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# Next steps in Pike case uncertain



Photographs are set up in memory of Colleen Slemmer, the woman Christa Pike was convicted of murdering in 1995, on Sept. 30, the day Pike was scheduled to be executed at a Tennessee prison. DENNY SIMMONS/NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

# Inmate may face second execution attempt

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With the astonishing news that Christa Pike is conscious, talking and making a “medically unprecedented”

recovery following her botched execution, Tennessee is now facing a critical question: Will the state try to kill her again? “Against all odds, Christa Pike is conscious, speaking, and continues to re-

ceive critical medical care,” her attorneys said in a statement on Oct. 6. “Her prognosis remains unclear but, at a minimum, we expect a long recovery.”

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## ONTARIO COUNTY

# Work begins at dangerous intersection

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An intersection in the Ontario County town of Hopewell that has been the site of several crashes, including a fatal crash in August, was to get a new four-way stop Wednesday as state officials work to improve safety.

The intersection of State Route 488 and Freshour Road was to be reduced to a single lane beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 7 as crews install new stop signs on Route 488.

Traffic was to alternate through the work zone and be controlled by flaggers, according to the New York State Department of Transportation.

## When will Hopewell roadwork be done?

Crews were to install new stop signs and stop-ahead signs in both directions on State Route 488.

The new stop signs will take effect immediately after they are installed, officials said.

Previously, the intersection was controlled by stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic on Freshour Road. Drivers on Route 488 did not have to stop.

The change will create a four-way stop at the intersection.

## Fatal crash at Hopewell intersection

A 32-year-old woman was killed in August after the crash of a medical bus carrying six people at the intersection. She was one of the passengers.

A medical transport bus was travel-

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# Trump to hold Syracuse rally Friday ahead of midterm elections

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President Donald Trump is scheduled to headline a midterm election rally in Syracuse on Friday, according to an event listing published by the Republican Party.

The event is scheduled for Oct. 9. Organizers say doors will open at 3 p.m. EDT, the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. and Trump's remarks are expected to

start at 7 p.m.

The event will take place at the Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center, 800 S State St. in Syracuse.

## What is expected at the rally

While organizers have released only a limited schedule and location, Trump is expected to use the event to rally supporters and campaign on behalf of Republican candidates ahead of the November midterm elections.

Nassau County Executive Bruce Bla-

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Blakeman campaign spent \$10.5M, had \$178K left in NY governor's race.

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keman is also expected to attend the event, according to published reports.

The Syracuse stop comes as political campaigns intensify across New York and other states in the final weeks before voters head to the polls.

Organizers have not released addi-

tional details about speakers, security procedures or attendance expectations.

More information is available on the Republican Party's event page: Midterm Rally in Syracuse, NY featuring President Donald J. Trump.

## Event schedule

- 3 p.m. EDT: Doors open
- 5:30 p.m. EDT: Program begins
- 7 p.m. EDT: Trump remarks begin



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