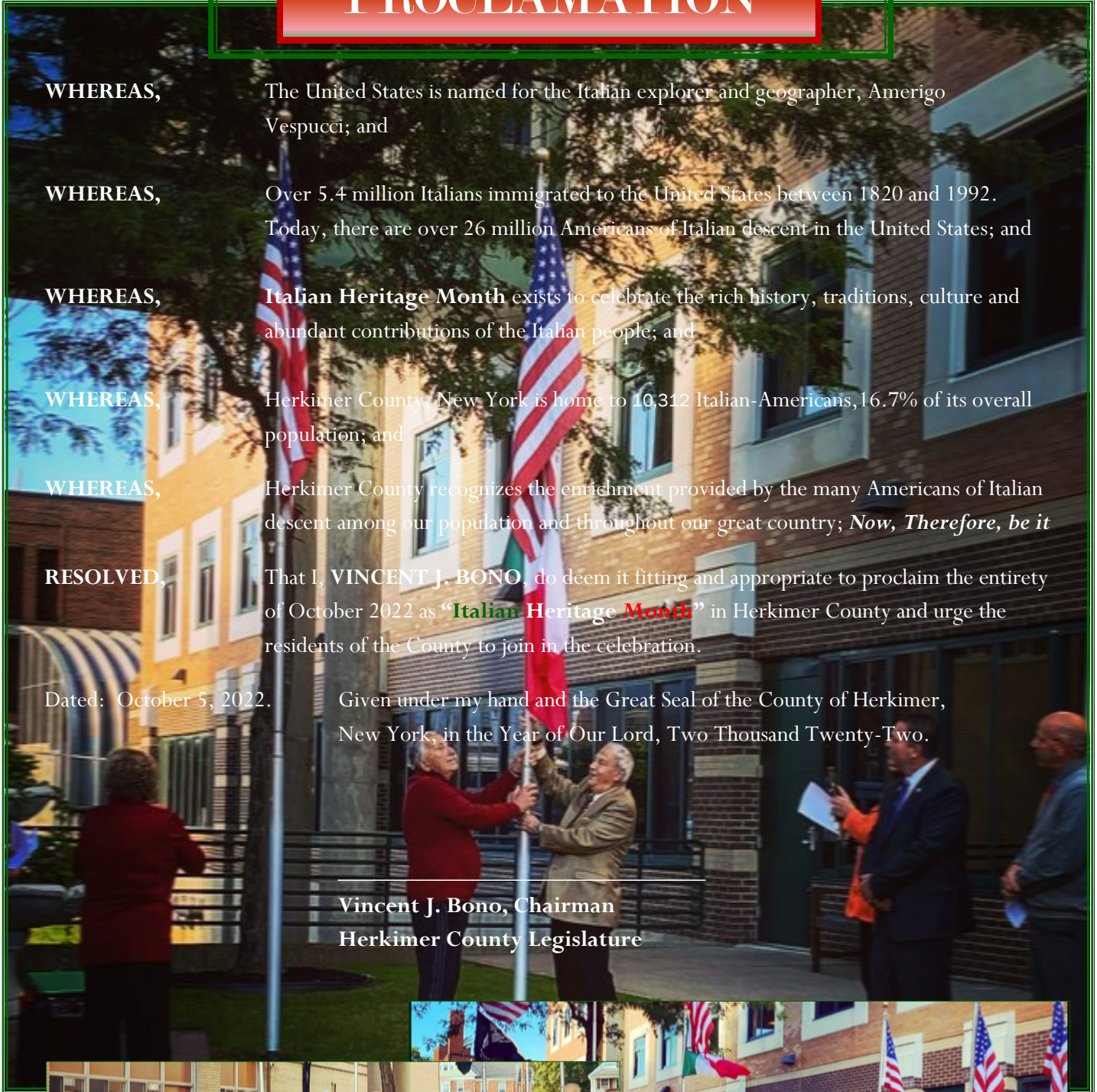
RESOLVED,

That I, **VINCENT J. BONO**, do deem it fitting and appropriate to proclaim the entirety of October 2022 as “**Italian Heritage Month**” in Herkimer County and urge the residents of the County to join in the celebration.

Dated: October 5, 2022.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the County of Herkimer, New York, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Vincent J. Bono, Chairman
Herkimer County Legislature



FROM HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:



Herkimer College to host Fall Open House



Prospective students and parents are invited to a Fall Open House at Herkimer College. Visiting campus is one of the best ways to learn about the college and discover if it's the right fit for you. Fall Open House will take place Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Robert McLaughlin College Center. The event will feature faculty meet and greets, campus tours, and information about academic programs, support services, financial aid, on-campus housing, athletics, and campus life. To register for Fall Open House, visit www.herkimer.edu/openhouse. Walk-ins are also welcome.



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New Micro-credential in Supply Chain Management

Herkimer College is offering a Fundamentals of Supply Chain Management micro-credential online course. This program includes 180 hours of training in supply chain management, inventory control, warehouse management, and organizational behavior. Students who complete this program may opt to continue their studies in the associate degree program in Supply Chain Management.

For more information about this program, contact Associate Dean William McDonald at mcdonalwh@herkimer.edu or visit www.herkimer.edu/supply-chain.

Congrats to the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022!

Five individuals and two teams were inducted into Herkimer College's Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, September 30th. This was the fifth class to be inducted. The honoree is reserved for former players, coaches, contributors and teams who have made significant contributions to the success of the College through intercollegiate competition.

The 2022 class includes: Kenneth Black (basketball), Wendall Williams '14 (track & field/basketball), Victoria Campanian '15 (cross country/track & field), Dani Nicosia '15 (women's soccer), Jimmy Smith '87 (basketball), Gino Barbuto '86 (contributor), Hank Testa '77 (baseball and basketball coach), the 2013 Herkimer College Softball Team, and the 1992 Herkimer College Men's Lacrosse Team.

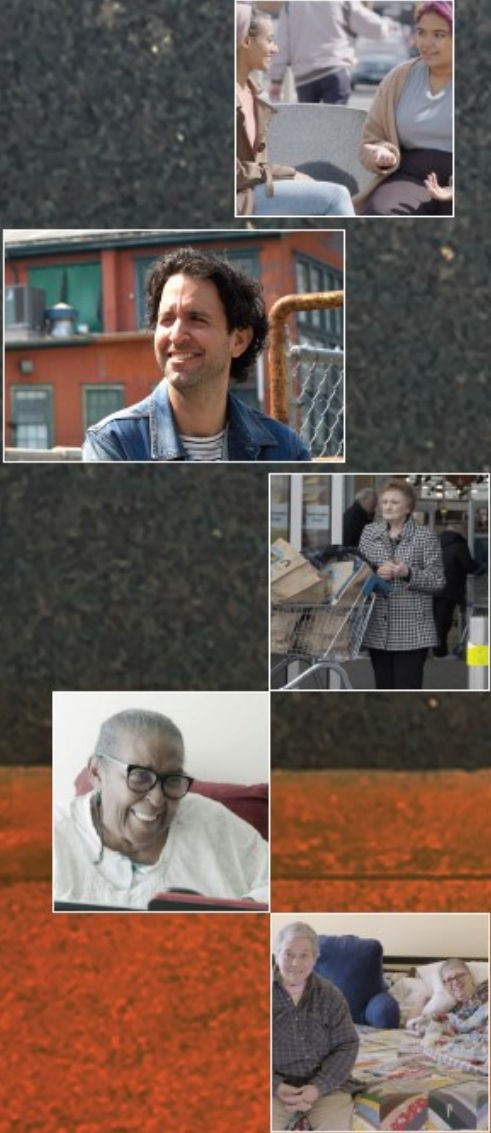
For details, and to view photos and a video from the induction ceremony, visit www.herkimergenerals.com/ahof.



FROM OFFICE FOR THE AGING:

ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE

A FILM and DISCUSSION
with people developing resilience
over loneliness
and experts discovering solutions
to isolation



The collage consists of five small rectangular images. The top image shows two women sitting and talking. The middle-left image shows a man with dark hair smiling. The middle-right image shows a woman pushing a shopping cart. The bottom-left image shows a man with glasses reading. The bottom-right image shows two women sitting together on a couch.

ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE

From creators of [Gen Silent](#)
including interviews with:

Julianne Holt-Lunstad, PhD
Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, BYU

Carla Perissinotto MD MHS
Geriatrician, Social Isolation and Loneliness
Researcher

Michelle Lim, PhD
Scientific Chair, Ending Loneliness Together

Janet Morrison, OBE
Co-Founder, Campaign to End Loneliness

VIEW THE TRAILER:
allthelonelypeoplefilm.com

SYNOPSIS

All The Lonely People is a presentation centered around a documentary film followed by audience discussion.

It places a human face on the hidden epidemic of chronic loneliness and social isolation.

Built on hope, it shares the latest research and interventions for individuals and communities and leaves audiences feeling empowered and reconnected.

An event happening in your
community:
Tuesday, November 1st

Time: 2:00pm

**Location: Herkimer
College**

**Robert McLaughlin
College Center-
Amphitheater**

**100 Reservoir Road
Herkimer**

**Please RSVP by October
28th by calling
315-867-1371**

AGING CONT'D:

Herkimer County Office for the Aging

Come join us for a Free breakfast! Do you have questions about Adult Immunizations or need to get a flu or COVID booster? Please come and receive information about Adult Immunizations, who should get them and why? Following the Office for the Aging Public Hearing Immunizations will be given by Herkimer County Public Health.

Please share your thoughts on the services that Office for the Aging provides as well as any services that may be needed.

The Office for the Aging will hold a short public hearing about senior services and a representative from Herkimer County Public Health will provide information and administer Flu and COVID Boosters. Please bring your insurance card if you would like to receive a vaccination.

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Location: Francesca's Banquet & Catering

144 E. Main Street, Ilion

(Free parking; handicapped accessible; If you need any special accommodations such as translation services or documents with larger print please let us know 3 business days prior to the meeting)

To reserve a seat for a free breakfast call (315) 867-1121. RSVP by Thursday, October 20th.

This information brought to you by NY Connects, Your Link to Long Term Services and Supports; www.herkimercounty.org, then departments, then Office for the Aging; phone 867-1121.

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AGING CONT'D:



With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. The training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies

Kathy C. Hochul
Governor

WHEN: Tuesday, October 18th at 2pm
WHERE: First United Methodist Church
 127 N. Prospect St.
 Herkimer
CONTACT: Herkimer County OFA
 RSVP by October 14th
 by calling 315-867-1371

For additional information, visit
www.prepare.ny.gov



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Governor

WHEN: Wednesday, November 16th at 2:00pm
WHERE: Bassett Health Center
 Community Room
 36 Slawon Street, Dolgeville
 Enter in the rear of the building

CONTACT: Herkimer County OFA
 RSVP by November 11th
 by calling 315-867-1371

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Kathy C. Hochul
Governor

WHEN: Tuesday, December 6th at 1pm
WHERE: Old Forge Library
 220 Crosby Blvd
 Old Forge

CONTACT: Herkimer County OFA
 RSVP by December 2nd
 by calling 315-867-1371

For additional information, visit
www.prepare.ny.gov

AGING CONT'D:

Herkimer County Office for the Aging/NY Connects Public Hearing

Do you have questions about Adult Immunizations or need to get a flu or COVID booster? Please come and receive information about Adult Immunizations, who should get them and why? Following the Office for the Aging Public Hearing Immunizations will be given by Herkimer County Public Health.

Please share your thoughts on the services that Office for the Aging provides as well as any services that may be needed.

The Office for the Aging will hold a short public hearing about senior services and a representative from Herkimer County Public Health will provide information and administer Flu and COVID Boosters. Please bring your insurance card if you would like to receive a vaccination.

Date: Friday, October 28, 2022

Time: 12-2:30 PM

Location: The Old Forge Library

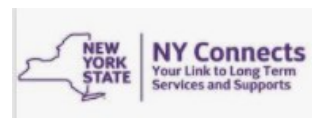
220 Crosby Blvd. Old Forge

(Free parking; handicapped accessible; If you need **any** special accommodations such as translation services or documents with larger print please let us know 3 business days prior to the meeting)

No sales, just information. Light refreshments for all who attend!

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FROM HERKIMER COUNTY WORKING SOLUTIONS:



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<https://www.working-solutions.org/>

Visit Herkimer Working Solutions

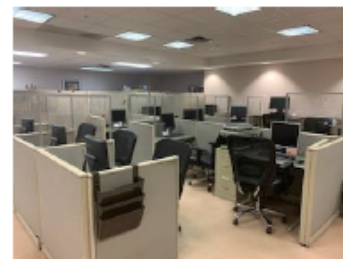
320 N. Prospect St.
Herkimer, NY 13350
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WORKING SOLUTIONS CONT'D:



Success Stories from the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Herkimer County Working Solutions Career Center

The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, also known as TAA, is a federal program that provides a variety of benefits and opportunities to U.S. workers who have lost their jobs under certain conditions. TAA is currently implemented under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA).

The TAA Program seeks to provide trade-affected workers with opportunities to obtain the skills, resources, and the support they need to prepare for and obtain suitable employment. The program offers a variety of benefits and services, with the primary focus on reskilling workers for new careers. These benefits are provided at no expense or cost to trade-affected workers or business.

On October 21, 2019, a petition was filed by the NYS workforce office on behalf of the workers of Remington Arms in Ilion, for certification of eligibility under this TAA program. After review, Remington Arms petition number 95305 was certified and signed in Washington, D.C. on November 13, 2019.

In TAA cases, it is the job of NYS Career Center staff to provide individualized guidance to affected workers. Since a large percentage of Remington workers reside in Herkimer County, the Herkimer Working Solutions office took the lead on this program. A list of over 700 workers was sent to our office in the fall of 2020 and from that point on, we provided outreach, and informational sessions, TAA program guidance, training details and support to all workers who chose to access this rare opportunity.

In total, about 200 Remington workers enrolled in the TAA re-training option. We asked 2 recent graduates to provide us with their thoughts on this experience and how it has changed their lives!

*Congratulations
Kim Groverell
Graduated May 2022
MVCC
Welding/CNC*

Kim and her new grandchild!

Graduate

How long were you employed at Remington Arms and what job did you do there?
"I was employed by Remington Arms for 8 years and I assembled rifles"

What were you thinking when you heard that Remington was filing for bankruptcy and going to close?
"I got the call while in the midst of preparing for my daughter's wedding. I felt panicked about what to do. I was too young to retire but felt I was too old to start over"

How did you come to decide to take advantage of the Trade Act benefits and go back to school?
"I had heard about the program at a previous job and tried schooling at that time but it wasn't flexible enough for my schedule. This time we kept hearing about it again and the Herkimer staff was very helpful in explaining things. Plus my friend Tammy and I decided to do it together. MVCC was flexible, easy to work with and supportive of us older students."

What was it like being back in school?
"It was hard to adjust at first but our instructor was great and I enjoyed the hands-on format. It also helped to know a lot of the other students also attending from Remington."

How did you feel when you graduated?
"I was very proud! I got through it and did so well even after the first day when I thought I would never make it. I really think young people should start welding programs in high school"

What are your plans now?
"The new company RemArms has called a lot of workers to come to work for them and I would be interested in doing that. But I know that I now have a marketable skill that can get me employed"

Was Herkimer Working Solutions helpful to you throughout the process?
"They were incredible! So supportive, informative and helpful. I wouldn't have made it without them"

WORKING SOLUTIONS CONT'D:



Congratulations
Tammy Raymond!!
Graduated May 2022
MVCC
Welding/CNC

Tammy &
her son!

Graduate

How long were you employed at Remington Arms and what job did you do there?

"I was there for 5 years. I made the breech bolts and locking blocks then moved to assembly and repair of marlin guns."

What were you thinking when you heard that Remington was filing for bankruptcy and going to close?

"I knew it wasn't going to have a good outcome but I tried to stay positive. I couldn't imagine not having a job and having to look for another one."

How did you come to decide to take advantage of the Trade Act benefits and go back to school?

"I thought it was a no brainer, get an education to try to get a better job and get paid for it. Why not?"

What was it like being back in school?

"At first I felt out of place but then it became more like being at work. The more time I spent learning the more confident I became."

How did you feel when you graduated?

"I felt like I accomplished something that I never imagined doing. I was very proud of myself. I truly miss it now. If I could go back to move on further I definitely would."

What are your plans now?

"Currently I am back at RemArms (Remington) and hope that it doesn't happen again. I will be more aware of the possibility now. I loved working there despite all the downfalls."

Was Herkimer Working Solutions helpful to you throughout the process?

"Yes, they were extremely helpful. Karin & staff were there to help and answer any and all questions along the way. I don't think it would have gone so smoothly without Working Solutions being there for us"

WORKING SOLUTIONS CONT'D:



Every Thursday from 10 am-12 pm

At **HERKIMER WORKING SOLUTIONS**

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320 N. Prospect St. Herkimer, NY 13350

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Coming up:

- 10/6-Gehring/Tricot & Student Transportation of America**
- 10/13-Indium & Office for People with Developmental Disabilities**
- 10/20-Herkimer County 911 & MV Community Action Agency**
- 10/27-Northwestern Mutual Insurance**
- 11/3-Titan Homes**
- 11/10-The Grand**

FROM HERKIMER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

From The Office of

HERKIMER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

109 MARY ST. SUITE 1306

HERKIMER, NY 13350-2920

Telephone: (315)-867-1102 Fax: (315)-867-1106



Early voting begins on October 29th –November 6th at Benton Hall Academy in Little Falls.
Hours for early voting are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exceptions of Tuesday, November 1st and Wednesday November 2, 2022, when hours will be 12:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Election Day is November 8th from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

The Herkimer County Board of Elections will be taking referrals for poll site workers for the 2023 election cycle. If interested please contact the Board of Elections for more information by phone at 315-867-1102.

FROM HERKIMER COUNTY STOP-DWI:

DID YOU KNOW???

AUTOMATION VERSUS HANDS-ON – WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Drivers are facing rapidly changing technology in our vehicles that are steps toward autonomous vehicles that will drive themselves, without requiring participation from the driver. But do drivers really want as much technology as possible or do they still want hands-on control of their vehicle?

To help answer this question, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) researchers conducted a nationwide survey of more than 1,000 drivers that focused on three common features: lane centering, automated lane changing and driver monitoring.

Most partial automation systems are designed to assist with highway driving. Lane centering continuously adjusts the steering to keep the vehicle in the middle of the travel lane, while adaptive cruise control manages the vehicle's speed and distance from vehicles ahead. Some systems also have an automated lane changing feature, which enables the vehicle to change lanes without the driver needing to steer.

The IIHS survey showed that consumer interest in these technologies is strong, but drivers appear to prefer partially automated features that require them to stay engaged in driving, according to Alexandra Mueller, the survey's primary designer.

For example, lane centering and automated lane changing come in "hands-free" versions that allow drivers to take their hands off the steering wheel under certain conditions and "hands-on" versions that require their hands always be on the wheel. More drivers said they would prefer the hands-on version of the features.

Similarly, some versions of automated lane changing give the driver more control than others. With driver-initiated versions, the driver must physically trigger each lane change. With vehicle-initiated versions, the vehicle software determines when to initiate lane changes on its own and does not require the driver to do anything to begin the maneuver. Drivers overwhelmingly preferred the feature to be driver-initiated, according to the IIHS survey.

The survey also showed a high level of acceptance of several types of driver monitoring, a fundamental component of the safeguard ratings that IIHS is developing for partial automation systems. Regardless of whether the feature in question allowed hands-free operation or required the driver's hands to remain on the wheel, most drivers said they would be comfortable with all three driver-monitoring strategies covered in the survey – sensors on the steering wheel, a camera tracking what the driver is doing with their hands, or a camera aimed at their face tracking where they are looking.

"The drivers who were the most comfortable with all types of driver monitoring tended to say they would feel safer knowing that the vehicle was monitoring them to ensure they were using the feature properly," says Mueller. "That suggests that communicating the safety rationale for monitoring may help to ease consumers' concerns about privacy or other objections."

So how do you feel as a driver – would you want as much automation as possible or do you still want to be in control with hands-on driving? According to Mueller, it appears that partially automated features that require the driver's hands to be on the wheel are closer to one-size-fits-all than hands-free designs.

This article was made available through the Herkimer County STOP-DWI Program with permission of the Franklin County Traffic Safety Board.



FROM HERKIMER COUNTY TREASURER:

Herkimer County is holding the **2019 IN REM Land Auction** on **Saturday, October 29, 2022** at the Herkimer High School, 801 W. German St, Herkimer, NY 13350, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

There are currently **67** parcels that will be offered for sale, county-wide. Brochures will be available at the Treasurer's Office, 109 Mary St Suite #2419, Herkimer, NY 13350.

Please visit the County website at www.herkimercounty.org for more information, where the link to the AuctionbyKnapp website is offered.

FROM HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

Pictured below: Legislator Johnson presents a proclamation to Hank Testa during the induction ceremony for Herkimer College's Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, September 30, 2022.



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, **Hank Testa** is an alumnus of Herkimer College, where he played baseball for coach and Hall of Fame member Jack Alofs, graduating in 1977, and has since served the College in various capacities, as faculty, in administration, and with coaching, for the last 43 years; and

- WHEREAS, **Hank** was the men's baseball coach from 1995-2005, earning Region III Coach of the Year and Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year honors during that time; and

- WHEREAS, **Hank** was an assistant and associate head coach for men's basketball from 2004 to 2022, and helped to aid the 2019 basketball team to a national championship victory; and

- WHEREAS, upon **Hank's** retirement from Herkimer College in 2014, he was recognized with the honorable title of Associate Dean Emeritus, in addition to having received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1990 and Mohawk Valley College Educator of the Year Award from the Genesis Group in 2009; and

- WHEREAS, **Hank** is among the inductees of the fifth class to enter the Herkimer Generals Athletic Hall of Fame, due to his significant coaching contributions to the success of the College; *Now, Therefore, be it;*

- RESOLVED, That I, **VINCENT J. BONO**, do deem it fitting and appropriate to proclaim Saturday, October 1, 2022, as "**HANK TESTA DAY**" in Herkimer County and urge the residents of the County to join in the recognition of his contributions.

Dated: September 30, 2022.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the County of Herkimer,
New York, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

VINCENT J. BONO, Chairman
Herkimer County Legislature

The Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair is back!

The Herkimer County Arts & Crafts Fair at Herkimer College will return on Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This long-established fine arts and crafts fair, presented by the Herkimer County College Foundation, is one of the largest and well-respected in the region. The juried show is set to feature over 100 top artisans showcasing their works including pottery, gourmet foods, wood working, textiles, weaving, jewelry, and more.

The COVID-19 pandemic halted the popular event in 2020, but the Fair is back for its 44th run to the excitement and anticipation of many.

“We are thrilled to announce the return of the Arts & Crafts Fair this fall. Not only is it a way to showcase the fine crafters and artisans of our region; but it also brings together various communities – from our students, faculty, and staff to friends and neighbors,” Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin, Ph.D. shared. “All proceeds from the Fair benefit the Herkimer County College Foundation, so it is not only a wonderful way to usher in the holiday season, but it also helps the College secure resources to provide life-changing opportunities for students.”

The Arts & Crafts Fair is organized this year by Kessler Promotions, Inc., a well-established show promoter with a record of accomplishments and achievements as a successful promoter in Upstate New York.

