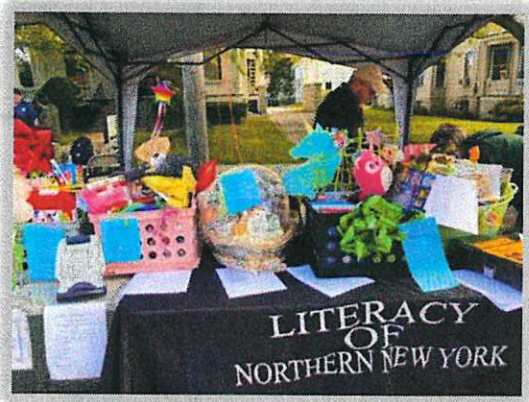
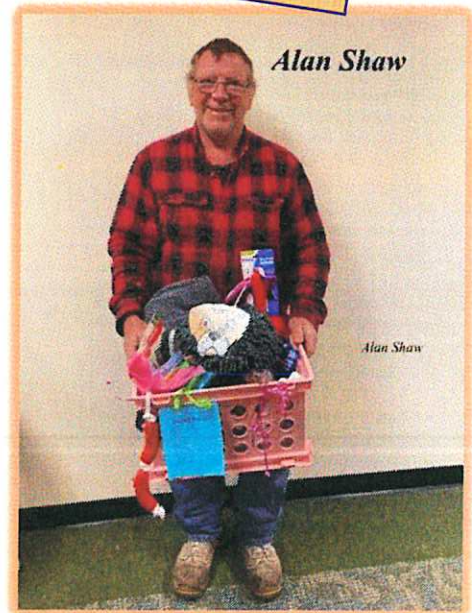


### Lowville Cream Cheese Festival Raffle was a success!

The proceeds from ticket sales amounted to \$1,049. Board member, Sam Gingerich, volunteered to contact Lewis County businesses for donations. He rose to the challenge and collected enough basket donations to create a Lowville Mega Basket. You can see photos of two winners below. Thank you, Sam.



Scenes from the Lowville Cream Cheese Festival ~ winners and the LNNY table



### LNNY Welcomes New Board Member Scarlett Sharkey

Scarlett is the person LNNY liaises with at Fort Drum to offer the English as a New Language classes. Scarlett has been collaborating with LNNY for a long time. She helps with student and volunteer recruitment, orders texts and assessments, and has filled in to teach in the past.

## New Program Assistant at the Fort Drum Classes

Silvia Melcher is taking over the program assistant position at Fort Drum since Cortney Carter is leaving us. Silvia has TESOL certification, along with a Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies from El Paso, TX and an Associate of Arts in Communication, Radio and Television Broadcasting, Broadcast Journalism, and Cinematic Production from El Paso Community College in El Paso, TX. Silvia was a volunteer teaching assistant for an English as a New Language class the Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs, Colorado. There, she assisted with translations, lessons, and grading. Silvia will teach the Beginner and Intermediate classes at Fort Drum.

## ENL Classes are Thriving

ENL, that is the new term for programs – **English as a New Language**. Students are still referred to as ELLs – English Language Learners. Fort Drum continues to have new students in both the Beginner and Intermediate classes. Scarlett attends weekly In-Processing meetings for new soldiers. There, she promotes the ENL classes for international spouses and some soldiers.

Deborah has seen a positive uptick in enrollment in her classes. Some students attend both Fort Drum and Watertown classes. The Wednesday evening Pronunciation Zoom class continues to appeal to those who cannot make daytime classes as well as to some students who attend Watertown and Fort Drum day classes.

**Students from the Watertown ENL class are featured at right.**



## Field Trips

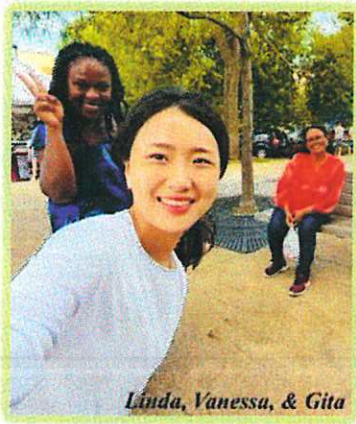
The Fort Drum classes visited Burrville Cider Mill on September 29. The concept of a cider mill was a new experience for many of the English Language Learners. Making cider is a typically cold climate business and many of our students are from tropical climates. Some students even followed up and visited local apple orchards.



On October 25, the Fort Drum classes had a tour of the "Haunted LeRay Mansion." This was new experience for some students who do not celebrate Halloween in their countries the same way as the US does.

*The Fort Drum class field trip to the Leray Mansion, on the right*

Deborah's class made a combined visit to the Farmers Market in Watertown and the Historical Society gardens. Mother Nature favored the excursion and the weather was a perfect sunny day. It was nice for the students to get out of the classroom for the morning.



*Field trip to the Farmers Market and gardens, at left.*



## Student Success Stories

**Alberto**, a Fort Drum Soldier, passed the TOEFL test, which is an exam ENL students take to enter a university.

**Monica**, from Colombia, obtained a job with a former student of LNNY.

**Solji** improved her English skills and now volunteers to help beginner and intermediate ENL students at our Fort Drum classes.

**Dalmice**, from the Fort Drum classes, obtained a job at Arby's.

**Eve** is now volunteering at Samaritan Medical Center. She will be a sitter three days per week. A sitter is someone who stays in the room and keeps a patient company.

**Imma**, from the Fort Drum intermediate class, obtained a job at the Fort Drum Commissary. She also works at Burger King.

**Grace** began volunteering at the Soldier and Family Readiness Center. She also made use of the Employment Readiness service at Fort Drum and created a resume and composed a cover letter. She is currently looking for employment

### Excellent Attendance Recognition!

Florence Adewale (Fort Drum Intermediate class) and Brenda Cruz (Fort Drum Beginner class) both won \$20 gift certificates to Dominoes Pizza for having the best attendance in class for September. *Florence and Cortney (Program Assistant) are on the right and below them, Brenda (left) and Cortney.*



*Below, the Fort Drum bowling field trip*

