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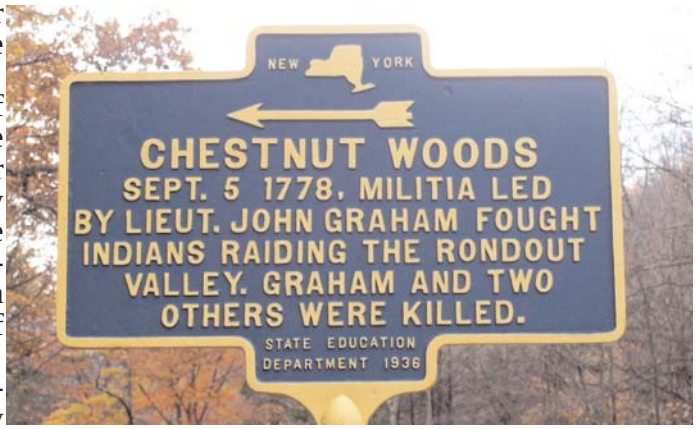
# Two New Interactive Exhibitions on the American Revolution Planned for 2026 by the Time and the Valleys Museum

**The 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is July, 2026! Known as REV250, The Time and the Valleys Museum is celebrating the 250th anniversary and honoring our area's contribution to the struggle for independence by creating two new interactive exhibition on the Revolution:**

1. An interactive traveling exhibition for students on Sullivan County and the Revolution. This exhibition will travel to schools and libraries starting in early 2026 and will include a teacher's guide.

2. An interactive and immersive exhibition for all ages on frontier life in Ulster and Sullivan counties, opening in May, 2026 at the Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville.




While the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026 is the most well known anniversary, there are many others over the next few years relating to our nations fight for independence from Britain. Much of that fight happened in New York, up and down the Hudson River and extending throughout the area of Orange Sullivan and Ulster Counties, considered the "frontier" in the 1700s. There are two battles that happened in Sullivan County - the Battle of Minisink in Highland and the Battle of Chestnut Woods in Neversink.

The Museum is seeking information, stories, written local histories and records from this early time in Sullivan County's history from descendants, historical organizations or from anyone who wants to share. Anyone with information or who would like to help with these exhibitions can contact Donna Steffens at 845 985-7700 or director@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. **The Museum would like to thank Brian McPhillips and The County of Sullivan for discretionary funding which is making these important exhibitions possible.**

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** *Connecting Water, people and the Catskills,* the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day through the end of September, weekends, from noon to 4 p.m. and other times by appointment. The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is $10, Children: $5, and children under six are free. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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# OBITUARY

**Darwin R. Whipple, Sr.,** of Grahamsville, NY, died on August 29, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was 92.

Darwin was born April 16, 1933, in Orson, PA, to the late Clyde A. and Edna (Robinson) Whipple. He graduated from Hancock High School and very proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1952-1956 during the Korean War, where he specialized in sheet metal work on top secret prototype planes. After completing four more years as a reserve in the Air Force, he married his lifelong partner, Marie C. Binde of Pleasant Mount, PA, in 1960.

Darwin and Marie settled in Wurtsboro, NY where they raised their six children for the next 20 years. Darwin, along with several other men, created the Mamakating Baseball League for which he was President of, helped build the first ballfield park for and proudly coached the Rams. This great ballpark these men built still stands today and is used for little league and remains Brewer Field.

Darwin was an active member and Sergeant at Arms at the Moose Lodge in Blue Haven. He worked construction on skyscrapers in NYC, such as the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building and did tunnel work for the Delaware Aqueduct system, which today feeds over half of NYC its water supply, and also constructed route 17 highways. He enjoyed mechanical work of any kind, but especially restoring antique tractors. Darwin's family spent many years in Fairdale, PA and Phoenix, AZ, before settling in Grahamsville, NY to be nearer to their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He was Chaplain and then Post Commander at the American Legion Post in Hallstead, PA and a lifelong member of the Elks Lodge in Scottsdale, AZ.

Darwin is survived by five of his children: Yvonne Dolfini-Jones and her husband, Andrew, Denise L. Whipple, James R. Whipple, Mary A. Smith and her husband Kyle, and David R. Whipple. He is also survived by ten grandchildren: Christpher Dolfini, Chrisina Dolfini, Jason Dolfini, Darwin R. Whipple, III., and his wife Samantha, James R. Whipple, Jr., Julianna Smith, Benjamin Smith, Sarah Whipple, David J. Whipple and Andrew Grace, and seven great-grandchildren: Anthony, Hanna, Austin, Brantley and Dakota Dolfini, Darwin R. Whipple, IV, and Ivy Whipple; his brother-in-law and lifelong friend, James Appley of Fish's Eddy and sister-in-law, Geraldine Binde, of Phoenix, AZ, and scores of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.
Darwin was predeceased by his devoted and loving wife of 52 years, Marie C. Whipple, in 2012 and his eldest son, Darwin R. Whipple, Jr., in 2016.

Darwin was the last surviving sibling from his family of twelve children and was predeceased by his four sisters: Faith Johnson, Ila Bloomer, Betty Binde, and Altheda Appley; and seven brothers: Arden, Wayne, Walter, Friend, Floyd, Robert, and William Whipple.

A special thank you to Kelly Whipple, who Darwin fondly called "My girl", and is his daughter-in-law, for her unwavering, dedicated help, companionship and love while caring for him though the last seasons of his life. You were truly a gift. We also extend many thanks to those from Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties: Theresa, Danica, Cindy, Jess, and Robin. Your compassionate care and mindful presence given to our family during this very difficult time was exceptional and we are grateful to you all.

Visitation will be held at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788 on Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 11:00am-1:00pm, followed by interment at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery on Sunset Lake Road, Liberty, NY with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, to help keep the love of the game alive, please consider sending a donation in his name to the Mamakating Little League, PO Box 745, Wurtsboro, NY 12790 (Contd. Pg. 4)

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

**August 17, 1955**

Architect Harry Halverson of Kingston, presented some general drawings and proposals to the Board of Education of the Tri Valley School District. He reported that the drawings represented a list of rooms and service areas as suggested by the Buildings and Grounds Division of the State Education Dept. to satisfy current and future housing needs for the student population of the district. The expansion included the addition of six elementary and eight high school rooms, a new double-size gymnasium and the enlargement of the present homemaking, , art, cafeteria and library services.

Ding dong! Ding dong!
The school bell rings
Where did the summer go?
Kum to Krum's for all those things
For Jane and Joe!

**August 25, 1965**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Keller who are the proud parents of a son, Gary Ross, born on Wednesday, August 18th at Kingston Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller are the paternal grandparents and Mrs. Charles Baker is the maternal grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shursky of Hurleyville have recently opened the hardware store in Grahamsville previously owned by the late Charles H. Currey. Mr. Shursky owns the lumber mill on the Woodbourne Road. Alfred Currey, Charles Currey's father, purchased the store in 1904 at a tax sale. According to Vernon Pierce of Curry, who knew Charles Currey from the time he was old enough to walk, the hardware store was previously operated by Len Hornbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mentnech are the parents of a daughter, Patti Ann, born on August 4, 1965 at Liberty Maimonides Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois are the maternal grandparents.

**September 10, 1975**

Congratulations to Walter Garigliano of Grahamsville, on being named to the Dean's Honors List at the University of Denver for high scholastic achievement during the spring quarter of the 1974-75 academic year.

**September 5, 1985**

It's been a brother-sister team right from the start. Elizabeth C. Coombe (Beth) and Richard I. Coombe, Jr. (Ric) of the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter in Grahamsville, N.Y. are two of the FFA's “Leaders for the new fields in Agriculture.” As brother and sister, Ric and Beth participated in many levels of the FFA Prepared and Extemporaneous Speaking Contest before winning the State Titles at the Annual Meeting of the N.Y. Association off FFA in May of 1985 on Long Island. Winning the State contest in May entitled Beth and Ric to compete in the Tri-States Speaking Contest between New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania on August 13th at Penn State University.

## Household Hint:

### Dryer Sheets Keep Insects Away???

Some campers and outdoor enthusiasts swear by scented dryer sheets to keep insects away; research has proven this. Some hikers rub the sheets on their skin; others tuck them into the tops of socks or collars. Just choose a scent you like and see if you're bug-free.

## 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*

### Confusion about Lucky Little Crickets!

A cricket is a cricket, right? Well, yes, but they are not all exactly the same. There are three types of crickets in the Catskills. The one you don't want in your house is the Camel Cricket, a/k/a called spider cricket. During the summer and fall, spider crickets will seek a dark and damp place like your basement. They congregate in large numbers and are voracious eaters feasting on fungus, fabric, carpets, wood, cardboard, dust, plants and even each other.

House Crickets are common outdoors, especially around garbage dumps. They usually grow to about one inch in size and are a light yellow brown color

Ironically the crickets that have a reputation of bringing good luck when they chirp on the hearth of your fireplace this time of year is not a House Cricket; it is a Field Cricket!

Field Crickets grow up to an inch long and have large hind legs and two cerci, or appendages coming out of the back of their abdomens.

Female Field Crickets have an ovipositor, a tubular organ coming from the abdomen between the cerci that is used to deposit eggs. After mating, female Field Crickets look for damp soil to lay eggs. They inject their ovipositors, like a needle, deep into the soil, laying about 50 eggs at a time. One female can lay over 400 eggs in her short life. Young crickets are called nymphs that eat a lot and grow quickly. They will molt, shedding their outer skin, eight or more times as they grow.

Field Crickets (of the family Gryllidae ) grow up to an inch long and have large hind legs and two cerci, or appendages coming out of the back of their abdomens. They are shiny black in color and have short rounded wings. They eat plant material, especially seeds, small fruits, and living and dead insects.

Adult male crickets "sing and dance" to attract females. The "song" is made by rubbing the front wings together. Females hear the song through tympanum (eardrums) on their front legs. Once a female approaches a male, he will move back and forth, performing a courtship "dance.

Field Crickets do not survive over the winter. Adult crickets and nymphs will die when cold weather arrives. The eggs, however, overwinter and will survive and hatch the following spring.

As summer ends and the temperature begins to fall, the rate of chemical reactions inside the crickets' bodies begin to slow down. Chirping will also slow down. The relationship between the temperature and the rate of chirping is known as Dolbear's Law. According to this law, counting the number of chirps produced in 14 seconds and adding 40 will approximately equal the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Once the temperature drops to below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, the crickets will soon stop chirping, a sign that winter is on its way.

Perhaps the real luck of a cricket on your hearth is that you have a warm home! Today, with high fuel prices as such, here's wishing we all have a Field Cricket on the hearth of our fireplace bringing us good luck in the form of a lower fuel bill!

# OBITUARIES (From Pg. 1)

**Janice M. Yager**
**December 14, 1942 - August 31, 2025**
**Grahamsville**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Janice Mary Yager. Affectionately known as Jan to her friends and Nanny to her family, she passed away peacefully at her home on August 31, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Jan's radiant smile and boundless warmth touched all who knew her throughout her 82 years.

One of three children, she was born to the late Herbert and Harriet Short on December 14, 1942, in Suffern and began her life in Stony Point, New York. She later moved to Neversink, NY, and was a proud graduate of Tri-Valley High School's Class of 1961. Jan demonstrated dedication to her community, which was evident through her work as a switchboard operator, bus driver, and later an administrative secretary at Tri-Valley Elementary School.

Throughout her life, Jan was defined by her devotion to four words: Family, Friends, Food, and Fun. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She could whip up a meal in an instant, turning every dinner table into a place of laughter and love. Although she was not a big sports fan, Jan loved watching and cheering for her sons and grandchildren at countless sporting events and activities. Each fall, she enjoyed annual trips to the Cape with family and friends and was always up for a cruise with her dear girlfriends in the winter. Janice was the most selfless, caring, and thoughtful person - always putting others before herself. Her quick wit and sense of humor brought smiles to all who knew her, and her joyful and loving spirit left an impression on everyone she met.

Jan is survived by her devoted husband of more than 60 years, Thomas C. Yager; her brother Donald Short, his wife Cynthia and daughter Amanda; her loving sons Michael Yager and his wife Andrea, and Timothy Yager and his wife Virginia. Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Andrew Yager and his wife Lisa, Kayla Foster and her husband Michael, Ariana Gallo and her husband Joseph, Madison Yager, Jacob Yager, Hunter Yager, Megan Schmidt, and Vivienne Gallo, all of whom she took immense pride in. She was preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Short.

Janice's life was a living embodiment of Mother Teresa's famous words: “Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.” Jan will be remembered for the love, warmth, and kindness she gave freely. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched. She truly embodied the adage of a life well lived.

A visitation will be held from 11 am to 1 pm, followed by a funeral service at Colonial Family Funeral Home, located at 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY, on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Paster Paul Minton will be officiating. Interment will follow at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, State Route 55 East.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Research Hospital

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# LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published August 13, 1998

We were married on November 2, 1924. My husband was a widower with eight children. We moved to the "Old Man Davis' farm" on Thunder Hill near Grahamsville. Because of our large family, the grocery bill had to be kept to a minimum because our only reliable source of income came from selling stove wood at $3 a cord, and homemade butter for 25 cents a pound. This meager amount had to be stretched to cover necessities but our diet was amply supplemented by what the farm produced.

In early spring we gathered dandelion greens, brakes, or milkweed greens, cowslips or whatever was in season. I added winter onions to our scrambled eggs and pulled tender shoots of rhubarb to make pies. Very soon there would be leaf lettuce and radishes from the garden. By the time spring came around, our meat supply would be exhausted and I leveled it off with chicken and dumplings. Since we had no refrigeration, summer meant cooking enough for only one meal each day.

The excess vegetables were preserved by various methods. Green beans and tomatoes were canned; sweet corn was cut from the cob and spread out to dry. Fall apples were peeled, cut up and strung on cord and hung over the stove to dry. When fall came we managed to buy a couple of bushels of peaches for canning. We dug up the carrots, potatoes and beets and stored them in the cellar. When the weather became cold, it was time to butcher a hog. Fresh meat graced out table as the bacon and hams were curing. Lean meat scraps were ground for sausage and the fat was rendered into lard and a quarter of beef was purchased. Dan's father, Charles Akerley was always with us to lend a helping hand. It was always Grandpa Akerley that cradled the buckwheat and helped us gather fruit, vegetables and cucumbers for pickling and canning.

Winter was soup season, a meaty bone boiled with a combination of vegetables made a nice meal. Or my "tricky combination". I took a quart of tomatoes and a quart of milk then heated each separately. Then a small amount of baking soda was added prior to the merger of the two to keep the milk from curdling. It also gave the soup a unique flavor.

Who among us today has access to thick cream or freshly churned butter? Even if those luxuries were affordable, doctors would surely forbid them because of the high cholesterol count!

# Two New Interactive Exhibitions on the American Revolution Planned for 2026 by the Time and the Valleys Museum (From Pg. 1)

Exhibitions:

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

• ***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 New! Expanded 1930s Lost Catskill Farm*** an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel - over 19 restored period buildings in all!

• ***NEW! The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting*** an exhibition of the evolution of quilting displaying many old and new local quilts, both hand-made and machine, with traditional and contemporary designs. Includes information on the quilts, quilt puzzles, coloring sheets for kids and more. Participating local quilt groups include the Calico Geese of Sullivan County, Chestnut Creek Quilters of Grahamsville and Claryville Quilters.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

# New Teacher Residency Program Launched to Support Aspiring Educators

Liberty: In a collaborative effort to strengthen the teacher pipeline and provide hands-on experience to future educators, Sullivan BOCES is proud to announce the launch of a Teacher Residency Program within Sullivan County. This innovative initiative is designed to support individuals interested in becoming teachers by offering immersive classroom experiences, mentorship, and a clear pathway to dual certification in high-need areas.

*Left to Right: Front Row: Nicole Olsen, Denise Yewchuck, Tyler Laput, Ryan Katz, Erin Corwin, and Susan Zieres Teeple, Director of Instructional Support Services at Sullivan BOCES. Back Row: Andrew Kovalcik, David Gillmer, Ryan Rogg, Ronj Padu, Dr. Rebecca Norman, Graduate Coordinator of Education at Mt. St. Mary College, and Corinne Macauley. Missing from photo: Kelsey Franke, Kassandra Will, and Jenny Reyes*

The program is the second phase of a teacher recruitment initiative rolled out in June 2024. This phase of the initiative is made possible through a $600,000 grant from the New York State Department of Labor and strategic partnerships with the Mid-Hudson School Study Council, Mount Saint Mary College, and Sullivan BOCES. It provides county residents interested in becoming teachers with access to academic resources, professional development opportunities, and a supportive network of educators committed to their growth and success.

"This program is a game-changer for those considering a career in education," said Dr. Robert M. Dufour, District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES. "By combining academic coursework with real-world teaching experience, residents will be well-prepared to step into the classroom with confidence and competence."

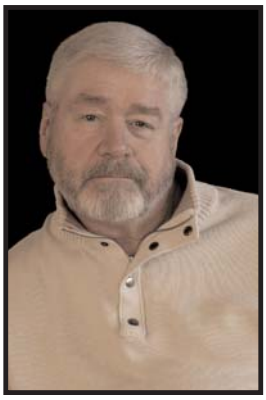
*Dr. Rebecca Norman, Mount Saint Mary College*

The Teacher Residency Program is open to 20 individuals who hold a bachelor's degree and are committed to meeting New York State requirements to become dual-certified teachers in high-need areas such as special education, English language literacy, math, or science through a state-approved teaching program. Candidates must be employed or eligible for employment in a Sullivan County school district or at Sullivan BOCES. Upon enrollment, participants will be required to sign a two-year commitment with their sponsoring district and work closely with mentor teachers, gradually taking on more responsibility throughout the school year. Successful completion of both their teaching certification and degree is required as part of the program.

During the first phase of this program, Mount Saint Mary College has played a pivotal role in supporting interested teacher candidate's academic journeys, offering flexible course schedules and personalized guidance to help participants navigate their path to teacher certification.

At this time, thirteen individuals have been officially accepted into the Teacher Residency Program. These participants represent the first cohort of future educators who will embark on their journey toward dual certification. Their coursework began on August 27, 2025, marking an important milestone in the effort to build a sustainable teacher pipeline within Sullivan County.

"We are thrilled to partner with Sullivan BOCES and the Mid-Hudson School Study Council on this initiative," said Dr. Sonya Abbye Taylor, Chair of the Division of Education at Mount Saint Mary College. "Together, we can cultivate a new generation of passionate, skilled educators who are ready to make a lasting impact on students' lives."



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# Blood Victory

## Mysterious Book Report No. 416

## by John Dwaine McKenna

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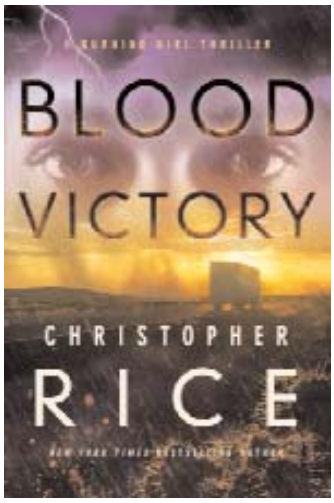
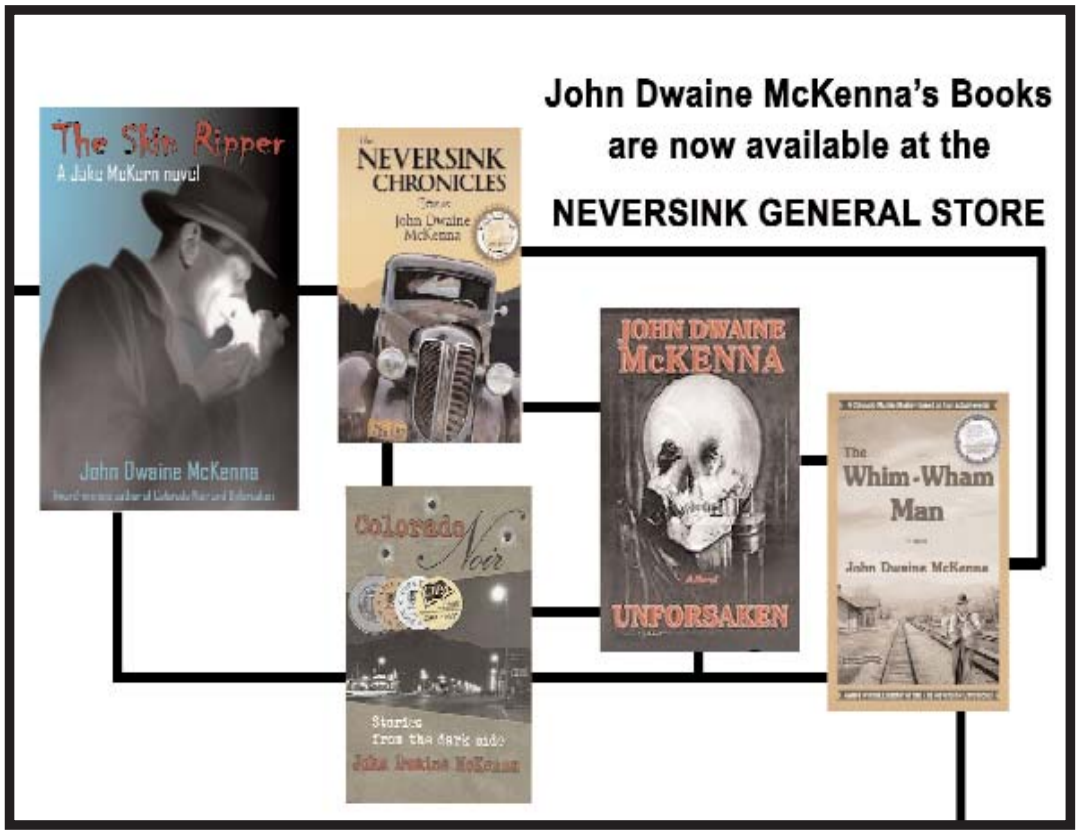



Have you ever driven down the Interstate Highway and noticed all of the trucks cruising along with you . . . then wondered what's inside of them? Maybe even speculated about what they're doing, or where they're going, maybe even asked yourself *What happens after they get there?*

Perhaps you've been too busy with other, more pressing concerns than to daydream like that, but not NY Times best-selling author Christopher Rice. He's written an electrifying Sci-Fi thriller entitled *Blood Victory*, (Thomas & Mercer, PB, $15.95, 318 pages, ISBN 978-1542014717), in which an ordinary woman named Charlotte Rowe becomes the unwitting test subject for a secret experimental drug. It gives her super-human strength and the ability to instantly heal any sickness or wound, no matter how grievous or life-threatening. Unfortunately however, the effect is only temporary. After three and a half hours, like Cinderella, Charlotte Rowe returns to her everyday self.

The drug, which cost hundreds of millions of dollars to develop, is owned by a group of tech moguls who're hoping to sell it and make billions of dollars from governments looking to develop armies of near-invincible soldiers. But the drug, which is called Zypraxon, has a nasty side-effect. Charlotte Rowe is the only human test subject who's still alive after being injected with it. All the others killed themselves immediately after being inoculated. That makes "Charley" as she likes to be called, immensely valuable to the Consortium who financed Zypraxon's development . . . and she's agreed to field-test it if allowed to do so on her own terms. Her terms are based on a series of childhood traumas and they're simple. She wants to be the bait that attracts serial killers of women. Charley's willing to allow herself to be captured by one of the known monsters-as identified by the consortium, whose resources stretch far and wide-then be taken to a killing site where the killer will learn that not all women are helpless. Not by a long shot.

And remember those ubiquitous white box trucks we started the article with? The ones that seem to be everywhere? That's what a psychopath named Cyrus Mattingly drives around in . . . and it's a rolling chamber of horror. The truck is where he plans to break Charley's spirit, as well as her mind, by terrorizing her while he drives to a rendezvous with a mysterious person he calls Mother . . . where the real terror will begin in this twisted, utterly fascinating dive into the other side of normality. It'll leave you with goose bumps that'll last for at least a week!

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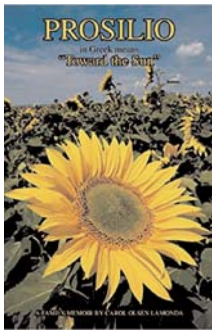
# The Olive Jar

**by Carol Olsen LaMonda**

## Labor Day

**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. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: *http://**amazon.com*** or ***http://barnesandnoble.com*** and type in ***Prosilio*** in the search to order your copy of ***Prosilio***




Labor Day always means, to me, the demarcation of summer vacation and the school year. Being retired, it also has the perks of NOT going back to school. Here are some of the extra-specially wonderful things about early September.

1. Waving to the school buses as I savor my third cup of coffee in my nightgown.

2. Fresh, juicy, tomato slices on white bread and mayo for lunch and remembering the nineteen-year stretch of cafeteria duty I no longer have to endure.

Also:

1. The sunshine of fall with the cool evenings.

2. Not having to run the heater, AC, or wood stove. We just open a window for a perfect, no cost, temperature.

3. Going to Cape Cod with friends and not fighting summer tourist traffic.

4. Exchanging pastel shorts for sweats.

5. Eating corn on the cob from Gill Farms or Davenports.

6. Enjoying the flowers without the maintenance of planting or weeding.

7. Watching the leaves begin to turn color before they fall and need raking.

8. Looking forward to my granddaughter play fall soccer in the crisp autumn afternoons.

9. Th e Ring of Fire and the Parade of Boat Lights on The Great Sacandaga Lake.

10. The Katydids that sing me to sleep under the down comforter.

# Catskill Center Applauds DEC's Visitor Use Plan to Protect Formerly Trailless High Peaks

September 2, 2025 - Arkville, NY: The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development applauds the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for taking bold steps to protect the Catskill Park's most fragile high peaks by releasing a draft Visitor Use Management (VUM) Plan.

The plan, which focuses on the region's formerly trailless summits, is the first of its kind in the Catskills and reflects years of scientific data collection and thoughtful analysis. By guiding hikers along sustainable, designated routes, the DEC aims to reduce ecological damage while ensuring continued public access to some of the most spectacular areas of the Catskill Mountains.

For decades, hikers seeking both challenge and solitude have shaped a web unmarked paths across these trailless summits. The unintended result has been disturbances to sensitive high elevation forests, fragmented wildlife habitat, and irreplaceable natural resources placed at risk. The new plan directly addresses these impacts by channeling use toward resilient, well-designed routes that protect the long-term health of the ecosystem.

"We commend the DEC for creating a plan rooted in science and stewardship," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "This is a significant step toward balancing the love people have for the Catskills with the urgent need to protect its most sensitive natural resources."

Key Elements the Catskill Center Supports

Science-Based Protections: Sensitive resource zones identified by the New York Natural Heritage Program will help safeguard rare plants and habitats.

Sustainable Trail Design: DEC will mark preferred routes to the peaks, followed by detailed trail sustainability analyses and design plans.

Better Communication: Partnerships with popular digital mapping platforms-and local programs like the Catskills Visitor Center and Catskill Stewards-will ensure visitors receive accurate, consistent information about safe, sustainable routes.

Recommendations to Strengthen the Plan

While strongly supportive, the Catskill Center urged DEC to strengthen the draft plan with several key actions:

Move Quickly to Protect Vulnerable Peaks: Trails to Rocky, South Doubletop, Halcott, Kaaterskill High Peak, Balsam Cap, and Friday Mountain should be marked no later than 2026.

Provide Parking and Infrastructure: New trailheads must include safe parking to reduce roadside impacts and strain on local communities.

Expand Visitor Education: Work closely with regional tourism agencies and stewardship programs to educate hikers about the new system and Leave No Trace principles.

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Measure Local Impacts: Conduct an economic impact analysis to ensure local communities benefit from increased visitation while addressing added pressures on emergency services.

Emphasize Whole Park Management: Build on the recommendations of the Catskills Strategic Advisory Group to expand data collection, strengthen stewardship, and coordinate decision-making across agencies.

Protecting the Catskills for Future Generations

For more than 56 years, the Catskill Center has worked to protect the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of the Catskills. With visitation steadily increasing, the stakes have never been higher. The Catskill Center believes that by implementing the Visitor Use Management Plan with urgency and care, the DEC can ensure that future generations will continue to experience the beauty and unique character of the Catskill High Peaks.

"The Catskills are beloved by millions, but love alone isn't enough to protect them," said Senterman. "We need smart planning, science-based action, and strong partnerships to ensure these mountains thrive for the next hundred years."

The draft plan is available for public comment through Monday, September 15. Comments can be submitted in writing via email to: catskillpark@dec.ny.gov or by mail to Pine Roehrs at NYSDEC, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 1256.

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# Alone Together Solo Festival

September 19, 20, 21 at 7 PM
at Farm Arts Collective

Damascus, PA-Farm Arts Collective presents Alone Together, a festival of original and innovative solo theatre performances by artists from around the United States. Over the course of one weekend in September, Farm Arts Collective will present three performances (one new show each night), created by groundbreaking American theatre artists from Scranton, PA Los Angeles, CA and Champagne Urbana, Illinois.

This year's theme revolves around death and extinction, yet all shows proport to include some laughs, theatrical wonderment, “dark humor for the anthropocene” and even carrot cake!

Festival passes are available, and individual tickets are on sale now.

Friday, Sept 19
**REMEMBER YOU WILL DIE**
Written & Performed by Maureen McGuigan
Director/Dramaturgy
Alicia Lynn Grega
Music
Jason Smeltzer
Images/Projection Design
Gregarious (Alicia Grega)
Scranton, PA

What happens when existential dread meets dark comedy? Maureen McGuigan's solo show "Remember You Will Die” transforms life's heaviest topics into an unexpectedly uplifting theatrical experience that audiences won't forget. From conversations with neighbors over magical mushroom chocolates, McGuigan weaves personal anecdotes with fascinating historical facts and scientific discoveries. The result is a performance that makes audiences laugh, cry, and ultimately feel less alone in confronting life's biggest mysteries. "Death is probably the most taboo subject in our society," says McGuigan, who also serves as Deputy Director of Arts & Culture for Lackawanna County in Scranton, PA. "But the only certain thing in life is that we will die.” This show encourages us to discuss death more openly so we can live more authentically. Remember You Will Die features projection and music by Jason Smeltzer. It premiered at the Scranton Fringe Festival and will go on to tour Ireland later this year.

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Saturday, Sept 20
**9 PICTURES**
Written, Performed and Facilitated by ashley sparks
Los Angeles, California

A work-in-progress immersive and interactive solo show blending facilitation, family photos, and stories (from ashley and the audience) about death, grief, politics, and race. It's not as depressing as it sounds. This multimedia experience also includes karaoke, at least one dirty joke, snacks, and a worksheet. This performance, if that's what it is, is being developed through community sharings. The script evolves after each performance. With an M.F.A. in Directing and Public Dialogue from Virginia Tech University, ashley has made theater with ensembles such as Cornerstone Theater Company in Los Angeles, ArtSpot Productions and Mondo Bizarro in New Orleans, and PearlDamour. sparks is the co-director of Mark-n-Sparks, a time-based creative experiment creating work at the intersections of policy and housing justice.

Sunday, September 21
**CETACEAN (The Whale)**
Written/Performed/Produced by Deke Weaver
Director/Choreographer/Performer/Producer: Jennifer Allen
Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

With a team of award-winning collaborators, Deke Weaver's life-long project is presenting a performance for every letter of the alphabet-each letter representing an endangered animal or habitat. CETACEAN (The Whale) is the 6th performance from The Unreliable Bestiary. Truly interdisciplinary, 2023's CETACEAN was a dazzling collage of lo-fi effects, story, video, sound with a large helping of dance and a dash of national park ranger talk. A Fall 2025 tour brings a condensed translation of the original show to New England, the Gulf of Mexico, and the land-locked seas of the Great Lakes. CETACEAN (The Whale) is dark, thoughtful humor for the anthropocene.

**FESTIVAL INFO**

Tickets are $25 per show or $60 for a festival pass. Pay-What-You-Can tickets are available for low and fixed income community members. To purchase go to www.farmartscollective.org

Following each performance there will be a reception. BYOB.

Farm Arts Collective is located at 38 Hickory Lane Damascus, PA 18415

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# Forestburgh Playhouse Academy Announces 2025 Fall Masterclass Series Dynamic training program for young performers this September

Forestburgh, NY - The Forestburgh Playhouse Academy is proud to announce its 2025 Fall Masterclass Series: Fall Into Training, a two-weekend program designed to sharpen skills, spark creativity, and inspire the next generation of performers. Running September 13-14 and September 20-21, the series offers eight specialized classes for students ages 8-17, each led by working theatre professionals.

Participants can choose to enroll in one, two, three, or all four sessions tailored to their age group, making the program both flexible and impactful. The series covers a range of disciplines-acting, comedy, dance, and vocal performance-providing opportunities for growth at every stage of development.

Class Schedule

**September 13**

o 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Scene Study (Ages 8-12)
o 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Advanced Scene Study (Ages 13-17)

**September 14**

o 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | LOL Academy: Comedy Lab for Kids (Ages 8-12)
o 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | LOL Academy: Comedy Lab for Teens (Ages 13-17)

**September 20**

o 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Dance the Story: Musical Theatre Moves (Ages 8-12)
o 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | I Hope I Get It: A Chorus Line Masterclass (Ages 13-17)

**September 21**

o 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Acting the Song (Ages 8-12)
o 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | College Audition Prep (Ages 13-17)

The Fall Masterclass Series is designed to give young performers the tools they need to grow as artists," said Franklin Trapp, Playhouse Producer. "By working with professional theatre artists, students gain practical training and inspiration that will stay with them long after the final curtain."

The Forestburgh Playhouse Academy has built a reputation for nurturing talent and fostering creativity through year-round training opportunities. The Fall Into Training program continues this tradition by offering a high-quality, accessible pathway for students to develop their craft in a supportive, professional environment.

Registration is now open. Students may select individual classes or build a custom training package.
For more information and to register, please visit:
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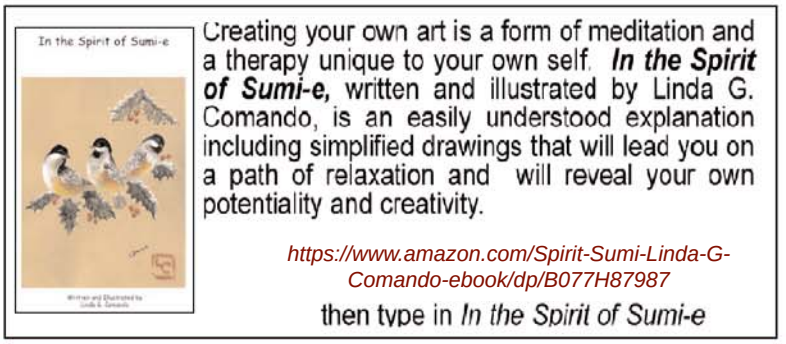

# Forestburgh Playhouse Unveils the 2025 Tavern Fall Series: September Weekends of Food, Spirits & Song in the Sullivan Catskills

FORESTBURGH, N.Y. - September 2, 2025 - The Forestburgh Playhouse today announced its 2025 Tavern Fall Series, a run of weekend events showcasing powerhouse bands, themed entertainment, and community fundraisers-paired with the Tavern's signature food, craft beverages, and convivial vibe. Doors open each event night at 7:00 p.m. for snacks and drinks; shows begin at 8:00 p.m.

Fall Series Lineup

o **Far Beyond Gone - Friday, September 12**
High-energy hits from the 1960s through the early 2000s. $15 cover;

o **Somerville - Friday, September 19**
Contemporary country with rock, blues, and roots flair from veteran touring musicians.

o **Trivia Night - Saturday, September 20**
Team up for a lively, prize-filled night of brain-teasing fun.

o **Band Night:** The Narrative with Steve Schwartz & Cris Spinner - **Friday, September 26**
Pop favorites from the '60s to today; $20 cover; fundraiser for The Sullivan County Rotary Clubs.

o **Paige Turner in AS IF!!** It's the 90s! - **Saturday, September 27**
An all-live-sung, totally '90s throwback-Madonna, Britney, Spice Girls, costume changes, and audience participation. A fundraising night for Catskills Pride, special Catskills Pride tickets available, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting CP.

"From dance-party bands to a '90s blowout and community-driven fundraisers, this year's Fall Series is about celebrating great music and good neighbors," said the Forestburgh Tavern team. "Come early, grab some shareable snacks and a drink, and make a night of it."

**Tickets & Venue**

Tickets for all Fall Series events are available now. For the full schedule and to purchase, visit forestburghtavern.com/fall-series. The Forestburgh Tavern is located at 39 Forestburgh Rd, Forestburgh, NY 12777. Phone: 845-794-1194; Email: info@FBplayhouse.org. Proudly serving local libations from regional partners.

**About the Forestburgh Tavern**

The Forestburgh Tavern, part of the Forestburgh Playhouse campus in the heart of the Sullivan Catskills, pairs live entertainment with a welcoming dining-and-drinks experience-creating memorable nights out for locals and visitors alike.

# 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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26 Quality of having experience, knowledge and good judgement
29 Tall deciduous tree
30 Avenue (abbrev)
32 Actor's signal
38 Person of high social position
39 Principal river in Siberia
40 Exclamation of astonishment
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2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate.

Beat milk, butter, vanilla extract, eggs, granulated sugar and Bisquick until smooth, 1 minute, with hand mixer. Pour into plate. Bake about 30 minutes. Cool completely.

Arrange banana slices on pie.

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At SAID meeting any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

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August 19th, 2025

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## LEGAL NOTICE

## PUBLIC MEETING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District in the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, State of New York, will hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, September 9th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Neversink Fire District's Building located at 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, New York. All meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners are open to the public.**

**This notice is being publicized and posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 104 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York by order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District.**

**Dated: August 22nd , 2024**

**Dana M. Vogler**
**Secretary**
**Neversink Fire District**

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**Sept. 1 - Sept. 30, 2025 No penalty**
***Payment in full or 50% of total bill***
**Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 2% penalty**
***Total Balance due or 25% of total bill***
**Nov. 1 - Nov. 7 3% penalty**
***Total Due.***

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

All unpaid School Taxes will be relevied 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

**9/4; 9/11**

# Back to Scratch: Stirring Up Something Real School Food Service Professionals Gather for Second Annual Conference

[LIBERTY, NY] - School Food Service Professionals from throughout Sullivan County gathered at SUNY Sullivan in August for a full day conference where they participated in a series of workshops to promote scratch cooking and programming around farm to school efforts. The conference was presented by the School Nutrition Action Coalition, a network of organizations and Sullivan County schools working together to bring 2 free, healthy, plant slant meals for every student, every day in Sullivan County schools.

Food service staff engaged in discussions and hands-on learning, exploring how cooking from scratch with whole, fresh ingredients can provide students with delicious and nutritious meals. Conference workshops were led by Chef Michael Benedetto and Chef Foteini Handrinos of SUNY, along with Katie Sheehan Lopez of Harvest New York. Sessions included Cutting Edge: Chop, Slice, and Dice Like a Pro, where participants refined knife skills, practiced safe use of kitchen tools, and prepared fresh, farm-forward menu items; Back to Scratch: Stirring Up Something Real, which introduced the classic Mother Sauces and guided participants through preparation, production, and everyday menu applications; and Jump on Board: Promoting Your Farm to School Program, an interactive session that explored strategies to engage the school community with realistic, achievable ideas for the cafeteria.

"For some students, school meals are the healthiest meals they will have all day, because of school activities; for some, all week due to family schedules; and for some, overall because of food insecurity," said Denise Frangipane of Sullivan 180 and the SNAC Committee. She further explained and emphasized the importance of the work of food service staff, adding, "Today we want to thank you for this important work."

Attendees took a tour of Hope Farm at SUNY Sullivan to see firsthand the origin of some of the fresh foods they had prepared together. They then enjoyed lunch together, prepared by A Single Bite, who shared the interactive Real Food Taste Testing they are doing in Sullivan County Schools. Key Bank sponsored lunch with most of the ingredients being sourced from Somewhere in Time Farm, Parksville, Hope Farm at SUNY Sullivan and other regional producers.

Many shared what they love about working in school food service:

"What I love the most about working at the school (especially in the elementary school) is giving children education on their food and where the ingredients come from. Many children are unfamiliar with farming and gardening. I love having a few minutes to talk to them about the food we are serving them each day," said Kayla from Monticello Central School District.

"I love interacting with the kids and being able to put a little smile in their day," said Oliva from Fallsburg School District. "I love working in the school food service setting because I can make a difference in how at least some of the students view food. Making healthy, nutritious food is my goal," Karen from Rockland Central School District

"We were honored to host this year's conference of Sullivan County's dedicated food service professionals at SUNY Sullivan," said Justine Hoskin, Director of Catskill Hospitality Institute at SUNY Sullivan. "Partnering with incredible local farms and motivated organizations made the day truly special, as we celebrated and enriched the men and women who nourish our K-12 students every day. The energy, collaboration, and commitment to healthier school meals was inspiring to be part of."

The School Nutrition Action Coalition includes leadership from: A Single Bite; CCE Sullivan; Harvest New York; Sullivan BOCES; Sullivan 180; Sullivan County Youth Bureau; SUNY Sullivan; The Center for Discovery, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe and Sullivan West School Districts.

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.

# The New York Premiere of Acclaimed Playwright John Cariani's DARKER THE NIGHT/BRIGHTER THE STARS

Ellenville, NY – — SHADOWLAND STAGES, a cultural cornerstone of the Hudson Valley now in its 40th Anniversary Season, proudly presents the New York premiere of acclaimed playwright John Cariani's new play, DARKER THE NIGHT/BRIGHTER THE STARS. Running on SHADOWLAND'S MainStage from August 29th - September 14th, DARKER THE NIGHT/BRIGHTER THE STARS is an interwoven collection of short plays about young love, wishing on stars, and the desire to be truly understood.

The play centers around a small town in Northern Maine, where the Perseid (/•p•?rsi..d/) Meteor Showers are about to take place. And though the locals wish upon the falling stars, they cannot decide whether the celestial event is a good luck charm or a bad omen.

SHADOWLAND STAGES is thrilled to premiere the newest work by theatre stalwart John Cariani. Cariani is best known as the forensic expert Julian Beck on Law & Order. On stage, he earned a Tony Award nomination for his role as Motel the Tailor in the 2004 Broadway revival of Fiddler on the Roof. He is also known for his roles in Broadway shows Something Rotten! and The Band's Visit, and for writing Almost, Maine, one of the most produced plays in the English language. He also serves as the Director for the New York premiere of *DARKER THE NIGHT/BRIGHTER THE STARS.*

The stellar cast of young lovers includes Hannah Daly, Aidan J. Lawrence, Emily Verla, and Shawn Denegre-Vaught. You won't want to miss this brand-new play about the enduring power of love and hope.

**Performance Schedule & Tickets**

Performances take place at SHADOWLAND's MainStage Theatre, located at 157 Canal Street in downtown Ellenville, NY.

• Regular performances run **Thursday – Saturday at 8 PM,** and **Sunday at 2 PM.**
• "Pay What You Can" preview performances are offered on the first **Friday at 8 PM** and the first **Saturday at 2 PM** of each production.
• Additional matinees are scheduled throughout the season—please visit the website for the full schedule.

shadowlandstages.org

# MEET THE CAST OF DARKER THE NIGHT/BRIGHTER THE STARS

Aidan J. Lawrence is thrilled to reprise his role in DNBS alongside the original cast, following the World Premiere at Portland Stage this past March. NY-based Actor. Select Regional/Off-Broadway Theatre credits: To Kill a Mockingbird (NY Premiere), Cake Off! A New Musical (Bucks County Playhouse), The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Angels in America, Josh Groban's Great Big Radio City Show, A Steady Rain, Hairspray, and Lost in Yonkers.

Shawn Denegre-Vaught is excited to join Shadowland Stages to reprise his role in Darker the Night/Brighter the Stars. Recently, Shawn performed in the World Premiere production of Manning (Portland Stage). He played "B" in Sanctuary City (Kitchen Theatre Company, Geva Theatre, and Portland Theatre Festival), and he was in the World Premiere of Kimberly Belflower's John Proctor is the Villain (Studio Theatre).

Emily Verla is honored to be continuing with Darker the Night, Brighter the Stars after appearing in the premiere at Portland Stage earlier this year. Other recent credits include The Cottage (Arts Center of Coastal Carolina), Yankee Tavern (Riverside Theatre), The Wolves (Boise Contemporary Theater). Off-Broadway: As You Like It (New York Classical Theatre), A Name for a Ghost to Mutter (Theatre East).

Hannah Daly is a Portland, Maine-based actor who is thrilled to be making her Shadowland Stages debut. Favorite credits include the world premiere of John Cariani's DARKER THE NIGHT, BRIGHTER THE STARS (Portland Stage), The Moorhen in THE MOORS (Dramatic Repertory Company), and Emmy in A DOLL'S HOUSE PART TWO (Good Theater).

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Tickets are on sale now and going fast:
Buy online at shadowlandstages.org
Or call the box office at 845-647-5511
Performance & Ticket Info:
AUG 19th - SEP 14th at The MainStage (157 Canal Street, Ellenville)
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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**
**5:30 pm**
**Sept 6, 2025**
**Chicken BBQ**
**Sept 20, 2025**
**(See Pg. 16)**

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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**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

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**
8:00 AM Monday through Friday
9:00 AM Saturday
**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST**
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*https://smsaparish.org/bulletins*

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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday Mass at 8:30AM.
Thursday, 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplete followed by Mass

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
**(845) 434-7643**

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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale**

**Sat., Sept 6th**
**9 am - 12 noon**

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**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches**

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**Sundown UMC 8:30 am**
**Peekamoose Rd., Sundown**

**Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am**
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**Pastor Harriet Wilkin**
**845-985-2283**

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**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

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Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
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845-985-7480

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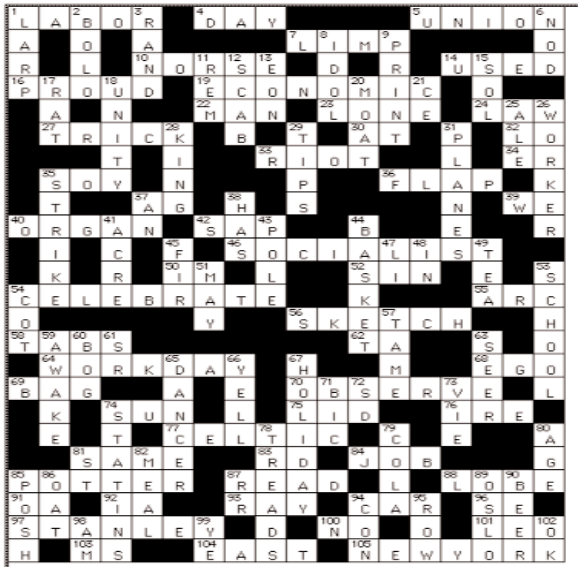
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Ans to last week's Crossword



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## Sundown
## United Methodist Church
# Covered Dish Supper
**Saturday,**
**September 6th, 2025 5:30 pm**
**at the Church Hall**
***Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale***
*(Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

Clip & Save

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**
356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
Grahamsville, NY 12740
**Thrift Sale Schedule 2025**
All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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

**Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair**

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

# $17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

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

# Temple Sholom Fundraiser Cruise to Nassau

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

For further information, contact Barry Gleen at
barry.gleen@cruiseplanners.com.
or (516) 281-5905
All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Sholom.

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

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 9/3/25 | Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm (Please note change of date) |
| 9/6/25 | **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon |
| 9/6/25 | **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church |
| 9/9/25 | Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall |
| 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 |

**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 1 - September 5, 2025**

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

**Monday, September 1**

o **Labor Day** - County Offices Closed

**Tuesday, September 2**

o **10:00 AM - Special Meeting of Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct, Boynton Beach, FL 33436, 34 Wayside Drive, Hurley, NY 12443, 1 Hawk Drive, CSB48, New Paltz, NY 12561 & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 884 8395 3055 Passcode: 827454

o **4:00 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o **CANCELLED - 6:00 PM - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**

**Wednesday, September 3**

o **5:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board People w/Development Disabilities**, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittees, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, September 4

o 4:00 PM - Housing & Transportation Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o 5:00 PM (or immediately following Housing & Transportation Committee) - Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, September 5

o No Meetings

# 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

**Press & Licensing Contact:**
Shane Rennison – sr@shanerennison.com
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# Ulster County Executive Metzger Signs Four-Year Labor Agreement with Sheriff's Employees Association

KINGSTON, NY - On Monday, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa, and Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association President George MacDonald signed the 2025-2028 Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association (UCSEA) Contract Agreement. The four-year contract was negotiated by the County Executive and her team and approved unanimously by the Ulster County Legislature in June.

The total anticipated cost of the agreement is $2,367,588 over four years, with $988,525 allocated for 2025.

Among other provisions, the agreement includes:

o A 3.5% base salary increase for non-uniformed employees in 2025.

o A $2.00 per hour increase at entry level and adjustments to step differentials for corrections officers, effective July 1, 2025.

o A 2.75% base salary increase in 2026, followed by 3% increases in both 2027 and 2028.

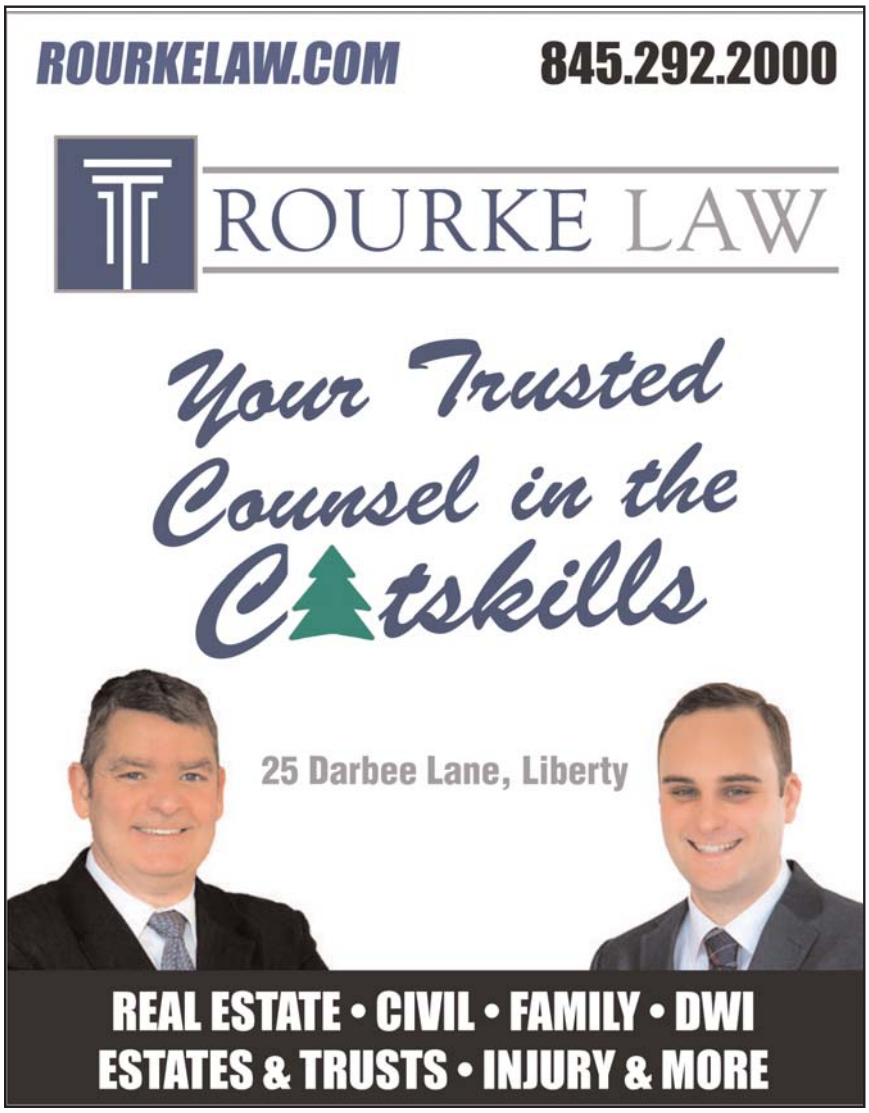
o A targeted step increase at five years of service for uniformed officers to support retention of experienced personnel.

“This agreement reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting the dedicated professionals who serve in the Ulster County Sheriff's Office,” said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. “We worked in good faith with our union partners at the negotiating table to reach a fair and fiscally responsible contract that strengthens pay equity and recognizes the hard work of our corrections and non-uniformed staff at the County jail. I want to thank Sheriff's Employees Association President George MacDonald and UCSEA, as well as my negotiating team - Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano, Personnel Director Dawn Spader, Director of Employees Relations Jim Farina, and Budget Director Ken Juras - for their diligent work to achieve a fair agreement."

“This newly negotiated contract helps ensure that the Ulster County Sheriff's Office can continue attracting and retaining the dedicated professionals our community depends on,” said Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa. “I want to thank the Ulster County negotiating team, the Sheriff's Employee association (UCSEA) union, and the Ulster County Executive for their partnership in reaching a contract that honors our members' hard work and deep commitment to keeping Ulster County safe.”

"This contract represents a monumental step forward for the dedicated men and women of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division,” said UCSEA President George MacDonald. “With salaries that now keep us competitive with both the state and surrounding counties, we are better positioned to recruit and retain the high-caliber professionals our community deserves. Our officers have taken on critical responsibilities, including the MAT program and CAP court, and continue to show up - day after day - to get the job done with professionalism and integrity. I want to personally thank Colonel Anthony Maggio for his unwavering support, Sheriff Juan Figueroa for his steadfast belief that our division deserves fair compensation, and County Executive Jen Metzger for her leadership and timely resolution in delivering this contract."

“This contract has been a long time in the making, and so many worked tirelessly to get us to this point,” said Gina Hansut, Ulster County Legislator and Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee Chair. “A signed four-year agreement - well deserved by the dedicated men and women of the Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association - is a significant achievement. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.”



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

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

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

# Celebrate Autumn at Frost Valley Fall Fest

A family-friendly day of music, food, local vendors, and outdoor fun in New York's Catskill Mountains. CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA invites families and friends to celebrate the season at the very first Frost Valley Fall Fest, taking place on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM during Indigenous Peoples Day Weekend. Taking place at the height of the Catskills' peak-foliage season, this family-friendly festival blends a full day of outdoor adventures with live music, food trucks, and a vibrant marketplace featuring regional makers and artisans.

Guests of all ages can enjoy classic camp fun including archery, apple cider pressing, crafts, games, a bouncy castle, balloon creations by Mad Hatters Balloons, and hands-on art. Local artist Shanice Figeroux will guide interactive workshops, including a collaborative UNITY mural live art installation and a Creation Station where participants can design their own journals.

The artisan marketplace will spotlight local small businesses, including Lilly Bear Treats with handmade dog treats and a scavenger hunt for kids, Lorna's Naturals' soaps and lotions, Pretty Parables' bath and body products, Grateful Gem Head's crystals and gems, and Sue's Handmade Creations selling home décor. Additional Vendors are being added weekly, bringing even more Catskills flavor to the day.

Adults can also enjoy wine from Whitecliff Vineyard & Winery and local craft beer from Catskill Tap & Ladder Co. Live performances from The CliQue Band and Mekayla Rayne will keep the festive energy going throughout the day.

Day Guests are welcome to join for just $5 per carload, making Frost Valley Fall Fest an easy, affordable way to celebrate the Autumn season with family and friends. To register for a day pass for Frost Valley Fall Fest and learn more, visit frostvalley.org/fall-fest.

Admission is free for overnight guests staying at Frost Valley for Indigenous Peoples' Weekend. To reserve an overnight stay, email reservations@frostvalley.org or call (845) 985-2291 ext. 450. Additional photos and interviews are available upon request. Please contact Senior Director of Marketing Katharine Hirsch at khirsch@frostvalley.org.

**About Frost Valley YMCA:** Frost Valley YMCA is a destination for engagement in community, nature, art, and recreation for people of all ages and walks of life. As a leader in camping and outdoor education, we provide transformative experiences that inspire growth, connection, creativity, and resilience for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, and are the antidote to screen-focused lives. Nestled on 5,500 acres in the scenic Catskill Mountains, just 2 hours from New York City, Frost Valley offers year-round opportunities for engagement in nature, adventure, personal growth, and creativity through diverse programs and experiences. Throughout, we instill in young people the skills to thrive, help people connect to themselves and others, and provide a sense of community and belonging.

# Assemblymember Paula Kay and Team Support New Hope Community Through Hands-On Volunteering

Assemblymember Paula Kay and members of her district office team joined New Hope Community for a successful day of volunteer service, celebrating the organization's enthusiastic participation and ultimate win in the Assemblymember's Hydration Challenge earlier this month.

Working side-by-side with New Hope Com-munity team members and program participants, Paula Kay and her staff offered welcome support at Hope Farm, witnessing and contributing to the organization's commitment to wellness, inclusion, and service.

The day concluded with the team helping deliver freshly harvested produce to New Hope's residences throughout the county for use in their healthy meal plans, as well the Federation for the Homeless.

# Sundown United Methodist Church

# Sept 6, 2025
# 5:30 pm

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# Bus trip to Tioga Downs Casino in Nichols New York

The **Loch Sheldrake Senior Club** is planning a bus trip to **Tioga Downs Casino** inNichols, 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).

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# New Hope Community Partners with SUNY Sullivan to Offer Free GED Program for Employees

## *The nonprofit joins forces with the SUNY Sullivan ATTAIN Lab to invest in growth opportunities for new staff*

Loch Sheldrake, NY - New Hope Community, a nonprofit supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), has partnered with the SUNY Sullivan ATTAIN Lab to offer a no-cost GED program for full-time employees. This initiative reflects New Hope's ongoing commitment to workforce development and provides a valuable opportunity for team members who have not completed high school to further their education while advancing their careers.

After completing a job-specific training period, participants will have one year to earn their GED, with monthly support check-ins from a New Hope Community Human Resource team member to help ensure their success.

Months of partnership planning will culminate in a formal agreement signing at the SUNY Sullivan campus on Friday, September 5 at 10 a.m. Media are welcome to attend and will receive a media advisory with event details.

New Hope Community CEO, Karen Russell, commented, "It is our pleasure to partner with SUNY Sullivan in the provision of a GED program that will provide meaningful personal and professional growth for members of our valued workforce."

SUNY Sullivan President, Dr. David Potash, added, "SUNY Sullivan is proud to partner with New Hope Community to expand access to GED preparation and support. Together, we're creating new opportunities for individuals to achieve their educational goals, strengthen their confidence, and open doors to college, career, and lifelong success."

New Hope Community is proud to collaborate once again with SUNY Sullivan on this initiative, which not only supports the potential for growth of their workforce but also creates a new pathway for members of the local community to expand their potential and have a multifaceted avenue for educational access.

**About New Hope Community**: New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization that, for 50 years, has been providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions that were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services include clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokerage, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robustly supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward empowering the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work, and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS combined provide services to over 1,100 people and employ more than 1,370 staff. Learn more at www.newhopecommunity.org.

**About SUNY Sullivan:** SUNY Sullivan is the leader of innovative higher education and a catalyst for workforce development throughout the Sullivan Catskills and beyond. Our diverse community cultivates personal growth and professional advancement, preparing students for success in a sustainable and interconnected world. A forward-looking, top-tier community college in New York, SUNY Sullivan offers dozens of degree programs, certificates, and microcredentials for learners at all levels of their educational goals. We value critical inquiry and creativity while supporting our students in a culture of inclusion and respect.

# Shane Rennison Releases New Single "Lonely Days"

Local Artist Shane Rennison's new single ***Lonely Days*** will be released on September 12, 2025 via Symphonic Distribution.

Produced in Dolby Atmos with longtime collaborator Julian Giaimo, ***Lonely Days*** blends vivid lyricism with soaring, atmospheric instrumentation - a cinematic reflection on isolation and resilience.

The release is accompanied by a cinematic music video shot in Upstate New York, premiering the same day.

"Lonely Days is a blending raw pop-rock lyricism with cinematic textures.

*www.shanerennison.com*

*(See Pg. 25)*

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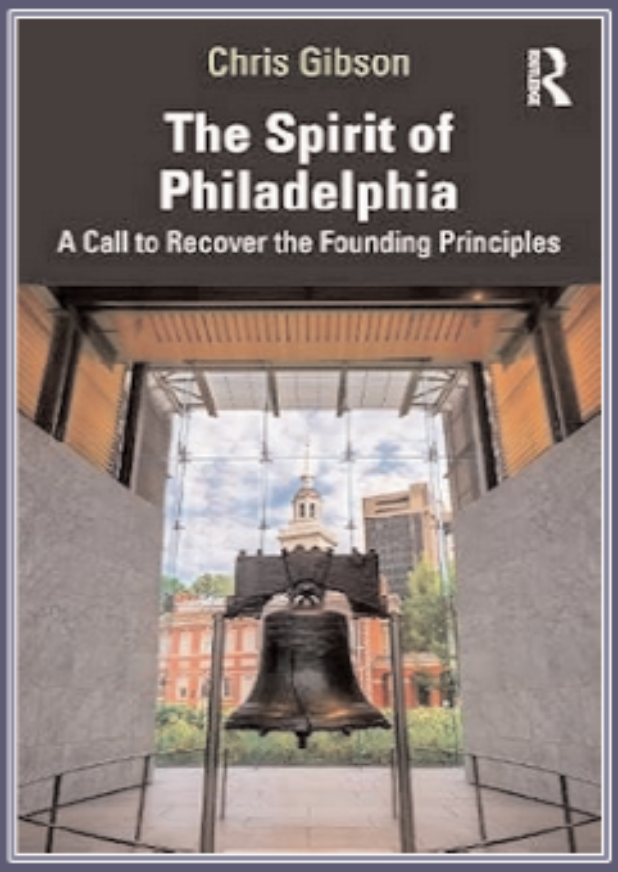


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**Laura Aley's new book includes stories about people and places from long ago.**

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 -

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# Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State.__

In the first half of 2025, DEC's Division of Law Enforcement fielded an estimated 45,000 calls, resulting in Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responding to more than 18,934 complaints and working on cases that resulted in 9,440 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the illegal pet trade, and excessive emissions violations. _

In 2024, the Division fielded more than 105,717 calls, resulting in ECOs and Investigators across the state responding to more than 30,109 complaints and working on cases that resulted in 15,755 tickets or arrests for violations._

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators protect New York's air, water, wildlife, and public safety, while also working to connect New Yorkers with the outdoors," Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "As we tackle environmental threats on all fronts, I applaud the critical work DEC's ECOs and Investigators are undertaking to enforce New York's Environmental Conservation Law and ensure a cleaner, greener, safer, and more resilient New York State."

**Rattlesnake Relocation - Ulster County**

On the evening of Aug. 12, ECO Walraven responded to a homeowner concerned about a timber rattlesnake on their porch in the town of Wawarsing. The caller reported the venomous snake was blocking the home's sole exit. Officer Walraven arrived at the location and discovered the snake under the porch, feasting on a rabbit. The ECO safely relocated the snake and its meal to the back of the property, away from the residence.

*Timber rattlesnake discovered outside Ulster County residence*

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On Aug. 17, ECO Parker observed an angler using a cast net to catch fish on Lake Huntington in Sullivan County. Officer Parker approached the angler, who admitted to using the net, and discovered three fish in a nearby bucket, one of which was an undersized bass measuring just three inches. ECO Paker issued tickets to the angler for fishing without a freshwater fishing license, taking fish by means other than angling, and taking undersized fish. All the fish were still alive and returned to the lake unharmed.

# Save the Date

## Join us for the Daniel Pierce Library's

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**Saturday, October 4th**

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# 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

# DEC and Partners Confirm Laurel Wilt Invasive Plant Disease on Long Island First Detection in New York State

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Agriculture and Markets (AGM), Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Suffolk County, and the Cornell University Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (CU-PDDC) confirmed the presence of the invasive plant disease laurel wilt on Long Island, marking the first discovery of the plant disease in New York State. Originating in Asia and first identified in the U.S. in Georgia in 2002, the disease is deadly to plants and present in multiple southeastern states, with the northernmost cases prior to New York's detection in Kentucky and Virginia._

"The detection of laurel wilt on Long Island marks a troubling new chapter in the spread of this invasive plant disease," DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "DEC is collaborating with our conservation partners to understand the extent of impacted trees, evaluate control options, and launch public outreach to increase awareness about laurel wilt and how to report it."_

Laurel wilt is a fungal pathogen that kills trees and shrubs in the laurel family. Laurel wilt is spread by the invasive redbay ambrosia beetle, which introduces the fungus when it tunnels into the stems and branches of host plants, leaving behind the fungal spores. In New York, native species at risk are sassafras and spicebush. Despite its name, mountain laurel is not in this family and is not impacted by the disease.

The Suffolk County case originated when a private landowner in the village of Northport observed a dying sassafras on their property this summer and sent a sample to the Suffolk County CCE to diagnose the problem. Cornell University's Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center then isolated the fungus and CU-PDDC confirmed the identification, followed by confirmation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "We're collaborating closely with our partners to respond to this detection of laurel wilt on Long Island. As we continue to learn more about the spread of this harmful plant disease and how to control it, we're also working to increase awareness of this find and encouraging the public to report any sightings."

Cornell University Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic Director Karen Snover-Clift said, "Cornell's Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic has been building molecular testing capacity for years and is well-prepared to respond to emerging threats like laurel wilt. The CU-PDDC is proud to serve as the state's primary laboratory for confirming future samples."_

The loss of sassafras and spicebush could have wide-ranging impacts on southern New York's forests and wildlife. Both species provide food and shelter for birds, pollinators, and mammals. Spicebush berries are a critical fall food source for migratory birds, while the leaves of both spicebush and sassafras support the larvae of native butterflies such as the spicebush swallowtail. Their decline would reduce forest diversity, weaken natural food webs, and increase native forest susceptibility to invasive plants.

Laurel wilt causes rapid decline in sassafras and spicebush. Signs and symptoms to look for include:_

o Sudden wilting of leaves;

o Dark streaking of sapwood beneath the bark; and

o Small entry holes on the branches, trunk, or roots, which are sometimes surrounded by fine sawdust-like "toothpicks" pushed out from the bark.

For members of the public who encounter symptomatic sassafras and spicebush:

o Submit a report through nyimapinvasives.org; and

o Do not move or transport branches, trunks, or bark from symptomatic sassafras or spicebush, even for disposal. Chip dead wood and use it as mulch on-site.

People often use wood from trees that have died on their property as firewood when they go camping, which can allow invasive pests and diseases to spread long distance in a short period of time. To help stop the spread of laurel wilt and other invasives, follow DEC's firewood regulations and use local or heat-treated firewood._

Cornell University is hosting an information session on Sept. 10 about the laurel wilt detection. https://plantclinic.cornell.edu/be-on-the-look-out-bolo/laurel-wilt/

The public is encouraged to attend. To learn more, visit the DEC Laurel Wilt webpage. *https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/forest-health/laurel-wilt*

# Daniel Pierce Library
# Senior Social!

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

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

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For more information contact Adele Barnard at ambarnard57@gmail.com or (845)428-2383
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# Ulster County Hosts First Annual One Life Only Youth Event~ A County-Wide Celebration of Positivity, Creativity, and Connection ~

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Youth Bureau and Ulster County District Attorney's Office invite youth organizations, schools, and community partners to participate in the first annual One Life Only Youth Event, a free County-wide event designed to uplift and engage youth through music, movement, games, and meaningful connection.

The event is free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

**Event: One Life Only Youth Event**
**Date: Saturday, September 6**
**Time: 2 - 5PM**
**Location: Dietz Stadium, 170 N Front St, Kingston**

What to Expect:

o Live performances by Energy Dance Company and a community drum circle (Center for Creative Education)
o Music by local youth band Pour la Terre
o Sports clinics by the YMCA, plus soccer, basketball, and dodgeball
o One Strike Fitness with tug of peace, and Julio Jackson with martial arts
o Games and activities for ages 3-18: archery, carnival games, photo booth (facilitated by My Kingston Kids)
o Free food provided by Hudson Valley Catering: burgers, hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, and cotton candy
o Sunrays Horse Rescue, a Kingston-based nonprofit, will offer opportunities for gentle connection and photos with ponies.
o Giveaways, T-shirts, and back-to-school supplies
o More than 20 youth organizations from across Ulster County, including Mohonk Preserve, Mental Health Respite, and more
o Outstanding Youth 2025 Award nominations, and youth performances
o Many thanks to Radio Kingston for their amazing support in providing the stage and sound

All are welcome! Help us make this a powerful day of celebration and connection for Ulster County's youth.

For more information, contact Sugely Melenciano-Weed, Ulster County Youth Bureau Director, at smel@co.ulster.ny.us, or (845) 750-0953.

# Wayne County Arts Alliance Announces online "Art Chairs" Auction

Wayne County Arts Alliance is excited to announce that the online auction begins September 10 for our "Art Chairs" the WCAA 2025 Summer Outdoor Art Project. Which of the 33 Chairs will you bid on? This online auction is only for a limited time: September 10th - September 24th

***https://new.biddingowl.com/WCAAChairs***

All summer long the Art Chairs have been seen and enjoyed by everyone in our community and county. NOW, you have the opportunity to own your favorite Chair for your own garden or porch, or display wherever you wish.

Each Art Chair is unique and was designed and created by a local artist. Your purchase will help support the Wayne County Arts Alliance and its ongoing projects. Winning bidders will be contacted following the end date of the auction, September 24th, to coordinate pick-up of their Art Chair.

"The Chair" project was organized by WCAA Artist Member Nadine Kloss-Gannon. Local businesses and friends sponsored the Chairs in locations all over Wayne County from Memorial Day through Labor Day. View the map and details about Artists and Sponsors at waynecountyartsalliance.org/summer-art-2025/

Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization governed by volunteer members - artists and persons interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. WCAA is committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens. For more information visit: www.waynecountyartsalliance.org

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Thurs September 18
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Tues August 19
Tues September 16
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210 Bridge St
Narrowsburg, NY

### HORTONVILLE
Thurs July 17
Thurs August 14
Thurs September 11
Registration Appts Only
1044 Lower Main St
Hortonville, NY

### LIVINGSTON MANOR
Tues July 15
Tues August 12
Tues September 9
Registration Appts Only
95 Main St
Livingston Manor, NY

### GRAHAMSVILLE
Thurs July 10
Thurs August 7
Thurs September 4
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2713 Main St
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### LIBERTY
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Tues September 23
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# Before the First Day of School, Governor Hochul Reminds Parents to Review the Distraction-free Policy for Their Child's School District

***Starting This Week, New York Requires Bell-to-Bell Smartphone Restrictions in K-12 Schools Statewide***

***New Yorkers Can Visit ny.gov/phonefree To Find the Distraction-Free Policy Published by Their Child's School District***

With the first day of school coming up this week, Governor Hochul is once again reminding New York parents to visit ny.gov/phonefree to review the distraction-free learning policy for their child's school district or charter school. As part of New York State law, K-12 public schools, charter schools and BOCES are now implementing bell-to-bell restrictions on smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices. The ny.gov/phonefree webpage enables parents and students to look up the distraction-free policies published by approximately 1,080 public school districts, charter schools and BOCES.

“Our kids succeed when they're learning and growing, not clicking and scrolling - and that's why New York schools are ready for bell-to-bell smartphone restrictions,” Governor Hochul said. “I encourage parents to review the distraction-free policy for their child's school district to help prepare for this important transition, which I know will deliver incredible results for students, teachers and families.”

The Distraction-Free Schools law signed by Governor Hochul requires bell-to-bell smartphone restrictions in K-12 school districts statewide, starting with the 2025-26 school year.

Governor Hochul's policy creates a statewide standard for distraction-free schools in New York including:

o Prohibiting unsanctioned use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices on school grounds in K-12 schools for the entire school day (from “bell to bell”), including classroom time and other settings like lunch and study hall periods

o Allowing schools to develop their own plans for storing smartphones during the day - giving administrators and teachers the flexibility to do what works best for their buildings and students

o Securing $13.5 million in funding to be made available for schools that need assistance in purchasing storage solutions to help them go distraction-free

o Requiring schools to give parents a way to contact their kids during the day when necessary

o Requiring teachers, parents and students to be consulted in developing the local policy

o Preventing inequitable discipline

Governor Hochul's policy allows authorized access to simple cellphones without internet capability, as well as internet-enabled devices officially provided by their school for classroom instruction, such as laptops or tablets used as part of lesson plans.

Additionally, the Governor's policy includes several exemptions to smartphone restrictions, including for students who require access to an internet-enabled device to manage a medical condition, where required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), for academic purposes or for other legitimate purposes, such as translation, family caregiving and emergencies.

Governor Hochul pursued this initiative after engaging in a statewide listening tour with teachers, parents and students. Her report, “More Learning, Less Scrolling: Creating Distraction-Free Schools” underscores the following:

o Smartphones distract students and inhibit learning and creativity

o Phone-free environments do not compromise student safety

o Phone-free environments support the mental health of students and teachers

o Open communication and direct guidance for all stakeholders is key for successful implementation

o Schools must address any parent concerns about staying in contact with their children during the day

o An effective distraction-free policy must focus on the entire school day, rather than solely on time in the classroom

o Schools can strengthen their distraction-free environment by connecting more students with in-person engagement like clubs, sports, arts and other programming

# Pet Bird Owner! Show Us Your Birds!

The Catskill Exotic Bird Club, will be holding its 28th Pet Bird Show, Sunday, October 12th, 2025, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty. All pet birds are welcome. There will be judging by Glenn Sorino, "The Bird Whisperer", with ribbons and certificates awarded in each division. There will be vendors, raffles, refreshments and comradery.

If you are interested, please let us know what birds you will be bringing. Without birds, there is no bird show.

Your birds' safety comes first in our show. All birds are inspected by a veterinarian before entering. The birds are sequestered from the general public and then brought out for judging by stewards.

As this is our first show since COVID; we need to know what birds will be brought in:

Matthew Frumess; mbfrumess@gmail.com; (845) 807-6725 cell/text

Our club is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and we welcome new members, whether bird owners or not. We meet the second Thursday each month at 7PM at 20 Crystal St in Monticello. We have speakers at each meeting; everyone and their birds are welcome.

# LINE DANCING

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**Sunday Family Line Dancing**

Sunday Oct 19th, 2025, 1- 3pm $10

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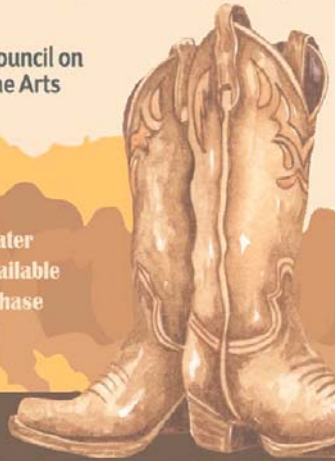

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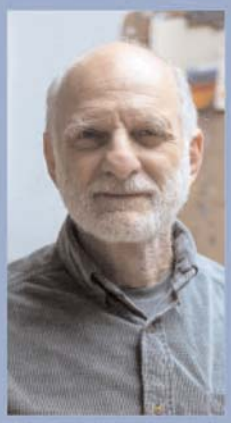

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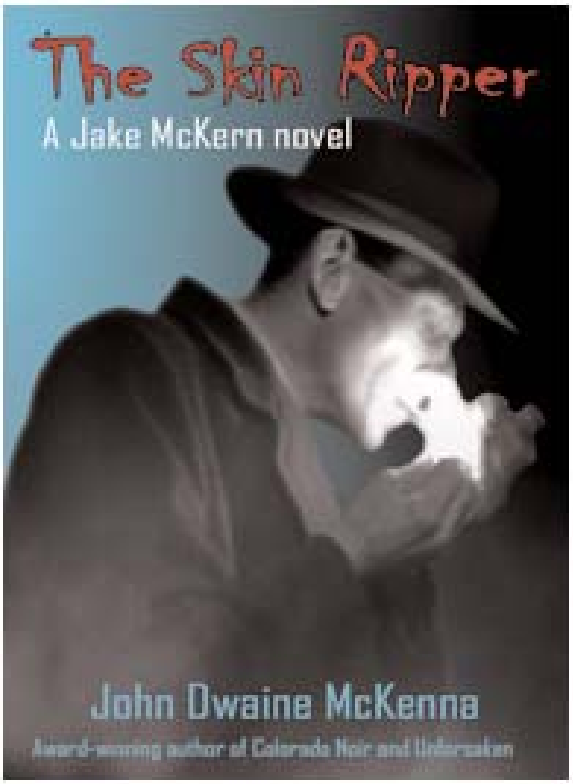


Recently promoted and just out of the hospital after a long recuperation from injuries he received while battling Lee Roy Morgan gang as they were trying to rob Colorado Commercial Bank, Colorado Springs homicide detective Jake McKern is on his first case . . . the double murder of an elderly couple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

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# OLIVE DAY

Saturday Sept. 6th 2025
9 am - 6 pm
Davis Park, Watson Hollow Rd. West Shokan

## EVENT SCHEDULE

8:30 Registration for 5K Memorial Run
(Front of Town Office Building)
9:00 5K Memorial Run Kicks Off
10:00 Frog Jump (Bring your own frog)
(Basketball Court)
10:00 - 2:00 Car Show (Ball Field)
11:00 Town of Olive Police Bike Safety Rodeo
(Basketball Court)
12:00 Spoon Relay (Basketball Court)
1:00 Egg Toss (Baseball Field)
2:00 Cornhole Tournament (Basketball Court)
3:00 Treasure Hunt (Ball Field under the Tent)
4:00 Sponge Relay (Basketball Court)

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

## LIVE MUSIC

Spillway Band
11am - 2:30pm

Thunder Ridge
3pm - 6pm

**Protecting Our Farms, Supporting Our Communities**

My 2025 Agriculture Plan protects New York's family farms, expands markets for our local producers, and safeguards American farmland from foreign adversaries. NY-24 is the largest agricultural district in the Northeast and ranks fifth in the nation for dairy production. Our region is home to Wayne County, the third-largest apple-producing county in the country, top maple syrup producers in Wyoming County, and the world-renowned vineyards and orchards of the Finger Lakes. These producers are the backbone of our economy, creating jobs, feeding families, and sustaining our communities. Yet, in recent years, our farmers have been forced to contend with unfair foreign trade practices and burdensome state and federal mandates that threaten their competitiveness.

My plan takes a strong, pro-farmer approach to address these challenges head-on. It supports specialty crops; strengthens New York's dairy industry through critical initiatives, and protects U.S. farmland from being bought up by foreign adversaries like the Chinese Communist Party. By expanding market access, reducing regulatory burdens, and ensuring our farmers have a voice in trade negotiations, this plan provides the certainty and opportunity our rural communities need to thrive. As the Representative of the largest agricultural district in the Northeast, I remain committed to ensuring that our farms not only endure but also prosper.

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

**Unleashing American Energy Dominance**

I released my comprehensive 2025 Energy and Environment Plan to lower energy costs for New York families, unleash American energy dominance, and preserve Upstate New York's natural resources. Building on the One Big Beautiful Bill, my plan supports domestic energy production, invests in clean and reliable technologies like advanced nuclear and hydropower, and advances conservation initiatives to protect the Great Lakes and the Finger Lakes. While Albany Democrats have driven up prices with reckless bans and misguided mandates, I'm focused on delivering affordable, reliable energy and good-paying jobs, while ensuring Upstate New York's natural beauty is protected. We do not have to choose between lower costs and environmental stewardship; we can and must achieve both.

To read my full Energy and Environment Plan, click here.
https://tenney.house.gov/issues/energy-and-environment-plan

**New Yorkers Deserve Energy Cost Relief, Not Political Power Grabs**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC6s56pcXkY

Albany Democrats have left New Yorkers paying some of the highest energy costs in the nation. Despite sitting atop the resource-rich Marcellus and Utica Shale formations that could power our state for decades and create hundreds of thousands of jobs, Democrats banned safe and clean hydraulic fracturing, blocked pipelines, and even shut down Indian Point, which drove New York City's reliance on natural gas up by 25%. Now, Governor Hochul's Public Service Commission has approved double-digit rate hikes, forcing upstate families to pay 15% more on National Grid bills and downstate households to brace for massive Con Edison increases. Instead of fixing these disastrous, self-inflicted policies that are crushing families, farms, and small businesses, Democrats are focused on rigging New York's congressional maps to cling to power. New York's attention must be on delivering energy and cost relief to hardworking people, not on partisan gerrymandering.

**NY AG Letitia James' Witch Hunt Crumbles in Court**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYNtbkznU2A

President Trump just scored a major win in court after a New York appeals court threw out New York Attorney General Letitia James' outrageous $500 million civil fraud judgment. This was always a politically motivated witch hunt designed to smear Trump and destroy his business, not a case about justice. For months, Trump was forced to pay over $110,000 per day in unlawful interest because of James' abuse of power. The ruling is a crushing blow to the Democrats' lawfare campaign and a massive win for the rule of law. Letitia James weaponized her office to go after Trump, and now her baseless case is crumbling. Justice has prevailed.

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. 740, the Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025:** This bill would codify access standards at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), requiring written notice of eligibility or denials within two business days. Additionally, the VA would be required to set standards that consider veteran continuity of care, caregiver needs, and ensure that veterans are aware of their telehealth options. Many veterans face long waits for VA appointments and can be given confusing information on their VA benefit qualifications. (Contd. Pg. 56)

**This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 55)

This bill aims to reduce delays, increase transparency, and expand treatment options, especially in rural areas.

**H.R. 2036 Credit for Caring Act of 2025:** This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to create a tax credit that helps working family caregivers offset caregiving expenses. The credit is equal to 30% of qualified expenses above $2,000 and capped at $5,000 per year. Families often want to support their loved ones through illness, disability, and aging in place while managing their careers and family. This bill supports them with additional financial flexibility and provides high-quality care for their families at home.

**H.R. 979 AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025:** This bill would require all passenger vehicles manufactured and/or sold in the U.S. after the rule's effective date to be equipped with AM radio capabilities. AM radio is widely used to deliver up-to-date local and national news, providing effective outlets for emergency broadcasting and highway information for travelers. As a matter of public safety, it is essential that newly built cars keep AM radio capability to ensure that travelers have access to emergency broadcasts.

day, I'm working to deliver a more affordable, safer, and freer Hudson Valley. Whether that's fighting to bring home the federal funding for initiatives that uplift our entire community, securing the resources our local law enforcement and first responders need to keep our families safe, or ensuring that everyone has the equal protection under the law they have a right to, serving you and creating a government that works for you is what drives me day in and day out.

Here's some of how I worked to serve you and our Hudson Valley community this week:

**SECURING OVER $15 MILLION FOR HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**Government works best when it works directly on behalf of the people.**

Every year, Congress passes Community Project Funding specifically for remarkably deserving community-based initiatives - these projects help deliver on the Hudson Valley's top priorities, bolstering our emergency response teams with new equipment and technology to keep our families safe.

But in March, our community got screwed over when the stopgap Republican budget cut every single dollar from remarkably these deserving initiatives, including slashing more than $6 million from our law enforcement and first responders. Instead, they prioritized giving tax breaks to their billionaire cronies.

Alongside our community leaders, I fought tooth and nail to get this funding back for the Hudson Valley.

I'm incredibly proud that through that fight, I secured a total of over $15 million in funding for them in this year's budget proposal, including $8.3 million for Hudson Valley law enforcement and first responders.

But the battle to get that funding over the finish line isn't over. Speaker Johnson and his Republican colleagues have to get it together and pass a full-year budget that puts the American people first - not the wealthy elites - in order for the over $15 million that I've secured for Hudson Valley priorities to come home to our community where it belongs.

I'm going to keep fighting with everything I've got to make sure they do right by Hudson Valley families and that our incredibly impactful projects receive the funding they deserve. Read more about it here.

https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/after-president-trump-cut-funding-community-projects-congressman-pat-ryan?fbclid=IwY2xjawMdmexleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFuZEdaVTNsamNvbHd5UnZhAR5T5-dWmDaOxks0EFPYLB3X-29VL8_dqVP1r_iUZSrX4CWgwitWmkxkorwM0A_aem_DpnUgeR3DUpcbkoduuxRFw

STANDING WITH OUR UNIONS

Unions are the backbone of America.

On yesterday's Labor Day and every day, we honor their contributions to our nation and recommit to protecting workers everywhere.

I hope everyone had a restful and happy Labor Day weekend!

**PRAYING FOR THE MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY**

Last week, our nation endured another senseless act of gun violence targeting children that left a community shattered.

I am praying for the Minneapolis community as they reel from this depraved act that took the lives of two children and left countless others devastated and I am thankful for the local law enforcement and emergency responders who saved lives on Wednesday.

As a father I am heartbroken. As a Congressman, I am calling on all of us to do better.

**BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU**

My team and I are working nonstop to deliver the direct relief, support, and answers about federal programs that you deserve with the CARES Van.

From Social Security and Medicare, to VA benefits and more, my team is looking forward to hearing you and helping you at a September event!

If you can't join us for an event, but need assistance, please give my team a call at (845) 443-2930 or send us a message here on my website. https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

**PROTECTING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE**

We are all-hands-on-deck to make sure EVERYONE has the rights afforded to them by our Constitution.

I am relieved to hear that after a harrowing week being shipped around Louisiana and nearly deported without due process, Rhinebeck's Gerson Josué Santamaría Turcios has safely returned to New York.

As he continues to pursue his lawful asylum, it is critical that Gerson is home where he can be closer to his community, family, and legal counsel.

I won't stand for anything less. And I know our community - Gerson's community - won't stand for anything less.

**THANKING THE CORNWALL CLEANUP CREW FOR THEIR SERVICE**

The Cornwall Cleanup Crew is a prime example of what we can accomplish when we come together to serve our community.

In its first year, the Crew amassed 1,500 volunteers and cleared 10,000 tons of litter from our environment.

I was honored to thank them for their service on the House floor recently. Watch the video here! https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1961523402789065106

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## Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
Last Tuesday, we celebrated Women's Equality Day and all the brave women who have fought for women's equal protection under the law, strengthening our democracy and nation.
From protecting reproductive rights, to pushing for equal pay, we must continue the fight for forward progress and equality.

FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
Despite having promised to make IVF treatments affordable for every family, it recently came to light that the Trump Administration does not even have one of its "concepts of a plan" to do so. It's just another one of their broken promises.
Women deserve access to affordable IVF treatments.
I will keep fighting to ensure that reproductive rights are protected - ALWAYS.
Read more about Trump's empty IVF promise here.
https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/08/03/trump-administration-ivf-care/

HONORING A BARRIER-BREAKING VETERAN
U.S. Air Force Sergeant Michele AnnMarie Swarner Kinsell's story is truly inspiring. She broke barriers during her career servicing some of the most advanced aerospace equipment in the Air Force.
Our military is stronger because of women veterans like U.S. Air Force Sergeant Michele AnnMarie Swarner Kinsell.
To her family, thank you. Her legacy is one of bravery and leadership that every American should aspire to. Read more about Sgt. Swarner Kinsell here.
https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/08/20/county-honors-barrier-breaking-female-veteran-video/?fbclid=IwY2xjawMdedpleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHhnaH9U62PPviU6tSvkq_w-38plLRCe81b-OML6vXikckfyDRKovcs5RyiPI_aem_n_vdAclELCymGBpo2yrxKA#google_vignette

COMBATING THE FENTANYL CRISIS WITH OUR SHERIFFS
Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa is absolutely right in his recent guest column published in the Daily Freeman - despite gains, the opioid epidemic continues to tear Hudson Valley families apart with heartbreaking frequency.
That's why I'm proud my HALT Fentanyl Act is now law and why I fought for federal funding for the Ulster County Sheriff's ORACLE team.
I'll keep fighting tooth and nail to deliver every resource for all of our Hudson Valley sheriffs.
Read his column here.
*https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/08/21/ulster-sheriff-juan-figueroa-guest-column-the-opioid-crisis-never-left-lets-treat-it-like-the-emergency-it-still-is/?utm_medium=social&utm_content=tw-dailyfreeman&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=socialflow*

DELIVERING PACT ACT BENEFITS FOR OUR VETERANS
In August, we celebrated 3 years since the landmark PACT Act was signed into law, expanding Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits for veterans exposed to toxins, including from burn pits and Agent Orange, during their service.
If you or a loved one needs help applying for PACT Act benefits, please give my office a call at (845) 443-2930 or send us a message here on my website - I am so grateful that Beth did.

WORKING TO LOWER THE COST OF HOUSING
While Trump's tariffs threaten to send the cost of building materials and housing skyrocketing, I'm fighting to make housing more affordable.
I introduced my Working Families Housing Tax Credit Act so every family can afford a home to call their own.
The Act is part of my four-pronged Housing Agenda that I reintroduced earlier this year that specifically targets the root causes of the high cost of housing in the Hudson Valley. Read more about the Housing Agenda and my overall Affordability Agenda here. https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-introduces-affordability-agenda-lower-costs

CONGRATULATING OUTSTANDING CHAMPIONS FOR OUR SENIORS
Congratulations to Dr. John Hoey and Brian Zeidan who were honored at The Community at Brookmeade for their outstanding service to our Hudson Valley seniors.
So glad my team could join in honoring them. John and Brian, thank you truly for uplifting our seniors and their families!

ROOTING FOR A HUDSON VALLEY WRESTLING STAR
An absolutely incredible accomplishment by Minisink Valley graduate P.J. Duke.
The entire Hudson Valley and I are proud of you and rooting for you!

REMEMBERING DR. KING'S 'I HAVE A DREAM' SPEECH
Last Thursday marked 62 years since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his 'I Have a Dream' speech.
Every day, we must remain fully committed to the fight for freedom and equality for all.

CREATING A MORE AFFORDABLE, SAFER, AND FREER HUDSON VALLEY
I recently joined Ian Pickus on WAMC Northeast Public Radio's Congressional Corner to discuss my continued work to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, safer, and freer.
Listen to our conversation here.
https://www.wamc.org/podcast/the-roundtable/2025-07-22/congressional-corner-with-new-york-rep-pat-ryan?fbclid=IwY2xjawMdmOZleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHiDfc88vSGW6r_cUlqCSLGiMaJimAfjuOwj0A9FUNg95bXur0JrgntWmNzev_aem_ilA8x48sGNfZiU-q8NvAuQ

WISHING A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
I want to wish a huge Happy Birthday to the National Park Service that celebrated last Monday!
From the Appalachian Trail to President Franklin Roosevelt's home in Hyde Park, thank you for preserving NY-18's history, environment, and landscapes for our families and future generations to cherish.
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. (Contd. Pg. 58)

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All school bus fleet operators in New York State can also qualify for funding for fleet electrification plans, which provide a customized roadmap for electric bus adoption.

NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Program and Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants (IMG) Program

-The WIIA Program provides competitive grants to help municipalities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects.

-The IMG Program is available for both drinking water and wastewater projects that serve multiple municipalities, such as a shared water quality infrastructure project or the interconnection of multiple municipal water systems.

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

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

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:

# Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

1. Attending the New York State Fair

Kirsten had a blast attending the Great New York State Fair in Syracuse this week! Highlights of the day included visiting vendors, meeting the New York State Police's canine team, and enjoying her favorite maple ice cream.

Watch Kirsten at the fair here!

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

2. Fighting for public health funding

Public health research saves lives, and we must do everything we can to support the institutions doing this critical work.

On Monday, Kirsten visited Trudeau Institute, a not-for-profit research institute in Saranac Lake that conducts life-saving studies on immunology and emerging bio-threats. Kirsten successfully fought for the inclusion of $2.5 million in federal funding for this research in the Fiscal Year 2026 Senate appropriations bill currently under consideration by Congress, and she is working to ensure this funding is delivered so that Trudeau Institute can continue its crucial work.

Read more. https://www.adirondackexplorer.org/stories/gillibrand-presses-the-case-for-2-5m-for-trudeau-disease-research

3. $$$ _ New York airports

From the New York City metropolitan area to rural communities Upstate, airports are gateways for tourism, commerce, and opportunity across New York.

This week, Kirsten announced over $66 million in new federal funding to upgrade airport facilities and equipment at 22 airports across the Empire State. As the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee, Kirsten is committed to bringing home federal dollars so that New York's airports can provide top-notch service, efficiency, and safety for all travelers.

Read more. https://suncommunitynews.com/news/120669/22-state-airports-get-66m-fed-funds-for-upgrades/

4. Securing funding for NY redevelopment

Albany has a special place in Kirsten's heart as her hometown, and she is committed to fighting for its revitalization to give New Yorkers the vibrant capital they deserve.

This week, Kirsten headed to the capital city to celebrate the use of federal funds she secured for the Lincoln Square Redevelopment Project. The redevelopment of the vacant Lincoln Square Towers will make Albany a safer and better place to live, and Kirsten is eager to see this project continue.

Read more. https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/asbestos-removal-begins-lincoln-square-towers-20882864.php

5. Helping military families get health care

An Onondaga County veteran contacted Kirsten's office for assistance after waiting months to hear about the status of their child's Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) application, which was needed to restore the child's health, dental, and vision insurance.

After Kirsten's office contacted the VA, the agency swiftly approved the benefits.

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

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

# INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



# SULLIVAN COUNTY DELIVERS FOR ITS YOUTH

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

While we always seek more ways to serve and assist children and teens in Sullivan County, we already do a lot - likely more than you know. And the breadth of that work spans the County, not just in our population centers.
So let's take a quick look:

- **Youth Bureau** - That's right: we have an office devoted solely to local youth (ages 0-21) and the organizations who serve them. Led by Cathie Paci and housed in our Office for the Aging at the Government Center, the Bureau works with local businesses to employ young people, provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding to area youth organizations and schools, and constantly seeks opportunities to expand its reach.
- **Center for Workforce Development** - Known as the Sullivan County Career Center, Director Loreen Gebelein's team renders crucial assistance to young people entering the world of work (and the employers hiring them). From resume preparation to the Summer Youth Employment Program, they exist to increase and support everyone who wants to make a living in the County.
- **Sullivan Promise** - This program has been a HUGE gamechanger for hundreds of families throughout the County. It covers the cost of tuition for a full two years at SUNY Sullivan and is available to any new high school senior who lives in Sullivan County and commits to attending our gem of an institution of higher learning. (It's worked pretty well for the college, too...)
- **Internship Program** - In addition to all of the above, County government itself offers paid internship opportunities in many of our departments. The program is open to both high school- and college-level students, and we don't just relegate them to filing paperwork and other drudgery. We pair them with offices and personnel who match their interests and can guide and mentor them, giving them a truly valuable and inspiring experience.

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# THE FINAL TOUCHES ON OUR SOLID WASTE PLAN

Per State requirements, our Division of Public Works has submitted our Final Solid Waste Management Plan to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. By the time you read this, it may have already been approved by the DEC, since we incorporated all their changes from a previously submitted draft.

While the Plan does include mention of a waste-to-energy plant the Legislature is considering in Monticello, it does not commit or obligate us to a specific course. Rather, the Plan is meant to show the State and the public that we are thinking ahead about how to handle our trash.

The Plan, which will be updated every two years, includes details on our composting efforts, along with options should the upstate Seneca Meadows landfill close and we have to ship elsewhere.

Don't take my word for it! Read it for yourself at **www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling**.

# WHAT COMES AFTER THE DOT IS IMPORTANT

I've mentioned it before, but it bears repeating: Sullivan County government's email addresses are changing from ".us" to ".gov."

Our website already has made the switch - www.sullivanny.us no longer works. Instead, you need to use **www.sullivanny.gov.**

Our email addresses still work both ways, but by next year, I anticipate only the ".gov" versions will make it to their destinations (like **info@sullivanny.gov**).

We're not doing this to give you a hassle - we were required to make the change by State and Federal authorities.

# HAZARDOUS WASTE? WE CAN TAKE IT!

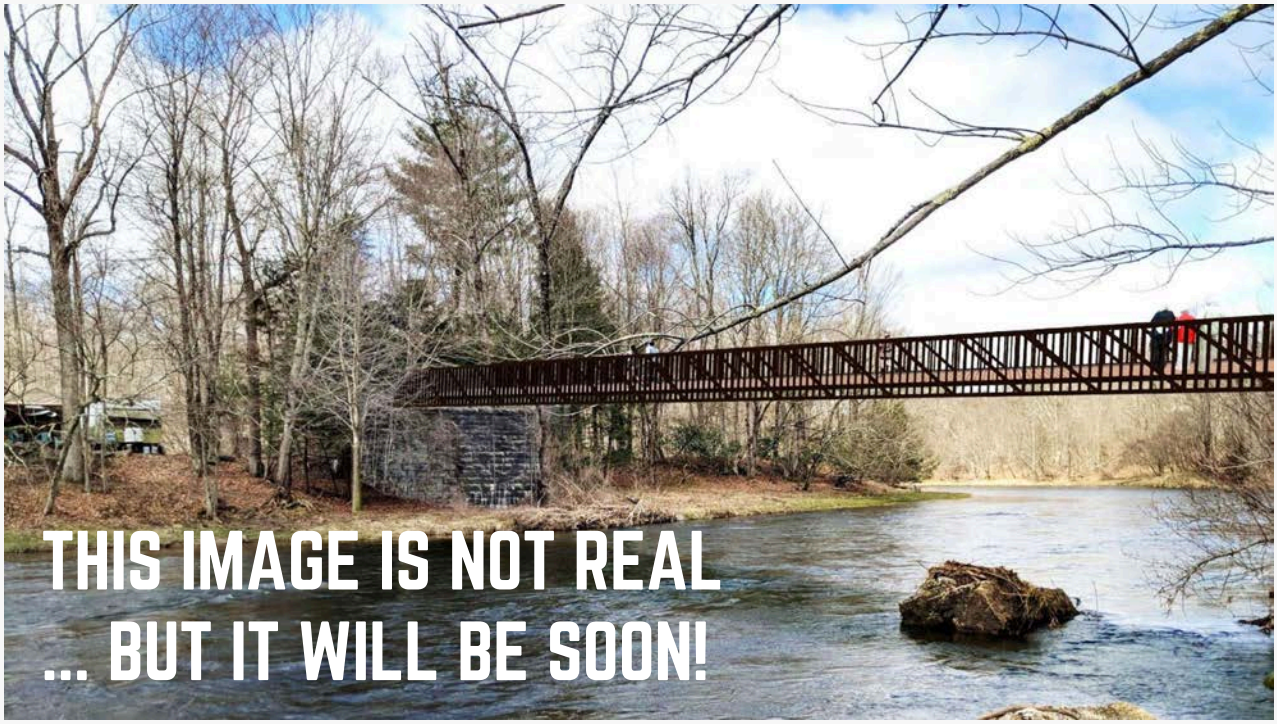
It's popular, it's handy, and it's back! Sullivan County's next Household Hazardous Waste Day is set for September 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monticello Transfer Station on Landfill Drive.

It's frankly incredible how much nasty junk you can get rid of on that day - all for FREE, by the way. Just be sure to bring ID verifying County residency.

Take a look at the list below to see what's acceptable and what's not.

That said, if something on your list is not acceptable at this event, it may well be something we can still take on other days. Call us at 845-807-0291 or email **recycling@sullivanny.gov** to find out for sure.

| ACCEPTABLE | | UNACCEPTABLE |
|---|---|---|
| Paint | Smoke detectors | Household garbage |
| Solvents | Fire extinguishers | Commercial/industrial/agricultural waste |
| Stains | Cleaning products | Medical waste/ pharmaceuticals |
| Ink | Poisons | Radioactive material |
| Pool chemicals | Roofing tar | Explosives |
| Acids | Bases | Ammunition |
| Wood preservatives | Adhesives | Bulk liquids/drums/tanks larger than 5 gallons |
| Fluorescent bulbs | Creosote | LP/gas tanks |
| Mercury containing devices | Stale fuels | Electronics |
| Pesticides/herbicides | Antifreeze | Tires |
| Batteries/ automotive batteries | | Refrigeration devices |




**Work is well under way on a restored Neversink River crossing of the long-defunct New York, Ontario & Western (O&W) Railway between Woodridge and South Fallsburg. The water, rocks, trees and stone pier in the above photo currently exist, but the bridge is just a rendering of what we hope to inaugurate next year. As guided by our Planning Division, led by the Town of Fallsburg and funded by nearly $3.8 million in grants, contractors are diligently clearing and grading the old right-of-way on the west side of the Neversink. By this time next year, pedestrians and bicyclists may enjoy what generations of rail travelers once saw on their way to our mountains!**

## WELCOMING OUR NEW CARE CENTER ADMINISTRATOR

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Kayshawn Macharie as the new Licensed Administrator of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center, better known as the Care Center at Sunset Lake.

Kayshawn exemplifies commitment, trust and compassion. I'm excited to see how he and the staff will make the Care Center the first choice of people needing both short- and long-term services.

A native of Rockland County, Kayshawn possesses both the right credentials and the right attitude to render compassionate, competent care to Care Center residents and provide effective, responsive leadership to the hardworking employees at the Center.

# THE SAFETY OF ALL

If you've recently visited the Government Center in Monticello, you've had to pass through the body scanner (and if you had a bag, send that through a separate scanner).

Using sophisticated and safe technology, the system only scans for weapons like guns and knives. You can walk through without removing your shoes, watch, cellphone, belt or other items a regular metal detector would pick up.

This has been in the works for many years and has long been a request of our workers and the people they serve. It's not intended to be a hassle or intrusive, and we continue to welcome anyone who has business to conduct in the building. Now, just like virtually all our other public facilities, the Government Center will be a safer, more secure space for everyone who visits and works there.

# TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION

Close to 20 teens from around the County spent a week with our Public Safety team in July, meeting local firefighters, police officers, EMTs and forest rangers, and learning how they do their jobs (and why they love their jobs!). Our second annual Emergency Services Youth Academy proved an outstanding success, encouraging local young people to consider volunteering or even pursuing a career with emergency response agencies.

Participants learned how to start, maintain and end a search & rescue operation.

Both LifeNet and the State Police flew their helicopters to the Academy.

Teens got to work their muscles practicing skills with the Sheriff's Office, including prying open doors.

The State Police and the Sheriff's Office demonstrated how their K-9 units can subdue criminals and yet also be friendly ambassadors of their agencies.

# 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

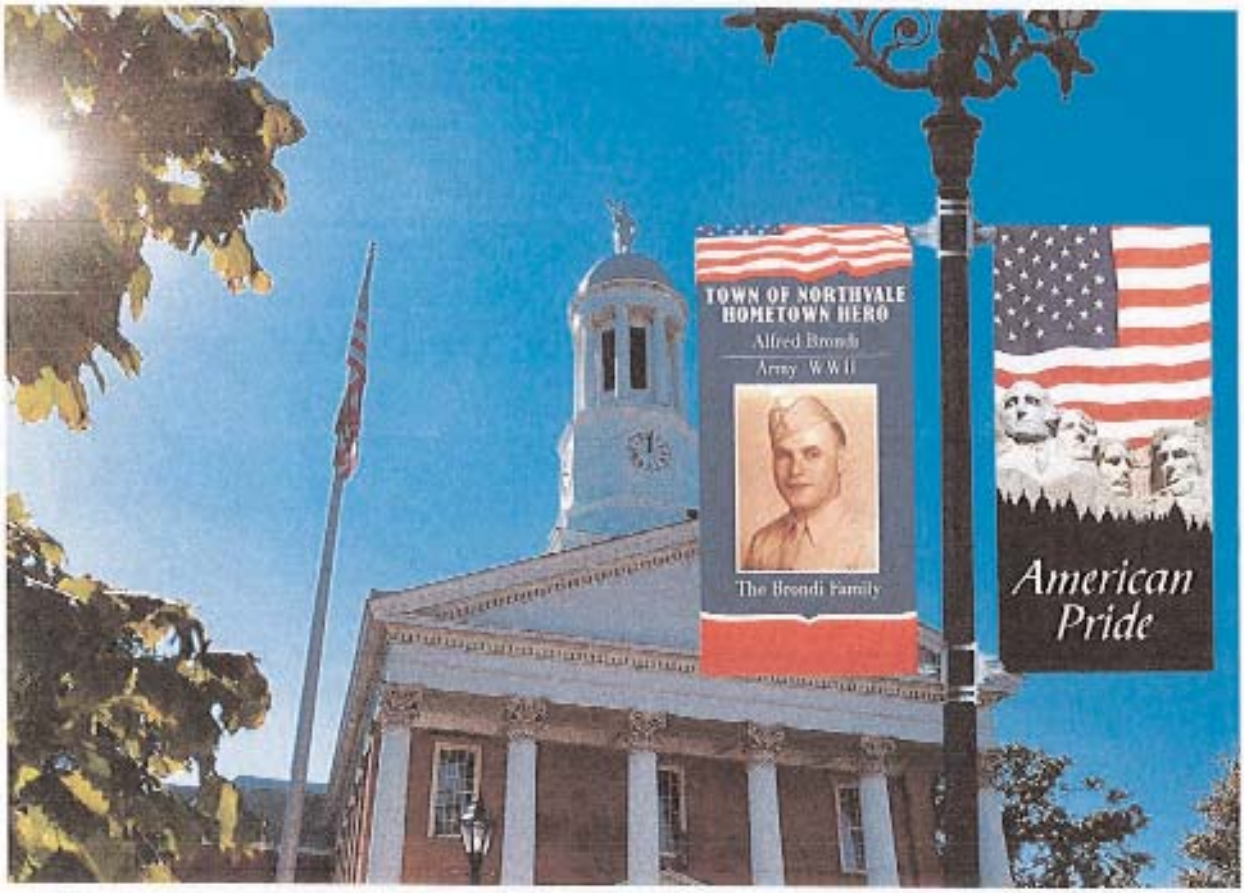
**September Harvest Grape Stomping Festival**
**@ Benmarl Winery**
**11 am - 8 pm, September 20th & 21st**
156 Highland Ave, Marlboro

**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

27 SEPTEMBER 2025
The Sullivan County Veterans Coalition
presents
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY VETERANS FESTIVAL & STAND DOWN
LOCATION:
PAUL GERRY FIELDHOUSE
SUNY SULLIVAN
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
A DAY OF SUPPORT, CONNECTION, AND CELEBRATION FOR OUR VETERANS
LIVE MUSIC WITH DEREK STONER & JESSE NOREN
FREE SURPLUS GEAR (proof of military service required)
VETERAN SERVICES & SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS
HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES
EMPLOYMENT & JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
HEALING ART ACTIVITIES
MILITARY ART
FREE FOOD & DESSERTS
KIDS CORNER
For questions or to find out how you can support this event, contact Lauren Roman at romanlauren@yahoo.com.




# Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

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

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

Town of Neversink
273 Main Street
Grahamsville Ny 12740

**Jenna Carmody**
**845-866-2213**

HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM™

Learn more about the Hometown Heroes Banner Program at www.hometownheroesbanners.com

# Action Toward Independence Presents

## Women's Empowerment Group

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

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

**Be Inspired ~ Be Empowered ~ Be You**

Location:
126 Seward Ave
Middletown, NY 10940

*Please RSVP*
*Seats are limited*

**For More Information Call**
**845.343.4284**

**Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.**

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Action Toward Independence
*Serving & Empowering People with Disabilities*

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# 2025 Caregiver Resource Center
## Monthly Virtual Support Groups

*For family caregivers caring for an individual with any illness, chronic disease or disability (including seniors or someone with early-stage dementia).*

**To register:**
Use the QR Code, or use the link
https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4
or email sullivancrc@cornell.edu.

**3rd Wednesday each month**
**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

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|---|---|
| Jan 15 | Feb 19 |
| Mar 19 | Apr 16 |
| May 21 | June 18 |
| July 16 | Aug 20 |
| Sept 17 | Oct 15 |
| Nov 19 | Dec 17 |

**Via Zoom or Phone**

Caregiver Resource Center

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

*This program is supported by a grant from the NYS Department of Health and is a partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County Office for the Aging, and the Alzheimer's Association.*

# ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB

BOX 25
CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725
PHONE 845-985-2943 or 845-985 7162
EMAIL bungst01@gmail.com GLENN
EMAIL tmatthewsm88@gmail.com TOM


## 2025 SHOW DATES

**FRIDAY 7/4/25: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR**
ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRONT PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754. **OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**
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
**DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 40 VEHICLES; GOODY BAGS; RAIN OR SHINE**

**SATURDAY 9/13/25 OUTPOST BBQ. SHOW RAIN DATE SUNDAY 9/14/2025**
6611 ROUTE 209 KERHONKSON, NY IN LARGE FIELD BEHIND BBQ BUILDING.
**OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**
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**

**Action Toward Independence**
**309 E Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701**

*An estimated 80% of veterans will have some need for long-term services and supports in their lifetime. Supporting caregivers helps reduce stress and caregiver burnout and improves wellness.*

**To register:**

Use the QR Code, or use the link https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4 or email sullivancrc@cornell.edu.

**For more information or to talk to a Veteran Peer Advocate, please call 845.794.4228.**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County**

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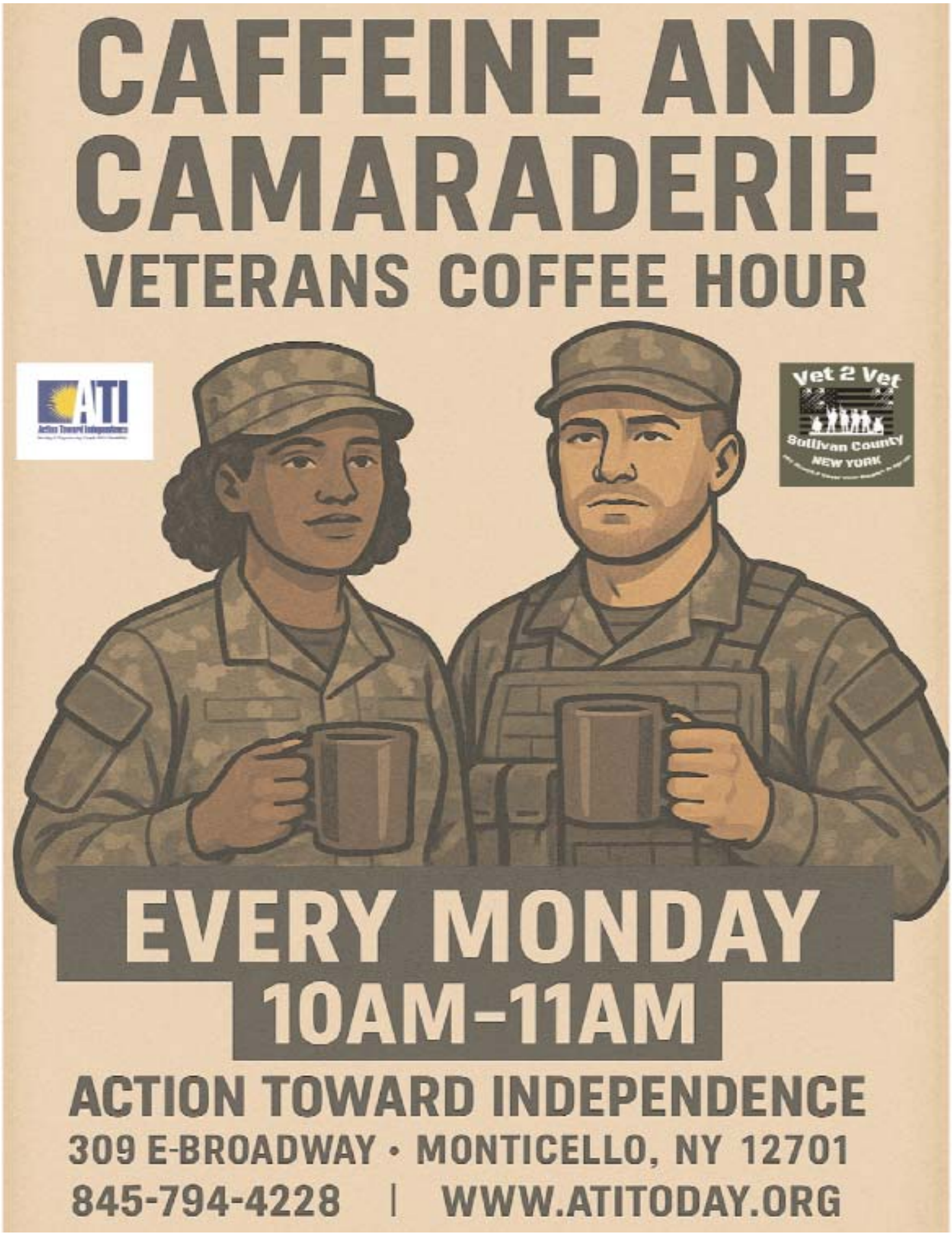
Caregiver Resource Center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Vet 2 Vet offers
Veteran Peer Support.
Call to speak with our Veteran
Peer Advocates.
We didn't fight alone while
we served, we don't need
to fight alone at home.
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NEW YORK
PFC Joseph P Dwyer Peer Support Program
Call or email us to register!
845-794-4228
vet2vet@atitoday.org
309 E Broadway Suite A
Monticello, NY 12701

# Sponsor a Flag in the Town of Neversink

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

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

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

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

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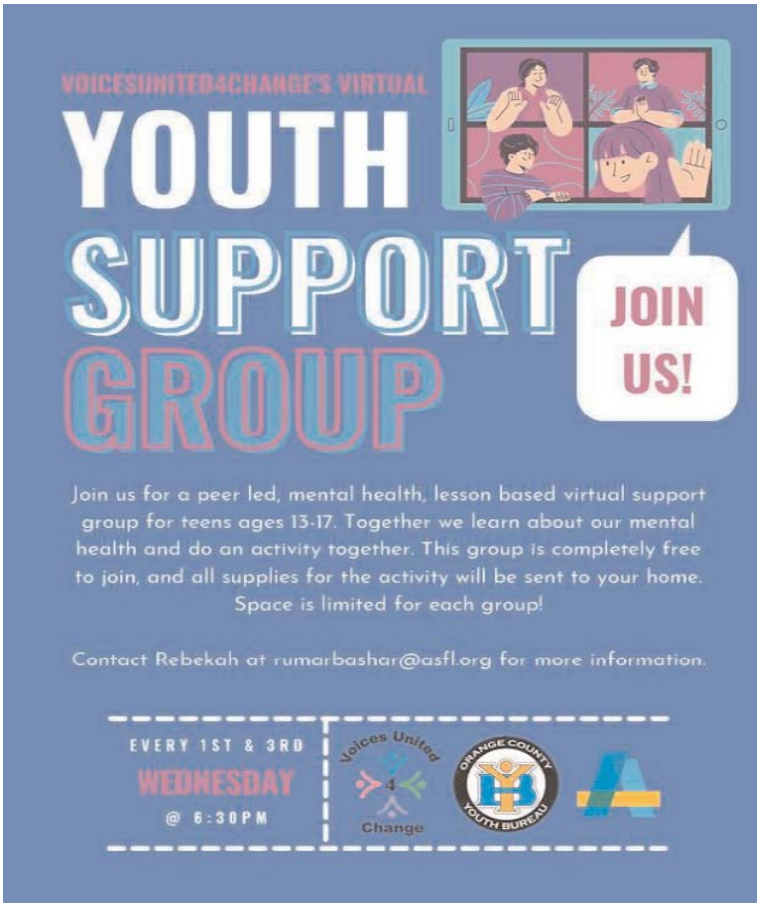
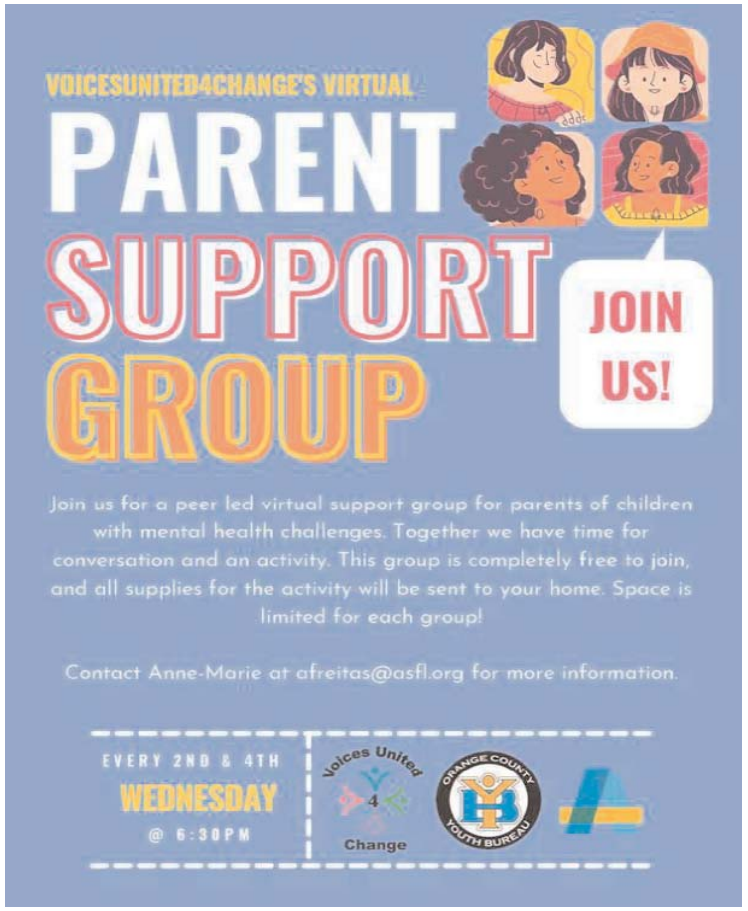

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL
YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP
JOIN US!
Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!
Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.
EVERY 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM
Voices United 4 Change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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
JOIN US!
Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!
Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.
EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM
Voices United 4 Change

# Donate your used books!

We are now accepting donations of good quality books for our book sales.

## DONATION GUIDELINES

**We accept:**
Good quality and clean hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, music CD's, and audio books.

**We CANNOT accept:**
Damaged, dirty, or old books.
Books that are soiled, brown, with mildew or mold.
Textbooks, encyclopedias, reference sets, or condensed books.
Magazines and newspapers.
VHS and cassette tapes.

Please do not leave donations outside of the library or under the book tent.

**Donations will be accepted by appointment only .**
Please contact Michelle at 845-985-7233 x104.

Thank you for your support!

**Daniel Pierce Library**
328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233
www.danielpiercelibrary.org

# 2025 READING CHALLENGE

## Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

Read ALL year and you could win a book or two!

Ready to dive into new adventures, explore fresh ideas and discover exciting worlds? The 2025 Book Challenge is here and it's open to readers of all ages! Whether you're a child just learning to read, a teen devouring every novel in sight or an adult looking for your next great read, this challenge is for you!

***Make sure to stop by the library and grab your reading log!***

- Set Your Goal – whether it's 5, 10 or 30 books, there's no limit!
- Read – explore new genres, authors and topics.
- Track Your Progress – add the titles as you go.
- Celebrate Your Success – complete the challenge by December 31, 2025 and be entered to win a book each time you fill out one side of your reading log!

***Challenge yourself and your family.***

***Expand your horizons with new books.***

***For ALL ages!***

***Read adventurously!***

**New to the Daniel Pierce Library this year...**

Introducing

# Pages & Percs

Join us for a brand new experience at the DPL
Now you can sip, relax and read all in one place.

Get cozy and caffeinated while you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and browse our book sale selection, located in our beautiful 1902 Room.

**You can:**

Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Happy Belly for $2. Choose the perfect coffee pod for yourself at our front desk.
Pick out a book to buy and take home or dive into it right here.
Sit back, sip your coffee and enjoy a peaceful moment.

Whether you're looking for your next page-turner or just need a break, Pages and Percs is your perfect spot to relax and recharge.

**Enjoy!**

# Please Help Save Our School!

**The Claryville Reformed Church and the Time and the Valleys Museum are working together to preserve and open the historic 1848 Claryville One Room School, and we need your help.**

**A donation of ANY amount will go directly to the 1848 Claryville School and help:**

- inventory the many historical items.
- purchase acid-free storage supplies for artifacts, photos and documents.
- repair the building and restore the one room school interior.
- open the school to the public on a regular basis.
- provide programs for children and adults.

**PLEASE make a tax-deductible donation today using the form below or go to www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.** This historic building is an important part of our fading past and should be preserved and enjoyed by all - your donation will make that happen!

## Thank You!

**Yes! I would like to make a donation to preserve and open the 1848 Claryville School.**

_____ $25 _____ $50 _____ $100 _____ $250 _____ $500 _____ $1,000 _____ Other

Please mail your check to:
**Time and the Valleys Museum**
P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740
or go online:
www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/donate

Name:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email:

**Thank you so much for your donation.**

*Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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Caregiver Resource Center

# Parkinson's Support Group

Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!

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

## WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

April 9 May 14

June 11 July 9

Aug 13 Sept 10

Oct 8 Nov 12

## REGISTER:

(845) 292-6180 ext. 122

sullivancrc@cornell.edu

https://tinyurl.com/3s4uhzc9

**ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN CALL ANGELA @ 845-292-8715 OR EMAIL: FOLKPLUS@GMAIL.COM**

This program is supported with a grant from the NYS Department of Health, OFA, CCE/Caregiver Resource Center Program and the Alzheimer's Association.

## Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

**Are you a parent struggling with your family?**
**Are you a teen having problems at home?**

**Help is available now!**

**We are here anytime you need to talk.**

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.

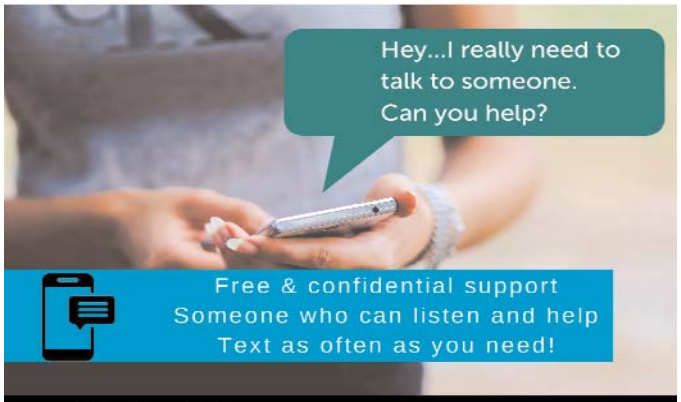
**Text 845-372-1817**
**Call 866-372-2336**

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

## Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday 4pm-10pm
Saturday & Sunday 5pm-12am




We're Here to Listen:
Bullying - Eating Disorders - Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway - Pregnancy - Problems at Home - Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ - Divorce - School Issues - Substance Use - Physical/Mental/Sexual Health - and more!

Text "Start" to: 845-637-9486

OFF HOURS: Call 1-888-750-2266, option 2

Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

Text for Teens is supported by a Grant of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

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## COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Friends

**Who will you protect?**

**¿A quien protegerás?**

Amigos

Family

**Get the facts.**

**Obtenga los hechos.**

Familia

Community

**Talk to your healthcare provider about the COVID vaccine.**

**Hable con su proveedor de salud sobre la vacuna del COVID-19.**

Comunidad

**#VaccinateSullivan**

For more information, visit www.sullivanny.us

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Sullivan County Public Health Services

GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the **DESPERATE NEED** for ages **8-18**!

**Contact:**
Alyssa Wowk
(845) 645-6544
awowk@chowc.net

Sullivan COUNTY CATSKILLS
Mountains of Opportunities

# FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

## HELP WANTED

**Blooming Green Lawn and Landscape Sevice**
Full time work.
Salary based on experience.
Call: 845-665-3348
or 945-985-0516 tfn

## FOR RENT

**2 Bedroom Apartment with balcony, Tri-ValleySchool District in Grahamsville. Available Immediately. Call 845-985-7411**

**Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale**
Sat - 11am-4 pm; Sun - 10am-4pm
Mon - 10am-12 noon
131 Peekamoose Road
Sundown, NY 12740

**Classified Ads**
**Only $5.00 a week!**

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***gnomehomeinc@yahoo.com***

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*at:*

***http://www.gnomehomeinc.com***

***KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE***

**N AMAZON PRIME, NETFLIX**

# DRIVE A CROOKED ROAD

**(83 min. / Crime Thriller )**

Eddie Shannon a mechanic and race car driver is sought out by two bank robbers to help them with their getaway from a planned big heist that required someone who could drive at high speeds. Couple that with his ability to "soup up" engines makes Eddie the right choice.

It's the old story, the girl lures the guy who is trying to be a respected man. The gangster's girlfriend, Barbara Mathews, used her charms to help persuade Eddie to assist with the crime. Eddie's dream –competative racing The robbery could make it come true!

Barbara falls in love with Eddie, and secretly feels ashamed of leading him on. which makes Eddie realize he is beeing used. Summing it up in a life and death struggle for almost all involved.

**Directed by Richard Quine. Starring Mickey Rooney as Eddie Shannon, Dianne Foster as Barbara Mathews, Kevin McCarthy as Steve Norris, Jack Kelly as Harold Baker, Harry Landers as Ralph, Jerry Paris as Phil, Paul Picerni as Carl, and Dick Crockett as Don**

***Stay safe,***
***Knarf Odnamoc***
***Gnome***

Answer to last week's Trivia Question *Love at First Bite*

**This weeks' Trivia question**: Who plays Bobby Boucher's overprotective mother in *The Waterboy?*