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### Farm Arts Collective offers Flower Cut and Design Workshop Saturday, August 23, 2025



Damascus, PA-Farm Arts Collective will host a flower pick and design workshop on Saturday August 23, 2025. The day begins at 9 AM with coffee at the new Agri-Cultural Center on Willow Wisp Organic Farm followed by a led tour by flower farmers and Farm Arts leaders, Tannis Kowalchuk and Jess Beveridge. (Contd. Pg. 5)

# Seniors Have Wild, Talkative, Tearful Shindig at "Senior Social" at Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville

- Story and Photos by William Brenner

The first early indicator of unanticipated planning was when over 30 seniors, some with walking canes, showed up at the "Seniors Social" held in the upstairs Adult Reading Room on Monday July 21st at 1pm at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, New York.

This exquisite room has a stone fireplace, couches, a Steinway Piano and a large outside patio for special occasions. The



family room also has chairs and couch seats for about 15 persons.

Fortunately, the Daniel Pierce Library had chairs in the main and childrens' reading section which staff and seniors crowded into the adult reading room.

Everybody was in good humor and didn't seem to mind pushing chairs. The "Senior Social" was a special project organized by idea of Adele Bernard, a retired teacher from the Tri-Valley Central School. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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Psalm 90:1

#### **OBITUARIES**

**Linda A. Pond,** 65, of Grahamsville, New York, passed away on August 2, 2025, in hospice care in Monsey, New York.

Linda was born on October 31, 1959, in Jamaica, Queens, to Larissa and Joseph H. Pond. She attended Tri-Valley Central School and graduated from St. John's University in 1982.

She was a highly talented artist and painter, who loved to knit and crochet blankets, sweaters and other garments to share with the members of her family. Linda was a prolific reader of the classics and known for her amazing intellect. She was an avid gardener and loved her flowers.

Linda is survived by her father, Joseph; her sister, Jennifer; her brothers, Gregory (Irene), Peter (Brenda) and James (Christine); 12 nieces and nephews, 7 grandnieces and nephews and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother, Larissa.

A memorial service will be held at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 NY Route 52, Woodbourne, New York, on August 14, 2025, at 11:00AM. Burial/Interment will take place at Hillside Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to attend and remember Linda's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Cancer Society in Linda's mem-

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Linda A Pond, please visit our flower store.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025

1:00am - 12:00 pm at Colonial Memorial Chapel 96 NY-52, Woodbourne, NY 12788, Burial will be at the Hillside Cemetery Hillside Avenue, Woodbourne, NY 12788

### MEMORIAL **SERVICE**

#### Steven I Komorsky -Celebration of Life & **Interment Ceremony**



Join us for a Celebration of Life Interment Ceremony theGrahamsville Rural Cemetery (across from Tri-Valley School) on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 10am, followed by a Continental Breakfast right next door at Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall. Dress is super casual, no need to dress up.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Catskill Animal Rescue to 263 Old Monticello Rd; Ferndale, NY 12734; 845-747-9450 or American Cancer Society to PO Box 6704; Hagerstown, MD 21741; 800-227-2345 or American Lung Assoc. to 55 W Wacker Drive, Ste 1150; Chicago, IL 60601;800-586-4872 or Rock Hill SPCA to 104 Rock Hill Dr: PO Box 995; Rock Hill, NY 12775; 845-796-

Although Steve passed September 12, 2024, logistically we were not able to do the interment and celebration of life until now.

Friends of Steve are welcome to attend whether you worked with Steve as a CO, played music with him, tinkered on the many cars he enjoyed, or helped with his many woodworking projects. Sharing memories of Steve would be welcome.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by 8/8/25 to Steve's sister Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927, or cell 845-866-1579, or email ejacob4848@gmail.com

# DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

#### July 27, 1955

A local boy, C/M James C. Nash, of Neversink, is among 335 Cadet-Midshipmen now visiting the Oslo, Norway port aboard the training ship Empire State. C/M Nash is completing his first year as a student at the State University of New York Maritime College, America's oldest maritime school.

Max Rubenzahl was re-elected president of the Tri Valley School Board of Education at the annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday evening at the Tri Valley School. Mr. Rubenzahl, has been a member of the school board since the district was first organized.

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#### **August 3, 1955**

A joint meeting of the Grahamsville and Bradley School districts was held on July 28 and those present unanimously voted to consolidate the two districts. The vote was 106 in favor from Grahamsville and 32 from Bradley.

Miss Betty Jane Foster, daughter of Mrs. Edna Foster of Ellenville, became the bride of Mr. Raymond McNamara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McNamara, formerly of Grahamsville, in the Ellenville Methodist Church, the Rev. Howard West of Grahamsville officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Archie C. Hall. The couple left on a short wedding trip to Connecticut, after which Mr. McNamara, who is serving in the Army in Germany, will return there and his bride will follow in late Sept.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parrow of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter, Gail, weighing eight lbs. at the Maimonides Hospital on Friday, July 22nd. The Parrows have twin sons, Gary and Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dymond of Sundown became the parents of a son, Albert Wayne, born on July 24th at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville.

#### July 28, 1965

Gary Sosnowski of Woodbourne, who will be a senior at Tri-Valley Central School, is one of twenty-nine Mid-Hudson Valley high school students who recently completed a three-day orientation course as the first step in their competition for two electrical or mechanical engineering scholarships. The scholarship program is offered by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. (Contd. Pg 4)

#### **Household Hint:**

#### Don't Throw Away those Six Pack Cartons

Six-pack cartons are useful for storing and transporting items like spray paint, lubricants and caulk.

#### Nature Column - L. Comando

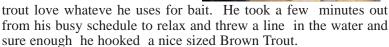
A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis, Hulda Vernooy, Carolyn Coombe and Martha Ahrens

#### **Trout for Breakfast!**

John Burroughs, was not only a naturalist, but he was an avid fisherman who I understand may have waded past our back yards in Sundown as he fished in the Rondout Creek in the early 19th century. In his book,"A Bed of Boughs," he wrote about the Rondout Creek. He stated, "If I were a trout, I would ascend every

stream until I found the Rondout."
Of course he was speaking of the Rondout Creek as this was written long before the Rondout Reservoir was built.

Last week, the trout in the area heard the news! Our son, Gene was 'home' for the week. Those



Bbrown trout are primarily = freshwater fish that can grow to 10 lbs or more. It is a Non-native Fish. The brown trout has an olive or brown colored body and dark brown or red spots. The tail is square with few or no spots on it. It has two dorsal fins including one adipose fin, a broad square tongue with 11-12 large teeth, light pectoral fins, square tail, 9-10 rays in the anal fin. Their undersides, including the lower jaw, are white to pearl. The dorsal fin is typically yellow-olive, marked with brown to black spots. Lower fins including the pectoral, pelvic and anal have white margins, paralleled just above by a dark zone and are otherwise yellow-olive to amber, sometimes yellow orange. Breeding males develop a long, hooked jaw and tend to be brighter in overall coloration.

The ideal temperature for the brown trout is 56°F and 66°F. Notably, the brown trout can survive in water that may be too warm for other trout species, such as the brook trout. The trout matures in 3 to 4 years.

Since brown trout spawn in tributary streams in September and October, they begin to take up residence near stream outlets in spring and early summer. After ascending a particular stream, brown trout spawners choose shallow, gravelly or rocky areas. The female creates a shallow depression (redd) in the gravel, in which the spawning fish deposit the eggs and sperm. Females produce approximately 10,000 eggs. When the process is completed, the female covers the redd with gravel.

Juvenile brown trout feed on insects or other invertebrates. Young browns are preyed upon by larger fish and by predatory birds such as blue heron.

The brown trout matures in 3 to 4 years.

The diet of adult brown trout includes insects and their larvae, It appears that they enjoy a rather long life-span,, since researchers have observed them to be up to 13 years of age.

Several specific countries that have been cited as native for the brown trout include the European countries of Ireland, Iceland, Sweden, Germany, France and Greece. The Brown Trout were brought to North American waters as exotics. These natives of Europe and western Asia were introduced into New York waters in 1883. Brown trout have thrived in their new home, and have become firmly established in the area.

As for Gene's catch - trout for breakfast the next morning!

### **DAYS OF YORE....**

# **Today's History** (From Pg. 3) July 28, 1965

Earl Kortright, State Reporter of the New York Association of Future Farmers of America, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kortright of Parksville, N.Y., has just returned home from the twenty-second annual State Leadership Training Session at Oswegatchie Camp at Croghan, N.Y. This leadership training session teaches state officers to conduct themselves as leaders of their association.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Houghtaling are the parents of a girl born Saturday, July 24th. She weighed in at 8 lbs.

The John Nielsens are the parents of a son. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garber are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Charles are the paternal grandparents.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Chan Krum, 31 years on August 5th.

Two baptisms took place at the Sundown Methodist Church on Sunday, July 18th. Robert James Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and Lorraine Marie Dymond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dymond were christened.

#### July 30, 1975

Jo Ellen Murray became the bride of Steven Strait on Saturday, July 12, 1975 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, N.Y. with Father Maher officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Strait of Maryland, N.Y. Jo Ellen is a 1972 graduate of Tri-Valley and a 1975 graduate of SUNY Oneonta with a B.S. Degree in Geology. The groom is a 1970 graduate of the Milford Central School and a 1974 graduate of SUNY Oneonta with a B.S. Degree in Geology. He is currently working for his Master's degree in Hydrogeology at After a cross country trip, the couple will make their home in Pullman, Washington.

#### August 6, 1975

Mr. Joseph Levy of Grahamsville is proud to announce the engagement of his daughter, Virginia, to William Dunn of Rock Hill, son of Emma Dunn and the late Irving Dunn. The wedding is planned for September 20, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kyrk of Bradley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Marie Eck to Bradley Houghtaling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Houghtaling of Neversink. Miss Eck is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and Hans Harper Beauty Method, Rochester, N.Y. She is employed by Killian's Professional Answering Service, Liberty, N.Y. Her fiancé graduated from Tri-Valley Central School. He is employed by Kantrowitz Garage, Woodridge.

Linda McGee of Kauneonga Lake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard VanWagner of Sundown, was married to Bob Sutherland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sutherland, Sr. of Sloatsburg, at the Sundown Methodist Church on July 26th. Rev. Huntsberger performed the ceremony. The couple will make their home in Tuxedo, N.Y.

#### **August 1, 1985**

Chandler P. Curry of Neversink, a former Town of Neversink town justice and a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, July 24, 1985 at the Ellenville Community Hospital, Ellenville. He was 68. The son of the late Vail James and May Purvis Curry, he was born October 13, 1916 in Neversink. He was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Dora Schoonmaker Curry, at home; three sons: Raymond C. Curry and Robert V. Curry, both of Neversink and

Donald Curry of Harpursville; one daughter, Virginia A. Keeler of Neversink; 28 grandchildren eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMarsico of Lake Paradise, Neversink, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte DiCarlo, to Kirk Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Irwin of Napanoch. Miss DiCarlo is a returning student and attends SUNY New Paltz where she is studying communications and computer science. Her fiancé is a corrections officer at Eastern Correctional Facility, Napanoch.

#### August 8, 1985

Laurie Jean Hasbrouck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hasbrouck of Troy, N.Y. is betrothed to James Eric Mortensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl P. Mortensen of Branchport, N.Y. The couple will wed on October 12th. Miss Hasbrouck, a registered nurse in the Psychiatry Dept. of Strong Memorial Hospital, graduated from Emma Willard School, Troy and the University of Rochester School of Nursing. Her fiancé attended the Eastman School of Music and the Juilliard School and has advanced degrees from Rollins School of Music in Winter Park, Florida. He is a professional musician. Laurie is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck of Grahamsville

### **LOOKING BACK**

Beatrice Akerley Published August 15, 1996

Several of my grandsons are stock car drivers at Accord and White Lake speedways and they worry me to death, but that's beside the point. They often sit around our kitchen table just talking like men do and now and then the subject of tires comes up. The price of today's tires really amazes me. In the good old days before tubeless tires were out, a good used tire could be bought for \$2.00 and a new one was around \$5.00 for a Model T Ford. This was back in the 1920's when my husband owned one.

If I had that old Model T today, I don't think I would trade it for one of the newer models. When our tires wore out, we never cast them aside like we do today. We saved them to make what we called shoes for other tires as they became worn and needed a patching job. In order to do this you just cut out a piece from your old tire and fit it inside your tire over the worn place and presto, you were now ready for the inner tube. The inner tubes also wore out and needed patching now and then. A can of patching could be purchased for 25 cents. It consisted of several patches and a tube of cement.

To fix a worn area, you located the problem and proceeded to spit on it and rub it around with your finger then scrape it clean with the little scraper that came with the patch kit. You then added a gob of cement and waited a minute before applying the patch and the job was done. Before garages installed free air, most car owners felt the need of a good tire pump. Chugging along our rutty, stony country roads at forty or fifty miles an hour, it's no wonder that we were due for a tire blow out in those fix-it-yourself days. When our tire blew out we just sadly got out of our car, rolled up our sleeves, got out our patch kit and tire pump and went to work. I never took driving lessons but helped mend many a tire.

### Farm Arts Collective offers Flower Cut and Design Workshop

(From Pg. 1) Attendees will visit the 3 different annual flower fields and learn best practices in growing cut flowers, hear about flower trends, and see the new Willow Wisp varieties.



Each participant will select and cut their own flowers from an acre of over 35 varieties of annuals and perennials. The workshop group will then return to the barn for an arranging session with instructions on flower design choices that consider color, shape, texture, and stem placement to build a dynamic and gorgeous arrangement. Participants will take home their flower design.

Participants are asked to bring their own vase and clippers (clippers will be provided if needed). This event is rain or shine. The cost of class (including flowers) is \$45. Register online at www.farmartscollective.org

Farm Arts Collective Agri-Cultural Center is located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415

### Seniors Have Wild, Talkative, Tearful Shindig at "Senior Social" at Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville

(From Pg. 1) It was advertised to be "open to all community retires and senior patrons for an afternoon of conversation with fellow retires" And it hit a beautiful happy sensitive nerve.



Then Adele Bernard made her second mistake. As a school teacher, she made an agenda for everyone to introduce themselves in a few words. In a round robin seated around the fireplace each elder gave their name, how they got that name and something of interest about themselves.

There were many prominent persons in our community who showed up, now retired, who reminisced and joined in fellowship, reuniting with dear friends who drifted apart since retirement and their kids grew up, graduated, got married and drifted away into their own generation.

Several women were retired. Tri Valley School teachers who taught their children and grandchildren. There the discussions digressed to how the kids are, what they are doing and to share the love.

Contrary to Adeles' planning, the Senior introductions and interruptions lasted past 2pm for a break and then the Senior Social got loud, talkative, with hugs and happy tears, along with cookies, lemonade and punch. Sort of like joyful bedlam.

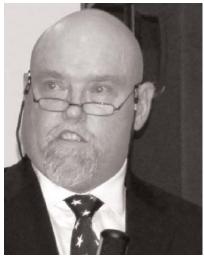
Adele Bernard and the Daniel Pierce Library staff must be congratulated in this appreciation to the great and wonderful seniors who not so many years ago gave so much to our community.

#### LIKE WOODSTOCK: 56 YEARS AGO

On a far smaller side, this is like the Woodstock Celebration of 1969. Which was 56 Years ago. The response was unexpected and under predicted. History will little note, nor long remember, that the Woodstock Weekend occurred on the exact same weekend as the Grahamsville Little Worlds' Fair about 40 miles away.

On that weekend, revealing my senior age, I was at the Grahamsville Little Worlds' Fair, at the Arts and Crafts Barn, setting up my mother Beckys' Catskill Arts Society Clay Creations and paintings. That year 1969 Becky won a blue and red ribbon, had a barbeque chicken, got wet in the rain, heard Country Music and saw fireworks at the fair.

#### Monticello Elks Honor Law Enforcement



John P. Lawless

(Monticello) New York State Elks President John P. Lawless of Haverstraw Lodge was the keynote speaker at Enforcement Night on August 8th, hosted annually by Monticello Elks Lodge #1544. Eight local law enforcement professionals, who were nominated for outstanding service by their respective departments, received honorary plaques from Lodge Exalted Elisabeth Bringle: New York State Trooper Conner

D. Alvarez, Liberty Police Detective Sergeant Andrew Cross, Monticello Police Officer Darius Buckner, Fallsburg Police Officer Collin Garafolo, Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputy Rachel Bitjeman (Patrol), Deputy Andrew Foertsch (Patrol), Deputy Chad Boyce (Jail) and Sullivan County District Attorney's Office Senior Investigator Scott Kinne. The master of ceremonies was Past New York State President Phil Conaty of Monticello Lodge.

### UC Legislature Passes County Executive's Amendment to ADU Tax Incentive Law Excluding Short-term Rentals from Tax Break

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has signed Local Law No. 5 of 2025, amending the County's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) tax incentive law to strengthen its alignment with Ulster County's housing goals. The amendment clarifies eligibility requirements for the real property tax exemption granted to homeowners who construct ADUs on their property, which is meant to encourage ADUs for housing.

The ADU tax incentive, originally signed into law in April, allows homeowners to opt into a provision of New York State Real Property Tax Law that exempts the County portion of property taxes on the increased value - up to \$200,000 - resulting from the construction of an ADU. The exemption lasts for five years, then gradually phases out over the following five years.

ADUs are small, self-contained residential units located on the same property as a primary residence. They may be attached to the home, part of a garage, or freestanding. Ulster County's Housing Smart Communities Program encourages municipalities to adopt ADU-friendly zoning and has offered grants to homeowners to build ADUs in exchange for keeping rents affordable for at least 10 years.

The amendment signed by County Executive Metzger ensures that the tax exemption applies only to ADUs used for permanent housing. Structures used as short-term rentals (STRs), as defined by local municipal statutes, or identified under Ulster County's Hotel, Motel, and Short-Term Rental Occupancy Tax, are now explicitly excluded from eligibility.

"The purpose of the ADU tax incentive law is to encourage property owners to build them for housing," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "Short-term rentals do not need incentives, and this amendment ensures that our tax law is consistent with our housing goals. I want to thank the Legislature for passing this amendment to better align the law with its intended purpose."

To apply for the ADU tax exemption, download the Application Form here: tinyurl.com/ADUTaxExemption, and review the Instructions for the form here: tinyurl.com/ADUInstructions.

### **Ulster County Announces UCAT Service Changes**

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) will implement a series of service changes beginning Wednesday, September 10, at 5 a.m. These adjustments are designed to improve our public transportation system, helping riders reach their destinations faster and with fewer delays, and are aligned with the ongoing Route Optimization Plan.

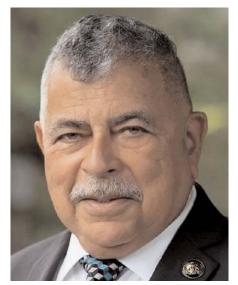
"We've listened closely to riders, operators, and community partners, and these changes reflect their priorities - making transit more reliable, efficient, and responsive to community needs," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "We understand that any change to transit service can feel disruptive, and we appreciate our riders' flexibility and patience during this transitional time."

#### **Key Service Changes Include:**

- Împroved Service between Kingston, New Paltz and Newburgh: Changes to the X Route and the CL (College Loop, connecting SUNY Ulster and SUNY New Paltz via Kingston) will now provide an additional 5 trips/day to Newburgh and an additional 6.5 trips/day between New Paltz and Kingston.
- Shortened trip times between Ellenville and Kingston: The existing EU Route will be reconfigured and renamed as the E Route with two 8-hour shifts (E AM and E PM), eliminating the 10-hour U shift. CL will connect with the E Route, shortening trip times to Ellenville and improving access for rural riders. (Contd. Pg. 7)

### **Legislator Appointed to National Committees**

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez has been appointed to five committees of the



National Association of Counties (NACo).

NACo President J.D. Clark this month notified Alvarez of his appointment, following prior service on the national advocacy organization's Health Steering Committee. Immigration Reform Task Force, Programs and Services Standing Committee, Rural Action Caucus, and Veterans

Military Services Committee.

Alvarez will now serve on NACo's Advisory Council on Immigration and Intergovernmental Affairs, Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC), Programs and Services Standing Committee, Rural Action Caucus (RAC), and Veterans and Military Services Advisory Council.

"You have been selected for this role because of your unwavering commitment and exemplary dedication to NACo," wrote Clark in Alvarez's appointment letter. "Our greatest strength lies in the engagement of our members, and your active participation and leadership are vital to ensuring that we remain the united voice of America's counties."

Alvarez has served on a host of NACo committees since he began participating with the organization in 2017, when he was Chair of the Sullivan County Legislature. A longtime (now retired) Sheriff's deputy, Alvarez also sits on the board of the NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC).

"I strongly believe in NACo's mission and am proud to represent Sullivan County at the national level," Alvarez related. "I remain committed to my neighbors as their legislator, but it's important to recognize that we're part of a larger system of government that constantly needs review and improvement."

Founded in 1935, NACo serves nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees, advocating county priorities in federal policymaking, promoting exemplary county policies and practices, nurturing leadership skills, expanding knowledge networks, optimizing county and taxpayer resources and cost savings, and enriching the public's understanding of county government.

**Ulster County Announces UCAT Service Change** 

- Yellow Route (City of Kingston) and T Route Merger: These routes will combine to serve the Kingston Inn and City of Kingston. Service to Port Ewen will shift to the KPL Route, with convenient transfers available at Garraghan Drive and Development Court.
- Fixed Schedule Route for New Paltz: Service in the New Paltz area will be provided by fixed service routes, specifically the KPL, UPL, and CL Routes. This will result in more accurate arrival and departure times while maintaining existing coverage. The NPL Route will be discontinued.
- ADA Paratransit Expansion: UCAT will now operate up to 5 paratransit vehicles daily (up from 3), improving access and the ability to meet ride requests for riders with disabilities.

Like many transit systems across the region and nation-wide, UCAT has faced persistent staffing shortages. These upcoming service changes are not only designed to improve efficiency and rider experience - they also provide critical support to UCAT's workforce by aligning routes with standard 8-hour shifts, helping to reduce driver fatigue and enhance coverage. Thanks to recent hiring efforts, all but one full-time driver position is now filled. To further stabilize operations and reduce reliance on part-time coverage, County Executive Metzger will propose converting several part-time roles to full-time in the 2026 budget. Once these staffing changes are in place, all weekday routes will be staffed by full-time drivers, with three additional floaters available to cover call-outs or leaves, ensuring more consistent and reliable service for riders.

To further enhance rider experience, UCAT has hired two bus stewards who will ride key routes to assist passengers, provide resources and information, prevent/de-escalate any conflicts, and support drivers and a safe and enjoyable transit experience for all.

"These strategic adjustments are about strengthening system reliability, supporting our drivers, and improving the experience for our riders," said UCAT Director Toni Roser. "We're committed to making public transit work better for Ulster County."

It's important for riders to know that only the changes listed above will go into effect on September 10. No other routes or schedules will be impacted at this time. Riders can expect their usual service outside of these updates, and UCAT will continue to provide clear communication as future phases of the Route Optimization Plan are considered. These service changes will be forthcoming on ucat.ulstercountyny.gov, listed on UCAT buses, and on the UCAT Facebook page.

The Route Optimization Plan is ongoing, and is being conducted in partnership with the Ulster County Transportation Council, with extensive public input shaping how transit service could evolve. These changes reflect the first step toward a more reliable, rider-focused system. For more information on the Route Optimization Plan, visit https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/ucat-route-plan

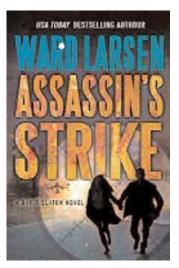


# Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 141 Assassin's Strike Mysterious Book Report No. 413 by John Dwaine McKenna

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If you recognize the names Gabriel Allon, Bob Swagger, or Jason Bourne, you're gonna love David Slayton. He's the protagonist and off-the-books secret agent good guy in Ward Larsen's award-winning series featuring the lone wolf operator and notorious assassin.

Assassin's Strike, (Forge, \$27.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-76539156-8) by Ward Larsen, is the seventh and latest in the electrifying, kinetic and attention-grabbing thriller series. It opens with a secret meeting between the presidents of Russia and Iran in Damascus, Syria. The only persons in the room are the two presidents and two interpreters, because they are there to discuss the transfer of certain secret technologies that are outlawed in the rest of the world . . . the use of which is a war crime, as well as a crime against humanity. Shortly after the meeting ends, the



Iranian interpreter is thrown to her death in front of a terrified Ludmilla Kravchuk – President Petrov's interpreter – who assumes that she's next, and runs for her life. She takes refuge with an old acquaintance in the city and tries to contact and solicit help from the Americans. She holes up and waits, hoping and worrying, praying for rescue before Syrian police or the Russians find her.

In America, word of the interpreter's defection reaches the highest levels of the intel community . . . where top CIA officials are desperate to learn what took place at the clandestine meeting, and why. They task an unofficial operator and legendary assassin named David Slayton to attempt the rescue of a middle-aged woman who's untrained for combat operations and basically an intellectual, from deep inside a war-torn country while the full police resources of two nations try to stop them.

As things are happening in Syria, a cattle herder and his son suffer horrifying deaths in Darfur, Africa, when they stumble upon a collection of chemical weapons, hidden in a remote, lawless area of the drought-stricken and war-ravaged nation.

Although seemingly random and unrelated events taking place on two different continents, the killings in Africa are linked to Slayton's mission in the Middle East. They're all being orchestrated by a shadowy figure who dreams of being the fifth Rashidun of Islam. A man who intends to unite the religion by igniting a war throughout the region with a massive false flag attack . . . an attack that will change the world and elevate a notorious clan to power. The only thing standing in his way is a single individual named David Slayton in this high-octane thrill-fest that will leave you standing on your chair and cheering for the quiet hero and the red, white and blue!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

The summer is going way too fast. Labor Day is early this year. The long weekend will always signal BACK TO SCHOOL even though I have been retired for nineteen years.

**Olive Day** is always the following Saturday, so mark your calendars.

#### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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

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#### OLIVE DAY

Saturday Sept. 6th 2025 9 am - 6 pm

Davis Park, Watson Hollow Rd. West Shokan

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8:30 Registration for 5K Memorial Run (Front of Town Office Building)

9:00 5K Memorial Run Kicks Off

10:00 Frog Jump (Bring your own frog)

(Basketball Court)

10:00 - 2:00 Car Show (Ball Field)

11:00 Town of Olive Police Bike Safety Rodeo

(Basketball Court)

12:00 Spoon Relay (Basketball Court)

1:00 Egg Toss (Baseball Field)

2:00 Cornhole Tournament (Basketball Court)

3:00 Treasure Hunt (Ball Field under the Tent)

4:00 Sponge Relay (Basketball Court)

FACE PAINTING, FOOD & VENDORS ALL DAY LONG TILL 6:00PM

#### **LIVE MUSIC**

Spillway Band 11am - 2:30pm Thunder Ridge 3pm - 6pm The Wayne County Arts
Alliance is excited to
announce two new
exhibitions, "Wave Patterns
- art by Paul Plumadore"
and "Atmosphere - art by
Deborah Hussung"
Running August 28, 2025, through
October 4, 2025 at the
WCAA Gallery
at 959 Main Street,
Honesdale, PA. 18431.
Artists reception - Friday, August 29
from 5pm till 8pm



"Wave Patterns", a collection of mostly new work by collage artist, Paul Plumadore, will hang in the "Main Gallery" on the first floor, and highlights Plumadore's masterful paper montage technique in an arc of work that began in 2020 and continues today: exploring movement, repetition, and color while drawing from found, recognizable and imagined imagery, the Wave Patterns series are created utilizing multiple copies of the same or similar images to create energized works that distort space and time. The source material varies from antique printed matter, copies of famous paintings, and collaborations with contemporary photographers. All three approaches will be presented at the WCAA. Paul Plumadore has been making paper montage art since 1975. His work has graced Dell Books, Avon Books, RCA Records, Psychology Today, The New York Times, and many others. He has taught Dance at NYU's School of the Arts, and performed with The Paul Taylor Dance Company. He has appeared in over 80 gallery shows including The Northeastern Biennial, "Art of the State" at the State Museum of PA and "Exposure" at Ceres Gallery, Chelsea, NYC. His solo shows include The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Narrowsburg, NY, The Mahady Gallery at Marywood University in Scranton, PA, and ArtWRKD in Newtown PA.

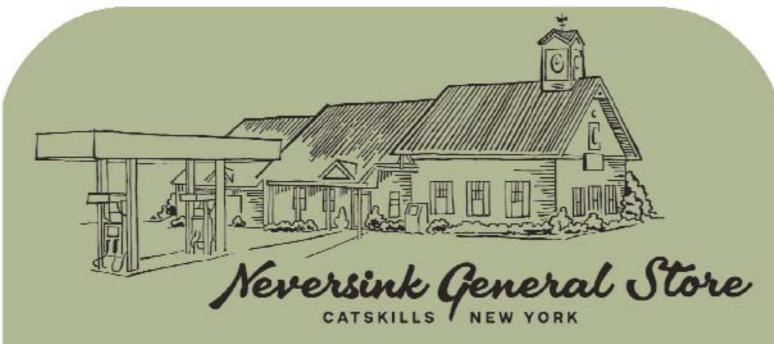
"Atmosphere", a collection of oil, gouache, and acrylic paintings, graphite, colored pencil drawings, and prints by Lake Ariel artist Deborah Hussung, will hang in the



"Members Gallery" on the second floor, and combines intense color, dramatic light, and imagined subject matter, creating nar-



rative work that suggests other worlds inside our world. Hussung writes: "I like to push the boundaries of convention. My artwork is experimental, capricious, and quirky. I get lost in the details and invite you to do the same." Hussung's work has been exhibited in a variety of area galleries and exhibitions including: the 2022 "Great Wall of Honesdale", "Paint the Town Hawley" in 2024, The WCAA Gallery's "Line of Sight" Exhibition in 2024, B. Madigan's Jewelry and Gifts Solo Show in 2025, and she was the featured artist in the Lake Wallenpaupack Neighbors Magazine, May 2025 issue.





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## Ulster County and Partners Announce Housing Lottery Opening for Golden Hill Apartments

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, together with New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), and project co-developers Pennrose and Family of Woodstock, announced today the opening of the housing lottery for Golden Hill Apartments, a 164-unit affordable housing community located in Kingston. Applications are being accepted now, and will close on October 7, with the lottery scheduled for October 21.

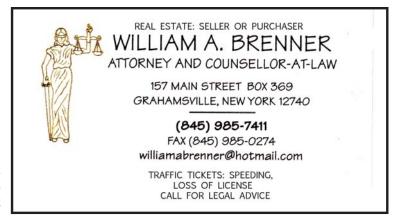
The Golden Hill Apartments, constructed on a 20-acre property that was once the site of the Ulster County Jail, will be an intergenerational community for families, seniors, and households. The planned development includes childcare, a community garden, playgrounds, supportive services, and a community gathering space and fitness center. It is conveniently located near public transit and the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail.

Apartments are available to households earning between 30 and 80 percent of the area median income, with nearly half of the apartments reserved for senior households aged 62 and older. Family of Woodstock will provide supportive services, including case management and care coordination, crisis intervention, and financial counseling. All residents will have free broadband internet access.

The buildings are all-electric and designed to meet high energy efficiency and green design standards, maximizing benefits of solar heat gain in winter and solar shading in summer and utilizing high-performance windows. The project also includes a 700-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system installed on the building rooftops to generate renewable energy.

"We are thrilled to announce the opening of the housing lottery for Golden Hill Apartments, a transformative mixed-use project that represents the very best of what community development can be," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This is a deeply affordable, climate-responsible development that will provide safe and welcoming homes for families, seniors, and those in need of support. I want to thank New York State Homes and Community Renewal, Pennrose, Family of Woodstock, and all of our partners for their tireless work and commitment to making this vision a reality. I also want to thank Governor Hochul and the Momentum Fund for their critical support in helping us bring this project to life."

"New York is committed to expanding access to affordable homes in Kingston and across the state," said New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas. "With support from an \$80 million investment from HCR, Golden Hill is turning vacant land into a 164-unit multi-generational community for seniors, families, and households in need of support services. We are



proud that families can now apply to live in Golden Hill through our online portal. We are grateful to Governor Hochul for her leadership on combating the housing crisis and we thank our partners including Ulster County, the city of Kingston, and Pennrose."

Financing for Golden Hill includes support from New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Federal and State Tax Credit programs that generated approximately \$41 million in equity, \$42 million in housing bonds, and \$8.7 million in HCR subsidy.

"The opening of the Golden Hill housing lottery represents the final step towards welcoming Kingston residents into their brand-new homes and realizing our vision of a sustainable, diverse community," said Dylan Salmons, regional vice president at Pennrose. "Through strong partnerships and thoughtful planning, Golden Hill is meeting this area's growing need for affordable housing and laying the groundwork for a connected, inclusive neighborhood."

"Golden Hill Housing is a project the County envisioned to begin to address the urgent need for housing that is affordable for families and individuals who work and live in the County," said Michael Berg, Executive Director of Family of Woodstock. "Family is very proud to have played a part in the development and will be sponsoring 48 units of permanent supportive housing as part of the project."

The housing lottery application is now available at tinyurl.com/GoldenHillLottery. Each household should submit one pre-application by clicking the "Apply Now" link, which redirects to the NYS Housing Search portal for online submission. For those preferring a paper application, a downloadable PDF is available and may be submitted via email: GoldenHill@pennrose.com, fax: (845) 422-9948, or by mail to: Pennrose, Attn: Golden Hill, 1301 N. 31st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121.

All pre-applications must be submitted online or post-marked by October 7, to be entered into the lottery. The lottery will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams at 10 a.m. on October 21, with a link available at GoldenHillApts.com. (Attendance is not required.) The full application and interview process will begin immediately following the lottery with all eligible applicants catalogued into their lottery selection slot.

# "DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 28 Now Available: The (State) Fair Necessities Episode Spotlights DECSponsored Activities and People at the 2025 Great New York State Fair

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 28-"The (State) Fair Necessities"-spotlights the wide array of DEC-sponsored activities and people at the Great New York State Fair from Aug. 20 to Sept. 1, 2025.

Since the 1930s, DEC (then known as New York's Conservation Department) has participated in events at the New York State Fairgrounds. In this episode, hosts Executive Deputy Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald are joined by Oneida Fish Hatchery Manager Bill Evans and Public Participation Specialist Emma Antolos to explore how DEC staff from the Divisions of Lands and Forests, Fish and Wildlife, Law Protection, Enforcement, Forest Communications, Education, and Engagement promotes outdoor recreational opportunities and environmental conservation efforts across the state.

Bill and Emma provide an overview of DEC's State Fair offerings, including the aquarium, sales of hunting and fishing licenses, and free fishing clinics. They also share their stories about pursuing a career with DEC, favorite Fair foods (BBQ brisket and Korean corndog, respectively), and how their work to connect New Yorkers to the outdoors and nature intersects with the hundreds of thousands of State Fair attendees each year.

All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms.

For more information on "DEC Does What?!," visit DEC's Podcast webpage.

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### DEC Invites Public Comment About Draft Plan to Investigate Contamination at Brownfield Site on Broadway/Rte. 9W, Esopus

This link opens a fact sheet that invites public comment about a draft work plan to investigate contamination at the Community Manufacturing Solutions site #C356063 (Esopus, Ulster County) within New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program:

View Fact Sheet (PDF)

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DEC is accepting public comments about the draft work plan through September 10, 2025. Please see fact sheet for details about the draft plan and how to comment.

The fact sheet is in PDF format. You can save, open, and read the fact sheet by using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the DEC website to download the program.

Please do not respond to this email. Replies go to an untended mailbox. If you have questions about the contaminated site identified above, please use the contact information provided in the fact sheet.



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Thursday, August 28, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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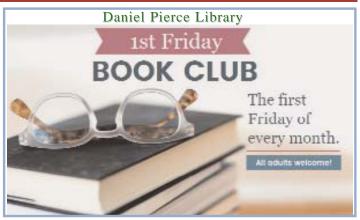
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### **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

# LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a Board of Education Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley

Central School District Secondary School's

Lower Level Collaboration Center

This Board of Education Meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

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Notic to the Public Thursday, August 7th, 2025 Please be advised:

# The Village of Monticello Dillon Park Pool will RE-OPEN on Saturday, August 9th, 2025 at 11am.

Thank you for your patience.
The Village of Monticello

# NOTICE OF ROSCOE CHAMBER MEETING CANCELLATION

To: Chamber Members

Re: August Chamber Meeting CANCELLED

From: Christine Routledge, Chamber President

Please be advised that the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14 is CANCELLED.

Thank you!

### Help Shape the Future of Midtown Linear Park Review the Designs -

Stay for the Film!

Join us for the next community workshop to help shape the future of the new Community Space at Midtown Linear Park! We'll be sharing three proposed design strategies developed from community input so far - and we want to hear what you think.

Date Sunday, August 17
Time: 6 - 8 PM
Location: Project Site: Midtown Linear

Park at Cornell Street, in Kingston (Red Owl, directly adjacent at 25 Cornell Street, in case of inclement weather)

#### What to Expect:

- Review the three design options and tell us what you like about each it's not about picking a favorite, but identifying the strongest ideas to carry forward.
- Talk with the design team about what's working and what might be missing.
- Stick around after the workshop for a screening of Time Bandits, the 1981 cult classic by filmmaker Terry Gilliam, presented by the Kingston Film Foundation.

This is a key moment to make sure the park design reflects the community's goals, values, and vision.

Already participated? Come see how your input has shaped the design and help us refine the next phase. New to the project? This is a relaxed and creative way to get involved - and enjoy a movie! We'd love to hear from you in person, but if you can't attend, a digital version of the design options and feedback form will be available on Participate Ulster starting August 17, and will remain open through the end of the month.

For more information, visit: <u>participate.ulstercountyny.gov/mid-town-linear-park</u>

Together, let's create a space that reflects the energy, culture, and creativity of Midtown Kingston!

### Fox Tests Positive for Rabies Animal Was Found Near Grahamsville

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Public Health has confirmed that a grey fox in the Grahamsville area tested positive for the rabies virus.

"Rabies is not a rare disease within Sullivan County wildlife," notes Public Health Director Dr. Jessie Moore. "On average, Sullivan County sees 4 to 5 cases of positive rabid animals per year. These are ONLY animals that were able to be tested after being in contact with a human."

#### What Is Rabies?

Rabies is not an uncommon disease within wild animals. Avoiding contact is your absolute best way of protecting yourself from this fatal disease.

Rabies occurs commonly throughout New York State, with the vast majority of cases occurring in wild animals, including raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks. Domestic animals account for less than 10% of the reported rabies cases, which most often include cats, cattle, and dogs. Wild animals may expose your pets if they are allowed to freely roam on your property in wooded areas.

#### What Can People Do to Protect Themselves Against Rabies?

Avoid all unnecessary physical contact with wild animals. Rabies is 100% fatal if not promptly treated with rabies post exposure prophylaxis.

Be sure your pets are up to date on rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and humans. Protect them, and you protect yourself and family. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure your pets are fully vaccinated.

Vaccines for dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age are effective for a one-year period. Revaccinations are effective for up to three years. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors.

Don't try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight. Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed, food garbage or other foods that may attract animals. Feed pets indoors. Tightly cap or put away garbage cans. Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch or garage. Cap your chimney with screens.

Don't feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or stray cats.

#### What if Someone Is Bitten?

Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal. Tell children not to touch any animal except their own.

Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with wild animals to Sullivan County Department of Public Health at (845) 292-5910.

If you can safely do so, don't let an animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies. Depending on the species, it can be observed or tested for rabies in order to avoid the need for rabies treatment for people, or to avoid euthanizing and testing exposed unvaccinated pets.

This also includes bats, as bats can be difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pencil. Methods to keep bats out (bat proofing) of homes and summer camps should be done during the fall and winter. If bats are already inside (e.g. in an attic or other areas), consult with your local health department about humane ways to remove them. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.

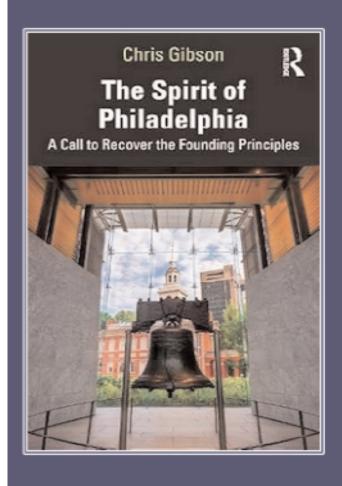
For more information, please contact the Disease Surveillance and Investigation Department of Sullivan County Public Health at 845-292-5910.

#### Free Vaccination Clinics Coming

The Department of Public Health will be working to provide another free clinic in the Grahamsville area; please check the County website and local media outlets for updates.







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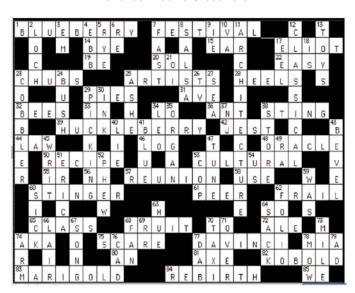


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# Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

September 6th, 2025 5:30 pm at the Church Hall

Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

(Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

Clip & Save



#### **Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

August - 16th Sept - 6th and 20th October - 4th and 18th Nov - 1st and 15th (weather permitting)

#### **Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair**

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

#### \$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

Every day New York State returns \$1.5 million to those who file claims here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:

https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf or https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf

Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It only takes a few minutes to find

#### **Temple Sholom Fundraiser Cruise to Nassau**

Leave January 11 and return to Miami on January 18, 2026. Single cabin -\$2155; Couples-pay between \$3275 and \$4463 for a double balcony cabin with drinks and WiFi included. The higher price includes a dedicated restaurant and a cruise long pass to the spa for two. A \$500 deposit is refundable. Each cabin will receive \$100 in on-board credit.

For further information, contact Barry Gleen at barry.gleen@cruiseplanners.com. or (516) 281-5905

All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Sholom.

## Check the air quality where you are at: https://www.airnow.gov/

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

#### LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/9/25 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

8/13/25 Town of Neversink - Board Meeting

8/19/25 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon

8/20/25 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm

8/21/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall

8/21/25 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

8/30/25 Sundown UMC Ladies Saturday Indoor Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale 9 am - 1 pm Sundown UMC Hall

9/2/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

9/6/25 Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church

9/9/25 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

#### SAVE THE DATE! 145th Annual Little World's Fair - Aug 15th thru Aug 17, 2025

#### **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 <u>second Tuesday of each month</u> with the <u>audit/workshop meetings</u> being held the <u>Monday preceding the</u> 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.

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

# Weekly Update For The Week of

August 11 - August 15, 2025

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams

#### Monday, August 11

- o 5:00 PM Housing Policy & Oversight Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 9226 Northwood Highway, Onekama, MI 49675, & Via Zoom Meeting ID: 832 5852 4125 Passcode: 253875
- o 5:00 PM Ulster County Community Services Board, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM Public Works & Capital Projects Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

#### Tuesday, August 12

- o 4:00 PM Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building, Kingston
- o CANCELLED Ulster County Board of Health
- o 6:00 PM Ulster County Board of Ethics, in the Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston

#### Wednesday, August 13

o No Meetings

#### Thursday, August 14

- o 4:00 PM Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the Legislative, Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 5:00 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services) - Ways & Means Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 5:15 PM Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & Via livestream at https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008
- o 5:30 PM Ulster County Youth Board, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following UCRRA Zero Waste Committee) - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Special Meeting/Budget Workshop, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & Via livestream at https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008
- o 7:15 PM (or immediately following UCRRA Special Meeting) - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & Via livestream at https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008

#### Friday, August 15

o No Meetings



# MAITESS

Book by Jessie Nelson Music and Lyrics by Sara Bareilles Directed by Brittany Proia

# JULY 25 - AUG 24

The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES
157 Canal Street, Ellenville NY 12428

FRIDAY, SATURDAY at 8PM SATURDAY, SUNDAY at 2PM

FORTICKETS - CALL 845.647.5511
BUY ONLINE AT SHADOWLANDSTAGES.ORG

## Get a sneak peak at THE THREETLES in concert!

#### The Threetles will Rock SHADOWLAND STAGES August 13th!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN7UGzYhwmg

Hey music lovers and Beatles fans -

**The Threetles** will hit the MainStage this Wednesday, August 13th at 2 PM & 7:30 PM for an unforgettable tribute to the Fab Four. This one-of-a-kind jam session blends stories, songs, and spontaneity as three powerhouse musicians celebrate the Beatles' iconic catalogue - from *Abbey Road* to *Strawberry Fields*.

#### Featuring:

Noel Carey - Tony-nominated composer (Death Becomes Her)

Alan Stevens Hewitt - Co-writer of cult rock musical LIZZIE

Everet Almond - Drummer for Richard Marx & the Steve Miller Band

WHERE: The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES, Ellenville, NY

WHEN: August 13 | Shows at 2 PM & 7:30 PM

TICKETS: Reserve now at shadowlandstages.org or call 845-647-5511. Group discounts available!

Don't miss your chance to twist, shout, and sing along - up close and personal with *The Threetles*.

#### **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW**

#### **NOW PLAYING**

Music and lyrics by Grammy-winner Sara Bareilles and a book by Jessie Nelson, WAITRESS is delighting crowds now through August 24 at our MainStage Theatre in Ellenville, NY. This Broadway favorite is baking up something special right here in the heart of the Hudson Valley!

Based on the beloved motion picture by Adrienne Shelly, WAITRESS follows Jenna, a small-town waitress and expert pie maker who dreams of a better life. When an unexpected pregnancy and a charming new doctor shake up her world, Jenna finds that happiness might be just one recipe away.

Critics call it "Thoroughly charming! A deep dish of feel-good feminist comfort food." - The Hollywood Reporter

Tickets are on sale now and going fast: Buy online at shadowlandstages.org Or call the box office at 845-647-5511

Performance & Ticket Info:

July 25-Aug 24 at The MainStage (157 Canal Street, Ellenville)
Evenings Thurs-Sat at 8 PM | Saturday & Sunday Matinees at 2 PM
Group and subscriber discounts available!
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

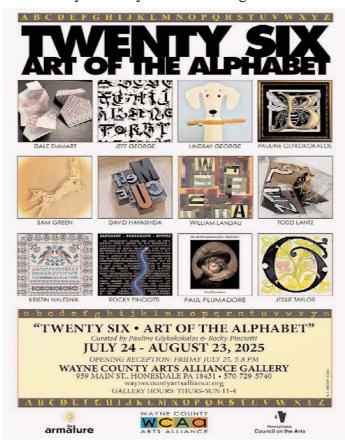
# A Family Fun Day at the WCAA Gallery

A Family Fun Day at the WCAA Gallery, 959 Main Street, Honesdale PA., in conjunction with the exhibi on "Twenty Six - Art of the Alphabet" an exhibition of work by Wayne County Arts Alliance.

The Wayne County Arts Alliance will host a Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 16th from 12:00 - 4:00. Children and their families will be invited to construct multimedia collages inspired by their initials. Additionally, WCAA Family Fun Day celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the River Reporter, our extended community's local independent newspaper by creating a large-scale mural using fifty years of back issues of the River Reporter. The rain date will be Sunday, August 17th from 12:00 - 4:00.

"Twenty Six - Art of the Alphabet," curated by Pauline Glykokokalos and Rocky Pinciotti, highlights the work of thirteen visual artists' investigations into and around letter forms on view from July 24, 2025 - August 23, 2025. Participating artists are Katee Boyle, Dale Emmart, Jeff George, Lindsay George, Pauline Glykokokalos, Sam Green, David Hayashida, William Landau, Todd Lantz, Kristin Nalesnik, Rocky Pinciotti, Paul Plumadore and Jessie Taylor.

For more information contact Wayne County Arts Alliance at wcaamaingallery@gmail.com, or visit our website - waynecountyartsalliance.org.





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Please call for availability first

# Help your local business grow Advertise locally in The Townsman!

Classified ads - \$5.00 for the first 20 words/ 20 cents each additional word

#### Display Ads

1" Boxed ad (1"x3")-\$7.50 per week Business card ad ( 2" x 3") - \$15.00 per week

 $(3" \times 4")$  - \$30.00 per week  $(3" \times 6")$  - \$45.00 per week

 $1/4 \text{ pg } (4" \times 5") - \$50.00 \text{ per week}$   $1/2 \text{ pg } (4" \times 8") - \$80.00 \text{ per week}$ 

Full Page - 8" x 10" - \$100.00 per week
Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week
Sign up for quarterly billing and get
a 20% discount

 Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities and Organizations one time fee- \$20.00 (once the flyer is inserted we will publish it each week through the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for advertising for our local churches

Low Rates High Visibility!

### Forestburgh Playhouse Celebrates the 5th Anniversary of the In the Works~In the Woods Festival, September 5-7, 2025

FORESTBURGH, NY - The Forestburgh Playhouse is proud to announce the fifth anniversary of the IN THE WORKS~IN THE WOODS Festival, returning September 5-7, 2025, to the idyllic Forestburgh Playhouse campus in the heart of the Catskills.

Now in its milestone fifth year, this vibrant, three-day festival continues to serve as a dynamic incubator for new theatrical voices-celebrating bold, diverse works across plays, musicals, cabaret, and family theatre. This special anniversary edition will feature a packed schedule of staged readings, artist conversations, cabaret performances, open rehearsals, and immersive audience experiences-drawing theater lovers and creators from around the country.

#### **2025 FESTIVAL LINEUP INCLUDES:**

A NEW PLAY:

The Telling of the Bees

By Chandler Hubbard

Directed by Casey Stangl

Friday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 PM - Reading + Q&A (Barn Theater) Saturday, Sept. 6 at 2:30 PM - Encore Reading (Church)

A mysterious young man arrives at the doorstep of a grieving family, stirring memories of a national tragedy-and the possibility of healing.

Featured reading + Q&A

#### A NEW MUSICAL:

The Enlightenment of Percival von Schmootz

By Christopher Dimond & Michael Kooman

Directed by Ashley Rodbro, Music Director Cynthia Meng Friday, Sept. 5 at 4:45 PM - Behind-the-Scenes Open Rehearsal (Back Deck)

Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 PM - Reading + Q&A (Barn Theater)

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 4:00 PM - Encore Reading (Barn Theater) The world's last optimist tries to end the Dark Ages! What

could possibly go wrong?

Staged reading, artist talkbacks, and VIP open rehearsal

#### A NEW MUSICAL FOR FAMILY AUDIENCES

Book of Wonder

By Kate Brennan & David Lee White

Directed by Roque Berlanga | Musical Director Erik Wakar Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11:00 AM - Reading + Q&A (Garden Patio Stage)

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11:00 AM - Encore Reading (Garden Patio Stage)

A whimsical quest for stories that come alive. Perfect for audiences of all ages.

#### Readings in the Garden Patio with Q&A

#### **NEW CABARET (THE CATSKILLS CAB LAB):**

Original Solo Cabarets by Broadway Talents Robert Anthony Jones and Shereen Ahmed

Musical Direction by Andrew David Sotomayor

#### **SUNDAY SOLO EVENT:**

What Would Meryl Do?

A new play Written & Performed by Neal Lerner | Directed by Colin Hanlon

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 1:30 PM - Reading + Q&A (Church)

One man. One mission. One obsession with Meryl Streep. A comedic masterclass in reinvention.

#### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS & SPECIAL VIP EVENTS

o THURSDAY, SEPT 4 | 7:30-9:30 PM

Kick-Off Party for Passport Holders - meet the artists, enjoy a few sneak peeks, and toast to 5 incredible years of ITW~ITW!

#### o FRIDAY, SEPT 5 | 2:30 PM

Off the Cuff: Conversation with Tony Award-winning Director/Choreographer Jerry Mitchell

#### o SATURDAY, SEPT 6 | 5:00 PM

Off the Cuff: Conversation with Tony Award-winning Lighting Designer Natasha Katz

- o VIP Open Rehearsal The Enlightenment of Percival von Schmootz
- o Do Good Spirits Tasting Tent
- o Catskills Canteen: Open Mic Night (Saturday at 10 PM)
- o Grizzly Bagels Morning Mixer (Sunday morning on the front patio)

#### TICKETS & FESTIVAL PASSES

Festival Passports unlock the full ITW~ITW experience:

VIP access to events

Priority seating

Invitations to the Kick-Off Party & Open Mic

Behind-the-scenes experiences

All in the stunning, wooded charm of the Forestburgh Playhouse campus

Visit fbplayhouse.org for ticketing, full schedule, and artist bios.

#### A FESTIVAL 5 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Since its founding in 2021, IN THE WORKS~IN THE WOODS has grown into a must-attend festival for creators and theater lovers alike. With a focus on process, community, and the power of storytelling, ITW~ITW has nurtured dozens of new works and continues to serve as a launchpad for tomorrow's most compelling theatrical voices.

Join us as we celebrate 5 years of creativity, connection, and magic in the woods.

Contact:

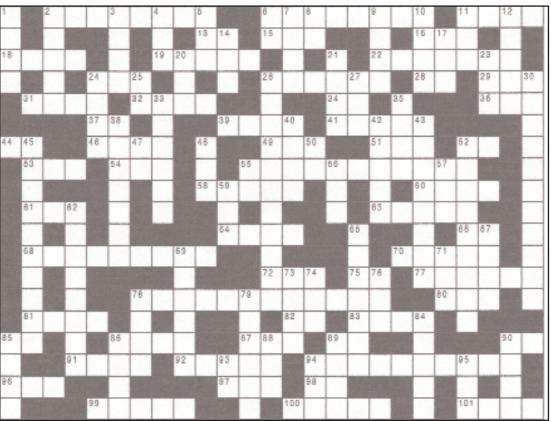
Forestburgh Playhouse boxoffice@fbplayhouse.org 845-791-1194 845-794-2005 fbplayhouse.org

#### **About the Forestburgh Playhouse**

Founded in 1947, the Forestburgh Playhouse has served as a beacon of the arts in the Sullivan Catskills for over 75 years. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, the Playhouse continues to deliver high-quality theatre productions and foster the development of new works. With a mission that encompasses professional theatre, arts education, and youth programming, the Playhouse attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and is a proud pioneer in the resurgence of live performances.

The Forestburgh Playhouse is a non-for-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of the arts in Sullivan County, NY. (Federal ID #46-4432375, NYS Charities #44-50-97, NYS Tax Exempt #259887)

#### Years of Fun at the Fair! - L. Comando



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#### **Funnel Cake Recipe** 2 cups all-purpose flour

2 Tablespoons granulated sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt 1 cup whole milk (add additional milk as needed until your batter reaches a pour-able consistency) 2 large eggs lightly beaten 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract optional Vegetable oil for frying Powdered sugar for

In a medium-sized bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt until well-combined.

dusting funnel cakes

In a separate bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, and vanilla extract (if using) until well-combined.

While whisking, gradually add dry ingredients to wet, stirring until mixture is smooth and combined. Set aside.

Fill a medium-sized saucepan 2-3" deep with vegetable oil. Set on stovetop over medium-low heat. Heat oil to 370-

Once oil is heated, portion about 1/2 cup of batter into a liquid measuring cup. Slowly drizzle batter into oil in a thin stream, swirling and criss-crossing the batter over itself. Fry on each side until golden brown (about 90 seconds per side) then remove to a paper-towel lined plate.

Dust with powdered sugar and serve

Repeat with remaining batter but make sure that oil returns to temperature in between batches.

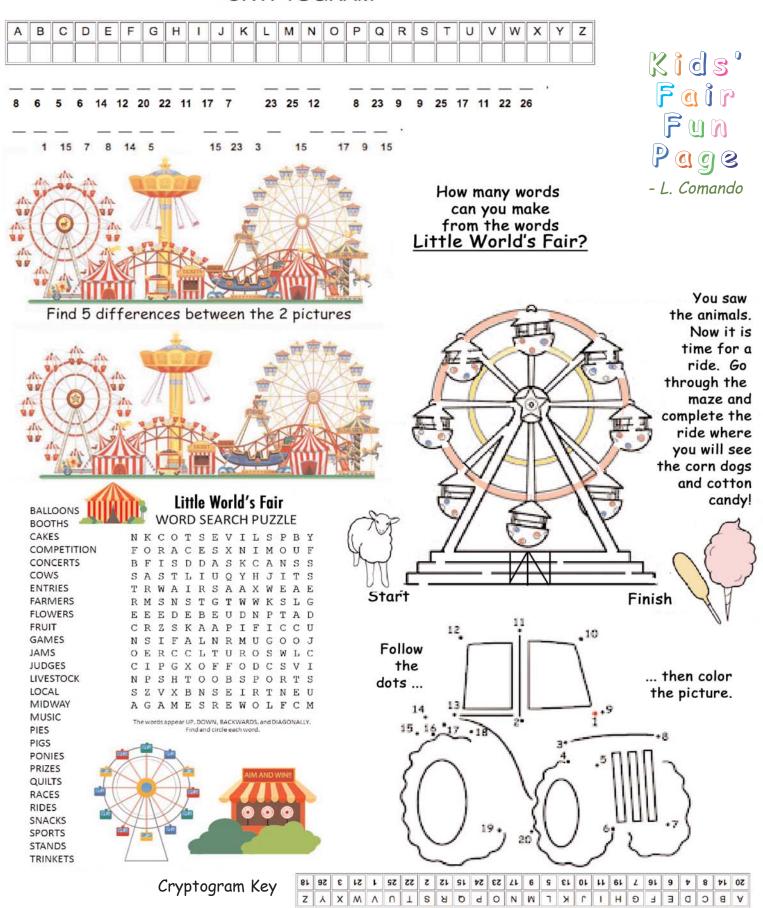
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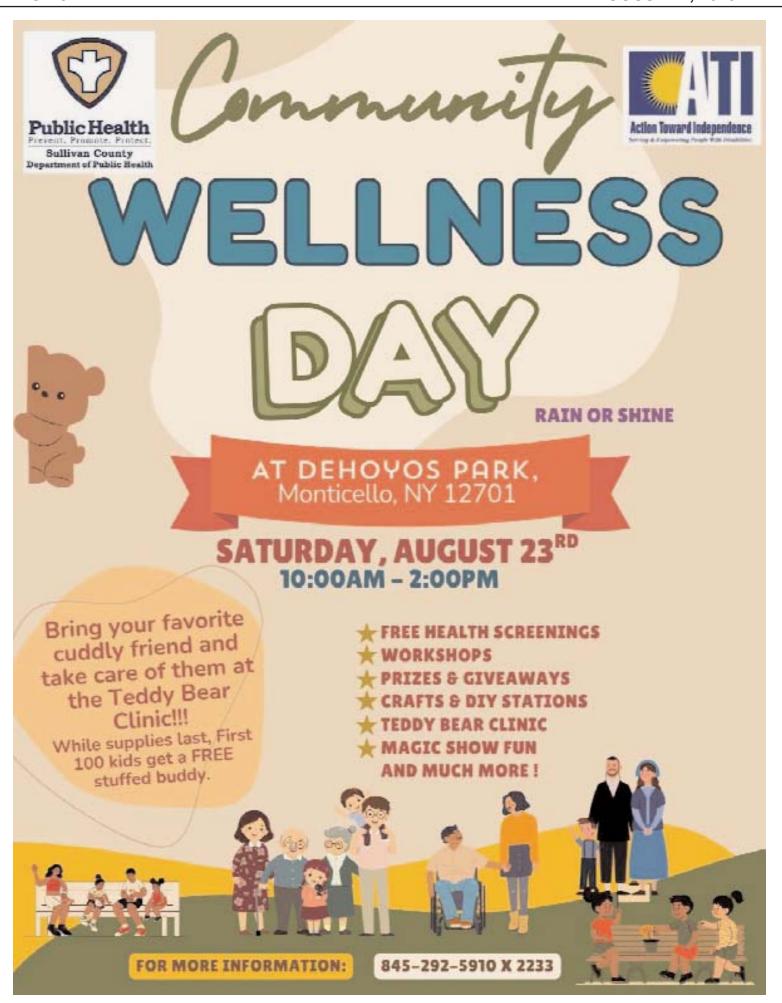
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To play SUDOKO online: https://sudoko.com

#### **CRYPTOGRAM**







# Sept 6, 2025 5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables filled with a variety of collectibles, household items and more that will be available for sale

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
(Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)

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# Sundown UMC Ladies Saturday Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

Open Saturdays thru Labor Day 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

New Items Every Week!
Check out our Christmas Items



If you wish to make donations for our White Elephant Table stop by the Church Hall on Tuesday

## Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

(Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)

# Historic Claryville Schoolhouse Museum



Experience a One Room School from Long Ago!





Interactive exhibits, games and activities for kids!

2025 Open Hours

July 27

August 10 and 24 September 14 1 to 4 p.m.

October 12

Admission by donation



Photos by Dennis Muthig

### Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

Adjacent to the Claryville Reformed Church Hall 946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org 845 985-7700

A collaborative project of the Claryville Reformed Church, Neversink Association and the Time and the Valleys Museum

# 1930s Catskill Family Farm Phase II Opening

13 added farm buildings - sap house, sawmill, pig pen, chicken coop and more all with exhibits, interactives and videos! 20 buildings in all! Fun for children and adults!

Open weekends noon to 4 p.m. through September starting June 14th and by appointment: 845 985-7700 timeandthevalleysmuseum.org



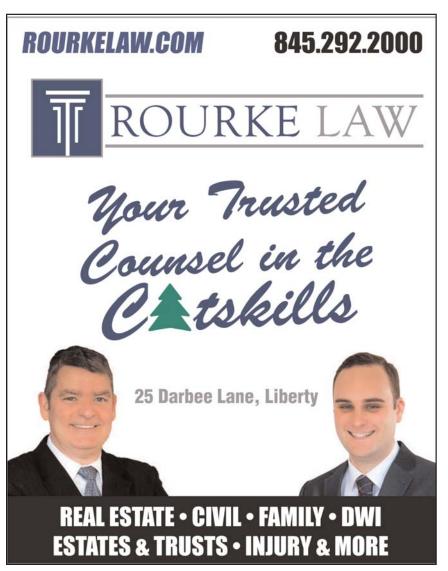
# New Hope Community Chief Operating Officer Karen Russell Appointed Next CEO Experienced Leader to Drive Next Chapter in Support of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Loch Sheldrake, NY - New Hope Community, a nonprofit dedicated to providing support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), has announced Karen Russell, New Hope Community's Chief Operating Officer, has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer.



Karen Russell, New Hope Community's Chief Operating Officer,

With over 30 years of progressive experience at New Hope Community, Ms. Russell brings a wealth of operational expertise and unwavering dedication to the organization's mission, vision, and values. She began her journey with New Hope Community in 1995 as a Service Coordinator and has since built an impressive career, advancing through key roles in Quality Assurance, Corporate Compliance,



and Executive Management. Karen has played a pivotal role in developing new programs and opportunities for both individuals and staff and led the expansion of departments to better serve a growing community of individuals. Her leadership has driven meaningful change and positioned New Hope Community for a strong future. Ms. Russell remains deeply committed to the people, staff, and families of New Hope Community, guided by her strong belief in New Hope Community's mission.

Terry Grafmuller, Chair of the New Hope Community Board, expressed, "We are grateful to have Karen Russell assume this position, providing continuity and stability as we move forward with our strategic plan and mission. Karen's expertise and vision will undoubtedly strengthen our solid foundation. We look forward to this exciting new chapter for New Hope Community."

Karen Russell shared, "It is a privilege to lead New Hope Community. Our top priority is to provide outstanding support to those we serve, while also maintaining a deep commitment to our dedicated staff and valued stakeholders. I am excited to collaborate with our talented team as we work together toward a successful future."

#### Chai on Music Will perform at Temple Sholom As part of Honoring Survivors and Their Rescuers Through the Generations

On Sunday, August 17th, Hope's Compass joins with Chai on Music for a multi-media program at Temple

Sholom, 5 E. Dillon Street, Monticello, NY. Starting at 12:30, visitors are invited to the lower-level exhibit, which is part one of the afternoon series. At 2:00 pm, they can enjoy the klezmerstyle performance of Chai on Music.

At the exhibit, guests will see personal artifacts, poetry, prose, artwork, videos, and music recordings. They will read about people from Sullivan County who are perhaps friends, neighbors, or relatives. The exhibit provides an opportunity to add a pushpin to the map indicating where the family lived or currently lives. People may choose to peruse one of over 100 books. They will find out what connects Curious George and Paddington Bear to the theme, Honoring Survivors and Their Rescuers Through the Generations.

The exhibit features images of butterflies, daffodils, and sunflowers. What does each have to do with Honoring Survivors (of the Holocaust)? That information and more are available throughout the room.



Chai on Music

Starting at 2:00 pm, on the main level, attendees will sing, clap, and join along with Chai on Music as they engage the audience through a medley of English and Yiddish songs. Richie Chiger, Leon Hilfstein, Lori Schneider, Anastasia Solberg, Dale DiMarco, and a surprise musical guest will have the audience asking for an encore

These programs are made possible through grants and donations. The suggested donation of \$15 in support of the exhibit and musicians can be made at the door or by donating via check to Temple Sholom, as they keep their doors open for community events like these. Reservations can also be made by calling Temple Sholom at (845) 794-8731. A QR code is also available at www.HopesCompass.org

The August 17th program is part of a series that has been made possible through the collaboration of many individuals and organizations. Thank you to: Hope's Compass Fund, a component of The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, cfosny.org, Sullivan 180's Community Development grant program. Other donors include legislative discretionary funding, Temple Sholom's board and community, Resorts World Catskills Gives program, donors during Hudson Valley Gives, and supporters of Hope's Compass. See more at www.HopesCompass.org.



Photos of the exhibit

# Daniel Pierce Library

Starting June 7th the library will be open on Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm

Visit the Library!

MONDAY - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

TUESDAY - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

THURSDAY - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

FRIDAY - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Visit our
website for
upcoming
events and follow
us on Facebook

and Instagram!

## The Catskill Center's Platte Clove Preserve

Plattekill Falls at the Platte Clove Preserve. The Falls are accessible via the Waterfall Trail described below. Please



note that there is no swimming allowed at the Falls.

Plattekill Falls at the Platte Clove Preserve. The Falls are accessible via the Waterfall Trail described below. Please note that there is no swimming allowed at the Falls. Located in the northeastern Catskills, the Catskill Center's 208-acres Platte Clove

contains

Preserve

beautiful waterfalls and trails at the head of the rugged and scenic Platte Clove in the Town of Hunter, Greene County. Download a trail map.

The Preserve remains a pristine wilderness area open for the quiet enjoyment of our members and the public with three maintained hiking trails.

#### **Hours of Operation**

The Platte Clove Preserve is open daily from dawn to dusk.

There is NO CAMPING allowed on the Platte Clove Preserve.

#### Staffing

Between May and October a Catskill Steward is stationed by the trailhead kiosk located at the Platte Clove Preserve on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Part of our Catskill Stewards Program, the Steward is present to help greet visitors, answer visitor questions, provide information, educate visitors about Leave No Trace principles, and help visitors Recreate Responsibly when visiting the Platte Clove Preserve and the Catskill Park. The Steward also curates a selection of items from the Catskill Visitor Center's gift shop, including trail maps and guides, that can be purchased at the Platte Clove Preserve (credit/debit card purchases only).

#### **Suggested Day Use Fee**

We ask that users make a \$5 per person donation when utilizing the Platte Clove Preserve. The donation box is located next to the main trailhead kiosk, which all users must pass by to reach the trails of the Platte Clove Preserve. Make a donation online.

#### **No Restroom Facilities**

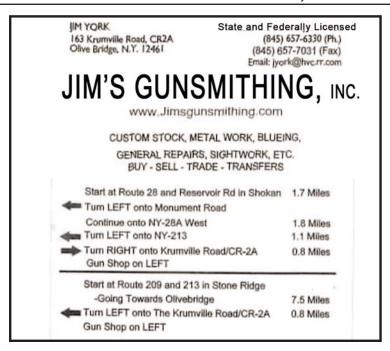
There are no public restroom facilities at the Platte Clove Preserve.

#### \*Seasonal Road Closure Notice\*

The easterly two- and one-half miles of Town of Hunter Route 9, known as Platte Clove Mountain Road, is a seasonal limited use highway that is generally closed to vehicles from November 15 to April 15.

#### Rules

The public is welcome to enjoy the Platte Clove



#### Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

Every Tuesday at 7 PM
46 North Street in Monticello
For information
contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell
at (845) 701-0695

Preserve, but we ask that the property be properly respected and honored, including respecting the natural and cultural features located on the property. In addition, visitors must respect these conditions of use to enjoy the Preserve:

FOOT TRAVEL ONLY - No horses, mountain bikes or motorized vehicles are permitted on the Preserve property

TRAVEL ON MARKED TRAILS ONLY - Please do not leave the marked trails. The Preserve's ecology is fragile and there are many dangerous drops, waterfalls, and ravines.

LEAVE NO TRACE - Take all trash with you. Carry in, carry out. #RecreateResponsibly

NO LOUD MUSIC OR OTHER NOISE DISTURBANCES

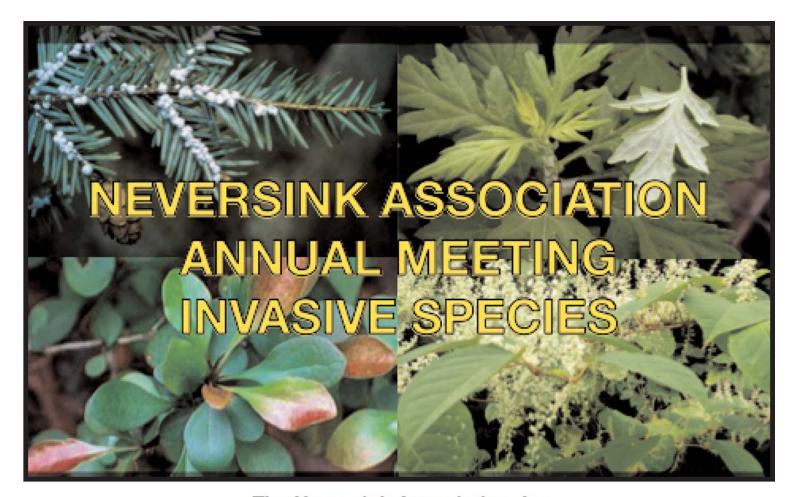
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, DAWN TO DUSK ONLY

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#### The Neversink Association, Inc.

To conserve the flora and fauna of the Neversink River Like us on Facebook!

If you would like to receive information from us, email us at <u>neversinkassociation@gmail.com</u>.

#### ANNUAL BYO PICNIC & MEETING

Sunday, August 31, 2025 NOON

Location: Wintoon - 2554 Frost Valley Road,

Claryville, NY

Rain Location: Lower Barns at Wintoon

#### **DUES REMINDER**

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#### **MEETING AGENDA**

- General News
- John Thompson from CRISP Talk about the latest on Invasive Species

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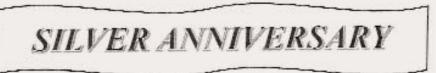
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This year we are featuring MASSEY-HARRIS, FERGUSON & MASSEY-FERGUSON Tractors
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Joining us this year will be the Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club, the

Catskill Region AACA Car Club with a CAR CRUISE (all vehicles welcome)

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Join us for a day of family fun with antique tractors and machinery; classic cars; demos of sawmills, shingle mills & hit & miss engines; crafts, yard, and machinery sales; food including the Grahamsville Fire Dept. BBQ, beer garden served by Bridge & Tunnel: live entertainment with Jon Zanger & DJ Mark Hyzer; antique household & farm machinery museum; hayrides, kids pedal tractors, Timmy the Train & MORE

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NRAMA is a 501-c3 non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program.

For More Information contact: Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401

Or check us out on FACEBOOK @ http://www.facebook.com/groups/399517618394690

### SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



# NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O

(IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990

#### 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 has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 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!

For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com







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Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.: A Quilter's Gathering
Talk with experienced quilters about their work, their inspiration and their creative style.

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#### Class information

Starting September 8th through

November 24th, 2025

from 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Monday through Thursday

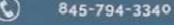
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Sign Up Now

Limited seating available!!!!

Application deadline is August 8th, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

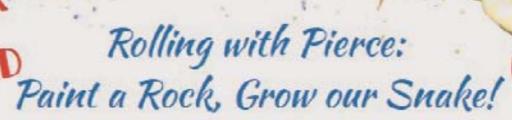


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Don't hide your painted rocks, bring them to the Daniel Pierce Library!

> All ages are welcome July & August

This summer, we're inviting YOU to paint & grow our very own Pierce the Python Rock Snake.

Here's how you can get involved:

#### Paint a Rock at Home

Pick a rock and use your creativity! Paint anything you like — a book character, a fun design or something that inspires you! Be sure to paint your initials on the bottom, so you can easily identify and collect your rock(s) at the end of the summer.

#### Bring It to the Library

Once your rock is painted and protected by applying a clear coal sealer to weatherproof it, bring it to the library. Add it to our ever-growing Pierce the Python!

#### Watch Pierce the Python Grow!

Every time you add a new rock, you'll help our snake grow longer and more colorful — just like our summer reading community!



#### Daniel Pierce Library

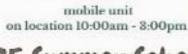
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Thurs July 24

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Thurs September 18

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Thurs September II

Registration Appts Only

104 Lower Main St

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Thurs July 31

Thurs August 28

Thurs September 25

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# Daniel Pierce Library Community Blood Drive

Thursday, August 28, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make your lifesaving appointment today!

EAT WELL - HYDRATE - BRING ID

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#### **Annual "Tobey Pomerantz" Memorial**

# CHICKEN BBQ

Plus: Frankfurters \* Sides \* Desserts

Sunday – August 17, 2025 / 1 - 4pm Rain or Shine
Indoor A/C Seating / Take Out Available
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<u>Checks (preferred)</u> to Kerhonkson Synagogue PO Box 587 – Kerhonkson, NY 12446 <u>PayPal (with fee)</u> on our website

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#### Questions?

Fmail: KerhonksonSynagogue@gmail.com

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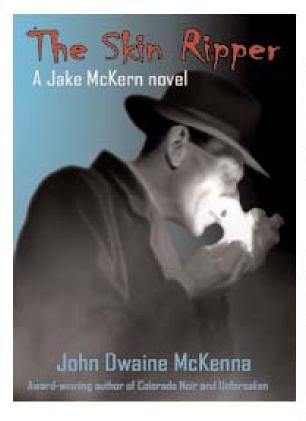
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A novel
John Dwaine McKenna

From the award-winning pen of John Dwaine McKenna comes a searing new novel five years in the making . . .



Recently promoted and just out of the hospital after a long recuperation from injuries he received while battling Lee Roy Morgan gang as they were trying to rob Colorado Commercial Bank, Colorado Springs homicide detective Jake McKern is on his first case . . . the double murder of an elderly couple who ran a small grocery on the 'Springs near west side . . . while at the same time, his personal life is crashing down around him.

With the only clue being a handwritten journal in an unknown and indecipherable language, the victims turn out to be Jews who survived Auschwitz and the horrors of the Shoah, the case suddenly takes on an international flavor with worldwide consequences.

The suspense ratchets up with each chapter as the beleaguered detective is drawn ever deeper into a morass of treachery, danger, and personal tragedy. It's Jake's darkest

hour and his greatest adventure to date!

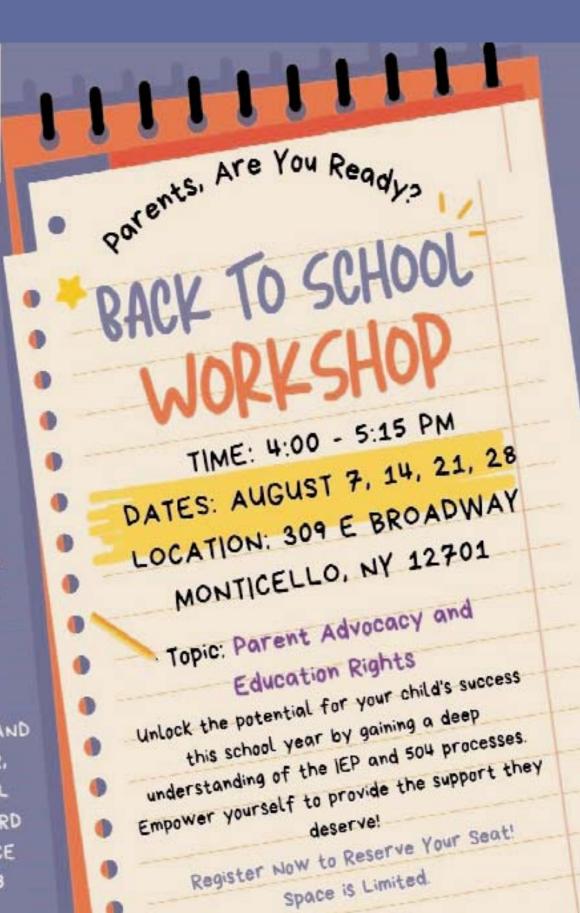
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#### Delivering for Our Nation's Heroes: My 2025 Veterans Plan

I released my 2025 Plan to deliver for America's Veterans, a comprehensive strategy to ensure every service member and veteran receives the care, respect, and support they've earned. As the mother of a Marine officer, I understand firsthand the sacrifices made by our courageous men and women in uniform and their families. That's why I'm committed to reforming the Department of Veterans Affairs, improving access to healthcare, housing, and mental health resources, and supporting the transition back to civilian life.

My plan is built on four key pillars: ensuring VA transparency and accountability, expanding access to quality healthcare, supporting the transition to civilian life, and honoring the sacrifice of those who served. It builds on the progress we made in the 118th Congress, including the passage of the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. This package included several bills I championed, such as the VA Same-Day Scheduling Act and the Return Home to Housing Act. We owe our veterans more than words; we owe them action. My plan delivers just that.

To read my full Veterans Plan, click here. <a href="https://tenney.house.gov/issues/veterans-plan">https://tenney.house.gov/issues/veterans-plan</a>

#### Restoring American Strength on the World Stage

My 2025 America First Foreign Policy Plan is a bold blueprint to promote peace through strength, confront the growing threat of the Chinese Communist Party, and defund corrupt global organizations, all while putting America's interests first.

As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, I know what it takes to defend our freedoms and secure our future. I'll continue to back initiatives that counter China's malign influence, preserve peace and stability in the Western Balkans, and protect American taxpayer dollars from waste and corruption abroad.

This plan builds on the foreign policy successes of President Trump and outlines a clear national security strategy rooted in American leadership, strong diplomacy, and common sense.

To read my full America First Foreign Policy Plan, click here.

https://tenney.house.gov/issues/america-first-foreign-policy-plan

Holding Ireland Accountable for Anti-Israel Boycott

Ireland's push to ban imports from Israeli territories mirrors the anti-Semitic BDS movement and threatens our strongest ally in the Middle East. I led a letter with House colleagues urging Treasury Secretary Bessent to investigate whether this proposed boycott violates U.S. anti-boycott law. Section 999 of the Internal Revenue Code requires the Treasury Department to maintain a list of countries that promote foreign boycotts of U.S. allies, triggering disclosure and reporting rules for American businesses. We are calling for a formal review and for Ireland to be added to this list if warranted. The United States must send a clear message that efforts to economically isolate Israel will not be tolerated and that our laws will be enforced to protect our allies and the American companies that operate abroad.

To read my letter, click here.

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/letterto-sec-bessent.pdf

### Releasing My Plan to Stand with Israel and Confront Iran

I released my 2025 Israel and Iran Plan to reaffirm my unwavering support for our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, and confront the world's top state sponsor of terror. As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, I recognize the threats we face from Iran and its terrorist proxies like Hamas and Hezbollah. While the Biden administration empowered Iran and abandoned Israel, I'm working to restore peace through strength by supporting President Trump's Maximum Pressure Campaign, strengthening our security partnership with Israel, and holding Iran accountable for its brutality. My plan also pushes back against efforts to delegitimize Israel on the world stage and defends its rightful historical claims to Judea and Samaria. We must stand with Israel, counter Iran's aggression, and ensure America leads with moral clarity and strategic purpose.

To read my full Israel Plan, click here. https://tenney.house.gov/issues/israel-plan



It's the peak of summer here in the Hudson Valley and I enjoyed every second of serving and celebrating with folks all over the Hudson Valley this week. From fighting for our local farmers in Walden, to celebrating our Oaxacan community in Poughkeepsie, partnering with local law enforcement for National Night Out in Warwick, New Windsor, and Newburgh, and bringing one-on-one assistance to seniors with the C.A.R.E.S. Van in New Paltz, here's some of how I worked for a more affordable, safer, and freer Hudson Valley this week:

#### FIGHTING FOR OUR LOCAL FAMILY FARMERS

Our Hudson Valley farmers fuel our families and local economy. They deserve policies that prioritize them, but Trump and USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins are decimating our farmers and local food system. This week, I joined with our farmers, food banks, and leaders across NY-18's food system to demand better.

The Administration is gutting family farms, slashing critical food assistance, kneecapping food banks' abilities to feed kids, seniors, and veterans, and ripping health care from small, independent farmers.

And all to fund tax breaks for billionaires and handouts

to corporate mega-farms.

Trump's barrage of ego-fueled tariffs are driving up operating costs and squeezing small businesses and farms already struggling to make ends meet. The president's cronies getting a massive payout while Hudson Valley businesses go under is fundamentally un-American.

Once again, our community is showing up in force to rally

against these policies.

Today and every day, I'm going to keep pushing and doing everything I possibly can to fight these cuts, fully fund the Agriculture Department, and protect our Hudson Valley farmers.

#### PARTNERING WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

On National Night Out, we come together to celebrate local law enforcement and strengthen community bonds between neighbors and first responders. This past Tuesday, my team brought services with federal programs to these celebrations across the entire Hudson Valley and I had a blast at the Warwick, New Windsor, and Newburgh events.

Phenomenal work by these departments for bringing the communities together and I'm grateful to all of the emergency responders, community partners, families, and neighbors who made these celebrations memorable!

#### SERVING OUR SENIORS

This week, my C.A.R.E.S. Van and I continued our Senior Tour, focusing on services like Social Security and Medicare following the recent 60th anniversary of the Medicaid and Medicare Act.

Over the past few months, programs that are critical for our seniors have been under attack, with drastic cuts to Medicaid and S.N.A.P. Now more than ever, we need to double down on delivering high-quality services and oneon-one assistance right to our seniors, no matter where they live. Rest assured, I will always fight for our seniors and against anyone who wants to rip away the programs they need.

#### CELEBRATING OUR OAXCAN COMMUNITY AT LA GUELAGUETZA

La Guelaguetza is a highlight of Hudson Valley summers, bringing us together to celebrate and share in Oaxacan traditions and culture.

At last weekend's celebration, I presented festival organizers with a Congressional Record, etching their invaluable contributions to our community into our nation's history.

Congratulations on another spectacular festival - I'm already looking forward to next year!

#### SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Our local businesses and organizations are the backbone of the Hudson Valley - when they thrive, we all thrive.

Thank you to the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce for having me at their Legislative Action Breakfast for a productive conversation about our shared Hudson Valley priorities - affordability, safety, freedom, and how I will never stop fighting for our community and for the resources to uplift our local businesses and economy.

#### BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

My team had a blast throughout this summer meeting with folks in every corner of the Hudson Valley and assisting them with federal agencies at C.A.R.E.S. Van events.

Whether you need assistance with requesting a passport, tracking down an IRS return, or applying for federal student loans, hope you'll join them at one of the many events left this August!

#### ... AND TO OUR FARMERS MARKETS DURING NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK

During this National Farmers Market Week, my team brought the C.A.R.E.S. Van out to celebrate in full-force and deliver one-on-one assistance with federal programs to markets across the Hudson Valley.

I also want to take this opportunity to give a HUGE thank you to our local farmers, community partners, and volunteers who make our farmers markets such a staple of our region.

#### FIGHTING FOR YOU, NOT FOR THE ELITES

Every single day, ask yourself: Who fights for you, and who fights for the elites?

I'm proud to work alongside driven leaders like former Federal Trade Commission Lina Kahn in my fight for a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley - and I'll never let up on that fight.

#### HONORING AMERICAN HEROES

On Thursday's National Purple Heart Day and every day, we honor the veterans remembered at New Windsor's National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and all our heroes that made profoundly selfless sacrifices for our country.

To our veterans, thank you. We owe you a debt that can never be repaid.

#### DELIVERING FOR OUR VETERANS

Thursday also marked Honor our Veterans Day of Action. Day in and day out, my team and I are working relentlessly to deliver the benefits, health care, and recognition our veterans deserve. (Contd. Pg. 57)

#### Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

If you or a veteran you know needs assistance with applying for VA benefits, navigating health care, requesting military records, receiving lost military awards, and more, please reach out to us like Nick did, by calling 845-443-2930 or sending us a message here on my website.

#### CONGRATULATING OUR NEWEST FIREFIGHTERS

Our firefighters are heroes - bravely running towards danger to keep our families safe around the clock.

A huge congratulations to Ulster County's newest firefighters! THANK YOU for your tremendous service to our Hudson Valley communities. Know that every day, I'm fighting to deliver the resources you need to stay safe during your courageous work.

#### WISHING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD

I want to wish a Happy Birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard who celebrated 235 years on Monday!

Since 1790, the Coast Guard has fought through perilous conditions to keep our waterways and shorelines safe. Semper Paratus!

#### GRANTS CORNER DUE SOON!

NY Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors (NY BRICKS): Governor Hochul has announced that funding is available from the NY BRICKS capital grant program to support municipalities and nonprofit organizations in building or renovating community centers that promote physical health, mental well-being, and community connections for youth and older adults.

-NY BRICKS will offer grants of up to \$15 million to fund design, construction, renovation, and land acquisition for these centers. Priority will be given to projects in underserved communities, as well as those offering affordable services like childcare, eldercare, and mental health counseling.

-The application period for the NY BRICKS capital grant program will open on July 14, 2025 and applications must be submitted by August 15, 2025.

-Awards are expected to be announced no earlier than November 1, 2025.

#### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

New York School Bus Incentive Program (NYSBIP): Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$200 million in new funding for zero-emission school buses through the Environmental Bond Act of 2022. Distributed via the NYSBIP, the funds support electric bus purchases, charging infrastructure, and fleet planning to improve air quality and reduce pollution in communities across the state. The funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis with incentive amounts covering up to 100 percent of the incremental cost of a new or repowered electric school bus. This helps offset some or all of the difference in purchase price between zero-emission buses and comparable diesel or gasoline buses. All school bus fleet operators in New York State can also qualify for funding for fleet electrification plans, which provide a customized roadmap for electric bus adoption.

NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Program and Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants (IMG) Program: The WIIA Program provides competitive grants to help municipalities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. The IMG Program is available for both drinking water and wastewater projects that serve multiple municipalities, such as a shared water quality infrastructure project or the interconnection of multiple municipal water systems.

-Applications are due by 5 p.m. on September 12.

-Any community that needs assistance with its water infrastructure is encouraged to contact the Community Assistance Teams.

If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter.

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



#### Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

Here's what she's been up to this week:

#### 1. Fighting for the 9/11 health program

It is vital to support the heroes who put their lives on the line during one of our nation's darkest hours. As many survivors and first responders battle horrific 9/11-related conditions, we must guarantee that they receive the care and treatment they need.

This week, Kirsten demanded that Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. immediately address the administrative issues within the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) that are threatening to impede care for survivors. These issues stem from staffing shortages due to Trump administration cuts; an ongoing pause in communications with the 9/11 community and travel restrictions for program staff; and halted research meetings. They must be addressed immediately, and Kirsten will continue holding the administration's feet to the fire until our 9/11 heroes get the care they deserve.

#### 2. Protecting clean air

Climate change and toxic air pollution are a significant threat to human health and the environment. Despite this, the Trump administration proposed repealing regulations that target emissions of greenhouse gases and other hazardous substances from fossil fuel-fired power plants.

This deregulation would put clean air, the environment, and the health of all New Yorkers at risk. That's why Kirsten joined 30 of her fellow senators in demanding a reversal of the administration's decision to roll back emissions standards that keep New Yorkers safe.

Read more. <u>https://abcnews.go.com/US/epa-proposes-rolling-back-clean-air-rules-power/story?id=122772357</u>

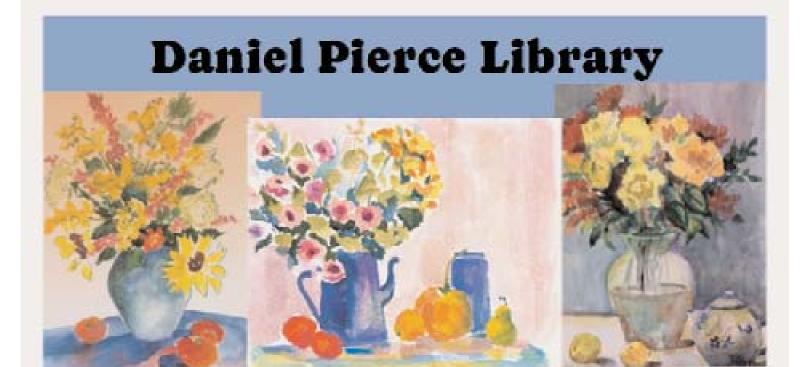
#### 3. Helping people with disabilities get their benefits

A Putnam County constituent contacted Kirsten's office on behalf of her disabled son after his Social Security Disability Insurance benefits were suddenly suspended.

Kirsten's team inquired with the Social Security Administration about the case, and the beneficiary's \$2,000 monthly benefits were swiftly reinstated along with his past-due payment for the month of July.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here.

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/



# Watercolor Painting with Chris Parrow

Thursday, August 28, 2025 6:00-7:30 p.m.

#### \$5 Supply Fee

Join local artist Chris Parrow as she explores the world of floral still life for summer. Learn about brushwork, composition, color, color mixing and the spontaneous nature of watercolor paint. No experience necessary, limited space available. Adults only.



Program made possible by Central Hudson

Open to Tri-Valley adult residents. Advanced registration required at danielpiercelibrary.org

#### **Register for Watercolor Painting**



Summer is strutting its stuff at the Woodstock Farmers Market this week-think juicy tomatoes, crisp cucumbers, and sweet corn practically leaping off the tables into your basket. The air smells like peaches and fresh bread, there's music in the breeze, and every booth feels like a little celebration of peak-season bounty. Come hungry and leave happy with your arms and tummy full of delicious discoveries!

Wednesday, August 13th, 3 - 7 PM Mountainview Parking Lot

SNAP accepted (and doubled up to \$50 per market)

#### What's for dinner?

The Land of Tamal with their signature tamales & street corn Pamana Kitchen is back! Filipino food inspired by the culinary traditions passed down by through generations.

Falafel Caffe joins us with their Middle Eastern street food. Falafel served in pita or on a plate with summer fresh veggies, tahini dressing and spices.

#### Vegetables are abundant

Back Home Farm and Clove Valley Community Farm will be here with fresh picked, organic produce - heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, crisp greens, herbs, corn, carrots, fennel, potatoes, ground cherries, carrots, watermelon and more!

Fruits, Pies, Jams

Wright's Farm fills your fruit bowl with juicy peaches, berries and plums as well as fruit pies, syrups and jams.

Eggs, Meat, and Fish

Our friends from Northwind Farms, Thistledown Farm and Coleman's Catch Seafood will be here with fresh ingredients for your favorite meal and lots of ready made foods you can bring home for later.

#### **Baked Goods, Sweets and Treats**

Kingston Bread + Bar will supply you with crusty breads, focaccia and pastries to die for.

Happy Belly is 100% gluten-free and vegan but don't let that stop you! Seed bread, baguettes, donuts, brownies and more.

Sitsirya Delicious traditional Filipino pastries with a modern twists. Treats you don't want to miss!

New Confectioner Ice Cream, Ice Cream, Ice Cream! Exciting flavors in a cup or on a stick. So creamy & summery! Cheese & Crackers, Nibbles & Snacks

Nosh Woodstock has everything to create your most exciting charcuterie board, satisfy your need to nibble or nourish guests.

Urugula Creative Cuisine artisanal dairy-free cashew cheeses and naturally gluten- and dairy-free puffs. Not to be missed!

Sustainable Sorcerers Seasonal products created in alignment with the bounty of each harvest. Delicious and nutritious mushrooms of all kinds plus mushroom powders, tinctures Granola

Platte Clove Locally sourced granola with exciting combinations of healthy ingredients for snacking and adding to salads and cereals. Try some on ice cream too! They've even got dog treats and bug spray.

#### Plant Medicines, Health & Wellness

Gnome Apothecary - ZZZ Sleep Formula, Pain Relief Oil, Gnome Salve, Immune Boost Tincture, Fire Cider, Elderberry Syrup, Gnomish Beard Oil and Digestive Bitters.

The Salty Rose - tinctures, syrups, creams, salves, facial toners, serums, and beyond.

#### **Dog Treats**

Lili & Astara will be stocked and ready with your dog's favorite wholesome treats.

#### More to explore

Medicine Gardens - botanical art, jewelry, clothing & bags.

Gluten Free, Vegan Happy Belly Breads and pastries Urugula Creative Cuisine Cheeses, puffs New Confectioner - Ice Cream Platte Clove - Granola

#### **Flowers**

Clove Valley Community Farm

"Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." ~ Luther Burbank

#### Check out other market highlights below:

#### Pop-Up

#### **Urugula Creative Cuisine**

Dedicated to simplifying your daily life with 100% plant-based products, all crafted in the heart of the Hudson Valley. Specializing in a diverse range of gluten-free options, from artisanal dairy-free cashew cheese to naturally gluten- and dairy-free puffs. Experience the wholesome goodness of carefully curated, plant-powered offerings.

#### KIDS TENT

Woodstock Library - 4:30pm Story Time with Natalie

#### **MUSICAL GUEST**

#### Mingo Lodge

Musically speaking, Mingo Lodge heaps up a hearty helping of rock, pop, funk, alternative, country, dance, folk, bluegrass, and super-disco space-grooves. His energetic and crowd engaging performances include original tunes, classic melodies, obscure oddities, toe tappers of today, and songs of beyond. The shows are very upbeat and soulful with a comedic twist.

#### **Up Coming Events**

Woodstock Library (Aug. 20th) @4:30 Kids Yoga w/Hari Prakaash Woodstock Library (Aug. 27th) @ 4:30 Movin' & Groovin' Storytime w/ Judy Joan's Farm Market Vintage (Aug. 27th) Quality vintage clothing, housewares and more

#### **Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on Air Quality**

#### High Temperatures Expected Throughout Most of the State Through Wednesday

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and State\_Department of Health issued an Air Quality Health Advisory for ozone on Tuesday, August 12, for the Lower Hudson Valley and New York City Metro regions. With some wildfire smoke still visible at high altitudes as it clears out of the state, New York residents and visitors are reminded to include air quality awareness in their daily warm weather routines. This update comes as Governor Hochul on Monday urged New Yorkers to prepare for multiple days of high temperatures across the state through Wednesday. 'Feels-Like' Temperatures in the mid to upper 90s are expected in most of the state on Tuesday, most notably in Western New York, the Finger Lakes, and the North Country. Humidity levels will also rise on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday, feels-like temperatures in the upper 90s will continue throughout most of the state and near 100 in parts of the Mid-Hudson, New York City, and Long Island Regions. Rain and thunderstorms are expected across the state Tuesday into Wednesday.

"With extreme temperatures present across our state, I'm closely monitoring our air and weather forecasts and working alongside partners in government to ensure New Yorkers are protected," Governor Hochul said. "I urge New Yorkers to 'Be Air Quality Aware' and to please take proper precautions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe."

The Air Quality Health\_Advisory regions for tomorrow, August 12, consist of: Lower Hudson Valley, which includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Ulster, and Sullivan counties and New York City Metro, which includes New York City and Rockland and Westchester counties.

People, especially those with cardiovascular disease and those who have respiratory disease (such as asthma), young children, the elderly, those who exercise outdoors, and those involved in vigorous outdoor work should consider limiting strenuous outdoor physical activity when ozone levels are the highest (generally afternoon to early evening). When outdoor levels of ozone are elevated, going indoors will usually reduce exposure. Individuals experiencing symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, or coughing should consider consulting their personal physician.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and State\_Department of Health (DOH) issue Air Quality Health Advisories when DEC meteorologists predict levels of pollution, either ozone or fine particulate matter (PM2.5), are expected to exceed an Air Quality Index (AQI) value of 100. The AQI was created as an easy way to correlate levels of different pollutants to one scale, with a higher AQI value indicating a greater health concern.

New Yorkers are encouraged to be "Air Quality Aware" and\_check airnow.gov for accurate information on air quality\_forecasts and conditions. To view the latest DEC air quality forecasts, visit the DEC website.

#### **OZONE**

Summer heat can lead to the formation of ground-level ozone, a major component of photochemical smog. Automobile exhaust and out-of-state emission sources are the primary sources of ground-level ozone and the most serious air pollution problems in the northeast. This surface pollutant should not be confused with the protective layer of ozone in the upper atmosphere.

Ozone is not a direct emission, but rather forms when sunlight chemically reacts with nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from automobile exhaust and industrial emissions. High ozone is not as visible as PM2.5 because it is a colorless gas, but will produce hazy skies and reduce visibility in high concentrations. Ozone production can also be enhanced by the presence of wildfire smoke.

Ozone levels generally decrease at night and can be minimized during daylight hours by curtailment of automobile travel and the use of public transportation where available.

New Yorkers also are urged to take the following energy-saving and pollution-reducing steps:

- o use mass transit or carpool instead of driving, as automobile emissions account for about 60 percent of pollution in our cities;
- o conserve fuel and reduce exhaust emissions by combining necessary motor vehicle trips;
- turn off all lights and electrical appliances in unoccupied areas:
- o use fans to circulate air. If air conditioning is necessary, set thermostats at 78 degrees;
- o close the blinds and shades to limit heat build-up and to preserve cooled air;
- o limit use of household appliances. If necessary, run the appliances at off-peak (after 7 p.m.) hours. These would include dishwashers, dryers, pool pumps and water heaters; o set refrigerators and freezers at more efficient tempera-
- o purchase and install energy efficient lighting and appliances with the Energy Star label; and
- o reduce or eliminate outdoor burning and attempt to minimize indoor sources of PM 2.5 such as smoking.\_

Additional information on ozone and PM 2.5 is available on DEC's website and on DOH's website (PM 2.5) / DOH's website (ozone). A new DEC fact sheet about the Air Quality Index is available on DEC's website or by PDF download.

To stay up-to-date with announcements from DEC, sign up to receive Air Quality Alerts through DEC Delivers: DEC's Premier Email Service. A toll-free Air Quality Hotline (1-800-535-1345) was also established by DEC to keep New Yorkers informed of the latest air quality situation.

Extreme heat is dangerous and is the leading cause of weather-related fatalities in the United States. The most common heat-related illnesses are heat stroke (sun stroke), heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat rash. Learn more about heat-related illness, including signs and symptoms and when to take action on the State Health Department's extreme heat advice webpage.

For a complete listing of weather watches, warnings, advisories and latest forecasts, visit the National Weather Service website.

#### Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and County Comptroller March Gallagher Respond to Data Breach by Employee Benefits Consultant

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County is responding to a data breach involving the Alera Group, the vendor that administers employee benefits for County government employees. Alera Group, formerly known as Relph Benefit Advisors, provides benefits administration for the County, which is self-insured.

The County and affected employees were only recently notified of the breach of Alera Group's computer systems, which occurred in August 2024. Moreover, Alera was unable to confirm the level of the breach until April 2025.

Last week, Alera sent letters to affected County employees by mail and is offering 24 months of complimentary credit monitoring through a third-party provider.

In an email to County employees, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said that the company's failure to properly notify the County and its employees in a more timely manner - leaving employees unprotected for 12 months - was "inexcusable."

"Immediate action should have been taken by the Alera group to enroll employees in credit monitoring at the point of the data breach. The Alera Group's response to this cybersecurity breach falls far short of what we would expect from the administrator of our employees' health-care benefits, and must be held to account," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "I am considering all options available to the County, including legal action, and will be notifying the New York State Attorney General."

"I am extremely concerned that Ulster County employees and their families have experienced a breach of trust because of a cyber-security incident at a third-party vendor Alera Group. The Comptroller's Office is reviewing exactly how the breach was addressed both by the Alera Group and internally," said Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher. "Affected individuals received a voluminous number of notifications that were wasteful, unnecessary, and concerning. The multiple notifications showed that in serving as benefits advisor to the County, Alera Group works with a host of other entities not under contract with Ulster County who may also have access to County employee data. I look forward to working with the County Executive and Legislature to address the issues raised by this data breach and hold the County's health insurance broker, Alera Group, accountable for their actions."

Ulster County will continue to keep employees informed as this matter develops. Employees are encouraged to enroll in the two-year credit monitoring program, and the Personnel Department is available to provide assistance.

#### Travel Back to the Canal Era on Aug. 16! Interpretive Center to Host Free Presentation

Summitville, NY - On Saturday, August 16, enjoy Cliff Robinson's presentation of "The D&H Canal: Port Jervis to Phillipsport" at Sullivan County's D&H Canal Interpretive Center and Linear Park, 16 Bova Road, Summitville.

Cliff Robinson will be discussing the history of the Delaware & Hudson Canal from Port Jervis to Phillipsport, sharing facts about day-to-day life and how the canal operated! This free event kicks off at 2 p.m., but come early and take in all of the fascinating displays the Interpretive Center has to offer.

Advance registration is suggested, as space is limited. Email scparks@sullivanny.gov or call 845-807-0287 to register.

The D&H Canal Interpretive Center is open every weekend on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, through September 1. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and noon-5 p.m. Sundays.

Additional presentations are posted at <a href="https://www.sulli-vanny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/DelawareHudson">https://www.sulli-vanny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/DelawareHudson</a>



The Delaware & Hudson Canal and towpath as they exist today in Summitville (so named because the Canal's highest elevation was near this point).



This is one of more than a hundred locks that allowed canal boats to navigate changing elevations, and it can be crossed on a pedestrian bridge for a closeup view.



# 18 YEAR CELEBRATION & GROUNDBREAKING

August 31, 7th of Elul

Please mark your calendar for a momentous celebration!

We're thrilled to commemorate 18 years of the RJC milestone and to break ground on our Children's Wing Expansion.

Join us as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and build for the future!

More details and official invitation to follow. Watch for the announcement.





### **Turtle Tracks II**

A multimedia presentation by noted author Evan Pritchard

Saturday, August 16th 1:00

The Shandaken Historical Museum

26 Academy Street Pine Hill, NY

845-254-4450

In this unique and exciting arm chair adventure, noted author and historian Evan Pritchard will guide us on a virtual journey along the Turtle Island Trail, now known as Route 22, from Montreal to Louisville, KY. Through maps, photos and historical text we will complete part two of the epic journey, ending on Corn Island at the Falls of the Ohio River, arriving at dozens of Native American historical sites along the way. It is not required to have seen part one. There will be a Q & A at the end and a book signing as well. Bring your mental hiking boots!

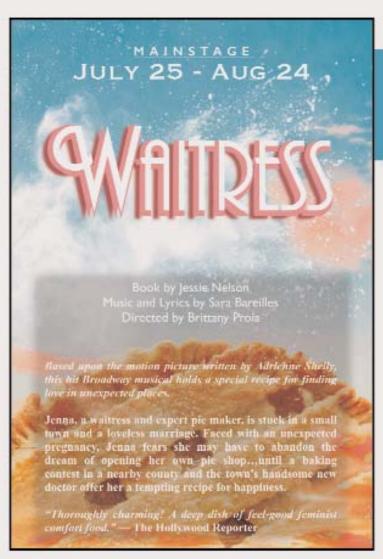


### A TASTE OF BROADWAY IV "WAITRESS"

Date: Saturday, Matinee, August 23 - Lunch 11:45 (Open seating), 2:00 pm show.

Price: \$109 includes lunch, show and fundraiser.

\* If you are a paid season subscriber to Shadowland, your price is \$79.



Support the Ellenville
Regional Auxiliary and enjoy
lunch and a show!





The Shadowland Theatre at 157 Canal St. is featuring this Tony Award Nominated musical coupled with lunch at Gaby's Cafe, 141 Canal Street Ellenville, NY 12428

(Please make check payable to "ERH Auxiliary" with your phone #, choice of entree and if you are a season subscriber).

Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483 Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.

### "A Taste of Broadway IV"

#### Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025 Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

### <u>Menu</u>

Gaby's House Salad

### **Choice of Entrée**

#### Pollo 5 de Mayo

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers, fresh tomato in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

#### Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

#### Quesadilla de Verduras

Flour tortilla stuffed with grilled zucchini, bell peppers, carrots, eggplant, melted cheese, red & green sauce.

#### **Dessert**

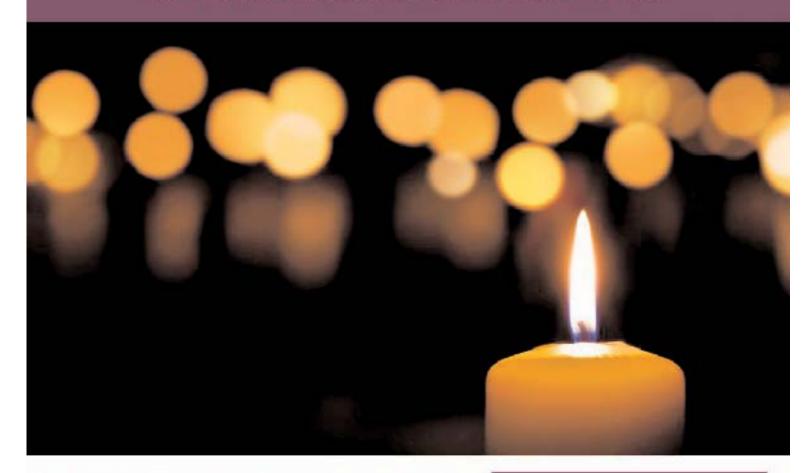
Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

Please call ERH Auxiliary Event Chairperson Helene Morris at 845-210-7120 with your selection. (Tickets will be given at the restaurant)

### International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

A Time to Remember. A Time to Act.



#### Join us as we raise awareness about overdoses and reduce the stigma surrounding drug-related deaths.

Hear state and local leaders talk about what is being done to battle the opioid crisis in our community. Open your hearts as families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. Meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head on.

Local first responders, music and dance artists and bagpipers will join us in front of the Sullivan County Courthouse, which will be illuminated in purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

Tuesday • August 26, 2025
6 PM at the Sullivan County
Courthouse Lawn,
414 Broadway, Monticello
Rain date: Wednesday, August 27
For more information, contact
Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180
Outreach Program Manager, at
Lindsay@Sullivan 180.org or

This event is brought to you by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County.



(845) 295-2683.

### Have questions about substance use or mental health insurance?

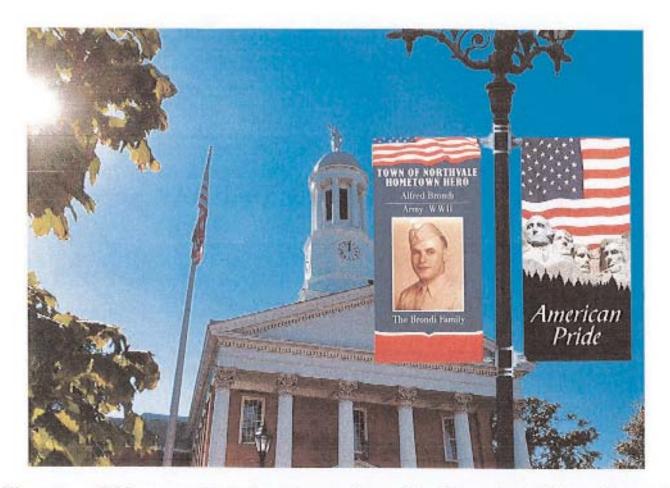


- Learn your insurance rights
- Fight denials and file appeals
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- Get the most from your plan

Mon - Wed 9-7, Thurs - Fri 9-4

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#### Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

Town Of Neversink is launching a Hometown Heroes Banner Program as a living tribute for our community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces and their family members.

If you would like to volunteer or know of a loved one that you would like to honor, please contact us.

Town of Neversink 273 Main Street Grahamsville Ny 12740

Jenna Carmody 845-866-2213



# SOJOURNER TRUTH STATUE WELCOMING EVENT

JOIN US IN WELCOMING
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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 6 PM

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From 10-6 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

Interested in being a vendor at our show?

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VALID NYS FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED



FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2025



START AT 9:30AM-3:00PM

#### **CIRCLEVILLE PARK**

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For more information, call our Veteran Advocates at (845) 794-4228.

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Visit our website at www.atitoday.org



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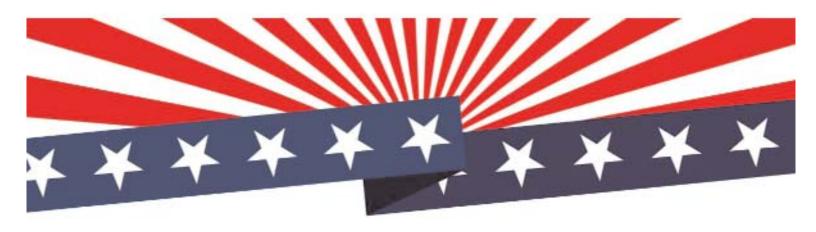
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Monticello, NY 12701

Sullivan County



# Sponsor a Flag in the Town of Neversink

This is a unique opportunity for you to honor your hero. A loved one. A friend, Military, Non-Military, Maybe it is someone who changed your life.

Each sponsored flag is \$200, allowing you to create a stirring tribute to a person who has inspired you. Your contribution becomes part of an annual inspirational display that touches everyone who sees it.

For Details please email, call or visit the Neversink Town Clerk's office.

Attn: Town Clerk
PO Box 307, 273 Main St
Grahamsville, NY 12740
townclerk@townofneversink.org
845-985-2262 Ext. 307





### Disaster Mental Health Responder Training

Part 1 - Psychological First Aid (PFA) TRAINING: October 2, 2025 8:30am - 3:00pm DATE

Part 2 - Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice (FDMHP) TRAINING:

DATE: November 18, 2025 8:30am - 4:00pm

Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North St., 2nd Fl., Monticello, NY 12754 LOCATION:

INSTRUCTOR(S): Caroline Contillo

The Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response (BEPR) is offering the Disaster Mental Health (DMH) Responder Curriculum to those interested in becoming a Disaster Mental Health Responder. The curriculum consists of 2 (two) parts; Part 1-Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Part 2- Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice (FDMHP). Supervisor approval is required to attend both parts and deploy on a disaster response.

#### Part 1: Psychological First Aid (PFA)

PFA enables participants to identify the early and expected stress reactions that may result from experiencing disasters, including those that may become more serious if unaddressed. PFA can be used with everyone children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly; families and individuals; disaster survivors and professional responders.

Prerequisites: Professional mental health background.

#### Program Objectives

- Identify the range of typical reactions that we expect to see in survivors following a disaster.
- Explain why early support in the form of Psychological First Aid is helpful.
- List the elements of Psychological First Aid.
- Demonstrate competence through practice of Psychological First Aid elements
   Manage their own stress while practicing Psychological First Aid.

#### Part 2: Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice (FDMHP)

FDMHP enables participants to support people experiencing the mental health impacts of disaster, and to assist in preventing more serious emotional issues such as depression or post-traumatic stress disorder. This training equips participants to provide the supportive recovery environment that is so crucial to the healing of those whose lives have been touched by disaster.

Prerequisites: Complete PFA in-person; Master's Degree; New York State Licensure; Mental Health and/or Disaster Mental Health background experience.

#### Program Objectives

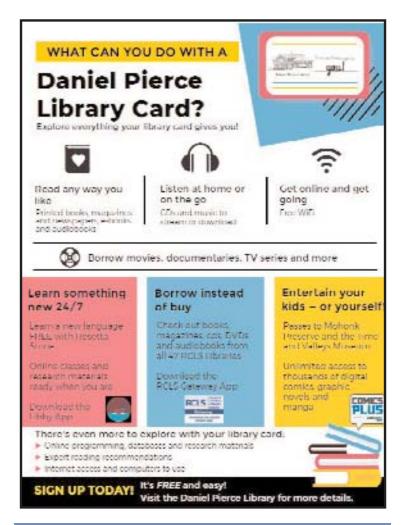
- Identity key phases of disaster response and roles assumed by mental health professionals.
- Identity the range of psychological and psychosocial reactions that individuals experience in the attermath of disasters and the range of carly phase mental health interventions suitable to address these reactions.
- Learn and practice the skills of early intervention following disaster.
- Understand the key mechanisms of assignment preparation, mobilization, deployment, and transition home.

#### TO APPLY

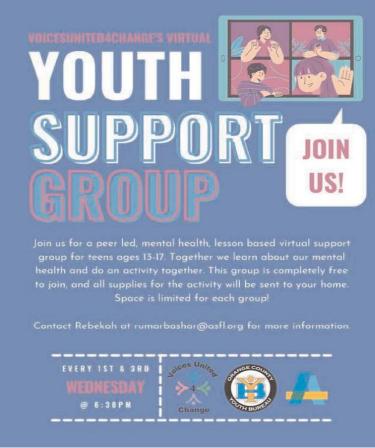
Complete the Application Form. Deadline for Applications: September 26, 2025. Any questions, please email Disaster Mental Health Team Lead, Latifa Williams; Latifa.Williams@omh.ny.gov

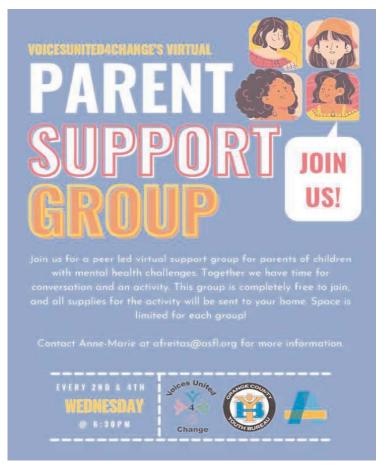
To achieve the most effective outcomes for communities and individuals affected by disasters and traumatic events, the disaster mental health program. is committed to delivering its services and support in a culturally responsive, humble, sensitive, and ethical manner through a diverse workforce reflecting the wide variety of cultures comprising New York State's population. The program therefore seeks team members with broad cultural, language, skill, and relational capacities, and who are equally committed to supporting people in a culturally appropriate and reflective way.

State of New York Office of Mantel Health is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board as an approved provider of continuing education for Dicensed Psychologists and Eigensed Social Workers. Those who sitend If A writ receive 5 CEUs toward renewal of their tipense. Those who sitend I DMIR\* will receive 6 CFLIs toward renewal of their license.









# **Seeking Money for Youth Activities? Apply to the County's Youth Bureau**

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Youth Bureau is accepting grant applications from organizations serving children and youth under the age of 21 within Sullivan County.

"The New York State Office of Children and Family Services provides funding to the Youth Bureau for programs focused on youth development in these three funding areas: Youth Development, Sports Education Opportunity Funding and Youth Team Sports," explained Youth Bureau Manager Catherine Paci. "I encourage everyone to visit our page at www.sullivanny.gov to learn which one will best meet the needs of their programs."

Youth Development Programs: Applications for this funding are encouraged to focus on programming that includes, but is not limited to, citizenship/civic engagement, community, economic security, physical and emotional health, education, safe harbor/anti-trafficking, and family supports.

Youth Sports Education Opportunity Funding: Applications for this funding are focused on organized activities that encourage movement, including physical fitness activities such as yoga, hiking, dance and active outdoor pursuits for youth ages 6 through 17.

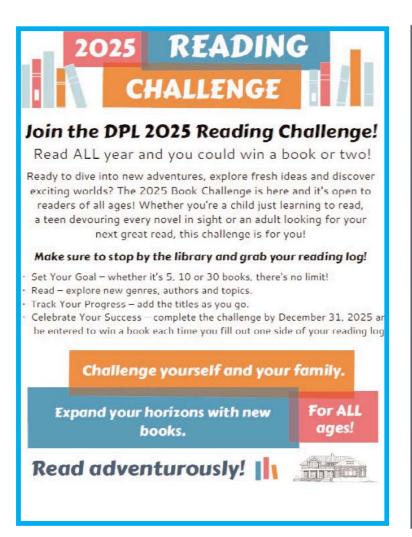
Youth Team Sports: Applications for this funding are focused on organized sport activities in under-resourced areas for youth under the age of 18.

Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities. Applications and additional descriptions of requirements for each funding source can be found at

www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/Youthbureau.

Organizations who would like to be considered for funding must submit completed applications by Friday, August 22, 2025. All applications must be submitted with original signatures either in person at the Youth Bureau (Government Center's first floor, 100 North Street, Monticello) or by mail to the Sullivan County Youth Bureau, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, Attn: Cathie Paci.

Questions may be submitted to Paci at catherine.paci@sullivanny.gov or by calling 845-807-0394.







## Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification

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### **D&H Canal Interpretive Center**

16 Bova Road, Summitville, NY 12781

### **2025 EVENT CALENDAR**

Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 3:00pm

The Economic Impact of the D&H Canal on Sullivan County

presented by John Conway

Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 2:00pm

Post Cards of the D&H Canal presented by Bill Merchant

Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 2:00pm

The D&H Canal: Port Jervis to Phillipsport presented by Cliff Robinson

Additional presentations to be announced!

These events are FREE!

Advance registration is required as space is limited,
email SCParks@sullivanny.gov or call 845-807-0287 to register.

These events are in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the groundbreaking of the D&H Canal!



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# Parkinson's Support Group



Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!



Parkinson's disease can be different for everyone. While there's no cure for Parkinson's disease, certain lifestyle changes can help manage symptoms and improve overall quality of life.

### REGISTER:



(845) 292-6180 ext. 122



sullivancrc@cornell.edu



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WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

April 9 May 14

June 11 July 9

Aug 13 Sept 10

Oct 8 Nov 12

This program is supported with a grant from the NYS Department of Health, OFA, CCE/Caregiver Resource Center Program and the Alzheimer's Association. ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN CALL ANGELA @ 845-292-8715 OR EMAIL: FOLKPLUS@GMAIL.COM



Momen's Empowerment Group

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Discuss topics impacting women today, in a safe and judgement free environment. Opportunities to exchange ideas and share life experiences. Attend educational workshops and learn from guest speakers.

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Location:

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Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.











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#### Olive Free Library's Exhibition "Roundish" curated by Mimi Czajka Graminski opens September 20

The Olive Free Library Association is very pleased to present the exhibition Roundish featuring 14 visual and performance artists' works in various media focusing on round and roundish forms. The show, curated by Mimi Czajka Graminski will be on display from September 20 through November 1, with an opening reception on Saturday September 20, 3 - 5 pm and an artists' meet & greet and participatory performance on the closing day, Saturday November 1, 2 - 4 pm.

Mimi Czajka Graminski says about this exhibition, "Roundish, round, round up, round down, around, surround.....

This exhibition highlights work that incorporates rounded corners, circular forms, softened angles, and smoothed edges. A variety of media are included from ceramics and mobiles to collage, sculpture, installation, and painting, all with the commonality of roundish forms."

Czajka Graminski continues, "The Roundish exhibition will have two events, an opening reception on Saturday September 20, and an artists' meet & greet and thematical participatory performance "Walking in Circles" by Riva Weinstein on the closing day (November 1) of the show. Walking in Circles is an invitation to slow down, focusing our attention on our breath and our feet by walking in circles, spirals, and figure 8s for 18 minutes in contemplation and celebration of life. The circles, spirals, and figure 8s represent natural circles of life, the daily rise and setting of the sun, the cycles of the moon, and the seasons. The intention is for participants to focus on their breath, their feet, the sensory stimuli around them, and to slow to a more sustainable pace that may provide a glimpse of what is possible when we simply breathe, simply walk, simply listen."

Participating Roundish artists:

Jeremy Bullis - jeremybullis.com

Ellen Hackl Fagan - ehfaganstudio.com Mimi Czajka Graminski - mimigraminski.com Ellen Jouret-Epstein - ejestudioart.com Kirsten Kucer - instagram.com/kirsten.kucer Penelope Hyde Levine - instagram.com/penelopehydelevine Bibiana Huang Matheis - bibiphoto.com Jennifer McGregor Meg Pierce - megpierce.com Stephen Reynolds - stephenreynoldssculpture.com Linda Stillman - lindastillman.com Pamela J. Wallace - pamelajwallacesculpture.com Hanna Washburn - hannawashburn.com Riva Weinstein - rivaweinstein.com



Mimi Czaika Graminski Bowls



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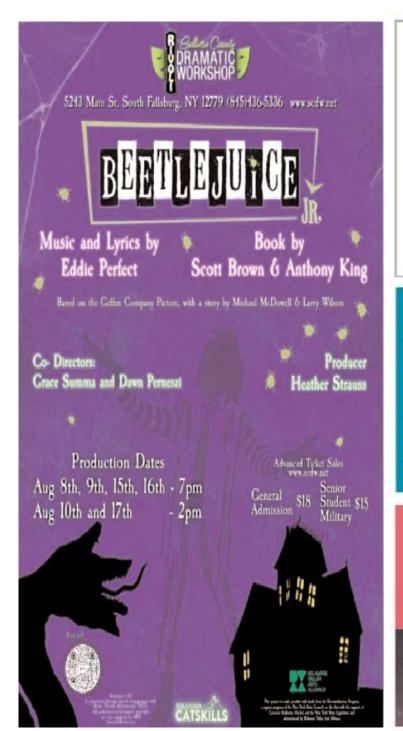
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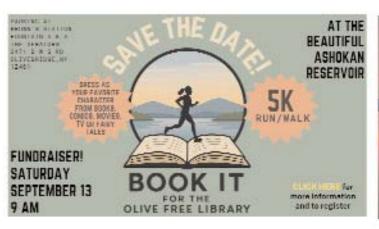
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When: 2nd Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

Where: American Legion Hall\*

What: Guest speakers covering topics like CPR, wildlife, Ashokan Reservoir, etc. & visits from local vendors like the Catskill Visitor Center and Fruition Chocolate

Shuffleboard: meets January-May every Tuesday from to a m.-noon\*\*

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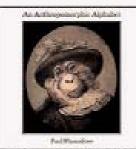
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Meanwhile, Zerelda Wing (Diana Lynn), a social worker is assigned to look into possible illegal and unethical activity at the orphanage. Zerelda isn't aware that her fiancée is one of the politicians responsible.

Tad wants to stay with his new friend Doc, who is attracted to Zerelda, creating discombobulation from his old flame, Clara. All amid romantic and sentimental musical numbers.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Sophia Loren

**This weeks' Trivia question**: Name the movie where Tom Hanks finds himself without a country, taking up residence in an airport.