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Healthiest Fire Department Challenge 2025 Winners Announced and Awards Presented at the Annual Firemen's Parade

[LIBERTY, NY] - Winners of the 2025 Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge were announced at the 96th Annual Sullivan County Volunteer Fireman's Parade on Saturday in Monticello.



Securing first place with a total of 953 points, **Grahamsville Fire Department** will receive a grant in the amount of \$15,000. Grahamsville completed 160 healthy meal replacements, 305 physical activities, weight loss check ins, weekly health & wellness podcasts and an eight-month long water intake challenge. This 1st place grant was made possible in part by Resorts World Catskills.

In second place with a total of 673 points, Kauneonga Lake Fire Department will receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000. Kauneonga Lake participated in a nutrition course with Ellenville Regional Hospital, organized weekly litter plucks as well as an 8-month sleep study and department discussions on mental health. The department shared 33 healthy meals and 52 physical activities and participated in several community events.

"Turtle Awards" in the amount of \$500 were given to departments in recognition of their efforts in specific areas related to building a culture of health among their members. These categories include mental health awareness, improved nutrition, increased physical activity, camaraderie and spirit, and community collaboration. The awards, sponsored by various businesses and organizations, were announced at the parade and will be delivered to individual departments over the coming months.

Also celebrated was the 8-tiered point system which provided the opportunity for all participating departments to qualify for grants up to \$2,000.

Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department received five Turtle Awards with overall points of 420; and in recognition of their work to increase physical activity, improve mental health, nutrition, camaraderie and spirit, and community collaboration. In addition, Rebecca Wood received Challenge Captain of the Year, earning the department an additional award. **Jeffersonville Fire Department** placed 4th in the challenge with overall points of 201; and received two Turtle Awards for Nutrition and a focus on Mental Health.

Hortonville Fire Department received two Turtle Awards with overall points of 109; and in recognition of their efforts to increase physical activity and nutrition. **Livingston Manor Fire Department** received one Turtle Award with overall points of 83; and in recognition of their display of community collaboration. **White Lake Fire Department** received one Turtle Award with overall points of 64; and in recognition of camaraderie and spirit. Finally, **Bloomingsburg Fire Department, with points totaling 56,** received a Turtle Award for camaraderie & spirit. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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On the Front Burner:

Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

Jeremiah 31:10

OBITUARY



Donna J. Smith of Livingston Manor, NY, a retired Office Manager for Royal Wulff Fishing Products in Livingston Manor and a longtime area resident died Monday, August 18, 2025 at Garnet Health Hospital in Harris, NY. She was 78.

The daughter of the late Laverne and Leona Fowler Bidlack, she was born October 16, 1946 in Waverly, NY.

Donna was a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, NY and Sullivan County Community College. She was a member of the East Branch Community Church.

Survivors include her devoted and loving husband, Eugene L. Smith, at home; one brother, Dale Bidlack of Jerseyville, IL; two nieces, three nephews, several great nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Coleton Faulkner. She was predeceased by a brother, Richard Bidlack.

Visitation will be Friday, August 22, 2025 from 10 AM until 12 noon in the Harris Funeral Home Railroad Ave., Roscoe, NY.

Funeral services were held on August 22, 2025 at Harril Funerarl Home, Roscoe, NY. The Rev. Paul Cicio officiated. Burial was in the Riverview Cemetery, Roscoe, NY.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris

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

September 7, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl are the proud parents of a son, born Saturday at Maimonides Hospital. This is their fourth son.

If you are the woman
who lives in a shoe,
Where storage is scarce
and cupboards are few.
Or a once a week shopper
like Mrs. Jay Boom,
Who has pantry shelves
and oodles of room.
You'll find what you need
at our general store
And we hope you'll come back
to shop more and more.
KUM TO KRUM'S

September 3, 1965

Mrs. Margaret DeWire of South Hill, Grahamsville will be teaching first grade in the Ellenville School System at Napanoch. She has had three years' experience in the primary grades and comes to Ellenville from the Monroe-Woodbury schools.

The Ellenville Methodist Church was the scene on August 14 of the wedding of Miss Patricia Ann Taylor and Ivan Ackerley Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sheeley Jr. of Oak Ridge, Ellenville are the parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Ackerley Sr. of Curry. The bride attended Ellenville schools and is employed by Channel Masters. The bridegroom attended Tri Valley School and is employed by Harry Rubenzahl Hatcheries in Neversink. The couple is residing in Curry.

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

September 17, 1975

Mr. Andy Gorton and Mrs. Dawn Pezzella were united in marriage on September 10, 1975 by Town Justice, Harry Bailey, at his home in Claryville.

Wilfred McIntosh, 54, of McIntosh Rd., Liberty, died Sunday at the Albany Veterans Hospital. Born in Liberty on Oct. 7, 1920 to Harvey and Mabel Kortright McIntosh, he was a lifetime area resident. He was married to the former Helen Everett. He is survived by his widow; a son, Ronald of Liberty; three brothers: Philbert of Woodbourne, Dwight of Bradley and Albert of Liberty; a sister, Betty Prentice of Livingston Manor.

September 12, 1985

Airman John T. Skinner, Jr. son of Veronica A. Skinner of Grahamsville has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas after completing basic training. The airman will now receive specialized training in the aircraft maintenance field. He is a 1985 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published August 22, 1996

My daughter Vera and I always go grocery shopping on Wednesdays, and yesterday - Wednesday - Vera found the traffic so heavy she decided to take the back roads in order to keep out of the traffic as much as possible. While riding along we passed a farm with a beautiful garden of sunflowers, and this brought back many memories to me - memories of the Old Man Davis farm where we lived many years ago. We always had sunflowers growing along the edges of a vegetable garden, and each year we waited eagerly until the time when the seeds were ready for picking, toasting, and eating.

I was always fascinated by the way those lovely flowers could sense the direction of the sun and were always looking toward it with a smile. That was surely one of God's miracles at work.

Household Hint:

Clean Caked Paint From Paint Brushes

Soak a dryer sheet in warm water with paint brushes that have fresh or caked-on paint. Allow the chemicals to attach to the paint residue, then rinse and wash away the paint.

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

The Versatile Elderberry

The local bear probably got every peach that grew in Sundown this year. It got all of ours! No peach jelly this year. No canned peaches this winter. Just a very satisfied black bear who may have been so full he passed by our Elderberries.



Our Elderberries began ripening mid August. Usually the birds or other animals, including the bear, harvest them before we can. Not so this year. We still have Elderberries to pick!

An attractive shrub that you might consider cultivating in your backyard. Not only can you eat the tasty Elderberries when they are ripe, but there are many recipes that call for Elderberry blossoms, too. In fact, you may have noticed new

products in the Health Care aisle at the supermarket promoting the benefits of elderberries! The elderberry has certainly popularity this past year.

You will find the Elder berry growing in moist places, in marshes, along riverbanks, along roadsides, and in moist woods and thickets

Elderberry is a member of the honeysuckle family, (*Sambucus nigra/canadensis*) It is a shrub that grows up to thirteen feet high, with smooth, gray bark. Elderberry is a deciduous multi-stemmed shrub with brittle branches that easily bend under the weight of its fruit clusters. Suckers from the roots that branch from the base of the main stems force the plant to form dense thickets, thus making this shrub ideal for a living fence.

The opposite, feather-compound leaves may be over three feet long. This leaf is divided into 5-11 coarsely toothed, pointed, short-stalked elliptical leaflets, each 3-4" long.

In late spring or early summer, the Elder bears tiny, branched, white, lacy flowers in flat-topped to slightly rounded clusters (panicles) that spread over 6" across.

Flowers may be collected by plucking off the stalk at the base of a cluster. If you do collect the flower clusters, take only a small amount of the flowers from each bush, and collect only where they are abundant or the plant won't produce any tasty berries. Where you find one Elderbush, you usually find many more.

Once the berries are ripe you will look for the tiny, spherical, juicy, purple-black to black, seedy berries that are hardly more than 1/8" across. They grow in branched clusters, like the flowers, ripening from mid-summer to early fall. Their high quantities commonly weigh down the branches of the shrub.

You should never eat green Elderberries! In fact, some people may not tolerate ripe Elderberries unless they are cooked in pancakes, muffins, pies, jams and jellies or wine. Be sure that you check with someone who can definitely identify a plant before consuming any wild berries or plant parts.

Certainly a versatile shrub, the Elderberry has a long history among the Native Americans and European folk medicine. Elderberry was especially prone to attracting quite the array of mythology. It was sacred in Saxony. In Norse and Teutonic myth, Elderberry was sacred to the goddess Hulda, and in the later period of the Scalds, to Freya who they believed dwelled within the Elder Tree. In some parts of Asia Elderberry was used to keep the evil spirits away. Often you will see illustrations of fairies perched on an Elderberry cluster.

Whether you enjoy the beauty or the taste of the feathery white blossoms this time of the year, collecting the ripened fruit or just watching the many birds that are attracted to the berries, having an Elderberry tree in your backyard can be delightful. For us -Elderberry jam!

Fall is a GREAT TIME for a Field Trips to the Time and the Valleys Museum and 1930s Catskill Farm!

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Fall is a great time to visit the Time and the Valleys Museum and Depression era Catskill Farm where students can have fun working together to explore an earlier time and uncover secrets of the past!



Guided by trained Museum educators, students handle million year old fossils and Native American artifacts, build tunnels, visit an outdoor 1930s farm with a farm house, barn, milk house and working waterwheel, experience an interactive exhibition on NYC's water supply system, and more. "Students enjoy our field trips and have fun while working together to explore important historical and environmental concepts," according to Donna Steffens, Museum Director.

Each of the 2 1/2 hour programs provide in-depth information in fun and exciting ways to stimulates student's learning. Comprehensive pre-visit information packets and fun activity sheets are also included. Lunch area is provided. The programs are available year round, Monday through Friday, for k to 12th grade students (minimum 15, maximum 100 students per day). The cost is \$5 per student with teachers and chaperones FREE.

For more information on the Museum's field trips, please go to www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. For questions or to book a field trip, please call Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator at 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

The Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County is a great place to connect students with history and the environment through three different interactive k-12 field trips:

1. Water Through History (all ages): Students identify fossils, handle Native American artifacts and explore how waterwheels powered 19th century industry.

2. 1930s Catskill Farm (all ages): Forget pumpkin picking! Bring them to an educational Depression Era Farm to run around and experience farm life, explore the farm family and discover the differences between life then and now.

3. Upstate Water and NYC (great for grades 4-9): Students explore an interactive exhibit on NYC's Catskill water system, learn about watersheds, the importance of clean water, land takings and eminent domain.



About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has three floors of interactive exhibitions, the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a local history research center and gift shop with fun and educational gifts, books and locally made crafts. The Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

All Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

o **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities, including the new exhibition *As the Wheel Turns: Water Powered Industries in the Catskills*.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

Time and the Valleys Museum

Connecting People, Water and the Catskills

2025 - 2026 Field Trips • TEAMWORK • SURVIVAL • FUN

FALL ON A DEPRESSION-ERA CATSKILLS FARM

Explore a 1930s Catskill farm during harvest time and uncover the secrets of the past! Crisp fall air, colorful leaves, and the bustle of farm chores set the scene as you become a detective and solve farm-life mysteries.



Inside the Farmhouse

- No bathrooms? No electricity? No phones?!! No Way! How did they do it?
- Listen to crackly 1930s radio shows and dance to old-time music.
- Play games with a friend and discover how kids had fun without screens!

Around the Farm

- Follow a treasure map through barns, wagon and tool sheds, animal pens, the sawmill, waterwheel - AND MORE!
- Hunt for clues in live demonstrations and videos as you solve the mystery of life on an old-fashioned farm.
- Check out farm rigs, tools, and machinery that powered daily work - from human to animal to gas-powered.
- Tackle the chores of a 1930s farm kid - can you handle it?



Power Through Changing Times

- **MUSCLE POWER** – Show your strength at people- and animal-powered jobs.
- **WATER POWER** – Watch how a water wheel spins and drives machines.
- **ELECTRIC POWER** – Step into a mini power plant and see how it lit up the farm.

Saving Food, Saving Water, Saving the Earth

- Enter a time without waste - every crumb saved and every drop spared.
- Discover the ways food was saved or stored - venture into a hillside cave, what does it hold?
- From well to work and back again - pump water from deep in the earth and count all the farm chores one bucket can do.
- Partner challenge - Create a plan to conserve, preserve and protect our planet today.

Time and the Valleys Museum

Connecting People, Water and the Catskills

2025 Field Trips Water: Humankind's Vital Connection

OPTION 1 Water Through History



- **Become a Paleontologist**

Unearth fossils from a time before humans walked the Earth, uncovering clues about ancient environments and how water forever changes landscapes.

- **Discover the Stories held within Native American Artifacts**

Analyze authentic Native American artifacts and discover how Indigenous Peoples collected, utilized and preserved water resources.

- **Explore Historic Innovation**

Discover how early communities harnessed water power to operate tools and equipment, and observe a working water-wheel as it generates electricity.

- **Dive into Water Science**

Investigate what makes pollutants or purifies water and engage in hands-on methods to explore real-world filtration.

OPTION 2 Upstate Water and New York City

- **From Mountains to Metropolis: How New York City Quenches its Thirst**

Uncover the epic story of the development of New York City's Water System, follow the water's path from Catskill Mountain streams through reservoirs, aqueducts and tunnels to New York City faucets.

- **Relive the Drama of Displacement**

Feel the tension and follow the emotional journey of displaced families whose lives are forever changed by the creation of the New York City Water System.

- **Watershed Detective**

What is watershed? Discover how watersheds act as nature's bathtub, channeling rain and streams into reservoirs that become our drinking water. Explore why protecting our watersheds is essential and learn how clean water keeps us healthy.

- **Become a Water Guardian**

Collaborate with a partner to identify and eliminate water contaminants.



Time and the Valleys Museum

Connecting People, Water and the Catskills

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WHY TEACHERS CHOOSE THESE PROGRAMS

- ✓ Custom tailored to align with grade-specific **NYS STEM** and **Social Studies** standards
- ✓ Immersive, problem-based lessons promote critical thinking
- ✓ Collaborative tasks foster communication and team-building skills
- ✓ Real-world applications enhance engagement with curriculum

FIELD TRIPS INCLUDE

- 📖 Preparatory/followup instructional materials
- 👤 Fully guided program with experienced educators who bring history to life
- 🙌 Hands on discovery activities turn learning into an adventure
- 🛒 Museum shop - take learning home with educational gifts and souvenirs
- 🌳 Beautiful grounds with indoor/outdoor lunch area



PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Grades:** K - 12 custom designed to grade level standards
- **Duration:** 2 ½ hours
- **Group size:** 15 to 100 students
- **Location:** *Time and the Valleys Museum*
- **Price:** \$5.00 per student (*Teachers and chaperones FREE*)
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BOOK NOW FOR FALL 2025 & SPRING 2026

👤 **Contact** Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator

📞 **Phone** 845-985-7700

✉️ **Email** info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

? **Scan QR Code for more information** ➡️



Healthiest Fire Department Challenge 2025 Winners Announced and Awards Presented at the Annual Firemen's Parade



(From Pg. 1) Since January when the challenge kicked off, 17 departments have engaged in activities (challenges) to enhance the physical and mental health of their members. Departments received credit in the form of “turtle points” for each health focused activity they completed. Activities ranged from serving healthier meals during drill and meeting nights; joining as a department family and hiking or walking local trails; attending health related seminars and becoming trained in suicide prevention. There were also water consumption and weight loss challenges.



The 2025 Turtle Award sponsors include: 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon; Black Bear Fuel Oil, Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills; Jeff Bank; Prestige Towing & Recovery; Resorts World Catskills; Rotary Clubs of Liberty & Monticello; Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc.; Sullivan Fire Protection Corp.; Thompson Sanitation.

Watch the presentation of the award

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=2533733466982279

My First Sullivan County Firemen's Parade

- Laura Buley Entenmann

I went to see my first Sullivan County Firemen's Parade and to see my son, Joshua march with the Beaverkill Fire Department. My excitement grew as the crowd grew.

Then the rain came.



I prayed really hard that the rain would stop and the sun would shine.

Just as the first siren rang and the fire trucks began coming down Broadway the sun came and the rain stopped.

As I watched the parade I got shivers as I thought about how these fine men and women serve our community in so many ways.

I'm so grateful that the sun came out –perhaps it was showing its gratitude as did so many people in our local communities.

Thank you to all of the fine men and women for their service.

God bless.



Beaverkill FD Award



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 145 Ivy Is A Weed

Mysterious Book Report No. 417

by John Dwaine McKenna

Published September 10, 2020

Author Robert Roseth is a man with a strong sense of humor, an ear for sarcasm and a talent for satire. He puts all of those elements together in his first novel, (Self-published, \$13.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-578-62246-0) a

tongue-in-cheek, hysterical behind-the-scenes look at the foibles, follies and free-for-alls that go on in today's so-called institutions of higher education . . . and it's all neatly wrapped around a mysterious death on the campus of a major university.

The novel begins when a man named Mike Woodsen, the university's public affairs officer, is roused out of his girlfriend's bed in the middle of the night by a member of the campus police, who informs him that "A body has been found on campus." "Where," the groggy Woodson asks.

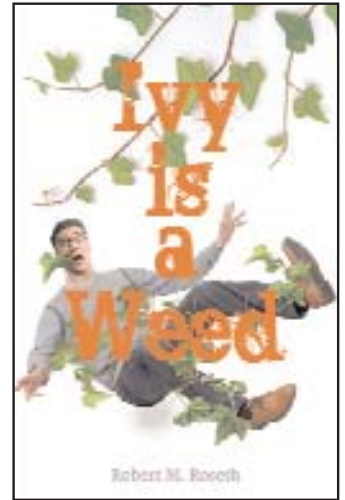
"Near main central . . ."

Right near my office, the now wide-awake PIO thinks. "I'll be there as fast as I can get dressed."

Jeremy Ronson, a top-ranked university official, has fallen to his death from a fourth floor window at his office. The question is of course: How? Did he jump, or was he pushed? The campus police claim that his death was an accident. The administration is fine with that . . . they want the problem to disappear as fast as possible so they can get back to what really matters most . . . grubbing for money.

Mike Woodsen however, doesn't buy into the university's make-it-go-away ASAP policy. He decides to conduct his own investigation on the down low, while keeping up a cynical and often hilarious commentary on the absurdities of campus life in the early years of the new millennium. If you're craving some relief from the god-awful state of the news and world affairs *Ivy Is A Weed* is just the ticket. It'll leave you grinning like the Cheshire Cat himself!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

September Poetry

I wrote this little poem and then had AI write one. Notice the similarities in what WE felt about September. By the way, I wrote mine first. Artificial Intelligence rhymed the poem and produced it in less than 30 seconds.

Amazing, yet scary!

SEPTEMBER IS A POEM

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

September is a poem
 Unrhymed, untamed, and unfettered
 By the meter of a calendar.
 Neither summer, nor fall, it transitions
 As the sun drops low on the horizon.
 Juicy with fruit and garden bounty,
 Alive with color and fragrant with mums.
 Blessed with warm days and chilly nights,
 Reminding us that the long winter
 Lurks around the corner.
 September is free verse
 Written by the wind.

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-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice.

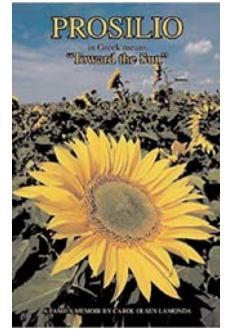
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A Poem

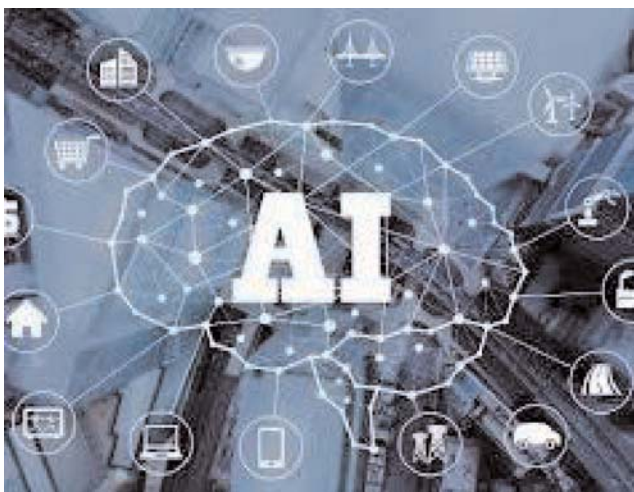
By AI

September's breeze whispers low,
 A gentle lullaby to summer's glow.
 The sun-kissed days begin to fade,
 As leaves turn amber, crimson, and shade.

The scent of woodsmoke and ripe fruit blends,
 As nature's final dance before winter's ends.
 The stars appear with greater ease,
 In September's darkening evening breeze.

The world is painted, vibrant and bright,
 A fleeting beauty, a wondrous sight.
 The air is crisp, the winds do sigh,
 As September's magic passes by.

In this month of change and twilight hue,
 There's a melancholy beauty, true.



Get Your DPL Card

September is free library card month!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Do you live in the Tri-Valley school district and have a library card?

If not, stop in and pick one up. The application process is not hard-a simple form-and a check of address via a driver's license and utility (or similar) bill. The entire process takes less than a couple of minutes and gives you a lifetime of opportunities. With a DPL card you could: borrow materials (books, audio books, magazines, DVD's) from us or put materials on hold through other libraries, gain 24/7 access to e-books, audiobooks and movies, download Libby, register for online programming and utilize databases and research materials. At the library, you would also be able to access the internet, Wi-Fi and computers, as well. In addition, and not everyone knows this, but with the DPL being one of 47 libraries that make up RCLS-Ramapo Catskill Library System-patrons with our card can then go and visit all the other libraries in the system. For one little card, it really opens up the whole world!

With summer programming wrapped up, we're already looking to the fall. If you thought the past few months at the library have been busy, you haven't seen anything yet. Fall is shaping up to be just as jam packed with fabulous programs, amazing events and fun times to be had.

We're hosting another senior social on September 18 at 1PM. Join us for an afternoon of conversation and friendship amongst fellow retirees. Please contact Adele Barnard at ambarnard57@gmail.com or by phone at 845/ 428-2383 with any questions and register online through our website.

Plans for our 39th annual Giant Pumpkin Party are in full swing. This year's party is going to be on Saturday, October 4 from 10AM to 4PM at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Cross your fingers for a dry, beautiful fall day! If you haven't gone yet, it's an amazing day of games and activities, delicious food, live music, craft vendors and a huge book sale. Literally, something for everyone. Children especially enjoy the costume march along the pavilion showing off their scariest...or cutest...costumes. All march participants receive a special book prize and a sweet treat. Registration for that begins at the fairground at 9:30, the day of, with the march starting at 10AM. We'll have the famous giant pumpkin contest too, so if the deer haven't eaten your prize pumpkins yet, consider entering one into our contest. There are separate categories for adults and children and prizes awarded. GPP booklets containing all the contest rules, a map of the general set up and detailed information regarding the many fantastic GPP donors can be picked up at the adult circulation desk. While here, purchase raffle tickets. GPP raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and there are many fabulous prizes to be had. All proceeds from raffle sales and the GPP itself helps fund the many programs offered at the library and will help us purchase much needed technology and books for all age groups.

Also starting in October is our popular eight-week fall children's programs. This is an amazing opportunity for children in our community. Designed for caregivers and



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their children ages 12 months to 4 years, these engaging programs promote early literacy and spark a lifelong love of learning and reading through stories, crafts, music and friendship-building activities. We have three age-specific programs to choose from: Mother Goose Time (12-23 months old) starting Wednesday, October 15, Toddler Time (2-35 months old) starting Thursday, October 16, and Story Hour (3- and 4-year-olds) starting Friday, October 17. And of course, we'll be continuing our fall UPK Story Hour, where we visit each of the three Tri-Valley CSD UPK classes and treat the children to a story, an interactive felt story and the chance to check out books. For detailed information regarding each of the programs and to register (only open to Tri-Valley residents) please visit our website.

And then, Sportsmen's Bingo!

The DPL/Grahamsville Fire Department Bingo game will be held on Saturday, November 1 at the fire house. Seating is limited so please stop by the library to pick up your tickets ASAP! Tickets are \$35 per ticket (includes 7 games and all BINGO supplies). There are many great prizes to win, with more chances to win with tricky tray baskets and extra game cards. Doors will open at 5:30PM with calling starting at 6:30PM.

It's going to be a fantastic fall, please stay tuned to all our comings and goings through the website and our social media platforms.



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Fallsburg Retirees Meet for Annual Breakfast



It is the day before school reopens in Fallsburg, and that means the retired staff gets together to celebrate their many years serving the children in the town. The annual breakfast at a local diner-this year at Liberty Diner-dates back to 1984. The one year that it was not held was 2021 because of the Covid pandemic.

Twenty-five former teachers and staff were happy to greet each other and share updates on families and other retirees that were unable to attend. Robin Pantel welcomed the group as she accepted the organizing reins from Eileen Kalter, who was "retiring" from the role that she handled so capably for countless years.

Lots of smiles and engaged conversation filled the bright late summer morning. The Town of Fallsburg is grateful to each of these people and their colleagues for the many, many years of service to the children and the community.

DEC Seeks Inspiring Images of Trees for Annual Poster Contest

Original Artwork and Photography Submissions Themed "Trees for the Future" Accepted until Nov. 30

Winner to be Featured on 2026 State Arbor Day Poster

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced the launch of the annual Arbor Day Poster contest, encouraging photographers and artists of all ages to submit images that capture the power and beauty of trees. The poster is released annually by DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program to celebrate and recognize the benefits of trees to people, nature, and the environment.

"Trees are powerful allies in building resilient communities, ecosystems, and a healthier future," said Commissioner Lefton. "As we work together towards our goal of planting 25 million trees by 2033, this poster competition is a chance for New Yorkers to share their vision of the beauty and benefits of trees and to inspire others to celebrate, plant, and protect them."

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Trees contribute to the beautiful scenery that makes up New York's landscapes and to our agricultural story by providing us with the first crop of the season of sweet maple syrup. They also power our wood products industry, clean our air, and improve water quality. The annual Arbor Day Poster Contest is a wonderful celebration of New York's trees and their importance to the daily lives of New Yorkers and visitors alike. I encourage everyone to take part in the Arbor Day Poster Contest and help us showcase their significance."

Submissions should reflect this year's theme, "Trees for the Future," expressing through original photos or artwork the connections between people and trees, the importance of planting trees for future generations, and the role of trees in providing resilience in a changing climate. DEC will accept submissions on behalf of the New York State Arbor Day Committee through Nov. 30, 2025.

The winning image will be featured on the 2026 Arbor Day poster. The poster is distributed across the state for Arbor Day celebrations, the New York State Fair, schools, libraries, local conservation councils, and other events.

The annual Arbor Day Poster contest is sponsored by the New York State Arbor Day Committee, which includes DEC, the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Empire State Forestry Foundation, the New York State Arborists Association, and Sylvamo North America. Entries must feature trees growing within New York State, be of acceptable image resolution, and are limited to one per person. To enter, read the complete contest rules and submit entries using the online submission form.

For more information about the contest, visit DEC's website or email arborday@dec.ny.gov.

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Introducing the Judges Announced for 2025 Empowering a Healthier Generation Competition

[LIBERTY, NY] - Four Sullivan County schools are gearing up to welcome a panel of esteemed judges as the 2025 Empowering a Healthier Generation Competition concludes. This competition is part of Sullivan 180's countywide school wellness initiative; and celebrates student and staff efforts to make health and wellness a central part of school and community life. Awards will be announced at the Empowering a Healthier Generation Celebration at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on September 24, 2025.

The competing schools Eldred Junior Senior High School, Livingston Manor Middle/High School (now part of the Rockland Central School District), and Monticello's George L. Cooke Elementary and Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary Schools will each host the judges on-site to showcase their wellness efforts. Judges will meet with school representatives, tour the buildings, and observe Healthier Generation Competition Grant projects in action before determining the winning school and awarding additional funding to support continued wellness initiatives.

Meet the Judges: The panel of judges is made of professionals from diverse backgrounds who will bring unique perspectives to the experience.

Dr. Tracy Benson is the Founder and former Executive Director of the Waters Center for Systems Thinking and is a nationally respected consultant and coach in systems thinking. With over 25 years in PreK-20 education, including roles as a teacher, administrator,



From left to right: Dr. Tracy Benson and Wendy Gordon.



left to right: Mayor Michael Newhard and Sterling Ta'Bon, MSPH.

instructional leader, and published author her career has focused on building capacity for transformational change in schools and organizations alike.

Wendy Gordon is an Environmental Health scientist and social entrepreneur who co-founded PIPs (Positive Impact Points) Rewards to help students earn incentives for positive impact actions. A former senior scientist at the National Resource Defense Council and co-creator of The Green Guide, Gordon serves on several national nonprofit boards and remains committed to youth empowerment and sustainability. Her work has had international reach, including partnerships with global organizations to promote environmental education and social impact worldwide.

Mayor Michael Newhard, Mayor of Warwick, NY since 2001, is recognized for leading award-winning community revitalization efforts and promoting small business, public art, and inclu-

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sive public spaces. Newhard has championed projects that enhanced quality of life and inclusivity. Under his leadership, Warwick has earned national attention for beautification, infrastructure improvement, and community engagement. He was also a long-standing judge with Sullivan Renaissance.

Sterling Ta'Bon, MSPH is a Healthy Schools Manager at Cairn Guidance, a consulting business with expertise in adult learning and training, health education, school health and public health. Ta'Bon is a passionate public health professional with experience in mental health, epidemiology, and youth leadership. He manages national projects on depression and anxiety curriculum, and systems change, while also running a local youth leadership program in Sumter, SC, where he was named a Top 20 Under 40 professionals.

"We are thrilled to welcome this esteemed panel of judges to Sullivan County," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Sullivan 180 Director of Health and Wellness. "Their diverse expertise and fresh perspectives not only bring excitement to the competition but also offer a valuable opportunity to strengthen the Empowering a Healthier Generation Program and help our schools grow their impact on student and community wellness."

As the judges prepare to visit, the competing schools are ready to showcase the innovative and inspiring ways they've made health a priority for students, staff, and their broader communities.

For more information about the Healthier Generation Grants or to RSVP to the Celebration, please visit www.sullivan180.org

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, *The River Reporter*, *The Sullivan County Democrat*, *Manor Ink* and *WJFF Radio Catskill*. Learn more at Sullivan180.org.

Coming Up

Open Mic

Every Sunday:

DeFilippis Bakery in Monticello at 506 Broadway presents "Every Sunday - Open Mic 11AM-1PM. Dusty David Rosenberg and Lively Laura Garone have acted as Co-Masters of Ceremonies for the past nine (9) years.

Frequently, Steve Schwartz, proprietor of Steve's Music Center, located at 248 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY shows up with his band, with Steve on lead guitar, Kenny Windheim on bass and Eric Nies on the keyboard. The group often accompanies and encourages other singers and music students. Young performers receive a cookie. Owner Angelo Foglia is the baker, and owner Camela is the cook. On the menu is oven-baked Italian bread, bagels, cannoli's, cakes and cookies with breakfast. Free Admission. Call (845) 791-4103 for further information.

Every Wednesday:

Heartbeat Music Hall, owned and operated by musicians David and Theresa Trestyn, in Grahamsville at 290 Main Street, present "Open Mic Night" from 7PM-10PM. Open Mic Night often includes surprise traveling guests. This being their 5th year running, and are open through Thanksgiving. BYOB. Free Admission. Call (845) 985-5068 for further information.

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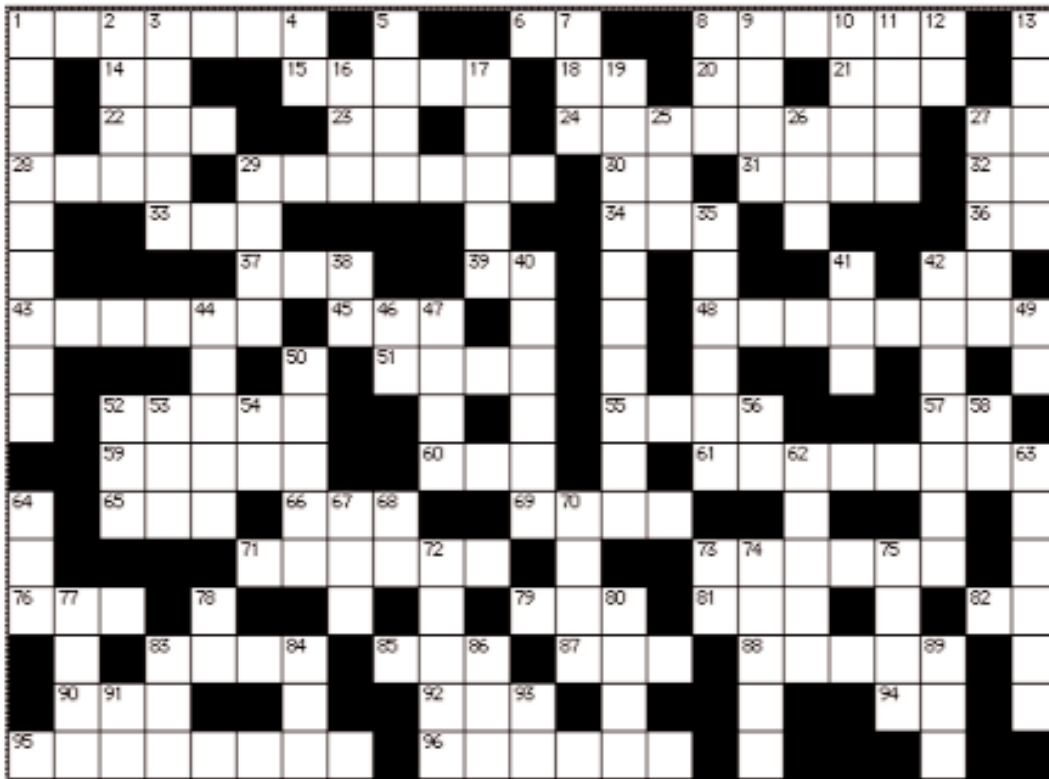
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- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 8 ounces taco sauce
- 2/3 cup finely crushed tortilla chips
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 ounces), divided
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup Bisquick

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate.

Cook and stir ground beef, onion and garlic until brown; drain. Stir in chili powder, oregano, salt, pepper and 1/2 cup taco sauce. Sprinkle tortilla chips evenly in plate. Top with 1 1/2 cups cheese; spread with beef mixture.

Beat milk, eggs and baking mix until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into plate. Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes.

Spread remaining taco sauce over top; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake until cheese is melted, 3 to 5 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Serve with chopped tomato, shredded lettuce and sour cream if desired.

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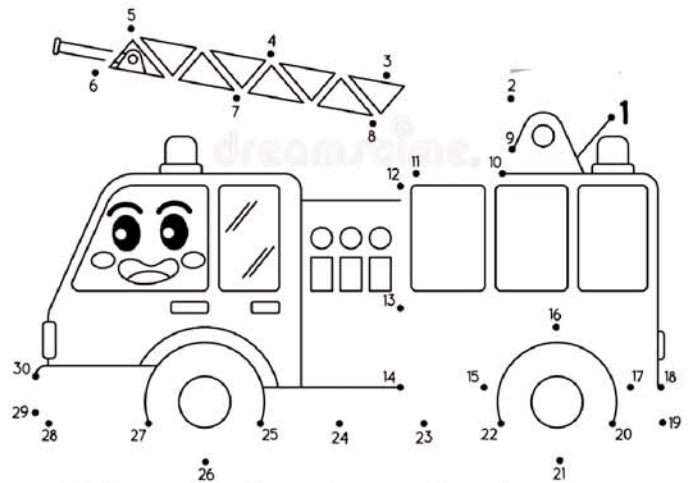
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Nov. 1 - Nov. 7	3% penalty
	<i>Total Due.</i>

The School Tax Collector will "NOT" accept payments after November 7, 2025.

All unpaid School Taxes will be relieved at an additional 7% and added on to your January 2026 Town and County Tax Bill.

Tax bills will be mailed as soon as possible.

PATRIOT PLAN: Under the provisions of Section 925-d of the Real Property Tax Law, known as the "Patriot Plan" you may be eligible for a deadline extension on your tax payment. Contact the Tax Collector for details.

Martha TerBush, School Tax Collector
Dated: September 1, 2025

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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 Special Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School's Lower Level Collaboration Center.

Samantha Damms
District Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE September 5, 2025

Proposed Amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has initiated a 15 day public comment period on proposed amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Transportation Improvement Program
The TIP is a five-year capital program that assigns federal funds to transportation projects located in Ulster County. The proposed amendments to the TIP are as follows:

- o Resolution 2025-13: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add NYSDOT Project PIN 8LC231.

- o Purpose: Rehabilitate several culverts carrying NY Routes 28, 213, 299 and US Route 209 over streams and improving resilience to extreme weather events.

- o Sponsor: NYSDOT

- o Total Project Cost: \$8.049m

The proposed amendment to the TIP can be viewed online at:

<https://uctc.ulstercountyny.gov/core-documents/transportation-improvement-plan-tip/>

Public Comments

Written comments may be sent to the Ulster County Transportation Council, c/o Brian Slack, 244 Fair Street, PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402-1800 or emailed to bsla@co.ulster.ny.us. The public comment period ends Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:00pm.

The UCTC Policy Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 10:00 am at the Rondout Municipal Center (Joint Marbletown/Rosendale Town Hall), 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY to discuss public comments received and consider adopting the proposed TIP amendment. All UCTC meetings begin with an open call for public comment.

Meeting notification and agenda packet will be posted ten (10) days prior at:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation/>

For additional information, please call Dennis Doyle at (845) 340-3340.

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Oct 4, 2025

Chicken BBQ Sept 20, 2025
(See Pg. 26)

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

St. Mary's and St. Andrews Church
139 S Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12740

Mass Times
SUNDAY EUCHARIST
5:00 PM Saturday Evening
7:30 AM Sunday Morning
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
(Latin) 11:30 AM Sunday Morning*
(Spanish) 1:00 PM Sunday Afternoon
*Sung Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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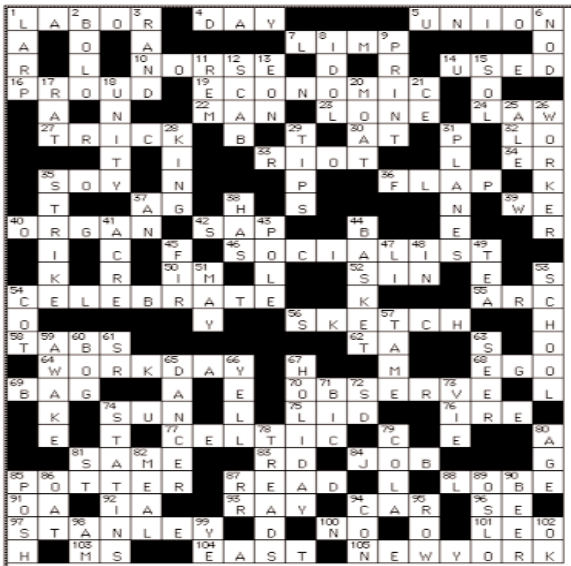
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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9	8	6	3	7	2	1	4	5
5	7	1	6	8	9	4	2	3
3	2	9	4	5	7	6	8	1
6	4	8	2	1	3	5	7	9



Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper
 Saturday, October 4th, 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)

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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 Grahamsville, NY 12740
Thrift Sale Schedule 2025
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

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Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/10/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
9/17/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
9/18/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
9/18/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
9/20/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
9/20/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Silver Anniversary Tractor Show 10-6 Fairgrounds
10/4/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
10/15/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/21/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Silver Anniversary Antique Tractor Show - Sat., Sept. 20 10 - 6 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds

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 **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the 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

September 8 - September 12, 2025

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

Monday, September 8

- 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
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, September 9

- o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health, in the Director's Conference Room, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2025**, A Local Law Amending Section C-42(A) Of The Ulster County Charter And Section A5-3(A) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect Recent Changes In State Public Health Law Regarding The Composition Requirements For Local Boards Of Health, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:45 PM - County Executive Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2025**, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Amend Charter Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §C-110 And Administrative Code Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §A34-3, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- 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, September 10

- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **3:30 PM** (or immediately following UC HDC Audit Committee) - **Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Board Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the Legislative, Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **4:15 PM** (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - **Ways & Means Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Thursday, September 11

- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Public Hearing: 2026 Budget**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & Via livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>
- o **6:15 PM** (or immediately following UCRRRA Public Hearing) - **Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>

Friday, September 12

- o No Meetings

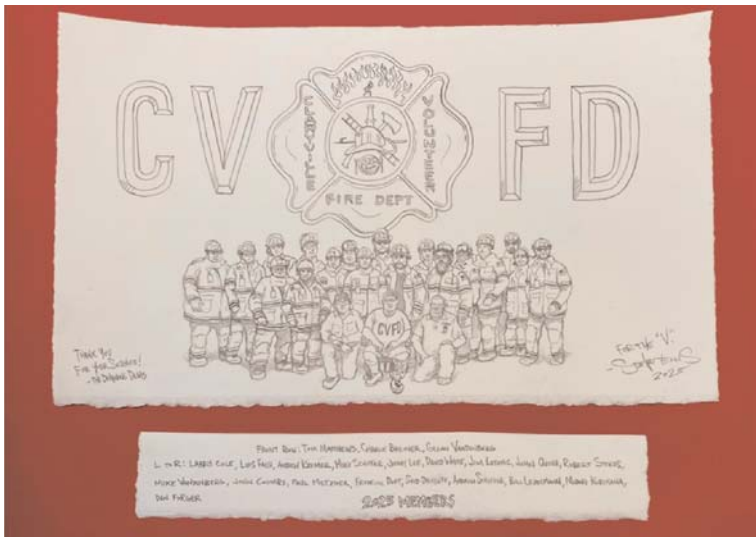
A Portrait of Volunteerism by Artist and Denning Resident Steve Ellis

I chatted with Steve about a drawing he made of Claryville firefighters that he gifted to the fire department during their August 25 Monday night drill.



Steve looked happy after hanging his framed drawing in the Claryville Firehall. Our volunteer firefighters are also very happy.

ized. Knowing your creative, off-the-beaten path tendencies, I was sure that it wouldn't be a drawing of rainbows, unicorns and flowers. But, wow, just wow, I never expected that you'd draw over 20 active firefighters and one life member and embed all the insignia of



firefighting, generally, and, more specifically, of the CVFD. So tell us, how did this come about?

SE: Hi Jenny, as you can attest, volunteer work often goes unnoticed and the CVFD is an important volunteer group. I live a few doors down from the firehouse and I hear the alarm at some odd hours. I really appreciate the volunteers dropping everything to show up, suit up and answer the call. I decided instead of drawing a fire truck or a random firefighter in action, I wanted to celebrate this year's entire gang of volunteers.

JL: What was the funnest part of this project?

SE: Starting it and finishing it.

JL: And what drove you absolutely crazy, like bananas/nuts crazy?

SE: Everything in between. Haha. Seriously, that was fun too but attempting likenesses of all the members was difficult. But at no point was I driven bananas crazy nuts.

JL: It's quite common that artists and creatives integrate hidden messages, including homages and jokes, into their work. Did you do so in your drawing?

SE: I attempted to draw the CVFD mascot in my own way but decided I couldn't improve on the original so he's there in tiny silhouette

placed at the top of the logo. He's surrounded by flames, perhaps responsible. I also introduced a smiling plate of pancakes to honor the breakfast crew.

There may be more subtle details, you have to look around.

JL: A work of art, especially one that's deep from the heart and mind - like this drawing - cannot be measured in tangible ways. But out of curiosity, how much time did you put into its execution and to what extent were you thinking about it, when you were not actively working on it.

SE: I think it took a couple days to draw and of course lots of research for the faces. I personally know a bunch of the volunteers but had to look at many of your photos, scour Facebook, and meet a few of the members at a drill. I definitely think about whatever I work on while not actively working on it.

JL: You and Christine have been ardent, long-time supporters of the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department in ways tangible and otherwise. How would you rank this drawing?

SE: Ranking it compared to... the weather vane I gifted 10+ years ago? Yeah it's better than that.

JL: Claryville is a remote, rural hamlet that straddles two towns, Neversink and Denning, in the counties of Sullivan and Ulster, respectively. It is a special place and Claryvillians are a self-selecting demographic. How did you and Christine find Claryville and what drew you to this place?

SE: We found Claryville in the summer of 2008. Driving along Frost Valley Road and seeing a family of bears cross it confirmed that we were in a special place.

JL: So what do you guys do when you're up here?

SE: Cooking, keeping busy, being in nature, you know, country living stuff. It doesn't get old.

JL: How do you describe Claryville to your friends and what do you show them when they visit?

SE: We tell them it's a special kind of place. There's a great community here, long time residents with families that go way back and recent idiot converts living in harmony. The year round beauty is inspiring and there's always something to do or not do.

JL: Well, Steve, thank you for your time. I really enjoyed our chat. Unbeknownst to you, developing this interview with you has inspired me to launch the **Oral History Project** for our SE: I think that's exciting! You should do that! Go Jenny Go!

You can view Steve's work at his website and follow him on Instagram

If you have interview suggestions for the **Oral History Project**, please contact Jenny Lee at 201-873-5853, jennylee@pratt.edu

Join our Claryville (Denning-Neversink) Neighbors Facebook Group.

Artist and Denning resident Steve Ellis's drawing of 2025 Active Members of the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

Steve looked happy after hanging his framed drawing in the Claryville Firehall. Our volunteer firefighters are also very happy.

Steve made this weather vane for the fire department over 10 years ago. That's Jake the department's mascot on top of flames! It is made out of sheet steel that is well- weathered, so to speak.



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You may pick up coupons at the Office for the Aging in the Government Center in Monticello between 8:30



a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the Transportation Building, 401 Airport Road, Swan Lake, every Tuesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Office at (845) 807-0241 or (845) 807-0245.

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

Autumn in Ulster County

As autumn's crisp air rolls in, Ulster County erupts with a vibrant mosaic of fiery reds, glowing oranges, and golden yellows-perfect conditions for two-wheeled explorations. If you're craving an unforgettable weekend-or even multi-day-pedal-powered adventure, fall in Ulster offers world-class routes, scenic rail trails, rugged forest passages, and lakeside loops.

Go further, faster when you explore Ulster County's scenic beauty by bicycle. Here's your guide to experiencing Fall on the bike.

Ashokan Rail Trail

This 11-mile crushed-stone path stretches along the North and South Basins of the Ashokan Reservoir. It offers relatively easy gradients, scenic reservoir views framed by fall foliage, and multiple picnic spots. Technical riders and beginners alike will appreciate its smooth surface and striking backdrop of plunging chilly water and sloping hillsides painted in autumn glory.

Perfect for:

Relaxed day rides and light bikepacking. Stop and picnic at the overlooks.

Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Lakes, Ledges, & Leaves

Just below New Paltz sits Minnewaska State Park Preserve-22,000 acres of scenery built for bicycle sightseeing. With rugged shale cliffs, rock scrambles, sky lakes, and forested carriage roads, trail riding here is ideal for those seeking a moderate challenge with a high reward. With the undulating topography, remember that every climb has an amazing view waiting for you on top.

You have your choice of stunning options as well: climb to Gertrude's Nose overlook, cruise down gravel lanes around Lake Minnewaska or Lake Awosting, or find your own adventure and enjoy countless side paths, streams, and panoramic moments.

Highlights:

35 miles of carriage roads & 25 miles of natural trails

Fall foliage mirrored in sky lakes, backed by the climbing hotspot, The Gunks cliffs

Mohonk Preserve & The Trapps

Discover one of Ulster County's true treasures: the Mohonk Preserve, a nationally recognized Leave No Trace Gold Standard site. Spanning over 8,000 acres of scenic forest, lakes, and sky-high cliffs, the Preserve offers gravel and mountain bikers a network of historic carriage roads that are as rideable as they are breathtaking. The Trapps area-celebrated by hikers and recently ranked #2 on USA Today's Best Hiking Trails in America-is also a top pick for cyclists seeking peaceful, well-maintained paths with unforgettable views. Whether you're chasing elevation or coasting lakeside, Mohonk delivers a ride worth the trip.

Trail Capacity:

Over 70 miles of bike-accessible carriage roads

Attraction:

The famed John Burroughs-era woodlands and big-sky ridge panoramas with the crunching of colorful leaves under your wheels as you ride.

Reasons to Ride in Ulster County

The diverse terrain throughout Ulster County makes it both challenging and rewarding. And for every climb, your reward is a view of what makes fall so beautiful in the Catskills. From rail trails to the top of vistas, and passes to gravel roads, there is something for every skill level. Nature's ability to create hues you can never imagine makes Ulster the epicenter of fall riding. The tapestry of abundant fall colors from inviting ambers to bold crimsons and so much in between offers nonstop photo ops for every cyclist.

Looking for a bike to rent or a tour to take? Try these:

TRT Bicycles, Rosendale; Bicycle Depot, New Paltz; New Paltz Biking; Hudson Bike Co, Highland; Springtown Cycles, New

Paltz;Utility Bicycle Works, Kingston;Easy Riders Ebike Rental, Saugerties;Overlook Bicycles: Woodstock, Kingston and Shokan; and Guided Bike Tours: Hudson Valley Detours, Saugerties

The Journey Awaits-Let's Ride

Ulster County isn't just a region-it's your autumn stage set for adventure. Wind through reservoirs, climb ridge-lines, splash through leaf-strewn forest-every pedal stroke reveals a burst of autumn magic and memory-making moments.

Seek for yourself this season-your bikepacking story awaits in the heart of Ulster County this fall.

Fall Events

Headless Horseman Hayrides & Haunted Attractions

Ulster Park - Opening Day: Sept. 20

Hudson Valley Garlic Festival Saugerties - Sept. 27 & 28

Stockade Faire '25 -Kingston - Oct. 4

Field & Supply Fall MRKT- Kingston - Oct. 10-12

O+ Festival -Kingston - Oct. 10-12

Ulster County Italian Festival -Kingston - Oct. 12

Rosendale International Pickle Festival -New Paltz - Oct. 19

For additional tips and information on planning your Ulster County Autumn Escape, visit: visitulstercountyny.com

Sullivan County Chamber Launches 3-Week Crash Course for Aspiring and Existing Entrepreneurs

Monticello, NY- The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce its new Foundations of Business 3-Week Crash Course, a high-impact program designed to give entrepreneurs and small business owners everything they need to start, grow, or refresh their business.

Course Details

Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays, October 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, and 22

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Resorts World Catskills, 888 Resorts World Dr., Monticello, NY 12701

Cost: \$199 for Chamber Members | \$299 for Non-Members

(Note: \$100 credit applied to Chamber account after completion of courses)

This six-session program is perfect for aspiring entrepreneurs, side hustlers, new businesses, and those looking to reset or scale their operations. Participants will gain expert instruction and actionable strategies across the following key areas:

- o Starting Strong: Business planning, legal setup, and foundational entrepreneurship skills
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- o Growth & Marketing: Branding, scaling, and customer experience
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In addition to expert instruction and networking, graduates may apply for up to \$5,000 in Chamber grant funding to support their next business move.

This program is limited in capacity and expected to fill quickly.

Register now at: <https://sullivancountychamberofcommerce.growthzoneapp.com/a/p/Events/Register/EqFlw34cgC6C9>

For more information, please contact the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce at office@catskills.com or 845 791 4200 x1

Join Us to Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Anniversary!

This July is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Time and the Valleys Museum is honoring our area's contribution to the struggles for independence by creating two new interactive exhibitions on the Revolution in 2026.

Celebrate With Us ~ Become a Museum Member ~ It's Easy!

Membership is only \$25 for a FULL YEAR

- ◆ Free admission to all in-person and virtual programs, exhibits and the Catskill Farm
- ◆ Invitations to all special member openings and events
- ◆ *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter and monthly historical and informative emails
- ◆ 10% discount in the Museum Shop
- ◆ FREE ADMISSION to over 30 New York State Museums, and more!



Join now by going to timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership, or send a check (\$25 for Individual, \$40 for Double and \$50 for Family) to the Museum at the address below. You will receive membership cards, a newsletter and special gift by return mail.

2026 and beyond is sure to be exciting ~ be part of the excitement by becoming a member today!



Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740
845 985-7700 timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership



Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



Oct 4th, 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)

Bus trip to Tioga Downs Casino in Nichols New York

The Loch Sheldrake Senior Club is
planning a bus trip to
Tioga Downs Casino
in Nichols, New York.

It will be on **Wednesday, September 17th**

Will leave

**Loch Sheldrake Firehouse at 10:00 am and
leave for home at 5:00 pm.**

The price is **\$40.00** (a bottle of water and small
snack will be provided).

To make a
reservation: call Joan at
845-541-9410 or
845-436-8031

Sullivan Central Kicks Off Inaugural Community Service Project Welcoming Assemblywoman Paula Kay to the Team!



Members of Sullivan Central Rotary spoke with Assemblywoman Paula Kay about food and basic need insecurities troubling so many of our neighbors as they presented her with a collection box for the club's "Neighbor Feeding Neighbor" Food Drive to benefit the United Way of Sullivan County. L-R: SCRC Executive Secretary Lori Orestano-James, United Way of Sullivan County CPO Julian Dawson, Luis Ocascio, Patricia Ocascio, Assemblywoman Paula Kay, Co-Chair of the "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" Food Drive and SCRC Secretary Alyssa Wowk, Ashley Leavit, Adam Jacobson, SCRC Co-President Dr. Peter Chester, SCRC Board of Directors Member Jodi Goodman, and Jesse Robinson

Sullivan Central Rotary Club Members were on hand to meet with Assemblywoman Paula Kay to discuss food insecurity as well as basic needs for so many in Sullivan County and across our country. Sullivan Central Rotary was delighted when Assemblywoman Kay asked to join the Sullivan Central Rotary's "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" Team opening her Sullivan County District Office for collections of non-perishable food items to be collected for the Food Drive. While at Kay's Office, Sullivan Central Rotary Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Co-Chair Alyssa Wowk announced the expansion of the Food Drive to include, household items, new and/or gently used clean clothing items and coats, personal hygiene items, and household items. Assemblywoman Kay agreed to collect even more strongly supporting the project stating to all, "Together, we can help support our neighbors in need!"

The Sullivan Central Rotary Club, the newest Rotary Club in Sullivan County presents "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" as its Inaugural Community Project Event. This food drive event to benefit United Way of Sullivan County will hold the main event on Saturday, September 20th at the Town of Thompson Town Hall, Thompson Square, Rt 42 in Monticello from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. In addition, Food Collection Boxes will be set up to drop off items prior to the main event from August 25 through September 19 at Assemblywoman Paula Kay's Office at 461 Broadway, Monticello, Liberty Dollar Tree, White Sulphur Dollar General, Rock Hill Pharmacy, Platinum Leaf, D.A Brian Conaty's Office, Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves Office, Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck's - County Treasurers Office, Children's Home in Liberty, and Berson Associates in Monticello. Non-perishable items such as canned veggies and fruit, pasta, tuna, soups, jarred tomato sauce, shelf stable milk, and baby foods are sought to help feed our neighbors in need. In addition, personal hygiene products, senior care items, and baby care items will also be collected at these locations. This project is the start of a legacy project within the community with more information to come. For more information, please contact Co-Chairs Dawn Roemer and Alyssa Wowk at sullivancentralrotaryclub@gmail.com.

Come Rock the Tavern With Beyond Gone and Sullivan Central Rotary Club

Seeing a great local band is fantastic. Seeing the band at a spectacular community-minded local business is fabulous.

SPECIAL EVENT - PARTNERING WITH THE SULLIVAN CENTRAL ROTARY CLUB FOOD DRIVE

★ **FAR BEYOND GONE** ★

SEPT 12th, 2025
Doors open at 7pm - show starts at 8pm.

The Forestburgh Tavern
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39 Forestburgh Rd.
Forestburgh, NY 12777

Give a Little. Win a Lot!
Bring non-perishable food items or donate to help us purchase - and you'll be entered to WIN exciting door prizes!

Tickets: \$16.00
Purchase in advance or at the door

<https://www.forestburghplayhouse.com/tickets.php?per=special>
admission is \$16.00 to \$18.00

Doing both while supporting those in need - well that is just outright awesome. Mark your calendar for an outstanding night of fun and music while doing good for others. Far Beyond Gone will Rock the House (well, Tavern), at the Forestburgh Playhouse Tavern on Friday, September 12, 2025 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. for dinner and drinks (not included in ticket price). Cover is \$15. Bring any non-perishable food items to donate to the Sullivan Central Rotary Club Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Food Drive Project. Cash and/or check donations will also be accepted for SCRC to purchase food item for the Food Drive. Anyone bringing items



or making a donation on September 12 will be entered into a door prize raffle for some outstanding prize items. This event will help support the Sullivan Central Rotary Club "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" Food Drive Project which will take place at the Town of Thompson Town Hall on Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to benefit the United Way of Sullivan County and the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless Canned Corn Drive.

Come party and dance the night away on September 12, 2025 with one of the best bands in the business while making a difference in our community. To reserve your seat, please call FB Playhouse at 845 794-1194.

Raccoon Tests Positive for Rabies • Animal Was Found in Town of Mamakating

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Public Health has confirmed that a raccoon in the Wurtsboro area tested positive for the rabies virus. This is the third confirmed human exposure incident involving a laboratory-confirmed rabid animal this year. These are ONLY animals that were able to be tested after being in contact with a human.

Rabies occurs commonly throughout New York State, with the vast majority of cases occurring in raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks. Avoiding contact is your absolute best way of protecting yourself from this fatal disease.

Signs of rabies in wild animals includes:

- Aggressive, uncharacteristic behavior, such as attacking objects or people
- Losing fear of humans (acting uncharacteristically friendly)
- Difficulty walking or staggering
- Paralysis of the legs or jaw, loss of coordination
- Difficulty swallowing and a fear of water
- Drooling or foaming at the mouth.

The Department of Public Health is working to provide another free clinic in the Wurtsboro area, which will be announced shortly.

A regularly scheduled vaccination clinic is being held October 8 at the Monticello Firehouse on Richardson Avenue from 6-7:30 p.m. It is free to all Sullivan County residents, with no registration required. (Bring ID and keep your dog, cat or ferret on a leash or in a kennel.)

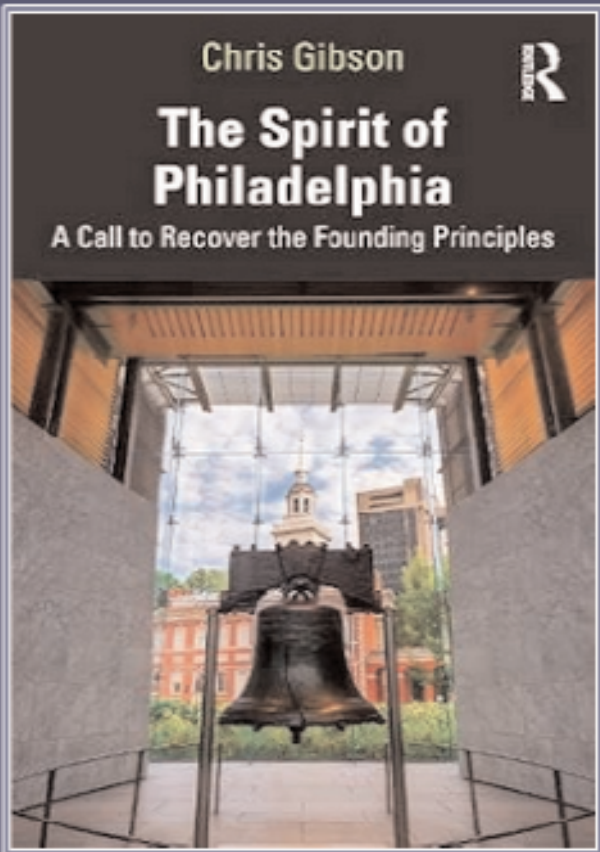
What Can People Do to Protect Themselves Against Rabies?

- 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. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure your pets are fully vaccinated. 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.
- Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with any 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. 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. 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 or visit their website at www.sullivanyny.gov/publichealth/epidemiology.



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Overlook Mountain Center Further Protects Land with Prehistoric 'Rock Piles' on Overlook Mountain

Deed Restrictions Protect 37 Acre Archeological Site In Perpetuity

Woodstock, NY - After gaining possession of a 37 acre historically significant archeological site earlier this year, local non-profit Overlook Mountain Center has filed a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants further limiting what can and cannot be done on the property which is situated on the southern slope of Overlook Mountain and contains a myriad of ancient petroforms and stone mounds, one of which was dated to 1550 CE, making it among the oldest documented man-made structures in Ulster County.

On August 11, 2025, Ulster County Clerk's office recorded the deed restrictions which are intended to "preserve the Property as an educational tool for the general public's benefit and to offer access to the Property for guided tours which focus on geology, astronomy, archeology, Native American culture, ecosystems studies, and the beauty of nature." Some of the deed restrictions include: no hunting, camping, vehicle usage, clearing, building of structures, utilities, roadways, quarrying, trespassing, fire-making, or subdividing the property, among many others.

OMC was represented by pro-bono legal counsel through the non-profit New York Lawyers for Public Interest (nylpi.org).

OMC is also working with the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to have the site listed in the state's Cultural Resource Inventory System (CRIS) database. An announcement is forthcoming.

"This furthers our goal to protect this special parcel in perpetuity," said OMC chairperson and co-founder Glenn Kreisberg. "Now, many generations will be able to enjoy and study it in the future."



Research Solves Mystery

In 2020, OMC took part in a grant for Dr. James K. Feathers, then Research Associate Director, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, to conduct research using optical stimulated luminescence (OSL) to date two mounds on Overlook Mountain in Woodstock, NY. Results revealed suggested construction dates of 1550 and 1640 CE (+/- 50 years) based on sediment analysis, likely making them among the oldest documented man-made structures in Ulster County, NY. These results are based on samples collected in the fall of 2020. Dr. Feathers' study was published in *Quaternary Geochronology* 73 (2022).

Prior to the OSL dating, everything about the mounds - they were made by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s or by hippies in the 1960s - was conjecture. In fact, prior to the OSL research, one local archeologist, Joseph Diamond, the head of the Native American studies program at SUNY New Paltz, dismissed the mounds entirely, considering them nothing more than the work of Irish quarrymen expressing their Celtic heritage. The OSL research proves otherwise.

Since its founding in 2013, the Overlook Mountain Center (OMC) has had three main goals for a 37 acre property on Overlook Mountain: to research the 'mysterious' stone piles and rock walls found on the site; to educate the public about its findings and share with them this remarkable property; and to protect the property for posterity so it can be studied and enjoyed by the population in the future.

Overlook Mountain Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit formed in 2013, promotes awareness and understanding of the relationship between Overlook Mountain and the human populations that have encountered it throughout time. OMC creates programs and conducts research to educate, experience and celebrate all aspects of Overlook Mountain and its ecosystems. More info: www.overlookmountain.org.

Laura Aley's new book includes stories about people and places from long ago.



The book is available at the **Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill** for \$10.00. Not only will you want your own copy, but *Laurels by Laura* will make a great gift -

The Shandaken Historical Museum is located at
26 Academy Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465.
The telephone number of the museum is 845 - 254 - 4460.

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 timeandthevalleymuseum.org

No live animals, sorry!



Addy boys on Grandfather Coombe's farm

DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

Town of Shandaken

Ulster County Wilderness Rescue: On Aug. 29 at 5 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a 911 satellite text via Ulster County from a hiker reporting a group of four was lost near Giant Ledge in the Slide Mountain Wilderness. The original caller admitted the group had consumed mushrooms and one of them was experiencing a debilitating high. At 6:45 p.m., Forest Rangers Franceschina, Jeffery, and Martin located the group of hikers. Rangers and the Pine Hill Fire Department assisted the subjects to the trailhead where they were evaluated by Shandaken Ambulance. Somewhere along the way, the hikers also lost their car keys. Rangers provided a courtesy ride to the subjects' rental lodging. The following day, Ranger Martin hiked back up and found a sling bag with the keys under a log in tall ferns.



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← Turn LEFT onto NY-213	1.1 Miles
→ Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A	0.8 Miles
Gun Shop on LEFT	

Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge	
-Going Towards Olivebridge	7.5 Miles
← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A	0.8 Miles
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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

Town of Hunter Greene County

Wilderness Search: On Aug. 31 at 1:15 p.m., Forest Rangers responded to a call for a missing 14-year-old at Kaaterskill Falls. The subject had last been seen at the lower falls an hour earlier. At 2 p.m., Assistant Forest Ranger Massa located the subject one and a half miles from the falls, in good health. Ranger Allwine reunited the teenager with their family and resources were clear at 2:30 p.m.

Becoming A Forest Ranger: Those interested in future opportunities to become a Forest Ranger are encouraged to apply by Sept. 17 to take the next Civil Service exam scheduled this fall. The exam is a multiple-choice test. All candidates who are qualified to take the entry-level law enforcement exam will receive an admission notice via mail approximately two weeks prior to the date of the written test with additional details. Visit the Civil Service website to learn more.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.



Save the Date

**Join us for the
Daniel Pierce Library's**

39th annual

GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

Saturday, October 4th

10 am - 4 pm

Grahamsville Fairgrounds - Route 55

Rain or Shine - No Pets Allowed



Daniel Pierce Library
Fall Children's Programs
Register Now!

Our 8 week fall story hour programs will begin the week of October 13, 2025

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)
Wednesday, October 15th

Toddler Time (24-35 months)
Thursday, October 16th

Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)
Friday, October 17th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour
Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School.
(Children will be registered at school.)
Tuesday, October 14th

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

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September 3, 2025

To the Townsman and the Sullivan County Democrat

Re: Nicholas Sienitsky Medical Update

After 2-1/2 weeks since the transplant, Nicholas Sienitsky of Grahamsville, NY, son of Alex and Alla Sienitsky is slowly recovering well.

Get well cards can be sent to:

Nicholas Sienitsky
c/o Natasha Sienitsky
739 Nalle Street
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Nicholas thanks everybody for their prayers and good wishes.
|Love to all, Nick

Very truly yours,

William A. Brenner, Esq.

WAB/kvc



Daniel Pierce Library Senior Social!

Thursday, September 18, 2025
at 1:00 p.m.

Save the date! Next Senior Social Thursday, Nov. 20th

Open to all community retirees & senior patrons

Join us for an afternoon of
conversation with fellow retirees in
our Community Room.
Bring an appetizer to share.

For more information contact Adele Barnard at
ambarnard57@gmail.com or (845)428-2383

Register at www.danielpiercelibrary.org





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Sunday June 22, 2 p.m.: History of Quilting Then and Now

Join long time quilter Penny Coombe for an illustrated talk on the story of quilts and quilters, past and present.

Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.: A Quilter's Gathering

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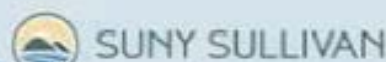
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1 to 3 p.m.**

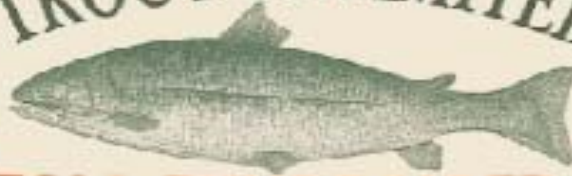


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2025 Summer Schedule

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<p>JEFFERSONVILLE</p> <p>Tues July 8</p> <p>Tues August 5</p> <p>Tues September 2</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>79 Legion St Jeffersonville, NY</p>	<p>WURTSBORO</p> <p>Thurs July 24</p> <p>Thurs August 21</p> <p>Thurs September 18</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>29-18 US 209 Wurtsboro, NY</p>	<p>NARROWSBURG</p> <p>Tues July 22</p> <p>Tues August 19</p> <p>Tues September 16</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>210 Bridge St Narrowsburg, NY</p>	<p>HORTONVILLE</p> <p>Thurs July 17</p> <p>Thurs August 14</p> <p>Thurs September 11</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>104 Lower Main St Hortonville, NY</p>
<p>LIVINGSTON MANOR</p> <p>Tues July 15</p> <p>Tues August 12</p> <p>Tues September 9</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>95 Main St Livingston Manor, NY</p>	<p>GRAHAMSVILLE</p> <p>Thurs July 10</p> <p>Thurs August 7</p> <p>Thurs September 4</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>273 Main St Grahamsville, NY</p>	<p>LIBERTY</p> <p>Tues July 29</p> <p>Tues August 26</p> <p>Tues September 23</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>75 Sullivan Ave Liberty, NY</p>	<p>BLOOMINGBURG</p> <p>Thurs July 31</p> <p>Thurs August 28</p> <p>Thurs September 25</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>13 North Rd Bloomingburg, NY</p>



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JOB CORPS -Job Corps is a promise to every young person in Upstate New York that if you work hard, you can learn a valuable skill and build a meaningful career.

I will always fight to protect this program from the senseless cuts Washington extremists have proposed.

RUMBLE PONIES -My first pitch at the Rumble Ponies game was "juuuust a bit outside," but I had a great time at the ballpark with my boys.

Baseball is such an important part of our community. I grew up keeping score at B-Mets games, and it wasn't til later in life I realized people eat hot dogs and not spiedies at the ballpark. Sharing those traditions with my boys now is very special.

TRADE JUSTICE AWARD -Honored to receive the Trade Justice Champion Award from the New York State Trade Justice Coalition & Broome-Tioga Labor Council for leading the fresh-man trade letter putting workers first.

I'll always fight for fair trade, strong unions, and good-paying jobs here at home.

UPSTATE TOWNS ASSOCIATION -I was honored to meet

with the Upstate New York Towns Association today to discuss how we can combat rising utility costs and expand broadband infrastructure in our rural communities.

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY MICROELECTRONICS FACILITY -I was honored to tour Binghamton University's advanced microelectronics facility in Endicott.

With cutting-edge innovations in energy storage and semiconductor technology, we're building a future of high-paying jobs and economic growth right here in the Southern Tier.

MANURE INJECTION FIELD DAY- It was great to be in Delaware County for a manure injection field day, where I got to meet many of Upstate's finest farmers and ag workers.

Around here, agriculture isn't just our heritage, it's our future. I'll always show up for the folks who feed our communities.

ASSOCIATION FOR VISION REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT -Honored to meet with the Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment in Binghamton. Blind and visually impaired New Yorkers deserve equal representation in Washington, and I'll keep fighting to ensure they have it.

CARES BACKPACK GIVEAWAY- The CARES Backpack Giveaway in Binghamton represents the very best of Upstate: neighbors stepping up to make sure every child has the tools they need to succeed. Grateful for the opportunity to pitch in today, and to CARES for all you do for our community.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR Had a great time with some neighbors at the Columbia County Fair in Chatham. Special thanks to Fair Manager Eric Barnes and Town Supervisor Donal Collins for showing me around!

NEW LEBANON LOBSTER FEST New Lebanon knows how to do a Lobster Fest. Thanks, Woodlife Farm Market!

GUSTO ITALIAN FEST
Gusto Italian Fest is a reminder of what makes Upstate New York special - friends, family, and food that brings everyone together.

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CCE Orange and Sullivan to provide Fall Parenting Programs

Liberty, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange and Sullivan Counties are offering a variety of virtual parenting workshops this Fall. Parenting can be stressful, and we have tools and approaches to assist parents and caregivers to make things a bit easier.

The virtual approach allows parents to learn from the comfort of home and still gain valuable information in an interactive and welcoming setting. It also helps those that don't have childcare or transportation, it can easily be accessed from their cell phone.

Unpacking the Teen Years- Virtual

Dates: October 8, 22 AND November 5, 19, 2025

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per family

During this positive and supportive approach to the teen years, we will discuss:

- o Understand the changes in your teen
- o Your role in parenting teens
- o Ways to build connectivity with your teen
- o Communication strategies and tools
- o How to identify red flags for challenging behaviors

The program fee is \$40 per family. Yet, if this amount is a hardship, during registration, you have the option to pay what you can or select solidarity to waive the fee.

Discipline is NOT a Dirty Word - Virtual

Dates: Thursdays, October 2, 16, 30, and November 13

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per family

This fun, interactive four session series is filled with resources about child development, parental coaching, and powerful parenting tools that support caregivers on their parenting journey. There will be ample time for questions and group discussions that support parental confidence and wellbeing.

Topics include:

- o What is discipline?
- o Why do kids misbehave?
- o Understanding your parenting style
- o Ways to co-regulate with your child
- o Parental self-care
- o Child and brain development 101
- o Understanding the value of empathy and self-esteem
- o Temperament
- o Protective Factors framework
- o Communication strategies
- o How to build connection with your children
- o 5 important techniques for your parenting tool box

The program fee is \$40 per family. Yet, if this amount is a hardship, during registration, you have the option to pay what you can or select solidarity to waive the fee.

Advance registration is necessary for attendance. To register for any of these programs please go to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County website at <https://sullivancce.org/events>.

Once registered, you will receive the Zoom links to participate in the virtual series. Please contact Suzan Sussmann at 845-344-1234 or by emailing sls536@cornell.edu with any questions.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

Community Comes Together for *EllenWell* at the Trudy Resnick Farber Center

Event Showcases Wellness Resources and Marks New Chapter for Ellenville Hub

KINGSTON, NY - On Saturday, August 30, the Trudy Resnick Farber Center hosted *EllenWell*, a vibrant community wellness event celebrating National Wellness Month and highlighting the many resources available at the Center to residents in Ellenville/Wawarsing and neighboring communities. The event drew families, neighbors, and local leaders together for a day of connection, learning, and fun.

EllenWell featured a wide range of traditional and holistic providers representing the eight dimensions of wellness - Social, Financial, Spiritual, Intellectual, Environmental, Occupational, Emotional, and Physical. Attendees enjoyed hands-on activities including mosaic crafts, games, and movement-based wellness sessions. Free treats like popcorn, cotton candy, and pastries added to the festive atmosphere.

The New York State Department of Health conducted a biomonitoring project on-site, collecting samples to test for environmental toxins. Due to overwhelming interest, the Department will return in the fall to continue the project.

"It was great to see so many residents of all ages at the event, and to connect them with the many wellness resources available through the County and community partners," said **Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger**. "I want to thank Program Manager Janet Nuñez for organizing this great community program, as well as for the work she does every day to connect residents with resources, from behavioral health services to nutrition support to senior dining and exercise classes. We encourage area residents to take advantage of all the Trudy Center has to offer throughout the year."

"Our minds, bodies, and spirits are all part of our wellness journey," said **Janet Nuñez, Trudy Center Site Program Manager**. "EllenWell was a beautiful example of what happens when we come together to share resources, support one another, and take action to improve our individual and collective health. It was a day of human connection, learning, and fun!"

Partners included Ulster County Mental Health, the Office of Employment and Training, the Sheriff's Office, Catholic Charities, Mental Health Association, Ellenville Regional Hospital, NY Connects, NAACP, NAMI, Institute for Family Health, and many others. Formosity donated natural soaps for free distribution, and Munay Wasi and Soul 2 Soul offered holistic and cultural wellness programming.

Looking Ahead: Renovations and Expansion

Ulster County is moving forward with plans to enhance the Trudy Resnick Farber Center's infrastructure and accessibility. A major redesign of the kitchen, dining room, and entrance will create a welcoming, public-facing section of the building for multipurpose community use. Design work is expected to be completed in late 2025, with construction beginning in 2026.

Additional upgrades include the installation of eight electric vehicle charging stations, a new roof, and a rooftop solar array - supported by a NYSERDA grant. The EV chargers are anticipated to be completed in 2025, with other improvements phased in through 2026. (Contd. Pg. 52)

Community Comes Together for *EllenWell* at the Trudy Resnick Farber Center

(From Pg. 51)

Ongoing Services at the Trudy Center

Located at 50 Center Street in Ellenville, the Trudy Center continues to serve as a local hub for County and community services.

Weekly offerings include:

Health & Behavioral Health Services

- o Astor Children's Services: Therapy, psychiatric services & family advocacy for youth & families

- o Family Services Behavioral Health: Counseling & medical services

- o Institute for Family Health: Care coordination, resources & referrals to health services

- o Mental Health Association: Support groups & referral services

Nutrition & Wellness

- o Women, Infants & Children Program: Food vouchers, health screenings, breastfeeding support & more

- o Ellenville Regional Hospital Rural Health Network: Nutrition coaching, preventive screenings & fitness classes

For Seniors & Veterans

- o Ulster County Department of Veterans Affairs: Support for veterans & families with benefits, housing, employment, transportation & more

- o Ulster County Office for the Aging: Senior dining & social engagement

- o NY Connects: Long-term care and disability support

Substance Use & Recovery Support

- o O.R.A.C.L.E. Program: Narcan training, substance use prevention, treatment & recovery support

- o Community Health Worker: Narcan training, harm reduction supplies & treatment resources

For more information about programs and upcoming improvements at the Trudy Resnick Farber Center, visit <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/trudy-farber>.

Funding Available for Youth Programs in Ulster County

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Reimbursement Grant Funding for the 2025-2026 program year. This funding is available to support local organizations that provide services and opportunities for young people throughout Ulster County.

Applications are due by September 30, 2025, and cover the program period from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Eligible applicants must be either a County municipality or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization operating in Ulster County, with a federal identification number and charity registration number. Applicants must also be able to meet the County's insurance requirements.

Funding opportunities are available in three categories:

- o Youth Sports Education

- o Youth Team Sports

- o Youth Development

Eligible youth programs are encouraged to apply to help expand the support available to youth in our community. For information and applications, visit <https://ulstercountyny.gov/youth-bureau/reports-forms>.

"Investing in our youth means investing in the future of Ulster County," said Ulster County Youth Bureau Director Sugely Melenciano-Weed. "These grant opportunities help us strengthen programs that empower young people, support families, and build stronger communities."

For team leaders from organizations seeking guidance, the Ulster County Youth Bureau team is available to assist new applicants or answer any questions. Staff are available Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, for in-person, phone, or email support. Contact Ulster County Youth Bureau Director Sugely Melenciano-Weed at (845) 334-3147, or by emailing smel@co.ulster.ny.us.

Hope Alive 845 Announces Awards Night Fundraiser Dinner at Rivoli Theater

South Fallsburg, NY - September 4, 2025 - Hope Alive 845 is proud to announce its Awards Night Fundraiser Dinner, a celebration of community, resilience, and hope.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the historic Rivoli Theater, 5243 Main Street, South Fallsburg, NY. Tickets are just \$25, with all proceeds supporting Hope Alive 845's ongoing mission to uplift and empower individuals and families across Sullivan County.

The evening will be hosted by Sean Wall-Carty and Julianna Ramos, who will bring warmth and energy to a night filled with recognition, entertainment, and inspiration.

Attendees will enjoy live performances by:

- o YC Entertainer
- o Caroline Pacella
- o Allesandra Gonzalez
- o Ryan Webber
- o Tameka Harris
- o Clique Band (Main Event)

In addition to entertainment, the program will feature guest speakers sharing powerful stories of perseverance, community impact, and the importance of working together to create positive change.

"This evening is not only about honoring achievements, but also about celebrating the spirit of our community and the hope that drives us forward," said Domingo Ramos, Founder of Hope Alive 845. "We invite everyone to join us for a night of connection, joy, and purpose. Your support will make a real difference."

Event Details:

- o What: Hope Alive 845 Awards Night Fundraiser Dinner
- o When: Saturday, September 27, 2025 - 6:00 PM
- o Where: Rivoli Theater, 5243 Main Street, South Fallsburg, NY
- o Tickets: \$25

For tickets and more information, please contact Hope Alive 845 at 845-866-0442 or visit www.HopeAlive845.com.

About Hope Alive 845

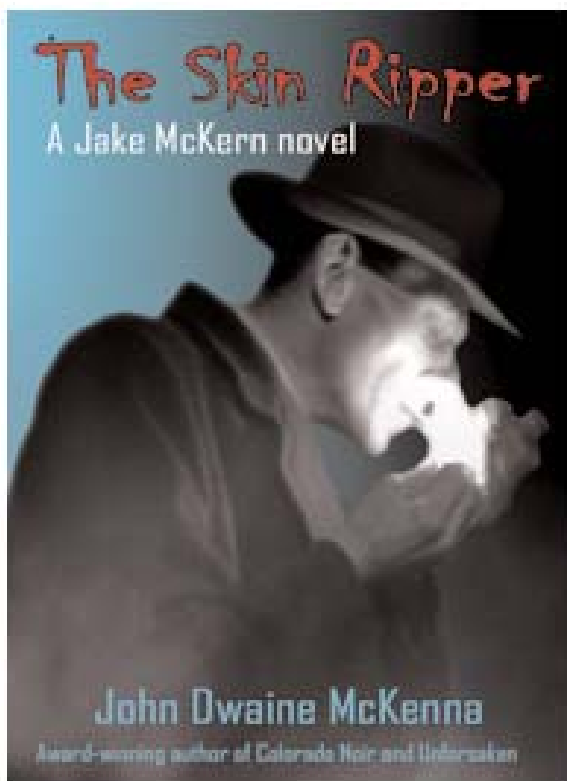
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Ending Obamacare Loopholes and Protecting Taxpayers

The One Big Beautiful Bill ends Obamacare loopholes Albany exploited for years, protecting taxpayers and restoring fairness in our health care system. For too long, New York used federal funds to sidestep the long-standing five-year waiting period for noncitizens enrolling in Medicaid. This misguided policy diverted billions of taxpayer dollars to provide more generous benefits to noncitizens than to American citizens, fueling higher costs and incentivizing immigration for the wrong reasons.

The One Big Beautiful Bill delivers real accountability by closing this loophole and establishing parity between Obamacare PTC eligibility and Medicaid eligibility. This bill safeguards limited resources for citizens and long-term lawful residents, promotes self-sufficiency, and ensures our federal health care programs serve the American people, not Albany's reckless agenda. New Yorkers deserve a health care system that is sustainable, transparent, and fair, and this legislation delivers exactly that.

Expanding Affordable Housing Through the One Big Beautiful Bill

Housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing families in New York and across the nation. Nearly 40% of New York households spend more than 30% of their income on housing, with more than one in five severely cost-burdened, paying over half of their income. At the same time, between 2012 and 2022, our state added only 462,000 new housing units, ranking 32nd nationwide in growth, while rental costs surged nearly 40%. The One Big Beautiful Bill delivers solutions to this crisis by strengthening the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which has been an extremely successful affordable housing tool. This bill permanently increases the amount of credits available to states and lowers the tax-exempt bond-financing threshold from 50% to 25%, unlocking new private capital for projects that would otherwise be stalled. These commonsense reforms reduce barriers to investment, encourage public-private partnerships, and help finance new affordable housing construction in both rural and high-cost areas. For Upstate New York, that means revitalizing downtowns and expanding options for families, seniors, veterans, and vulnerable populations. By modernizing LIHTC, the bill will expand the supply of affordable homes, stabilize costs, create jobs, and bring long-overdue relief to families in our district and across America.

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. Each week, I review numerous bills and letters, engaging in thorough discussions with members of our community to determine which actions to support and address your needs. Below are a few bills I recently cosponsored.

H.R. 1121 - No DeepSeek on Government Devices Act: This bill would direct the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to develop standards and guidance requiring the removal of any Chinese DeepSeek application from federal government phones or computers. DeepSeek is an artificial intelligence start-up

founded in China that is backed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and allows the CCP a backdoor into all DeepSeek usage. It is imperative that government devices are free from Chinese-made software that poses a clear national security risk to the United States.

H.R. 1551 - The Protect and Serve Act of 2025: This bill would create additional federal penalties for anyone who targets and harms law enforcement. Additionally, this bill mandates a sentence of up to 10 years for anyone who attacks and injures an officer and life in prison for anyone who kills or kidnaps an officer. Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for us every day, and I will always stand with our officers who work around the clock to keep our streets, homes, and families safe.

H.R. 1993 - the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Commemorative Coin Act: This bill would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of 9/11 in 2026, and a portion of the proceeds from these coins would go to funding the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center. It is important that we honor all those who lost their lives on September 11th and commemorate the sacrifices of the first responders who lost their lives saving others in this tragedy.

H.R. 3643 - the VA Data Transparency and Trust Act: This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide Congress with structured, anonymized annual reports on utilization, demographics, costs, and outcomes for both the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). Modeled after reporting practices at Medicare and TRICARE, these reports would allow Congress, the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office, and researchers to accurately evaluate VA programs, estimate costs of reforms, and improve accountability. By ensuring data transparency while safeguarding veterans' privacy, the legislation aims to modernize oversight, strengthen program performance, and guarantee that VA benefits and health services are meeting the needs of veterans efficiently and effectively.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here: <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

Tuesday, Sept 2

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 747, Stop Chinese Fentanyl Act. Fentanyl has destroyed too many families and communities, and it is one of the primary reasons that overdose is the leading cause of death among American adults aged 18-45. In 2024 alone, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized enough fentanyl to kill every American multiple times. This bill would impose new sanctions on Chinese fentanyl traffickers that are purposefully killing Americans and harming our national security. I wholly support President Trump's efforts to combat the fentanyl crisis that is being led by Chinese fentanyl traffickers, and this bill will help provide more tools to President Trump to win this fight. This bill passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 407-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4216, Made-in-America Defense Act. This bill would help expedite the sale of U.S. defense articles to our allies and partners by conducting a review of which Foreign Military Sales (FMS) could be listed as Direct Commercial Sales (DCS). By moving certain defense articles from FMS to DCS, this would reduce bureaucratic delays and help expedite sales, keeping the U.S. as the leading provider of these critical assets globally. (Contd. PG. 56)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 55) This bill supports U.S. industry and jobs, and will maintain our status as the global partner of choice for our allies and partners. This bill passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 395-20.

Wednesday, Sept 3

I voted "No" on the Motion to Table H.Res. 539, Censuring Representative LaMonica McIver and removing her from the Committee on Homeland Security. Congresswoman McIver disgraced both herself and the House of Representatives when she violently struck a federal law enforcement officer and attempted to impede our brave officers' ability to do their job. Congresswoman McIver has been charged with a federal crime and should not be allowed to continue serving on the Homeland Security Committee amidst these serious charges. I voted against the Motion to Table to ensure Congress could consider this important resolution. All members of Congress must be held to the highest ethical standards and Congresswoman McIver clearly failed to meet even the most basic standards of decorum. The Motion to Table passed by a vote of 215-207, with 2 members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 104, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment". This bill would rescind the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under former President Biden that would have banned 1.74 million acres of land from being available for coal leasing. The Biden administration was willing to sacrifice well-paying jobs, energy security, and our national security to satisfy radical environmentalists by imposing these bans. Lifting these bans is critical to ensuring domestic energy production and supporting President Trump's Executive Order 14154, "Unleashing American Energy". This resolution passed the House by a vote of 211-208.

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 105, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan". This bill would rescind the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under former President Biden, which would have banned more than 4 million acres of land in North Dakota from being available for coal leasing, and oil and gas development. Reversing these bans is essential for boosting domestic energy production while responsibly managing federal land. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 215-211

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 106, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan". This bill would rescind the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under former President Biden, which would prohibit energy development on approximately 3.6 million acres of land in Alaska, endangering U.S. jobs, energy security, and our national security. Removing these bans is essential for boosting domestic energy production.

This bill advances the key policies contained in President Trump's Executive Order 14153, "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential," by responsibly managing our vast energy resources for the benefit of our country. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 215-210.

Thursday, September 4

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4553, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026.

This bill makes targeted, strategic investments in our national security, energy independence, and critical infrastructure while cutting wasteful spending and protecting American taxpayers. It strengthens our nuclear deterrent, modernizes key defense systems, and boosts our advantage over adversaries like China and Russia by prohibiting federal funds from being funneled to foreign entities of concern. It supports the Trump Administration's push for 400 gigawatts of nuclear energy by 2050 with robust investments in advanced nuclear technologies, small modular reactors, and critical minerals development, helping to restore American energy dominance and secure our electric grid. This bill also contains \$10 million to support the Army Corps of Engineers' work in Genesee County to provide additional drinking water to the county. Finally, this bill eliminates redundant, unaccountable programs like the Biden-era Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations and redirects resources to high-priority research, ports, and water infrastructure that will move goods, strengthen our economy, and keep communities safe. This appropriations bill puts America's security, prosperity, and values first. The bill passed the House by a vote of 214-213.



After an August spent traveling to every corner of NY-18, I was in DC this week fired up to continue fighting for a more affordable, more safe, and more free Hudson Valley. As we face showdowns on the release of the Epstein files and passing a government funding bill, know that my number one priority is delivering for our community. That's why I'll keep pushing every single day to deliver the transparency you were promised and the results you deserve - here's some of how I did that this week: **FIGHTING FOR TRANSPARENCY - RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES**

This week, I joined a bipartisan group of members of Congress to demand the release of the Epstein files.

Unseal the documents and deliver for the American people. **FIGHTING AGAINST UNITEDHEALTH'S TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY**

UnitedHealth's healthcare monopoly is driving Hudson Valley medical costs up and quality down. It's the last thing patients need.

I founded the Congressional Monopoly Busters Caucus to fight back. This week I brought together the Caucus, health care providers, union leaders, policy experts, and former Federal Trade Commission leaders as we chart a new path forward in the fight against health care consolidation.

I will keep fighting with everything I've got to lower the cost of health care for our families.

KEEPING DEADLY FENTANYL OFF OUR STREETS

I'm extremely proud that my bipartisan "Stop Chinese Fentanyl Act" passed the House this week.

The Chinese Communist Party is pumping deadly fentanyl into our communities - my bill holds them accountable. Read more about my bill here: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryans-stop-chinese-fentanyl-act-passes>

This is a big win in the fight against the opioid crisis. Now it's time for the Senate to send this commonsense bill to the President's desk. (Contd. Pg. 57)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

I'll work with anyone to build a safer Hudson Valley - for your kids and mine.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

My team is bringing one-on-one assistance with federal programs directly to you in your community with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

Whether you need assistance with Medicare, Social Security, VA benefits, and more, hope you'll join them at an upcoming event.

If you need assistance, but can't make an event, please reach out to my team by calling (845) 443-2930 or sending us a message here on my website. <https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency>

SUPPORTING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

I want to wish all our kids returning to classrooms across the Hudson Valley a happy first day of school.

This past Wednesday, Ulster BOCES students were welcomed back to the brand new Career and Technical Center at iPark87!

It was amazing to tour the center and see the result of the combined efforts of so many from across our community.

HAVING A BLAST AT MONTGOMERY'S TRACTOR PARADE AND FARM DAY

Last weekend, we had the perfect day for the Village of Montgomery Tractor Parade and Farm Day!

I want to give a huge thank you to the legendary Skip Chambers for organizing a memorable day and for his decades of service to our community and nation.

And it's always great catching up with Police Chief Guarneiri!

WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

I want to give a huge congratulations to the Orange County Chamber of Commerce on being named the New York Chamber of the Year!

Our local businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and I'm proud to work alongside President and CEO Heather Bell and the Chamber to keep Orange County thriving!

HONORING THE LOVE QUEST FOUNDATION'S PROFOUND IMPACT

The Love Quest Foundation empowers our Hudson Valley youth and communities through arts and culture, specifically uplifting survivors of intimate partner violence, teen dating violence, domestic abuse, and sexual assault.

I'm so glad my team could join the Love Quest Foundation for the screening of Valeisha Butterfield's film The Memo and present Valeisha and the Foundation with a Congressional Record thanking them for their profound service to and impact on our Hudson Valley communities.

PROMOTING LITERACY AND CONGRATULATING OUR SUPERSTAR SUMMER READERS

I'm so proud of the 200 Hudson Valley students who participated in our Summer Reading Challenge this year!

Summer reading keeps kids curious, confident, and connected - it's how we make sure every child comes back to school ready to learn, grow, and thrive.

All of these students should be very proud of themselves - I hope that everyone is looking forward to another great school year! Read more about my Summer Reading Challenge here. <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-ryan-celebrates-hudson-valley-k-8-students-awards-certificates?fbclid=IwY2xjawMmkotleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETF>

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CONGRATULATING THE HUDSON VALLEY'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

I want to give a big shout out to the Hudson Valley's newest Eagle Scout, Charles Caines!

Your dedication to serving our neighbors and work ethos have already made a profound impact - you've got a bright future ahead! Read more about his awesome achievement here! <https://www.timeshudsonvalley.com/mid-hudson-times/stories/eagle-scout-awarded-highest-honor.186620>

REMEMBERING THOSE LOST TO ADDICTION AND OVERDOSE

On last Sunday's International Overdose Awareness Day, we remembered those lost to the heartbreaking disease of addiction.

I'll keep fighting to bring the resources home to the Hudson Valley to end the overdose epidemic once and for all.

REFLECTING ON THE END OF WORLD WAR II

This past Tuesday marked 80 years since WWII ended - it was the culmination of innumerable selfless sacrifices and acts of profound heroism from service members made to protect freedom.

We must honor their legacies by continuing the fight to defend democracy - today, tomorrow, and always.

CELEBRATING ORANGE COUNTY'S REVAMPED DMV

Orange County's restoration of the Woolworth building both revitalizes a historic piece of the Newburgh community and makes services for families even more accessible.

I'm so glad my team could join Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew and her team for the DMV's ribbon cutting and am looking forward to seeing the new and improved facility!

STOPPING BY A KINGSTON COMMUNITY STAPLE

I always know that I'm in for amazing food and company when I stop by Dietz Stadium Diner.

It was great seeing owner Elenie Loizou at my recent visit!

GRANTS CORNER -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. (Contd. Pg. 58)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

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

Weatherization Assistance Program is the largest residential energy conservation program in the country. NYS WAP assists income-eligible homeowners and some renters* in our state by reducing heating and cooling costs through energy-conservation measures, while also addressing health and safety issues in their homes. Households with incomes at or below 60% of state median income are eligible for assistance. Program services are available to both homeowners and renters, with priority given to senior citizens, families with children, and people with disabilities. If a household contains a member who receives Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits or certain other forms of public assistance, the household is automatically eligible for NYS WAP services. Applications are accepted from renters, homeowners, and rental property owners. Potential program participants apply by contacting the WAP provider that serves their area.

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 affordable health care

In the richest country in the world, no one should have to forgo treatment because they can't afford health insurance. But unless Congress acts, critical Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies that help millions of Americans-including 1.6 million New Yorkers-afford their health insurance will expire at the end of the year.

That's why Kirsten is calling on her colleagues in Congress to include an extension of the ACA enhanced premium tax credits in any funding bill that passes this fall. These subsidies save lives, and she is determined to keep them in place.

Read more. <https://www.wbng.com/2025/09/04/senator-gillibrand-warns-skyrocketing-healthcare-costs-if-congress-doesnt-act/>

2. Honoring the Harlem Hellfighters

On Wednesday, Kirsten was honored to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the legendary Harlem Hellfighters.

These courageous Black soldiers showed extraordinary valor in World War I, even as they faced racism at home. They made New York and our country proud, and their heroism will never be forgotten.

Watch Kirsten's speech here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmAMOW0PA2E>

3. Protecting seniors in the workplace

According to AARP, 64% of older workers have seen or experienced age discrimination in the workplace. It's unacceptable.

Kirsten held an Aging Committee hearing to discuss ways to combat age discrimination against working seniors. During the hearing, Kirsten called for the passage of the bipartisan Protecting Older Americans Act, which would invalidate forced arbitration clauses that prevent age discrimination victims from seeking justice and public accountability, ensuring that seniors can have their day in court.

Read more. <https://www.wxnews.org/local-news/2025-09-03/gillibrand-seeks-end-to-forced-arbitration-in-workplace>

4. Funding the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

The work done at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS) is crucial to our national defense.

This week, Kirsten visited NFARS to announce her push to send federal dollars to the station for much-needed upgrades that will consolidate operations, streamline communications, and enhance readiness. Read more

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2025/09/02/gillibrand-speaks-on-niagara-falls-air-station-funding>

5. Supporting workforce development programs

Workforce development programs like Rochester's Multi-Craft Apprenticeship Preparation Program (M.A.P.P.) are a critical gateway for many hoping to break into the building and construction trades.

This week, Kirsten visited M.A.P.P. to discuss her fight for \$2 million in federal funding to support M.A.P.P.'s work and build out a new state-of-the-art workforce development center that will help connect New Yorkers with good-paying jobs.

Read more. <https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/rochesters-mapp-gets-2m-federal-boost-with-gillibrands-aid/>

6. Supporting first responders' wellness

Police officers, firefighters, and EMTs face unique stressors on the job that increase their chances of developing PTSD and put their mental health at risk.

That's why Kirsten is fighting to secure more federal funding to expand mental health resources for first responders. This week, she visited the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association to highlight the \$500,000 in federal funds that she is fighting for and meet with law enforcement families who have lost loved ones to mental health crises.

Read more. <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/politics/police-suicide-mental-health-u5817ap2>

7. Helping New Yorkers get benefits

When an Oneida County veteran had waited three months for his Social Security benefits application to be approved, he contacted Kirsten's office for help. After Kirsten's team contacted the Social Security Administration (SSA), the agency approved his retirement benefits and released over \$12,500 in past-due benefits.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>

8. Coming up: Kirsten's service academy workshops

Are you interested in attending one of the nation's service academies?

This fall, Kirsten's office will host 2025 Service Academy Nights in each of New York's regions. Representatives from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Naval Academy in Annapolis, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, and Air Force Academy will share information about the admissions process and the unique academic and career opportunities they offer. (Contd. Pg. 59)

Welcome to Kirsten's NY Minute

(From Pg. 58)

Representatives from across New York will also share information about the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and Department of Defense Cyber scholarship programs.

Interested students, parents, and school officials can find more information and RSVP by visiting the links below. Contact nominations@gillibrand.senate.gov for information.

Long Island: Monday September 15th at SUNY Farmingdale

Hudson Valley: Wednesday September 17th at SUNY Westchester Community College

Rochester: Thursday September 18th at Monroe Community College

Capital Region: Tuesday September 23rd at University of Albany

New York City: Thursday September 25th at John Jay CUNY

Central Region: Monday September 29th at National Veteran Resource Center @ Syracuse University

Buffalo: Thursday October 2nd at Roswell Cancer Institute

Frequently asked questions and the link to apply for a nomination from Kirsten's office are available online at <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/academy-nominations/>. The deadline to submit all application materials for Kirsten's nomination is October 12, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

Stefanik Exposes Hochul's Corrupt "No Call" List

Saratoga, N.Y. - House Republican Leadership Chairwoman Elise Stefanik sent a letter today to Governor Kathy Hochul demanding answers on her "No Call" List targeting fired correctional officers.

The Chairwoman's letter comes following reports to her office that Governor Hochul and DOCCS Commissioner Martuscello have been instructing prison superintendents across the state not to rehire certain individuals. Despite pushback from these superintendents the Governor and Commissioner have made it their priority to punish certain COs as these facilities attempt to ramp up staffing.

Chairwoman Stefanik wrote, "I was made aware that there exists within the Department a "NO CALL LIST" of approximately 200 individuals whom you and Commissioner Martuscello have determined are not to be offered employment. This list, circulated to Superintendents across the state, is an attempt to block dedicated COs from returning to work."

Stefanik continued, "I am requesting answers to the following questions.

1) What are the criteria you and the Commissioner used to determine the composition of this list of individuals who are not to be rehired?

2) Are the individuals on that list being targeted for expressing their opinions on the strike, the HALT Act, or other actions taken by your administration?"

Stefanik added, "Commissioner Martuscello and you have engaged in coercive, unethical, and illegal actions against thousands of correctional officers and prison staff. This blacklist is just the latest in your abuses of power as you seek to bully and intimidate."

Stefanik concluded, "Our brave correctional officers and prison staff deserve better, and New Yorkers deserve to know about your underhanded revenge tactics."

Read the letter [HERE](#)

<https://files.constantcontact.com/81b76c35801/d59b3871-b5a9-4b00-b606-1ad10db8253c.pdf>

Chairwoman Stefanik also sent a letter to U.S. Labor Secretary Chavez-DeRemer calling for an investigation into reported FMLA violations impacting New York State Correctional Officers.

Stefanik's Bill Ratifying the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim Settlement Agreement Featured at House Natural Resources Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee Hearing Block

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a legislative hearing on House Republican Chairwoman Elise Stefanik's legislation to ratify the land claim settlement agreement between the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, New York State, Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, the Towns of Fort Covington and Bombay, and the New York Power Authority.

"I am deeply honored to lead this historic legislation and to have my legislation ratifying the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim Settlement Agreement that returns thousands of acres of land back to the Akwesasne Mohawks featured before the Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee. This is a significant milestone following over four decades of tireless advocacy from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, New York State, Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, the Towns of Fort Covington and Bombay, and the New York Power Authority," said Chairwoman Stefanik. "I will be proud to pass this historic achievement in the United States Congress and send it to the President's desk for his signature."

Additionally, the settlement agreement includes:

1. Free tuition and mandatory fees for all Akwesasne Mohawk students attending SUNY institutions;
2. Right to acquire 9 megawatts of power at a preferred rate from New York Power Authority; and
3. \$70 million from New York Power Authority over 35 years.

Read full text of the bill here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/81b76c35801/e6393096-7ccf-4bd0-8ec6-cacb67bf7214.pdf?rdr=true>

SC Historical Society Announces the Unveiling of the Newest Historical Marker in Hurleyville

The Sullivan County Historical Society is pleased to announce the unveiling of the newest historical marker in Hurleyville, NY. This one is on the grounds of the museum on Main Street. The building served as a school until 1967 then it lay dormant until the county took over the building. In 1971 it became a museum and the home of the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Frederick A. Cook Society.

The unveiling will occur on Sunday, September 14 at 2:00. All are welcome to attend. We invite you to share your stories and memories of the school. There will be items on display in the museum auditorium as well as refreshments available.

The historical marker has been made possible through the joint efforts of the Sullivan County Historical Society, Sullivan County Parks and Recreation Department and the leadership of Gordon and Henry MacAdam.

If you have questions call the museum at 845-434-8044 or email at scecil@scnyhistory.org.

SC Chamber Opens Voting for 2025 Business Excellence Awards Nominees

Monticello, NY-The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the official nominees for the 2025 Business Excellence Awards. These awards honor individuals, businesses, and organizations who demonstrate outstanding leadership, service, innovation, and commitment to the community.

Nominees were selected through a public nomination process, and voting is now open exclusively to members of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. Winners will be celebrated at the 2025 Business Excellence Awards Gala on Thursday, November 13 at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre.

Chamber members can cast their vote here: <https://sullivancountychamberofcommerce.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Form/FillV2/rA2GWiyp?cid={{HCContactId}}>

2025 Award Categories & Nominees

Businessperson of the Year

- Recognizes an individual for outstanding leadership and business success.

- o Janet Carrus, Founder, Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre
- o Sean Brooks, Owner, Prestige Towing
- o Steven Schwartz, Owner, Steve's Music Center

Distinguished Achievement Award

- Recognizes an individual or organization for significant and lasting contributions to the region.

- o Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre
- o Ira Steingart, Chief Executive Officer, Sullivan County IDA
- o New Hope Community
- o The River Reporter
- o Usher Jalas, Owner, Bowling on Broadway & Liberty Pizza

Distinguished Service Award

- Recognizes an individual for extraordinary community service and volunteerism.

- o Danny Gonzalez, Owner, Starters American Eatery
- o Lynn Morales, Community Engagement Support Specialist, Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson

Emerging Leader Award

- Recognizes a rising professional making meaningful change.

o Jennifer Jensen, Sales Manager, Hudson Valley Home Source, LLC

o Jesse Robinson, Founder & CEO, JR Capital Solutions
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Workplace Excellence Award

- Recognizes a workplace for commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion.

o Kathy Kreiter, Program Administrator, Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless

Resorts World Gives Award

- Presented to a local nonprofit organization in recognition of its outstanding service, impact, and dedication to the Sullivan County community.

o Boys & Girls Clubs of Town of Wallkill

o Catskill Animal Rescue (CARE)

o Hope's Compass

The Chamber thanks all who submitted nominations and congratulates each of the 2025 nominees. Your work and leadership help make Sullivan County a better place to live, work, and grow.

Voting is open now through close of business on Wednesday, September 10th for all current Chamber members. One vote per member organization.

For more information, please contact the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce at office@catskills.com or 845 791 4200 x1

"DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 30 Now Available: Join Team DEC "There's a Job for Everyone at DEC" Across 9 Regions Statewide

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 30-"Join Team DEC"-spotlights the work of DEC's personnel staff who help support the agency's nearly 3,400 employees and recruit the next generation of environmentalists, scientists, attorneys, and administrative staff that help protect New York's natural resources and environment.

In this episode, hosts DEC Region 4 Director Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald are joined by Alan Ilagan, Associate Director Human Resources, and Natalie Joseph, Human Resources Specialist, with DEC's Division of Human Resources to highlight DEC's recruiting efforts to fill positions across every region of New York State, open exam announcements for Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Forest Rangers, and how potential candidates can find jobs through the State's Civil Service system.

Natalie and Alan explain the many benefits that come with working for DEC, how the NY HELPS program enabled DEC to hire more than 350 new employees and promote another 60 during the last year, and how their own personal career path led them to working for the agency.

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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2025 Open Hours

July 27

August 10 and 24

September 14

October 12

1 to 4 p.m.

Admission by donation



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Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

Adjacent to the Claryville Reformed Church Hall

946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

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



SHANE RENNISON - LONELY DAYS

DOLBY ATMOS SINGLE - SEPT 12, 2025

Indie pop/rock singer-songwriter Shane Rennison announces the release of his new single "Lonely Days", arriving September 12, 2025 via Shane Rennison Music LLC and Symphonic Distribution. Produced in immersive Dolby Atmos with longtime collaborator Julian Giaimo, the track pairs vivid lyrical imagery with a soaring, atmospheric arrangement that reflects on isolation and resilience.

"There's a line in the song that says, *'These lonely days still beat sleeping with you,'* and I think that carries the core of it. Real peace sometimes requires walking away, even if it means being alone."

The single arrives alongside a cinematic music video shot in Upstate New York, mirroring the song's emotional arc through dreamlike imagery, stark landscapes, and intimate close-ups. The video will premiere on YouTube on September 12, coinciding with the track's release.



ARTIST BIO

Rennison, known for blending raw acoustic storytelling with layered synth textures, relaunched his full catalog in 2025 under his independent label, introducing fans to his most immersive work to date. With influences spanning Harry Styles, Noah Kahan, and Dermot Kennedy, his music has been described as "cinematic yet intimate, perfect for late-night drives or quiet reflection."



ABOUT "LONELY DAYS"

Lonely Days is Shane's first release since moving to Symphonic Distribution, produced in immersive Dolby Atmos with longtime collaborator Julian Giaimo. The track reflects on isolation and resilience, pairing vivid lyrical imagery with a soaring, atmospheric arrangement. It marks a new chapter focused on sync, collaboration, and artistic growth.



TRACK DETAILS:

- Release Date: September 12, 2025
- Runtime: 2:49
- Genre: Indie Pop/Rock
- Label: Shane Rennison Music LLC
- ISRC: QZ-WW3-25-28913



Listen / Pre-Save:

<https://lnk.to/SRMLonelydays>



Music Video Link:

https://youtu.be/Xky_sQO4_DY

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Over the Notch

Chichester, NY

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Presenter: Charles J. Zimmerman,
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Saturday, September 27, 2025, 2-4PM

Shandaken Town Hall

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The Historian's great-grandfather, grandfather and father were employees of the fine woodworking factory through a period of 76 years.

Graphic Design: Bob Willover



TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE RIVOLI

Are you bored staying home every night? Do you crave some fun and mental exercise? The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has the solution for you! On Monday, September 22, your inimitable host, Peter Nastasi, will conduct an evening of fun and cerebral calisthenics - at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Come alone, come with friends, join a group, make new friends, test your knowledge, learn something new. And have fun!! Admission is free - donations always welcome.

Wicked, Sing along

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop cordially invites you to the Sing-Along version of the fabulous musical film "Wicked". The big screen at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg comes down at 6:00 o' clock on Sunday, September 28th,

The movie "Wicked" played to rave reviews. Come see the movie and get into the action by singing your heart out along with Elphaba, Glenda, Madame Morrible, The Wizard and others. The lyrics are on the Rivoli's movie screen for all to follow. General admission for all is \$7.00 for an memorable musical experience.

Poetry Festival at the Liberty Museum

The 16th Annual Poetry Festival of the Liberty Museum & Arts Center will be held this year on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Museum, located at 46 South Main Street in Liberty, N.Y. Poetry reading starts at 1:00 p.m.

This event began when then Poet Laureate of Liberty, Walter Keller, gathered some local poets together to read and share their work, and it grew into one of the most popular events on the Museum calendar. After Walter passed away, Marilyn Laufer, the current Village of Liberty Poet laureate, continued in his tradition.

Poets from many parts of Sullivan and Ulster Counties, downstate, New York City and Pennsylvania submit work for perusal, and are given time to share their poetry aloud at the event. Each year the poets bring offerings that are interesting, unique, and varied in style and subject. There is something for everyone to enjoy and relate to.

Following the readings, poets and guests are invited to partake of light refreshments and get acquainted.

Admission to the poetry festival is free. Since the Museum operates on donations, memberships and volunteerism, all donations are gratefully accepted. The Museum is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from noon until 4PM. Come early and enjoy the Art Educators Annual Art Exhibition before the poetry.

For more information, call Marilyn at 845-292-6628.

ULSTER COUNTY'S TOP 10 EVENTS

44th Annual Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair

@ Ulster County Fairgrounds

10 am - 5:30 pm, August 30th & 31st

10 am - 4 pm, September 1st

249 Libertyville Rd, New Paltz

Hudson Valley Sunflower Festival

@ Kelder's Farm

10 am - 6 pm, September 1st

5755 US Route 209, Kerhonkson

Honeycrisp Festival

@ Weed Orchards

10 am - 5 pm, September 1st

10 am - 6 pm, September 6th, 7th, 13th, & 14th

43 Mount Zion Rd, Marlboro

FLOTSAM! River Circus

@ Kingston Point Beach

6:30 pm - 8 pm, September 3rd

106 Delaware Ave, Kingston

Meadowlark 2025

@ Stone Ridge Orchard

3 pm - 9:30 pm, September 12th

12 pm - 9:30 pm, September 13th & 14th

3012 NY-213, Stone Ridge

SEPTEMBER

ULSTER COUNTY'S TOP 10 EVENTS

**Mainetti & Mainetti's
5th Annual Uptown Car Show**
11 am - 3 pm, September 13th
Uptown Kingston

**Headless Horseman Hayrides
& Haunted Attractions Opening Day**
Time slots from 7:30 pm - 9:30pm, September 20th
778 Broadway Route 9W, Ulster Park

September Harvest Grape Stomping Festival
@ Benmarl Winery
11 am - 8 pm, September 20th & 21st
156 Highland Ave, Marlboro

Catskill Fall Foliage Adventure
@ Catskill Mountain Railroad
Time slots from 11 am - 3 pm, September 20th, 21st, & 28th
Time slots from 11 am - 5 pm, September 27th
55 Kingston Plaza Rd, Kingston

Hudson Valley Garlic Festival
@ Cantine Veterans Memorial Complex
10 am - 6 pm, September 27th
10 am - 5pm, September 28th
Pavillion St, Saugerties

SEPTEMBER



Office of
Mental Health

Disaster Mental Health Responder Training

TRAINING:	Part 1 – Psychological First Aid (PFA)
DATE:	October 2, 2025 8:30am – 3:00pm
TRAINING:	Part 2 – Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice (FDMHP)
DATE:	November 18, 2025 8:30am – 4:00pm
LOCATION:	Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North St., 2 nd Fl., Monticello, NY 12754
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

- Identify key phases of disaster response and roles assumed by mental health professionals.
- Identify the range of psychological and psychosocial reactions that individuals experience in the aftermath of disasters and the range of early 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 Mental Health is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board as an approved provider of continuing education for Licensed Psychologists and Licensed Social Workers. Those who attend PFA will receive 5 CEUs toward renewal of their license. Those who attend FDMHP will receive 6 CEUs toward renewal of their license.

27 SEPTEMBER 2025

**The Sullivan County Veterans Coalition
presents**

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY VETERANS FESTIVAL & STAND DOWN

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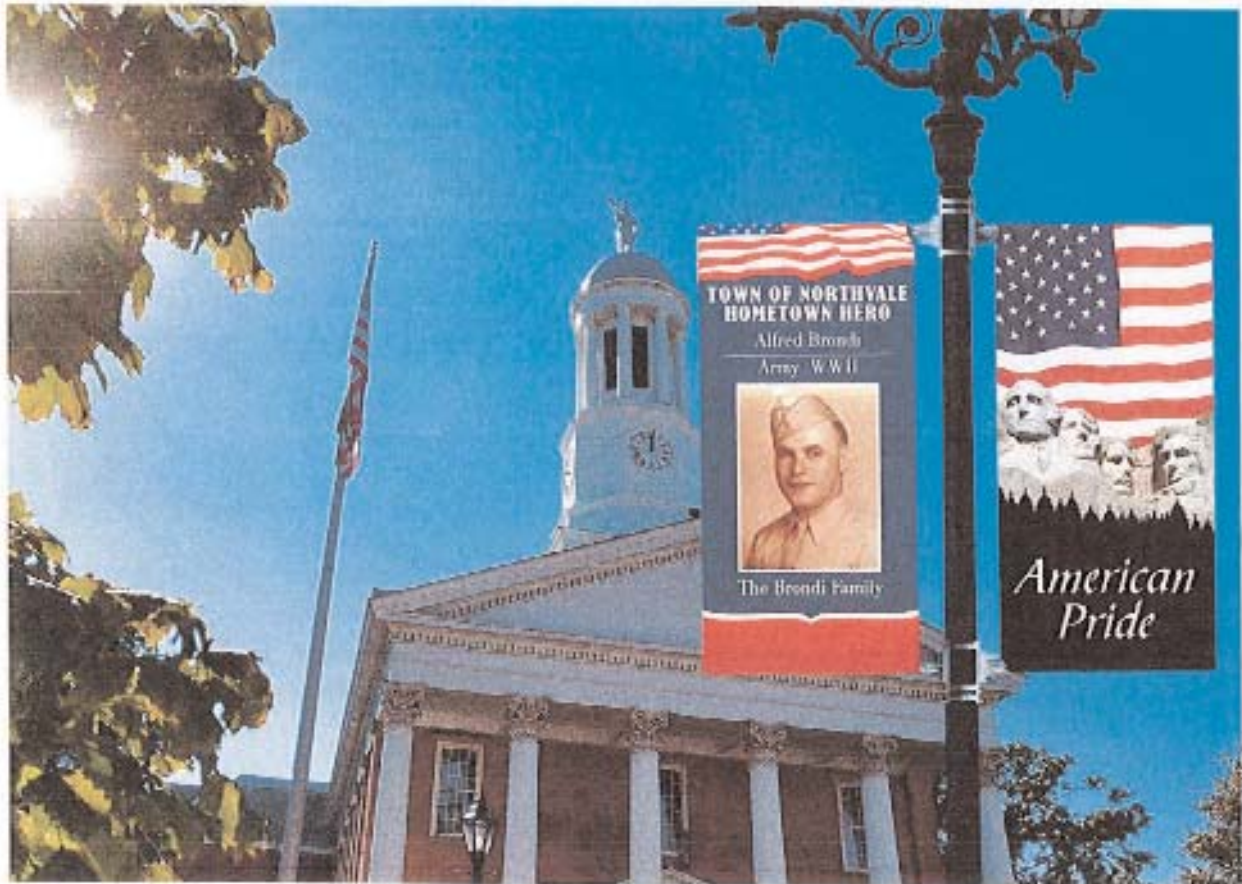
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2025 SHOW DATES

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SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 3:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE 12:00 NOON. **DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 30 VEHICLES.**

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE; TOP 3 2005 & NEWER, TOP 12 2004 & OLDER, KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN OR SHINE.**

SATURDAY 7/12/25 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, SULLIVAN STREET WURTSBORO, NY 12790 **OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 40 VEHICLES.**

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM **PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE** TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 20; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN OR SHINE.**

SUNDAY 8/10/25 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701 ENTER FROM RTE. 17 EXIT 105 TO PLEASANT ST. MAKE RIGHT TURN ONTO BROADWAY. **OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM **PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE** TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 5 2005 AND NEWER; TOP 35 2004 AND OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE; BEST FIRE TRUCK; BEST OF SHOW

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SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2005 & NEWER; TOP 20 2004 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **DASH PLAQUES FIRST 40 VEHICLES**

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS

1st Wednesday
each month
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Feb 5

Mar 5	Apr 2
May 7	June 4
July 2	Aug 6
Sept 3	Oct 1
Nov 5	Dec 3

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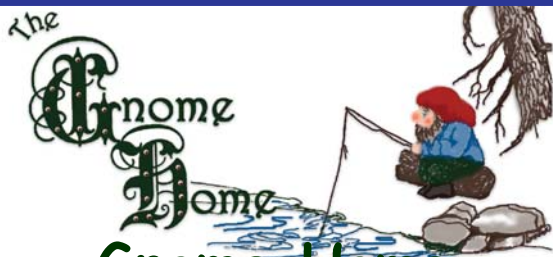
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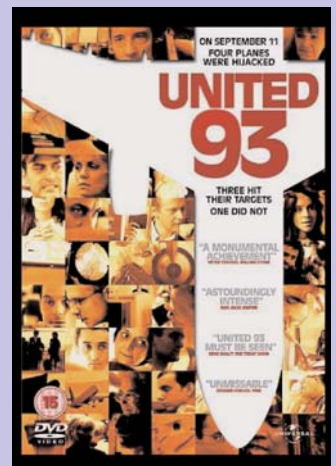
This heartbreaking film honors the memory of the victims held hostage in the air and their courageous acts when the impending horror is realized by the passengers, crew and loved ones on the ground.

United 93 is a 2006 biographical action drama film produced, written, and directed by Paul Greengrass. The film mainly chronicles the events aboard the hijacked flight, [one of the four hijacked flights during the September 11 attacks on America. Flight 93 was the only plane to not hit its intended target, due to the intervention of passengers and crew.

United 93 also covers the experiences of government officials and air traffic controllers, many of whom are played by themselves, as they witness the other events of the attacks unfold that day. There is a disclaimer that some imagination had to be used to tell the story however, *United 93* was made with the support and cooperation of most of the passengers' families. Many of the on-the-ground personnel, most notably Federal Aviation Administration head Ben Sliney, portray themselves.

The film premiered on April 26, 2006, grossing \$76.3 million worldwide. Ten percent of the gross income from the three-day opening weekend was promised toward a donation to create a memorial for the flight's victims.

United 93 received two Academy Award nominations: Best Director for Greengrass and Best Film Editing for Clare Douglas, Richard Pearson, and Christopher Rouse.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question Kathy Bates

This weeks' Trivia question: What army division attended Custer on his raid at *Little Big Horn*?