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**Nick is doing
great!!
He's already
out of the
hospital!**

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Ulster County Welcomes Sojourner Truth Statue with Powerful Evening of Tribute and Reflection



KINGSTON, NY - On Friday evening, Ulster County hosted a moving and joyful celebration to welcome the life-size bronze sculpture Sojourner Truth: First Steps to Freedom to the Ulster County Office Building. The event drew a large and enthusiastic crowd to 244 Fair Street in Kingston, where the statue is now installed under the front overhang and will remain on display for six months.

Created by New Paltz-based artist Trina Greene and loaned by the SUNY New Paltz Foundation, the sculpture portrays Isabella Baumfree Vanwagenen (later known as Sojourner Truth) in 1826, walking to freedom with her daughter Sophia. That pivotal moment marked Truth's escape from enslavement and the beginning of her lifelong fight for abolition and women's rights. (Cont Pg. 5)

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On the Front Burner: Those who die are never truly gone, because Jesus is the resurrection, and those who believe are granted everlasting life.
John 11:25-26

OBITUARY

The sympathy of the
community is extended
to the family of
Robert 'Bob' Pecoraro, Sr.



**Robert 'Bob' Pecoraro Sr.,
February 2, 1948 -
August 13, 2025**

Bob was often seen during the warm weather mowing his huge lawn in Sundown, where he had a summer home that he shared with Linda.

Bob will be missed by all his friends and neighbors in Sundown and the Tri-Valley area.

A funeral service was held on Sunday at Robertaccio Funeral Home in Patchogue NY. A funeral mass was held at St. Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue with burial following at Calverton Cemetery.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

July 20, 1955

The marriage of Miss Ann Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eaton of Michigan, to Mr. Richard Krom, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Krom of Grahamsville, took place Saturday at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville. The Rev. Howard P. West officiated. After the ceremony a reception for 150 was held at the Neversink Fire House. After a trip to Lake Placid, the bride and groom will be at home in an apartment in the Chan Dayton house.

Tiresome work soon to be over. The tiresome work of milking cows by hand is soon to be done away with. A new milking device enables a man with four machines and assisted by a boy, to milk fifty cows in 12 minutes. Louis Burrell, the inventor, is having the machines built at Little Falls and they will soon be on the market. This will make dairying a genuine recreation.

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Thank You

The family of **Jaclene "Jackie" Poley** would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the entire community for the overwhelming support shown after Jackie's sudden and tragic passing. Your kindness, generosity, and heartfelt gestures – whether through meals, visits, ards, donations, or simply standing with us in our time of grief – have been a great source of comfort. In a time of unimaginable loss, you have surrounded Jackie's family with love and compassion.

**With love and gratitude,
The Poley, Austin and Peters Families**

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

July 7, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck have received word from their son, Douglas, that he has received a promotion from Asst. Civil Engineer to a Senior Civil Engineer in the position of Asst. Design Coordinator for Dist. 1. He is a 1953 graduate of Tri Valley Central School and a 1958 graduate of R.P.I. and has been employed by the N.Y.S. Dept. of Public Works since Feb. 1958.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams, 23 years on July 14; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walter, 53 years on July 17; Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Garigliano, 13 years on July 17 and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maier, 12 years on July 18.

July 23, 1975

Charles N. Nielsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Nielsen of Neversink, has been assigned to Clark AFB in the Philippines from Elgin AFB, Florida. Nielsen, an Air Force major, is an F-4 Phantom flight examiner with the Thirteenth Air Force, a part of the Pacific Air Forces.

On July 19th, Linda Greenrose Buley of Grahamsville, was wed to Frank K. Comando, Jr. of Grahamsville. The Hon. Clifford Warren officiated at the outdoor ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose of Sundown. A reception for 35 guests followed.

July 25, 1985

The Rev. Diane Zanetti Johnson was one of nine persons recently ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church. The Bishop, Neil Irons of the noethern N.J. Annual Conference presided at the Ordination. Ms. Johnson received her B.A. degree from Syracuse University. She is currently completing her Masters' Degree in Divinity Studies at Drew Seminary.

Congratulations to Anne and Bill Long who this past weekend celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May you have many more happy years together!!

Household Hint:

Freshen Stinky Shoes

Especially in summer, shoes can get dirty and smelly. Add a scented dryer sheet to shoes and boots that have gotten too ripe. Cut each sheet in half for kids' shoes or ladies' pumps and still get great results.

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

Katydid's are Signaling the Heatwave Won't Last Forever!

The katydids have been signaling us that the countdown to the end of summer has begun in the Catskills. With temperatures in the 90's I certainly wasn't thinking about fall when I first heard them one night last week.



Katydid's have been considered a prophet of weather to come. According to legend, when the katydids first start their song at night it means the first killing frost will occur in ninety days. Later in the summer when the katydid is heard during the day singing from the deep shadows, the first frost is but six weeks away. On the last

day before the first hard frost, the katydid will sing its own farewell song.

Katydid's live just about everywhere throughout the Catskills. They are insects of the Tettigoniidae family and are commonly called katydids, bush-crickets or long-horned grasshoppers. They are more closely related to crickets than to grasshoppers.

There are more than 6,400 species of katydids that live in forested areas, thickets and in fields where there are plenty of shrubs and trees. They are often heard and not seen as they usually stay at the tops of the trees where more leaves are available. Most katydids are vegetarians and eat the leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs, especially oaks.

Some Katydids can grow over two inches in length and are a bright leafy green color. They have long oval shaped wings which are held vertically over the body resembling roof shingles. The wings have lots of veins and actually look like leaves. They have very long antennae often extending beyond the tip of the abdomen.

Both male and female katydids make sounds. They rub their front wings together to "sing" to each other. Katydids hear each other with ears that are located on their front legs.

Their breeding season will soon begin in the Catskills and last through early fall. Females will lay eggs on stems of plants. The eggs will hatch the following spring into nymphs, that look like katydids, just not fully grown. Katydid nymphs eat and grow, molting their skin several times. Each time the nymph sheds its skin it looks more like an adult. Finally, after its last molt, the nymph will have changed into an adult katydid.

Katydid's can fly short distances when threatened, but they prefer to walk and climb. When they do fly, it is more of a downward flutter. If you see a katydid land on the ground, watch it and it will probaly walk to the nearest tree and begin to climb.

Enemies of the katydids are birds, bats, spiders, frogs, snakes, and other insect-eaters.

Their brilliant green color makes katydids attractive to the eye. They don't bite or sting. Best of all katydids bring music to the night, often commanding the chorus of summer evenings for us to enjoy.

With the recent heat wave in the Catskills we have been leaving the windows open through the night and can hear the background music of the bubbly little stream out front in harmony with the chorus of katydids singing nature's lullabies.

Not until we hear their song through the day, will I think of the approaching autumn season. And when we no longer hear the katydid's song in our backyards, winter will be just around the corner in the Catskills.

But, for now, if you are like me, who savors every moment and seasonal sound of summer, I am content to enjoy the katydids evening melodies and warm summer nights.

NICK HAS BEEN SAVED!!!

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE ON GOING SUPPORT FOR OUR WARRIOR NICK!



On Wednesday August 13th 2025 at the University of Virginia Hospital Nick had a successful kidney transplant! The night prior we got the call that Nick had gotten a perfect kidney match, without any hesitation he packed his bags and was on his way!

Such a miracle! We can not thank our community enough, the out pouring love for our Nick has been immeasurable and we appreciate everyone's prayers through out his journey. Thank you to his wonderful team of doctors! We are also sending prayers to the donor family, we will never know who Nick's donor is but know they are his angel forever. Keep Nick in your prayers as his body adjusts to his new kidney. Hopefully its all smooth sailing from here!

OUR HEARTS ARE SO FULL! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Nick Cell if you want to send him a message! 845.866.8846

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published August 17, 1995

Back in 1939 we were living in the red house in Denning. It was a nice place to live. Bill Erts was our landlord, but the property was owned by John Schoonmaker.

There was a beautiful pond behind the house where the children and I walked across the dock to gather large luscious blackberries which grew on the other side. The pond is gone now but the house still stands. Birds sang in the trees and deer came out of hiding early in the morning. They were much more timid than those of today.

Our fifth daughter was born in that house and we named her Sara Audrey. My children are all adults now and at times when we get together we reminisce about the days we spent living in the red house. My children were small then and attended school in the little Denning schoolhouse, with the exception of Vera. She was already in high school, riding to Liberty on Percy Cole's bus.

Helen Aldrich was our teacher. The children loved her as a teacher, and one of her rules was "No chewing gum during school hours."

One day Floyd brought a whole nickel pack to school. Helen happened to go outside for something and Floyd passed the gum around. When Helen entered the room the kids' mouths were going. She pulled Floyd's hair a little and told the kids to throw their gum in the wastepaper basket, which I guess they did with many sighs and sad faces. They had learned an extra lesson that day.

About a mile from our home was a state camping ground, and I quite often packed a lunch, bundled the baby in the carriage, and with the other children we walked to the camp ground for a nice picnic. There we had those little stone fireplaces built up out of rocks. We gathered twigs, made a fire and cooked whatever we brought for lunch. I'll always treasure the memory of those good old days when we lived up there in Denning.

Ulster County Welcomes Sojourner Truth Statue with Powerful Evening of Tribute and Reflection

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The evening began with a powerful drum performance by nationally known percussionist Ubaka Hill, followed by remarks by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger; Margaret Wade-Lewis, Center Executive Director Esi Lewis (also former County Chief Diversity Officer); Ulster County Chief Diversity Officer Dina Suggs; Ulster County Historian Edward Moran; SUNY New Paltz President Darrell P. Wheeler; and



the artist, herself, Trina Greene. Artistic performances included poetry readings by past Ulster County Poet Laureate Kate Hymes and current Poet Laureate Mike Jurkovic, as well as a rousing historical reenactment by Onestrike. (SUNY New Paltz Black Studies Department Chair Dr. Weldon McWilliams was unfortunately unable to attend the event.)

Attendees were invited to arrive early to explore the Surrogate Court mini museum on the third floor, which showcases historical documents, photographs, and speeches related to Sojourner Truth's life and legacy. The County Clerk's Office also had a display in the DMV lobby featuring additional historical documents and materials. Refreshments were provided by Good Eat'n Soul Food.

"You cannot help but be moved by Trina Greene's powerful portrayal of Sojourner Truth holding her baby daughter Sophia as she takes her first steps to freedom from slavery here in Ulster County nearly 200 years ago, and I encourage the public to come view the statue while it is in front of the County building for the next six months," said County Executive Metzger. "A renowned abolitionist and suffragette, Sojourner devoted the rest of her life to the fight for equality and justice, and we can all take inspiration from her courageous spirit and unwavering moral compass in these times."

"Sojourner Truth fought tirelessly for equality and freedom but was also a singer and known to be witty," said County Chief Diversity Officer Dina Suggs. "This statue is an inspiration to work hard for the well-being of our whole community, while savoring and celebrating life. We are lucky to have Sojourner at the County Office building until next year."

"It is an honor and a privilege to celebrate the life, activism, and impact of Sojourner Truth, one of Ulster County's most notable and exceptional historic residents and a symbol of courage and activism whom we should all take inspiration from," said Eddie Moran, Ulster County Historian. "We are so thankful to the extremely talented Trina Greene for this beautiful sculpture which will attest to Sojourner Truth's enduring legacy for all who visit the offices of Ulster County in the future."

"My dream is that every soul who passes Sojourner Truth: First Steps to Freedom will be inspired to carry on her legacy of seeking and standing for justice," said Esi Lewis, Margaret Wade-Lewis Center Executive Director.

"We value these continued opportunities to recognize Sojourner Truth's consequential legacy and contributions through Hudson Valley communities," said SUNY New Paltz President Darrell P. Wheeler. "The statue's latest installation in Kingston follows previous campus and external stakeholder consultation on its multi-year journey until returning to campus in 2026. Thank you to County Executive Metzger, Mayor Noble and their respective teams; sculptor Trina Greene; the Newburgh Free Library; and other collaborative

partners who have supported this significant work."

"We are grateful for this statue which pays tribute to Sojourner Truth's legacy, but it is important to remember it is far better to embody her spirit!," said Dr. Weldon McWilliams, Chair, Department of Black Studies, SUNY New Paltz.

"Sojourner Truth was once quoted as saying: 'I'm not going to die. I'm going home like a shooting star.' A message filled with certainty, so comforting from a former slave whose life had been filled with cruelty and hardship," said sculptor Trina Greene. (Contd. Pg. 6)

UC Welcomes Sojourner Truth Statue with Powerful Evening of Tribute and Reflection

(From Pg. 5) "At 29 years she left her master's house, stepping into an unknown future. We all can be comforted by her radiance of Spirit today."

The statue was previously displayed at Kingston City Hall and will travel to the Newburgh Public Library following its stay at the County Office Building.

About Sojourner Truth: Born in 1797 in what is now Ulster County, Sojourner Truth courageously walked to freedom and became the first woman to win a court case against a man, as well as a national advocate for abolition and women's rights. Her powerful voice and unwavering commitment to justice continue to inspire generations.

Ulster County invites residents and visitors alike to view the sculpture and reflect on the legacy of one of the most influential figures in American history.

DEC Announces Family-Friendly Activities at the Great New York State Fair

Attend DEC's Free Fishing Days, Receive Free Tree Seedlings, Purchase Sporting Licenses and Sign-Up for the Conservationist Magazine

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today encouraged New Yorkers to "Get Offline and Get Outside" and visit DEC's environmental exhibits at the Great New York State Fair in Syracuse. The Fair runs from Wednesday, Aug. 20, through Monday, Sept. 1.

"Visiting DEC at the Great New York State Fair is a perfect way to get off your smart phone and outside this summer," Commissioner Lefton said. "Whether you're checking out the fish in the Aquarium building, planting a free tree seedling, or casting a rod for the first time on a Free Fishing Day, there are opportunities for everyone to connect to nature at the Fair."

This year, DEC is pleased to offer two free Family Fishing Days on Friday, Aug. 22, and Friday, Aug. 29, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The events will take place at the pond area near Gate 10 and Tram Stop 6. No fishing license is required, and all fishing equipment will be provided. Free Fishing Days are an excellent opportunity for new anglers to try out fishing for the first time.

In DEC's Aquarium building, visitors are encouraged to view the wide array of fish and amphibians from Oneida Lake, which are maintained by DEC's Oneida Hatchery staff throughout the duration of the Fair.

DEC staff at the Aquarium building also offer hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for purchase, as well as DEC's new Trail Supporter patch for \$5. All sales of the patch are deposited in the Conservation Fund's Outdoor Recreation, Trail Maintenance, and Development account. Visitors looking for hunter education course information are encouraged to stop by the Hunter Safety booth for details. Attendees are also encouraged to check out the tree stand safety display to learn about important hunter safety tips. DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers will be in attendance, displaying their new exhibit on air quality and available to answer questions on environmental laws and regulations.

Visitors are also encouraged to talk with DEC's Division of Lands and Forests staff and take home a free tree seedling supplied by the Saratoga Tree Nursery. Seedlings will be given away each day of the Fair, while supplies last. By planting trees, residents can help New York State reach its goal of planting 25 million trees by 2033.

Stop by the magazine booth to subscribe to New York's environmental magazine, the Conservationist. A 'State Fair Special' of six issues for \$10 is being offered, as well as a Conservationist lanyard, reusable snack bag, and reusable tote bag, while supplies last, with the

purchase or renewal of a subscription. New York State residents can also enter to win a lifetime fishing license or a sporting goods store gift card with an approximate value of \$460. To enter the drawing, simply fill out a short survey. No purchase is necessary to enter.

Outside of the Aquarium building, DEC will staff an informational booth throughout the Fair to provide information about climate change, the Great Lakes, outdoor recreation, marine resources, and much more. The Office of Indian Nation Affairs will be available there on Friday, Aug. 29 for Native Americans Day.

DEC Forest Rangers will be located near the New York State Police exhibit. The Forest Ranger booth will feature wildland fire-fighting and search and rescue equipment that Rangers use in the field. Smokey Bear will be accompanying the Rangers during the Fair's evening parades on Aug. 25, 26, 28 and Sept. 1.

In a recent DEC podcast episode of "DEC Does What?!", hosts are joined by Oneida Fish Hatchery Manager Bill Evans and Public Participation Specialist Emma Antolos to explore DEC's participation in the New York State Fair and how DEC staff promote outdoor recreational opportunities and environmental conservation efforts across the state (listen here). "DEC Does What?!" is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and everywhere podcasts are available.

For more information on the Great New York State Fair, visit the New York State Fair website. <https://nysfair.ny.gov/>

Unleash Your Child's Creativity with River Rep Jr!

The River Rep Jr. Fall 2025 Workshop is a fun and exciting way for kids to explore their imagination and develop essential life skills that extend far beyond the stage.

What are the benefits of this Workshop?

- o Learn how to express yourself artistically, through fun-filled games, exercises, scene work, improv, and more!
- o Learn how to connect with your emotions, and bring characters to life.
- o Boosts self-confidence and builds communication skills: Acting requires clear articulation and expression, improving both verbal and non-verbal communication, which is invaluable in school and social settings.
- o Develops empathy & emotional intelligence: By embodying different characters, children gain a deeper understanding of emotions, motivations, and diverse perspectives, fostering compassion and tolerance.
- o Learn how to collaborate: Acting is a collaborative art form. Students learn how to interact with peers, to compromise, and to work as a group to bring stories to life.
- o Resilience and adaptability: Navigating unexpected moments in the classroom and performances teaches children to think on their feet and adapt.
- o Experienced instructors create a nurturing and supportive environment where every child feels empowered to explore, take risks, and grow as a creative individual. The Workshop will be taught by River Rep artistic directors Arthur Aulisi and Christopher Peditto, as well as guest artist instructors, exploring a wide range of theater techniques.

o Perform for friends and family: scenes and group-generated pieces worked on over the course will be shared in a Friends and Family Performance on the final day of class (December 6).

River Rep Jr. Fall 2025 Workshop runs 10 weeks, (Saturdays) September 27 - December 6. 11am-1pm. (no class Nov 1)

All classes at the Delaware Valley Opera Center, 6692 NY-52, Lake Huntington, NY, 12752.

Tuition: Pay What You Can (suggested donation \$125)

To register go to: <https://www.riverrep.org/classes>

DEC Delivers Banner - Stay Connected with Your Environment 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."

CO Fishing Compliance Checks - Statewide

Undersized and over the daily limit of fish were common themes in this week's statewide ECO fishing compliance checks. Here are some of the more notable cases handled by our Officers:

- On July 19, ECO Card responded to Basswood Pond in the town of Burlington, Otsego County, to follow up on a complaint from an angler who reported a group keeping short bass. The complainant advised the fish were being put into a blue cooler near the day use area. ECO Card arrived at the location and identified a group matching the caller's description. Officer Card investigated and observed a blue cooler tucked behind a fireplace near where a family was set up. An angler with the group admitted to owning the cooler and catching the fish and ECO Card issued tickets for possession undersized black bass and taking over the daily limit of five fish.

- On July 20, ECO Day responded to a complaint about a group of anglers taking undersized blue crabs from the pier at Osprey Park in Mastic Beach, Suffolk County. Officer Day arrived at the location in time to see the group of four packing up and preparing to leave the area. As ECO Day approached the group, one of the individuals carrying a cooler walked behind a tree and then reemerged without the cooler. Officer Day checked the cooler and discovered several blue crabs less than the legal size of 4.5 inches. The Officer found additional undersized crabs inside a cooler and a backpack inside the angler's vehicle, resulting in a total of 88 crabs with 77 of them less than the legal size limit. Fortunately, most of the crabs were alive and able to be released to the water. Each member of the group received a ticket for possession of undersized blue crabs.

- On the evening of July 30, ECO Day conducted fishing compliance checks at a small village park in Northport, Suffolk County, and observed an individual pull a small boat up to a dock and offload a large cooler. Officer Day checked the cooler and discovered six striped bass all measuring greater than the maximum size

allowed of 31 inches. The Officer issued the subject tickets for possession of out-of-slot striped bass, possession of over the daily limit of striped bass, and failure to have a valid marine registry. The fish were confiscated and donated to a local wildlife rehabilitation center for osprey and bald eagles.

- On Aug. 3, ECO Scheer responded to a complaint about an individual taking fish with a cast net in a small creek in the city of Niagara Falls. Officer Scheer arrived at the location and observed a subject matching the description given by the complainant illegally using a cast net to take fish. An investigation also revealed the subject had not had a fishing license in three years. ECO Scheer issued two tickets to the individual: one for fishing without a fishing license and another for taking fish by means other than angling. Both tickets are returnable to the City of Niagara Falls Court.

Statement from UC Executive Jen Metzger on the Public Service Commission (PSC) decision in the Central Hudson rate case:

"I appreciate the PSC's efforts to reduce Central Hudson's original rate request, but it does not go far enough and asks too much of ratepayers. Forty-one percent of Ulster County residents spend over half their income on housing and utilities, and 78% of families in our region face financial hardship. Meanwhile, despite more than 20,000 billing complaints, Central Hudson shareholders have been awarded a 9.5% guaranteed rate of return, executives stand to collect \$2.8 million in bonuses, and management will receive annual raises totaling nearly \$27 million. If the return on equity and bonuses and raises were tied to actual performance and bill impacts, perhaps we'd get better results from our utility.

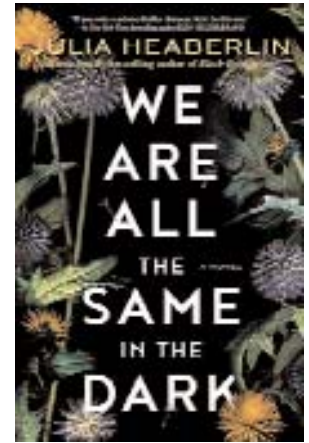
On the positive side, we did see some wins in this rate case. Together with the Public Utility Law Project (PULP) and Communities for Local Power (CLP), we called for requiring the utility to forgo late penalty fees for customers that enter into payment agreements, and to greatly ramp up enrollment in the Energy Affordability Program, a bill assistance program that has been extremely under-enrolled compared to the numbers of eligible households in our county. I welcome the new rate plan provisions on both fronts. I also applaud the language access improvements championed by PULP and CLP that will better protect non-English speaking customers. Generally speaking, however, we need less overall burden on ratepayers and more accountability for performance by the utility than we see in this rate plan."

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul Denouncing National Grid and Central Hudson Rate Hikes

"While I appreciate that the New York Public Service Commission worked to significantly lower the outrageously high initial rate proposals, it's still not enough. I have been crystal clear that utilities must make ratepayer affordability the priority. Since taking office, my administration has prioritized energy affordability, particularly for our most vulnerable, and we need the utilities to take it seriously as well. That means at a time when worried New Yorkers are being forced to tighten their budgets, all utilities must follow suit. This is no time for bonuses and big raises for executives, especially if they are going to be looking to raise rates on their customers."



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 142
We Are All The Same
In The Dark
Mysterious Book Report No. 414
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In one of the most highly anticipated novels of the 2020 summer reading season, international best-selling thriller writer Julia Heaberlin grabs the reader's attention in her first sentence; *"It takes about eight to ten hours to hand-dig a grave, more if you was doing it in the dark."*, and never lets go.

We Are All The Same In The Dark, (Ballantine Books, \$27.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-62167-6), begins with the discovery of a nameless, wounded and mute young girl. Missing her left eye and severely dehydrated, she's found lying in a pasture alongside a busy highway on a blazing hot Texas afternoon . . . surrounded by dandelions she's picked and placed as a talisman to protect her.

But Wyatt Branson, the man who finds the girl and takes her to his home, has a shadowed and suspicious past. He's the only suspect in the presumed murder and disappearance of his sister Trumanell, who left only a bloody handprint when she disappeared, ten years earlier.

The abandoned girl is soon picked up by a woman named Odette Tucker, the town's newest and youngest cop, who stashes the girl in a safe house and gives her the name "Angel," because she fears that Angel's discovery will re-inflate the small town where anger, suspicion and mob mentality still seethe just beneath the veneer of a quiet, peaceful place. It's the most notorious cold case in Texas history, and although the police have cleared Wyatt, the town, and a recent TV documentary, have not. It's left the citizens of the place on the verge of an explosive and violent reckoning.

But the tale becomes more complex and intriguing with each chapter, as the plot layers are exposed and the secrets of small town life . . . where everyone knows, is genetically linked to, or has had an intimate relationship with everyone else . . . come to light, one by one.

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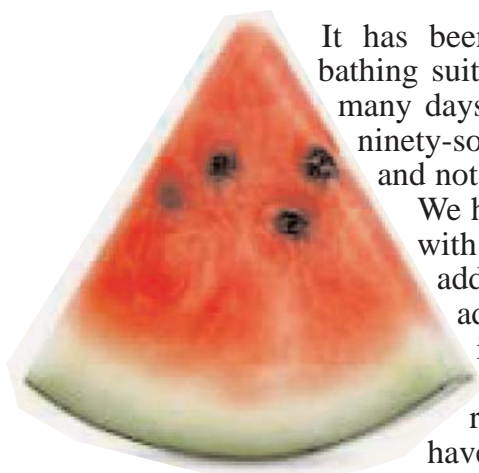
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

An Old-fashioned Summer



It has been a potato salad-hotdog-bathing suit kind of summer. With so many days of an official heat wave, ninety-something has been the rule and not the exception.

We have never had, and still do not have, air-conditioning. We built the house with overhead fans in every room and that used to be just fine. Now we have added one of those roll-around-stick-the-hose-out-the-window ones. I must admit that there are times when even the fans and portable AC just don't do it.

Instead of upgrading to AC, I add pool time to my day to cool down and refresh. My son has a pool, friends have invited me to their pools, and I have become a regular at the Town Pool.

Because it is often too hot to cook, BLT's and hotdogs, and tossed and pasta salads go on the menu. Easy peasy.

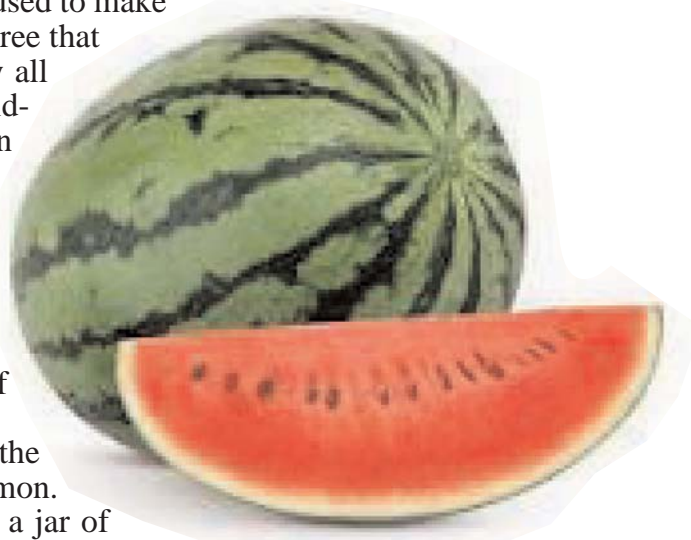
I enjoy the heat. It is more fun to cool off in the summer than to warm up in the winter. Summer means chicken barbecues, yard sales, farmers' markets, beach and lake time, and afternoon naps. All in all, I slow down and enjoy the heat.

The best part of summer is all the fresh fruit and veggies that my good neighbors share with me.

Except for this morning when I remembered the days I used to make jam with fresh fruit. I had picked peaches at a neighbor's tree that were the size of golf balls and not quite ripe. When they all turned ripe enough to draw fruit flies to the counter I decided to make peach jam. What a project. First of all Pectin cost \$6.99. I set two big pots to boil to plunge in these little suckers to loosen the skin. Then I put them into a bowl of ice water and proceeded to peel them and mash them into lemon juice. And I am only halfway there. I still have to make the jam using every grain of sugar I have in the house and can or freeze them. So far this little nostalgic project has cost me \$11.79 and about two and a half hours of messy work and kitchen.

My friend just called to go to the pool. I am leaving the freshly peeled mashed up peaches in a bowl with some lemon. I will finish later. Right now I am wishing I had bought a jar of Smuckers!

So much for my memories of canning and freezing. I am going to stick to ready-to-eat summer bounty...like watermelon.



The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice.

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Enjoying the Dog Days of Summer, DPL Style

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-It was a beautiful weekend at the 145th annual Grahamsville Little World's Fair! Thank you to all who visited with us and purchased books, strawberry shortcakes, yogurt parfaits, and raffle tickets. It was amazing to see all of our patrons and families enjoying one of the last big hoorahs before school's back in session in September.

The fun doesn't have to be over yet though. Please stop by the library and look through our summer book tent. We'll be adding new things through September so keep checking. If you still have donations that you'd like to send our way, please do so, but just check with Michelle first. She'll help set up an appropriate time to drop your things off and please, don't just drop it off under the tent. We like to go through a lengthy processing procedure before we set the books free!

Also, we are still accepting completed reading logs and Bingo game boards. If you haven't turned yours' (or your children's) in yet, don't hesitate! Children get to pick a prize every time they complete a log and teens and adults are entered into our raffle each time they complete one so please...PLEASE...turn in your logs. If you need another copy, stop in or print one from our website.

Pierce the python is approximately 32 feet long now! It's a true testament to the beautiful job everyone (kids and adults, alike) has done painting the rocks as many library visitors have inquired if they are for sale. If you haven't had the opportunity to paint a rock, stop by the library and pick one up. We still have plenty to choose from and then let your artistic muse flow. For a little inspiration, you're welcome to check out the ones already painted as Pierce is slithering his way up the ramp.

And when you come in, take a peek at the YA books we have on display. YA is short for young adult, which is a section of books written with teens in mind and with more mature plots, themes and scenarios than found in juvenile books. Many of these books are amazing reads, even for those of us far removed from our teen years. Two of my favorites currently on display are *Monument 14* by Emmy Laybourne and *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo.

Monument 14 is the first in a very tense postapocalyptic trilogy following a group of teens trying to survive the aftermath of a vicious biohazard situation. It's a fast-paced thriller you won't want to put down. With *the Fire on High* follows the story of Emoni Santiago and her struggles as a high school student, mom and desire to become a chef, all with the odds stacked against her. It's an emotional journey and well worth



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the read. It was also one of the RCLS Battle of the Books required reads from last year.

For those of you who may not know, each summer RCLS-Ramapo Catskill Library System-holds a quiz-bowl type competition where teens from member libraries answer rapid fire questions based on eight books they were required to read over the summer. This year, the competition is on August 23 at SUNY Orange. Our team, the Country Pumpkins, are ready! While ours is a small team, headed by coaches Matt Haynes (Tri-Valley Secondary School English teacher) and Jessica Dymond (Tri-Valley Secondary School librarian), they are mighty. They've been practicing over the summer, and of course, reading the eight novels, and are all set for this weekend's competition. While we'd love to place (first would be great!) it's not just about winning for these amazing teens. They're all about experiencing a great story and getting to talk about it with fellow avid bookworms. The excitement of competition day is contagious and awesome to experience. As library staff, it also pings my heart seeing all the teenagers there discussing their favorite books and watching the competition unfold. At the end, whether teams win or lose they get to choose a handful of new books to take home with them as well as some really cool swag. It's a really fun event and we're grateful to be able to take part in it.



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Ulster County and Community Foundations Announce Round 2 of Food Security Grant Program

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today announced the opening of Round 2 of the Ulster County Food Security Grant Program, with \$410,000 in funding available to support food security efforts across the County. The County has again partnered with Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley to administer the grant program, with applications accepted through October 15. Twenty-two grants were awarded last year to community partners in the County's food security network, and in recognition of continued need, the Legislature unanimously passed a resolution to fund a second round of grants.

Grant funding will focus on proposals that effectively address one or more of the following: (a) food security, (b) leveraging existing resources and expanding existing emergency food services, (c) providing equipment or personnel to increase capacity to collect, store, distribute, and provide food to those in need, and (d) ensure sustainability for organizations addressing food insecurity in critical geographic areas where providers are limited. In this round of grants, funds can also be used for the purchase of food.

Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for individual organizations. Collaborative proposals may request up to \$75,000, with a demonstrated plan for building long-term resiliency and sustainability within the emergency food system.

"One out of six children in our county face food insecurity, and it's critical that we expand the capacity of our emergency food network to help meet the significant need," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "At a time when the Administration in Washington has made massive cuts to support for food banks and SNAP, and as federal tariffs put upward pressure on food prices, we are stepping up our support as a County to help local families. I want to thank the Legislature for committing the resources to a second round of grants to fight food insecurity, and I also want to thank our partner, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, for administering this important program on behalf of the County."

A total of \$350,000 in County funding was authorized by the County Legislature in March, in a bipartisan resolution sponsored by Minority Leader Kevin Roberts (Plattekill) and Legislator Debra Clinton (D-Gardiner). The total program funding of \$410,000 also includes \$60,000 in remaining funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Projects that align with the findings from the Ulster County Food Security and Access Network (UCFSAN) report, facilitated by Family of Woodstock in 2023, and updated in February 2025, will be especially competitive.

"These small dollar grants represent critical investment in food pantries, community organizations and religious institutions that assist our neighbors in getting back on their feet," said Minority Leader Kevin Roberts. "I am pleased to see the requirement for geographical diversity in the grant disbursement so that struggling families in Southern Ulster can receive this support by organizations within our own community, and look forward to the program's success."

"I'm glad to see the second round of Food Security Grants will be distributed soon. With federal food assistance programs facing significant cuts, local pantries have become an essential lifeline for families in Ulster County," said Legislator Debra Clinton. "As a legislator, I will keep advocating for continued and increased support for programs like this, which support the efforts of organizations such as Helping Hands in Gardiner, People's Place in Kingston, and many others doing vital work



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"We're proud to partner with Ulster County to support frontline organizations and their vital work," said Laura Washington, President and CEO of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. "During our Community Conversations, residents, nonprofit leaders, and civic partners emphasized that food insecurity is one of the most urgent issues in the Hudson Valley. Our Voices of the Hudson Valley report reflects this concern, highlighting food access as a top priority and recognizing food assistance nonprofits as essential to the community. Community Foundations is committed to funding local nonprofits in their efforts to combat food insecurity."

Applications are due by October 15, 2025. Visit <https://communityfoundationshv.org/grants/> for more information and to apply. Award notifications will be issued in early December 2025.

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is a key funder of food security through the Hudson Valley Farm Fresh Food Initiative which provides grants to regional nonprofits to bring more fresh Hudson Valley produce to people in the region who need it most.

For grant application questions, contact Cristin McPeake, Vice President of Programs at cmcpeake@communityfoundationshv.org or (845) 452-3077.

For questions about UCFSAN, contact Paul Rakov, Deputy Director of Family of Woodstock, at prakov@familyofwoodstockinc.org or (845) 331-7080.

Contact Kristen Wilson, Deputy Director of Ulster County Planning at kwil@co.ulster.ny.us or (845) 340-3338 for questions about this initiative.

About The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) delivers community leadership and strategic philanthropy to inspire and celebrate local charitable giving in the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Partnering with its generous donors, CFHV addresses current and emerging community needs through effective grantmaking to improve the quality of life for all, and by offering technical assistance to help nonprofits operate more effectively. Since its origin as the Area Fund in 1969, CFHV has expanded to include Dutchess, Ulster, and Putnam counties. CFHV currently manages over \$100 million in assets and administers nearly 600 charitable funds for individuals and organizations. In 2023, it distributed more than \$11 million in grants and scholarships. CFHV is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Contributions to CFHV are tax-deductible within the limitations prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code.

Governor Hochul Announces Added State Police and Local Law Enforcement Patrols on New York's Roads Through Labor Day

Additional Enforcement To Target Impaired and Reckless Drivers During 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Campaign Aug. 15 - Sept. 1

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that State Police and local law enforcement will be cracking down on impaired and reckless driving by increasing patrols and checkpoints during the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign from Friday, August 15, 2025, through Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025.

"As family and friends celebrate the summer festivities, we're stepping up our efforts to keep New Yorkers safe on the road," Governor Hochul said. "Public safety is my number one priority - and whether you're heading to a cookout, the beach or the fair, we're focused on getting you there safely."

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner and Chair of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "I thank all our dedicated law enforcement officers statewide for working tirelessly to remove impaired and reckless drivers from our roadways and putting their lives on the line every day to make our communities as safe as possible. Please don't make their already difficult jobs harder when you are driving. Obey speed limits, don't be distracted and always have a plan to ensure you never drive impaired. That way, we all can have a safe and happy end of summer and Labor Day weekend."

New York State Police Superintendent Steven G. James said, "Our goal during this campaign and as always is to ensure that we take intoxicated and drug impaired drivers off our roads and prevent senseless tragedies. We want everyone to enjoy the final few weeks of summer but ask that they are enjoyed responsibly. I thank the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for their partnership and together we can prevent the needless tragedies that occur from unsafe and impaired driving."

Enforcement Mobilization

State Police and local law enforcement agencies will conduct sobriety checkpoints and increase patrols during the enforcement period. Troopers will use both marked State Police vehicles and Concealed Identity Traffic Enforcement (CITE) vehicles to help identify motorists who are violating the law. CITE vehicles allow the Trooper to better observe driving violations. While these vehicles blend in with everyday traffic, they are unmistakable as emergency vehicles once the emergency lighting is activated.

During the 2024 campaign, law enforcement officers statewide issued 20,714 tickets for various vehicle and traffic law violations, including 4,374 tickets for speeding and 966 tickets for drug or alcohol impaired driving.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee urges drivers to use the STOP-DWI Have a Plan app to help them get home safely. The free app allows users to designate a driver, call a cab or ride share and to review the consequences of impaired driving. Users can even use the app to report a drunk or drugged driver. The app is available for Apple, Android and Windows smart phones.

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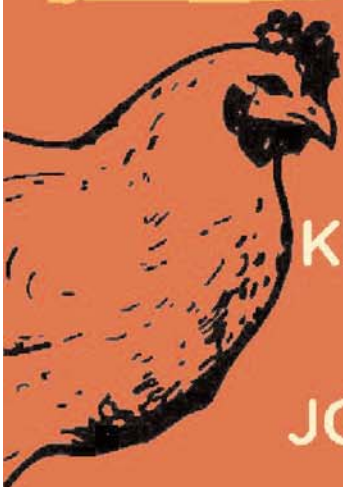
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Show Dates: Prospective bidders are recommended to attend one of the public showings which will be held on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM** and **Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM**. Participants should park and gather at the corner DEP parking area on the east side of Sholam Road, three quarters of a mile from the Route 55A intersection.

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Opening of Bids: Sealed bids will be publicly opened at the DEP Office, 16 Little Hollow Road, Grahamsville, NY, on **Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM**, local time. The projected date for awarding the bid is on or around Friday, October 17, 2025.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a Special Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School's Lower Level Collaboration Center. It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be held at 5:30 p.m., prior to the Regular Board of Education Meeting. This Board of Education Meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

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Governor Hochul Warns New Yorkers About Scam Texts and Imitation Websites Seeking Personal Information

Scams Claim Customer Owes Fines for Traffic Tickets or for E-ZPass Fees • 'Spoofed' Websites Are Designed to Look Like Official DMV or Toll Collection Web Pages

Governor Kathy Hochul alerted New Yorkers to the newest efforts to steal their personal information by people pretending to be the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles or tolling agencies. The culprits design phony websites and phishing text messages to look legitimate, all to trick people into providing personal information that can be used to commit identity theft and fraud.

While I'm working hard to put money in New Yorkers' pockets, scammers are using deceptive text messages to do the opposite - taking your hard-earned money and your personal information in the process," Governor Hochul said. "I'm standing up to fight back against these schemes, and I'll always defend New Yorkers against anyone trying to take advantage of them. Enough is enough."

Scammers often target older adults and other vulnerable New Yorkers, using urgent language to pressure victims into acting quickly. New Yorkers are urged to check in with relatives, friends or neighbors who may be at greater risk of falling victim to these schemes.

You can find an example of a 'spoofed' website here.

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/DMVScam_01.pdf

The scams claim to be from DMV and that a driver's license is about to be suspended. A very short window of time is then given for payment. Previous scams have claimed that E-ZPass accounts were about to be suspended. The official DMV website is dmv.ny.gov.

If you did share your personal information, you should also check your credit reports regularly. You can contact any of the three credit reporting agencies (TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian) to place a credit freeze or fraud alert on your account.

You should also change your passwords, check your computer or devices for viruses, and notify your bank and other companies that you have accounts with.

Phishing texts and imitation websites are designed to obtain data or sensitive personal information to be used to commit identity theft or trick the recipient into installing malicious software onto a computer or mobile device.

DMV created a page on its website about these phishing attacks. You can find exam-

ples of the text messages there as well. <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/phishing-attacks>

The New York State Department of Information Technology Services offers advice on avoiding these phishing attacks.

- o Be cautious about all communications you receive, including those that claim to be from "trusted entities." Be careful when clicking any links contained within those messages. If in doubt, do not click.

- o Do not send your personal information via email. Legitimate businesses will not ask users to send sensitive personal information through email.

- o Keep an eye out for telltale signs: poor spelling or grammar, the use of threats, or the URL does not match that of the legitimate site.

- o Be wary of how much information you post online. The less information you post, the less data you make available to a cybercriminal for use in developing a potential attack or scam.

Here is an example of what the latest scam text looks like.

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/DMVScam_02.pdf

In addition, the New York State Thruway Authority and MTA Bridges & Tunnels are raising awareness of scam texts seeking to collect E-ZPass or toll by mail fees. E-ZPass or Tolls By Mail will never send a text or email requesting sensitive personal information. Since the launch of Congestion Relief in January, text messaging scams from "NY Toll Services" or other fictitious names have sought to collect tolls for the Congestion Relief Zone. New Yorkers are advised to not access any links sent within the message or engage with the message. Real communications from E-ZPass New York will only refer customers to the E-ZPass NY website. <https://www.e-zpassny.com/>

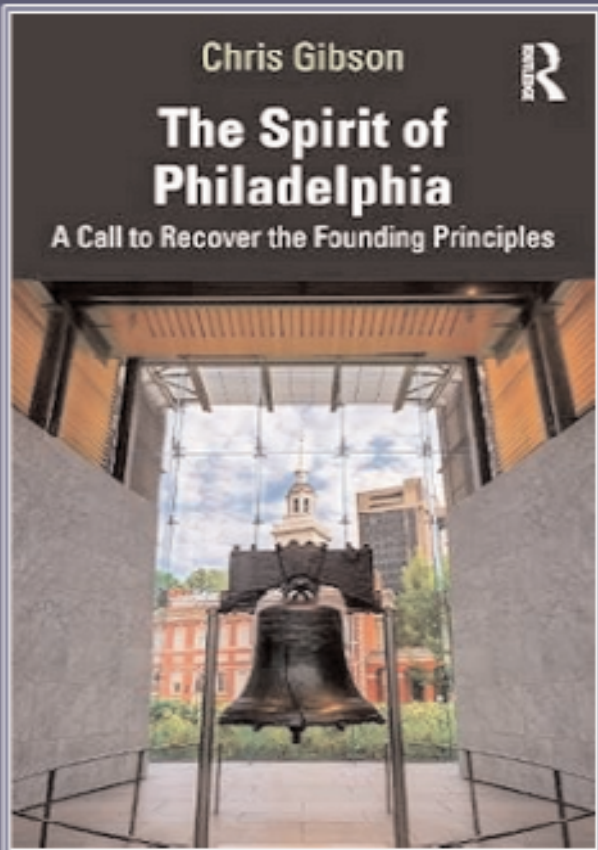
If in doubt, call E-ZPass at 1-800-333-8655 or Tolls by Mail at 1-844-826-8400 for assistance.

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "DMV does not send texts to our customers demanding immediate payment, and our website provides information at the top to help users know it is legitimate. If you provided personal information through one of these scams, you should review your financial account statements to check for unauthorized charges."



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Mass Times
SUNDAY EUCHARIST
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*Sung Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/21/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
 8/21/25 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
 8/30/25 **Sundown UMC Ladies Saturday Indoor Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale** 9 am - 1 pm Sundown UMC Hall
 9/1/25 Town of Neversink Holiday - **LABOR DAY**
 9/2/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
 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

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**Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Silver Anniversary Antique Tractor Show -
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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

August 18 - August 22, 2025

Monday, August 18

- o **3:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 818 4982 4273 Passcode: 809085
- o **4:30 PM (Or Immediately Following UCEDA Audit Committee) - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 857 9430 8714 Passcode: 395136
- o **CANCELLED: Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, August 19

- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation - Golden Hill Housing Development Site Visit**, Fernway Drive on Golden Hill, Kingston
- o **4:30 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:45 PM (Or Immediately Following UCHDC Audit Committee) - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Board Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Democratic Caucus**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:15 PM - Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature

- o **7:00 PM - Public Hearing: On Application For CDBG Funds For Housing Activities That Benefit Low-and - Moderate-Income Persons**

- o **7:05 PM - Public Hearing: On Application For CDBG Funds For A Community Planning Grant To Create The Ulster County Farmworker Housing Pilot Project**
- o **7:10 PM - Public Hearing: On Project Accomplishments of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding: The Hudson House & Distillery**
- o **Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session**

Wednesday, August 20

- o **8:45 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:00 AM (Or Immediately Following UCIDA Finance Committee) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:15 AM (Or Immediately Following UCCRC Finance Committee) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:00 AM (Or Immediately Following UCIDA Board Meeting) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**

Thursday, August 21

- o **No Meetings**

Friday, August 22

- o **No Meetings**

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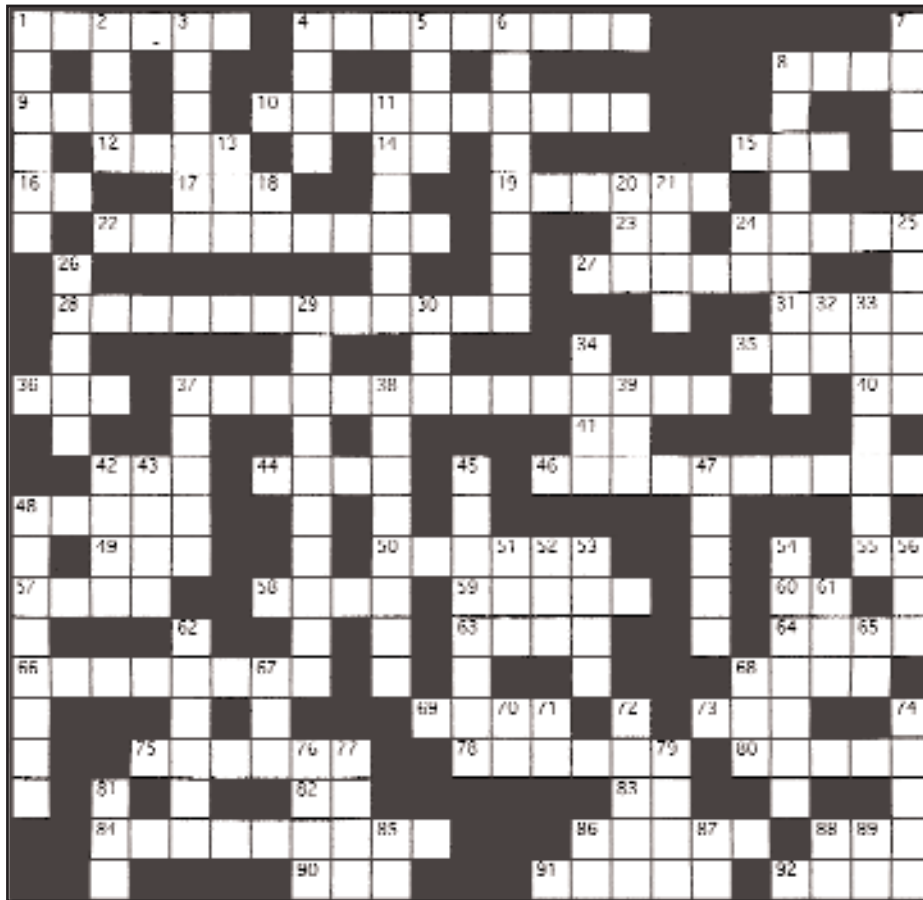
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1 To join
4 German gnomes
8 Secluded valley or glen
9 Quick knock
10 Swiss physician and alchemist
12 Particles of frozen water vapor
14 Contraction of have
15 Mighty tree of the forest
16 Printer's measure
17 Outer edge
19 Story handed down for generations
22 Lepidoptera
23 To move along
24 Forests
27 Made of wood
28 Main character in Mr.

Knickerbocker's tale that took place in the Catskills
31 Small flute-like instrument
35 One-celled plants containing pigments
36 Decade
37 Process of making food in plants
40 Card used for identification
41 Second tone of the diatonic scale
42 Small seed of a certain legume plant
44 Curved structure
46 Free from infectious agents
48 Oak seed
49 To no degree
50 Little people who are believed by

some to dwell in the Earth and guard her treasures
55 South America
57 Clothes
58 Mountain valley
59 To make weak
60 Secret Service
63 A tone of definite pitch
64 Edible inner part of a nut
66 Root-like hairs of moss
68 Tailless leaping amphibian
69 Muddle
73 Past tense of is
75 Grassland
78 Part of moss reproduction
80 Puckish fairy or sprite
82 Mother (colloq)
83 Los

Angeles (abbrev)

84 Tri-Valley's mountains
86 Small prankish woodland legendary creatures
88 Pitch
90 Brewed drink
91 Tripod to hold an artist's canvas
92 Carry out instructions

DOWN

1. Where vegetables grow
2 Highest parts
3 Endeavor
4 Perceive sound
5 Numbered cubes used in games
6 Traditional beliefs and stories
7 Color of Catskill Mountains when the weather is fair
8 Large harm-

less flying insect

11 Celtic legend island of the dead
13 Humor
18 Middle English
20 Part of the human psyche
21 Midday
24 Us
25 Horse being ridden
26 Opposite red on the color wheel
29 Steep fall of water
30 Clue
32 Indo-Germanic
33 Tiny graceful imaginary beings
34 Non-flowering green woodland plant
37 Living organism that is not animal
38 A moss found in the Catskills

39 To place
42 Small body of water
43 Aphrodite's son
45 Small helpful elf in folk tales
47 Wet marshland
48 Scandinavian story-teller
51 ____ Tse-tung
52 Eastern Standard Time
53 Stalk of a plant

54 Natural process whereby water is drawn through cell walls of moss
56 Picnic pest
61 Ocean
62 Thick growth of trees
65 Advertisement
67 Accomplished
68 A light strike
70 Without issue; sine prole (L.)
71 In the manner shown

72 Monk or hermit's huts
74 Happy
76 Leave out
77 Ridge on the surface of cloth such as corduroy
79 Keep
81 Highest card
85 Lanthanum
86 Each
87 Right angle extension of main building
88 Tuberculosis
89 Whence; at the age of

Impossible Chocolate Cream Pie

2 eggs

1 cup milk

1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened

2 (1 ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled

1 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup Bisquick

Sweetened Whipped Cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-inch pie plate.

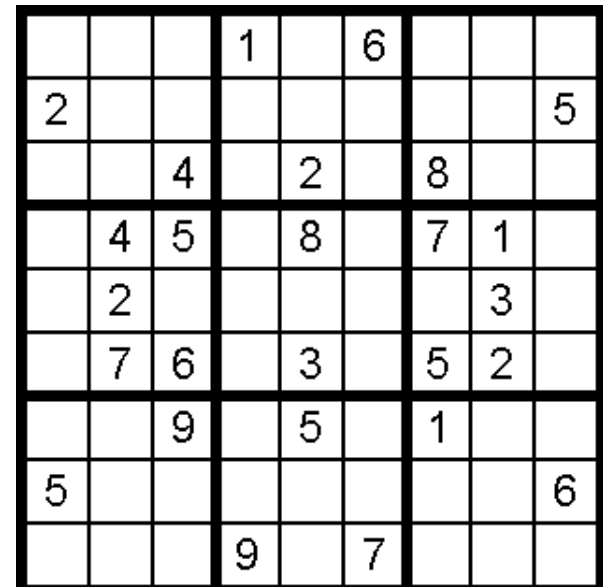
Place all ingredients except sweetened whipped cream in blender container. Cover and blend on high 1 minute. Pour into plate. Bake until no indentation remains when touched lightly in center, about 30 minutes. Cool completely.

Top with sweetened whipped cream.

Sweetened Whipped Cream

Pour a pint of whipping cream in a bowl. Beat vigorously. Once it has the right consistency of whipped cream, mix in a teaspoon of vanilla and 1/3 cup of sugar.

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Answer on page 23 To play SUDOKO online:
<https://sudoku.com>

Cryptogram

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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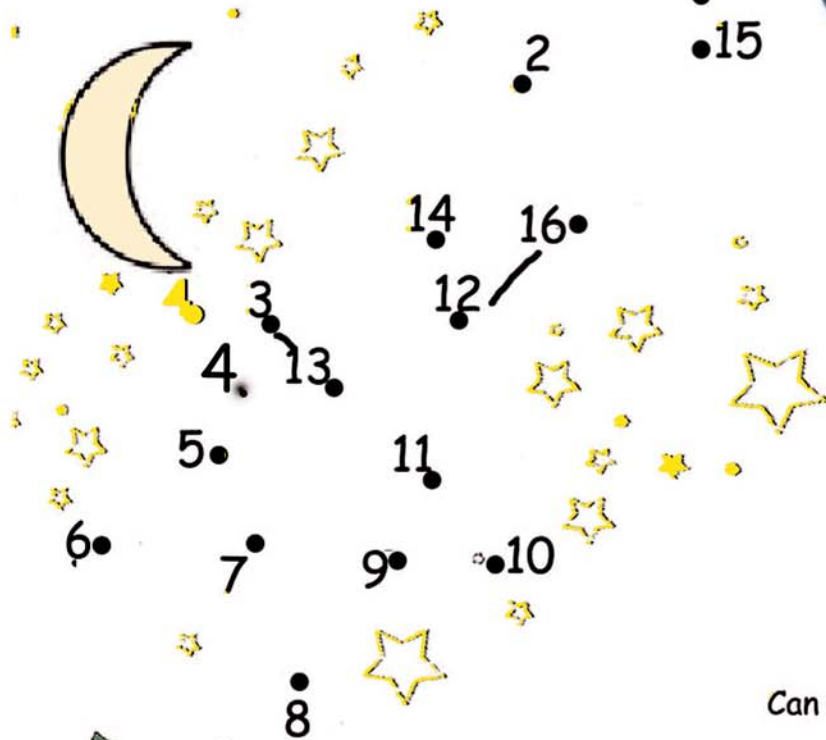
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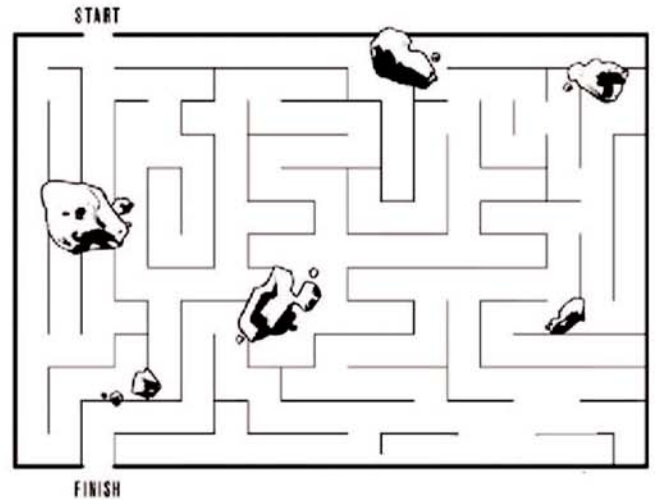
Kids' Summer Fun Page

- L. Comando

Follow the dots to see what Aurora and Jayce just saw in the night sky.



Jayce is watching for meteor showers. Can you find 5 differences between the pictures?



Can you find your way through the meteor shower?

Asteroid Word Search

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Cryptogram Key

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50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	Z

Governor Hochul Urges Student to Complete FAFSA and TAP Applications Ahead of Their Fall Semester Start Date

Statewide Push Aims To Maximize Distribution of Financial Aid to Students

New York State Offers Resources To Support Students and Families in Navigating FAFSA and TAP Application Process

Governor Kathy Hochul today is urging students to complete both the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application to maximize the availability of student financial aid heading into the fall college semester. The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC), the State University of New York (SUNY), and the City University of New York (CUNY) have events, resources, and hands-on support to help students complete these critical applications and access the financial aid for which they are eligible.

"Ensuring access to higher education is essential to building a stronger, more equitable future for all New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "By completing the FAFSA and TAP applications, students open the door to critical financial aid opportunities that can make college more affordable and achievable. I encourage every student and family to take advantage of the resources available and secure the support they need to invest in their education and future success."

New York State Higher Education Services Corporation President, Dr. Guillermo Linares said, "Every student deserves the chance to pursue their dreams without financial barriers holding them back. Completing the FAFSA and TAP applications is a powerful step toward unlocking the resources needed to make higher education a reality. This isn't just about funding, it's about creating opportunities, building confidence, and laying the foundation for a future filled with possibility and success."

Senator Charles Schumer said, "Higher education is the foundation for achieving professional success and intellectual advancement. Completing the FAFSA and TAP applications is key to making that education more affordable and accessible, but many students and parents need help navigating these forms. I encourage every student and family to use available resources to complete this application and access the financial aid they are eligible for so they can pursue the education they need to be prepared for the rest of their lives."

Last year, New York students left over \$200 million in federal aid unclaimed because they didn't submit a FAFSA. Submitting a FAFSA is a key step in unlocking federal student aid, including Pell Grants, work-study opportunities, and federal student loans. It also opens the doors to many New York State grants and scholarships like TAP, Excelsior and the NYS STEM Incentive Program, which help make college more affordable for thousands of New Yorkers every year.

Thanks to Governor Hochul's landmark Universal FAFSA legislation, New York currently ranks sixth in the nation for FAFSA completions - with 62 percent of high school seniors having completed the form - compared to the national average of 56.5 percent. This marks a significant jump from the same time last year, when New York ranked 11th nationally, with a completion rate of 58.1 percent.

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Join us for The Secret World of Streams: Exploring Aquatic Insects on Saturday, August 23rd from 10 AM-12PM at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds in Grahamsville, NY.

This event, led by biologist Frank Beres (NYC DEP) and co-hosted by the Rondout Neversink Stream Program and Town of Neversink Parks & Rec, invites kids and adults alike to explore freshwater science through hands-on stations focused on aquatic macroinvertebrates- tiny critters that play a big role in stream ecosystems. Participants will use real sampling tools to search for and identify fascinating species like mayflies, caddisflies, and stoneflies, learning how these organisms act as natural indicators of water quality.

Throughout the event, we'll explore the importance of stream habitats, how aquatic creatures fit into the food chain, and the presence of rare and sensitive species. Discussions and activities will highlight how this knowledge supports the goals of the Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP) and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in protecting and enhancing our local watersheds.

In addition to scientific exploration, families can enjoy free snacks and get creative with stream-themed crafts, making this a perfect blend of education and fun for all ages. Whether you're a budding biologist or just curious about your local environment, this event offers a memorable way to connect with nature and your community.

This event is free and registration is encouraged.

Participants may be asked to sign a waiver before entering the stream. We encourage attendees to wear clothing and footwear suitable for stream environments, such as water shoes or quick-drying apparel.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place on Sunday, August 24th from 10 AM - 12 PM. Registered participants will be notified of event changes.

**Frank Beres, Biologist- NYC Department
of Environmental Protection**

Frank Beres is a biologist from Port Ewen, New York and a water quality scientist for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection in the Catskill Watershed. His expertise is in the identification of aquatic insects and their roles as bioindicators of habitat quality. Frank believes that appreciation for nature and biodiversity is inherent in everyone and is passionate about fostering such instincts through photos, outreach, and education.

Register here:

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The Secret World of Streams:

EXPLORING AQUATIC INSECTS

Saturday, August 23

10 AM - 12 PM

**Grahamsville Fairgrounds,
8230 State Route 55, Grahamsville NY**

Registration Encouraged: Email info@rondoutneversink.org or visit our website to register.
Rain Date: Sunday, August 24, 10 AM -12 PM

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Explore the Hardenburgh Patent with Surveyor Rick Brooks at the Matthewis Persen House Museum on August 23

*Discover how early surveyors divided, mapped, and shaped
settlement of the Catskills*

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Clerk's Office invites the public to a fascinating lecture by Rick Brooks, a third-generation surveyor and historian, who will present "The Hardenburgh Patent: A Surveyor's Journey" on Saturday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Matthewis Persen House, 74 John Street, Kingston.



"Programs like this make history accessible and engaging for everyone," said Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck. "The Hardenburgh Patent shaped the development of Ulster County and the Catskills, and Rick Brooks' expertise helps us understand how surveyors played a critical role in that process. We are excited to host this program at the Persen House, where the public can connect directly with the stories and tools that defined our past."

A licensed surveyor since 1984, Brooks has spent his career in and around the Catskill Mountain region and is well versed in the history of land patents. During his presentation, he will demonstrate traditional surveying tools and techniques, and show how surveyors read and measured the land.

On display at the August 23 event will be antique maps, survey instruments, and measuring chains used during the settlement of the Hardenburgh Patent wilderness. This 1.5-million-acre tract was granted in 1708 by Edward Hyde (Lord Cornbury) to eight men, Johannes Hardenburgh among them. The patentees and their successors hoped to profit by bringing in homesteaders, who would settle the land and pay rent for the privilege. But before settlement could begin, the patent had to be divided and mapped by intrepid surveyors such as William Cockburn and John Kierstead.

Brooks will offer a short history of the patent and its evolution, explaining how surveyors guided European development in the mountains where Indigenous peoples had lived, fished, and hunted for centuries. Attendees will also learn how to interpret early maps and deeds, whose language has descended through the generations to today's legal documents. Brooks will further highlight the work of more recent but equally legendary surveyors, including his great uncle Ed West and Norman VanValkenburgh.

Richard C. Brooks was licensed to practice his profession in 1984. He currently serves as a Senior Project Manager for Control Point Associates, formerly Brooks & Brooks Land Surveyors. The firm was formed in 1990 when he and his wife Patricia P. Brooks, LS combined their respective family surveying businesses. He currently serves on a number of State and National Surveying related committees.

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The Matthewis Persen House Museum is open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about upcoming events and to schedule group tours, visit <https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house>, follow us on Facebook, or contact the Ulster County Historian at (845) 340-3415 or countyhistorian@co.ulster.ny.us.



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It will be on
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Governor Hochul Announces \$9.1 Million Investment for Roadway Resurfacing in the Hudson Valley

Projects Will Restore Pavement, Enhance Resiliency, and Improve Travel in Westchester and Ulster Counties

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that work has begun on three infrastructure projects along key roadways in the Hudson Valley, representing a \$9.1 million investment to restore pavement and improve travel along key stretches of State Route 100A and State Route 134 in Westchester County and U.S. Route 9W in Ulster County. These projects will boost safety and mobility for roadway users while supporting statewide sustainability efforts and furthering the long-term durability of the Hudson Valley's infrastructure.

"As construction season is in full swing all across New York, the Department of Transportation continues its commitment to sound infrastructure investments that make a difference for residents and visitors in the Hudson Valley and statewide," Governor Hochul said. "These investments will restore the surface of three key roadways, providing a strong foundation for a reliable transportation network in one of the state's busiest regions."

The work includes a \$4.9 million 2.7-mile section of State Route 100A, also known as Knollwood Road, between State Route 100B and State Route 100C/100 (Grasslands Road), in the Village of Elmsford and Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County. State Route 100A provides vital connections to Interstate 287-also known as the Cross Westchester Expressway-and the Sprain Brook Parkway.

Also included is a \$2 million project to resurface a two-mile stretch of State Route 134 from State Route 9A in the Town of Ossining to the Town of New Castle line, Westchester County. State Route 134 serves as an important local route, providing access to the Croton Reservoir and the Taconic State Parkway.

Additionally, a \$2.2 million project will resurface a 4.7-mile stretch of U.S. Route 9W between Canal Street in the Hamlet of Port Ewen and State Route 32 in the Town of Ulster, Ulster County. Also included in this project are the ramps at Delaware Avenue. U.S. Route 9W, which runs along the west side of the Hudson River stretches south to Newburgh and Bear Mountain and north to the Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge and Albany, connecting to historic areas like West Point and the Catskills along the way.

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facing the existing pavement with a warm-mix fiber-reinforced asphalt overlay that's longer-lasting, and more durable to minimize cracking. Grooved inlaid striping with reflective epoxy paint will also be added to increase the visibility of pavement markings during storms. Additionally, traffic signals will be upgraded, drainage improvements will be included in the project, and curb ramps, where present, will be made compliant with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidance.

These projects were designed to minimize impacts to the traveling public with a majority of the work being conducted during nighttime hours with single lane closures during paving operations. These projects are anticipated to be complete at the end of the 2025 construction season.

About the Department of Transportation

It is the mission of the New York State Department of Transportation to provide a safe, reliable, equitable, and resilient transportation system that connects communities, enhances quality of life, protects the environment, and supports the economic well-being of New York State.

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SLAC August Meeting

The August 29, 2025 SLAC meeting will be held in the Legislation Meeting Room at 10 AM.

The agenda will be as follows:

Report on the progress of the ACC's new management.

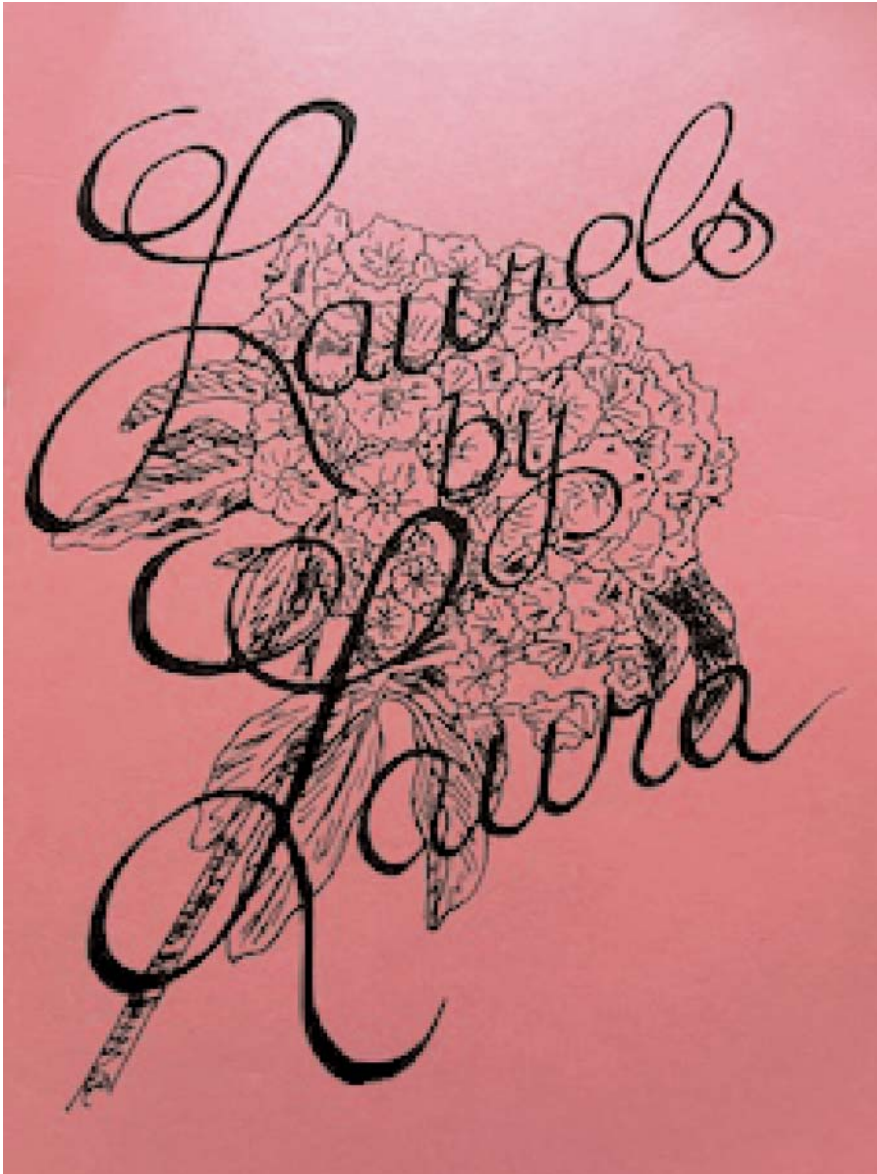
Report on the Garnet Harris hospital situation.

Report on the progress the legislature is making on the transitional housing for the homeless.

Report on SLAC's visit to the Honor facility, and how it functions.

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

Department of Civil Service Announces Applications for Exams to Pursue Careers in Law Enforcement

Approximately 150 Entry-Level Law Enforcement Positions at DEC, State Parks, SUNY Anticipated Statewide Over Next Year

Applicants Can Apply Online to Take the Exam At No Cost Through Sept. 17

Reflecting Changing Demographics, Park and University Police Officer Candidates Up to Age 43 May Take the Exam

Candidates from Diverse Backgrounds Encouraged to Apply

The New York State Department of Civil Service today announced that the application period is now open for New York State's entry-level law enforcement civil service exam. The exam is for interested, qualified applicants seeking a position throughout New York at the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Office of State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the State University of New York. Qualified candidates can apply online until 11:59 p.m. EST on Sept. 17, 2025, to take the exam. There is no cost to take the exam as all state exam application fees are waived through December 2027. The exam is scheduled to be held in November.

"Public safety is Governor Hochul's top priority, and under her leadership, we're looking to bolster the ranks of law enforcement officers and park rangers at the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Office of State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and SUNY, who bravely protect and serve our residents, students and visitors each and every day," Department of Civil Service Commissioner and Civil Service President Timothy Hogues said. "If you like helping people and making a difference in others' lives, a career in law enforcement may be the right fit for you. I encourage you to apply for the entry-level law enforcement exam and take the first steps toward a job that protects New York's special resources, institutions and, most importantly, people."

Those interested in being considered for entry-level law enforcement positions within state government must first meet the minimum qualifications for the title or titles of interest and register for the civil service exam by submitting all the required information by Sept. 17 at this link, which also includes information about the examination process. The exam, a multiple-choice test, will be offered in November. All candidates who are qualified to take the New York State entry-level law-enforcement exam will receive an admission notice via mail approximately two weeks prior to the date of the written test. The admission notice will provide the candidate with details about the date, time and location they are scheduled to appear, along with other pertinent information.

The entry-level law enforcement exam is used to fill the following titles within each agency:

- o DEC - Environmental Conservation Police Officer Trainee 1 & Forest Ranger 1
- o Parks - Park Police Officer Trainee
- o SUNY - University Police Officer 1

As part of the FY 2026 Enacted Budget, prospective Park Police Officer and University Police Officer candidates cannot have passed their 43rd birthday on the date of the written test, up from their 35th birthday, to reflect changing demographics, broaden opportunities and increase the potential candidate pool.

There is no maximum age requirement for Environmental Conservation Police Officer and Forest Ranger candidates. All prospective candidates must meet additional requirements before appointment as outlined on the Career Opportunities in New York State Law Enforcement webpages.

The exam will also be used to hire Park Police Officers and University Police Officers with proficiency in Spanish, and Environmental Conservation Police Officers with proficiencies in Spanish or Chinese. While the online exam is in English, those with proficiency in another language will be required to pass a language proficiency exam at the time of hire.

DCS estimates that approximately 150 entry-level law enforcement positions statewide will be filled over the next year.

SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. said, "Safety is paramount on SUNY campuses, and SUNY prepares students for a wide range of careers in law enforcement. We encourage all interested New Yorkers to take this opportunity and sign up for the exam. We look forward to welcoming successful candidates to help protect and serve our students, faculty, staff, and all who visit our campuses each day."

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton said, "DEC Forest Rangers and Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) are elite, well-trained, and dedicated law enforcement professionals. They specialize in protecting our environment, natural resources, and public safety and DEC is committed to helping ensure both units continue to reflect the communities they serve. The first step towards joining the ranks of either of these prestigious forces is to apply for the entry-level law enforcement exam and I encourage anyone interested in pursuing a lucrative and fulfilling career to apply for the exam today."

New York State Parks Commissioner Pro Tempore Randy Simons said, "We are entrusted with the protection of some of New York's most treasured landscapes, and we invite you to be part of that mission by helping grow our State Park Police force. Thanks to Governor Hochul's leadership, we've invested in additional resources that reflect our strong commitment to safety. Our highly trained and dedicated officers play a vital role in ensuring that millions of visitors each year experience a safe and welcoming environment at our parks and historic sites."

As part of the launch of the entry-level law enforcement exam, New York State will be promoting the exam across social media, and has developed videos and a dedicated webpage to help attract candidates to apply for the exam.

Campaign content and additional information, including a test guide to prepare applicants for the exam, is available.

Since taking office, Governor Hochul has implemented several initiatives to strengthen New York's public workforce. In February 2025, Governor Hochul launched the "You're Hired" initiative to recruit talented displaced federal public sector workers into State service. In 2024, the state launched the NY HELPS program, temporarily waiving civil service exam requirements for many job vacancies, resulting in more than 30,000 appointments in state government, on top of 9,000 appointments in local governments. In 2023, Governor Hochul extended 12 weeks of fully paid parental leave to the entire state workforce for the first time in state history.

Additionally, the state created 10 Centers for Careers in Government, offering job seekers guidance on civil service systems and career opportunities. The Governor has also lifted the state employment hiring freeze, expanded opportunities for individuals and veterans with disabilities, and funded new testing centers to further support the public workforce.

To learn more about working for the State of New York and how to take the next step in pursuing a rewarding career in public service, please visit the Department of Civil Service website and follow the Department on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn.



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Tickets for the dinner/fundraiser are \$75 each. Click the link below to conveniently order your tickets on the Trout Unlimited National website Events Center.

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Rain Location: Lower Barns at Winton

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MEETING AGENDA

1. General News
2. John Thompson from CRISP
Talk about the latest on Invasive Species

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

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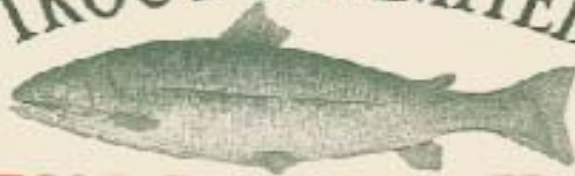
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A heartfelt thank you to all the families and volunteers who helped make our summer reading program a huge success!

And a BIG shoutout to Stewart's Shops for providing ALL the delicious ice cream and fun toppings!

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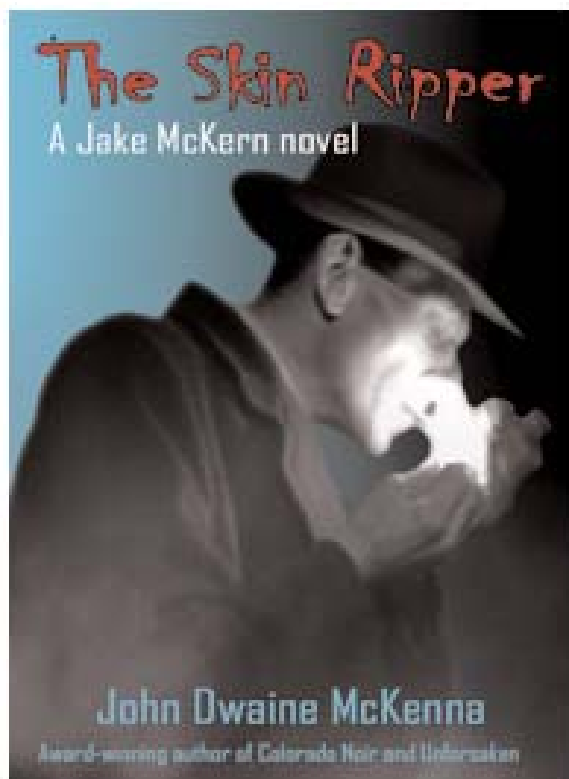


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9:00 5K Memorial Run Kicks Off

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)

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Securing Our Border

I released my 2025 Border Security Plan to restore law and order at our borders, end illegal immigration, and protect American communities. My plan codifies President Donald Trump's historic achievements so the chaos and lawlessness of President Biden's open-border policies are never repeated. Under Biden, over 10 million illegal immigrants poured into our country unchecked, dangerous criminals were released into our communities, and construction of the border wall was halted. The result was the worst humanitarian and security crisis in decades, flooding our neighborhoods with drugs, criminal gangs, and human trafficking. Thanks to President Trump's leadership and the tireless work of Border Czar Tom Homan, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and our local partners, border security is being restored. My plan ensures we continue that momentum.

My 2025 Border Security Plan focuses on three core priorities: Securing Our Borders, Prioritizing America First, and Upholding the Rule of Law. It strengthens our Southern and Northern Borders, hires more CBP and ICE agents, completes the border wall, deploys advanced detection technology to stop fentanyl trafficking, and mandates the deportation of criminal illegal aliens. It also ends federal funding for sanctuary cities and holds states that undermine federal immigration laws accountable. With strong enforcement, commonsense reforms, and a renewed commitment to the safety of the American people, we can ensure our communities never again face the devastating consequences of open-border policies.

To read my full Border Security Plan, click here.
<https://tenney.house.gov/issues/border-security-plan>

Supporting Our Law Enforcement

My 2025 Law Enforcement Plan backs the blue, restores public safety, and rebuilds trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. For too long, radical defund-and-demoralize policies have vilified our officers, stripped resources, and emboldened criminals. My plan focuses on three key priorities: Supporting Our Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers, Removing Barriers to Protecting Our Communities, and Ensuring Officers Have the Resources and Protections They Need. It delivers real solutions, deporting illegal aliens who assault police, establishing a national Law Enforcement Bill of Rights, repealing dangerous sanctuary laws, restoring common-

sense bail standards, expanding qualified immunity, modernizing nonlethal technology laws, and protecting first responders from deadly substances like fentanyl. Since 2021, over 1,000 officers have died in the line of duty, making this the deadliest period in decades for law enforcement. I will always stand with our courageous law enforcement officers and fight to ensure they have the respect, protection, and support they deserve.

To read my full Law Enforcement Plan, click here.
<https://tenney.house.gov/issues/law-enforcement-plan>

Governor Hochul's Redistricting Hypocrisy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChedKOILV8w>

Governor Kathy Hochul has left no doubt she's willing to rewrite New York's Constitution to give herself and Albany Democrats the power to gerrymander mid-decade. After saying "we must do the same" if Texas moves forward, she is openly embracing the same partisan map-rigging that Democrats have used for decades to cling to power in states such as New York, Illinois, and California. Hochul's record proves she presided over one of the most brazen gerrymanders in modern New York history in 2022, when Democrats tried to erase Republican districts and silence voters who disagreed with them. Now she wants to change the rules again to cement her party's control for years to come. This is not about fairness or representation; it's about Kathy Hochul rigging the system to keep power, no matter the cost to our democracy.

Restoring Safety and Beauty to Our Nation's Capital

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

Washington, D.C. must once again be a safe, clean, and welcoming capital city for all Americans. After years of failed city leadership, crime continues to threaten residents, workers, and visitors despite having a police force of roughly 3,500 officers, more than enough for such a small area. President Trump is taking decisive steps to end this lawlessness, from cracking down on violent crime to ensuring our public spaces are well-maintained and inviting. His leadership is restoring law and order, improving the use of taxpayer dollars, and returning D.C. to its rightful place as the most beautiful and secure capital in the world. Our nation's capital should reflect the very best of America, and these actions are making that vision a reality.

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. 3134, the Emergency Care Improvement Act: This bill would permanently expand access to emergency medical care for Medicare, Tricare, and Medicaid beneficiaries by allowing Freestanding Emergency Centers (FECs) to participate in these programs. FECs are fully licensed emergency departments staffed 24/7 by emergency medicine-trained physicians and registered nurses, offering the same level of care as hospital-based ERs but often at a lower cost to the Medicare program. (Contd. PG. 56)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 55)

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, CMS waived certain requirements to allow FECs to enroll as Medicare-certified hospitals, enabling over 110 centers to serve thousands of seniors and other patients. This legislation ensures that these facilities can continue delivering high-quality, cost-effective emergency care, expanding patient choice, increasing competition in the healthcare system, and strengthening access to lifesaving treatment, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

H.R. 2853, the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act: This bill would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish the Organized Retail and Supply Chain Crime Coordination Center. Retailers across the country face theft and fraud in stores, online shopping websites, and throughout the entire retail ecosystem due to the illegal activities of retail crime organizations. This center will coordinate and organize federal law enforcement specializing in organized retail and supply chain crime to work with state and local law enforcement agencies to combat these national and transnational criminal organizations.

H.R. 354, the Small Business Growth Act: This bill would amend the tax code to increase the amount that small businesses may deduct for the depreciation of new equipment. This would allow small businesses to reinvest capital into their operations and workforce, increase U.S. production, and create more jobs in the economy. It is essential that we help more small businesses invest in additional equipment to expand their operations in western and central New York.

H.R. 295, Fair Milk Pricing for Farmers Act: This bill would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to publish updated dairy pricing reports every two years based on information gathered from dairy producers. This will increase accountability for the USDA and provide more transparency in the overall cost involved in the production of dairy products, while helping farmers to negotiate fair prices. Farmers are the heart of our district, and this legislation ensures our family farms have the most up-to-date data to make informed business decisions.



This week, we've had a lot to celebrate in the Hudson Valley: The 90th Anniversary of Social Security, Pleasant Valley firefighters being named the New York Firefighters of the Year, saluting our veterans at the Veterans Night Renegades Baseball game, and so much more. The Hudson Valley is overflowing with things to celebrate, thank you always for being a part of it. YOU are why I will not stop fighting for a more affordable, safer, and freer Hudson Valley.

From protecting your hard-earned Social Security benefits by reintroducing my Protecting Social Security Act to joining with first responders and law enforcement leaders from across the Hudson Valley to discuss the resources they need to keep us safe to holding a productive conversation with our small business owners about the challenges and financial burdens they are facing with tariffs, here's some of how I've fought for you and our Hudson Valley priorities this week:

PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY

This past Thursday marked 90 years since the Social Security Act was signed into law by NY-18's very own President Franklin Roosevelt.

Every day, I'm fighting to protect Social Security for the over 150,000 NY-18 seniors, disabled workers, widows, and children who rely on the vital program.

That's why I reintroduced my Protecting Social Security Act, because no one should ever worry that they won't receive their Social Security. The Act will:

_Prevent cuts to Social Security

_Require every county to have a Social Security Office

_Ensure that Social Security funding never runs dry

...AND MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU TO ACCESS

Everyone also deserves easy access to their Social Security. Having fully-staffed offices in your own community or nearby is critical to this.

When the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) threatened to close the Poughkeepsie Social Security Office, our community rallied to save it.

That's the power of our voices. We have to keep fighting back against the cruel cuts that endanger your access to the benefits you earned.

My team and I are committed to making sure you have your Social Security benefits in hand. If you're having trouble getting your Social Security approved or navigating the application process, please reach out to us like Tammi did by calling us at 845-443-2930 or sending us a message here on my website.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR BRAVE FIRST RESPONDERS

This week, I met with Emergency Responders from across the Hudson Valley to discuss the resources they need to save lives and protect our communities, and how I'm never going to stop fighting with everything I've got to make sure they have every resource they need to keep up safe.

A huge thank you to the Marlboro Central School District for hosting us and every single first responder for contributing your invaluable voice to the conversation and for your incredible service to our communities.

SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES AMIDST HARDSHIP FROM TARIFFS

Thank you to the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce for hosting me and local business owners for a productive conversation on the uncertainty, hardships, and turmoil caused by tariffs.

Together, we're going to keep fighting back for our small businesses and entire communities to build a more affordable Hudson Valley for us all.

CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST UNITEDHEALTH'S HEALTH CARE MONOPOLY

I've heard directly from many of you about the dire situations and harm that Optum and UnitedHealth's takeover of Hudson Valley health care providers is causing. I've been fighting back - including sending a letter to the Department of Justice demanding an investigation.

This week, the Department of Justice proposed a settlement to end its case against the \$3.3 billion merger between UnitedHealth and homecare provider Amedisys, which would allow UnitedHealth to continue to build its mega-monopoly.

I joined with colleagues to form the Monopoly Busters Caucus to fight back against harmful mergers just like this. Read our statement on the merger here and below:

CONGRATULATING THE NEW YORK FIREFIGHTERS OF THE YEAR

A huge congratulations to the Pleasant Valley Fire District's Chief John Cronk and firefighter Eddie See on being named the NY Firefighters of the Year!

Your actions are the definition of heroism. Pleasant Valley families are safer because of your selfless service - thank you!

WORKING TO DELIVER FOR OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (Contd. Pg. 57)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

Hearing from our local law enforcement leaders is how I can best fight for the resources they need to keep us safe. Thank you to our local law enforcement leaders from across the Hudson Valley for the recent discussions we've held about continuing to work together to protect our communities.

Creating a safer Hudson Valley is why I'm fighting to get my More Funding for COPS Act passed. The Act would deliver over \$1 billion in funding to equip local law enforcement departments with the resources, gear, and fully-staffed and well-trained police force they need to protect our communities. Read more about the Act here!

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

From Social Security and Medicare to passports and federal student loans, my team is bringing one-on-one assistance with federal programs directly to you with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

They've been in every corner of the Hudson Valley this summer. If you've missed them, there's an abundance of opportunities this week to get the direct assistance you deserve - hope you'll join!

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS AND A RENEGADES WIN

Our veterans are heroes and it's always special when the Hudson Valley community rallies around them to thank them for their service and last weekend's Veterans Night Renegades game was a prime example.

To our veterans: thank you for your service and sacrifices for our nation.

There's nothing like coming together to watch America's pastime (and a Renegades win!) to celebrate the freedom our veterans protected for us.

It was incredible to see and speak with so many of our neighbors at the game and great catching up with Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties' CEO Eric Gatsik.

PRESERVING HUDSON VALLEY HISTORY

I'm really excited to see how the \$750,000 in federal funding that I secured for the Senate House restoration is helping fuel the recent progress of the project! (Read an update on the progress here and read more about the federal grant I secured for the Senate House here.)

So many from across our community have had a hand in restoring this cherished piece of history and I can't wait to see the final result.

HONORING AN ULSTER COUNTY FREEDOM FIGHTER

Friday, our Kingston community gathered to honor the profound legacy of Ulster County's own Sojourner Truth with the unveiling of the statue "Sojourner Truth: First Step to Freedom" located in the County Office Building. Thank you to New Paltz artist Trina Greene for this powerful and moving monument of an American hero.

A fierce freedom-fighter and women's rights activist, Truth lived a life grounded in justice that we can all draw inspiration from and I hope this statue will help us all do so. Read more about the statue and unveiling ceremony here.

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America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) Funding Opportunities at USDA aims to improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas, create and preserve quality jobs, and revitalize low-income communities. These grants

assist communities in project development, retail renovation and expansion, and technical assistance to support capacity building. The HFFI Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund (HFFI FARE Fund) has competitive grants and technical assistance available for eligible food retail and food retail supply chain projects in the predevelopment and implementation stages.

To be considered for a grant in Round 3 of the HFFI FARE Fund, Funding Inquiry forms must be received by August 18, 2025 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time. Any Inquiry Forms submitted after this date and time will not be considered.

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 NYBIP, the funds support electric bus purchases, charging infrastructure, and fleet planning to improve air quality and reduce pollution in communities across the state. The funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis with incentive amounts covering up to 100 percent of the incremental cost of a new or repowered electric school bus. This helps offset some or all of the difference in purchase price between zero-emission buses and comparable diesel or gasoline buses. All school bus fleet operators in New York State can also qualify for funding for fleet electrification plans, which provide a customized roadmap for electric bus adoption.

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

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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).

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
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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

This week, she's sharing an overview of her office's constituent casework efforts so far this year. Here's what she's been up to:

Helping New Yorkers with federal agencies

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. So far in 2025, her office has helped over 5,300 constituents resolve issues with federal agencies.

Kirsten's team can help with issues involving passports, federal taxes, the Social Security Administration (SSA), Medicare benefits, veterans benefits, the Small Business Administration, federal student loans, the World Trade Center Health Program, and much more. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>

Casework by the numbers

This year, Kirsten's casework team has helped secure over \$160 million in federal benefits for New York constituents, businesses, and cultural organizations. This includes:

\$750,000 in Social Security benefits restored to seniors and Medicare bills covered for enrollees;

\$400,000 in VA benefits reinstated to veterans;

\$110,000,000 for New York cultural organizations and businesses that were in danger of losing revenue without their top performers and staff;

\$53,000,000 released back to constituents and small businesses from delayed tax refunds.

Success Stories

From assisting veterans and 9/11 survivors to aiding immigration cases, Kirsten's team is here to help. Here are some success stories from 2025 so far:

Veterans Affairs: When a Purple Heart recipient needed help securing his retirement benefits after 32 years of service, he reached out to Kirsten's office. Kirsten's team contacted the Department of the Army and discovered agency errors that were promptly corrected. Within two weeks, the constituent's retirement and health care benefits were approved, and he received nearly \$60,000 in retroactive payments.

Social Security: A Suffolk County senior contacted Kirsten's team after she applied for Social Security survivor benefits and did not hear from the SSA for six months. Kirsten's team inquired with the SSA about the status of her approval, and the agency released a \$27,000 payment to the constituent.

Immigration: When a Senegalese domestic violence survivor needed help with her application for permanent U.S. residency, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the constituent received her green card.

Education: When cuts at the Department of Education left a local university's federal student aid in limbo, the university reached out to Kirsten's office for help. Her team reached out to the agency, and the university was eventually approved to receive \$13 million for student aid.

World Trade Center Health Program: A retired firefighter and 9/11 first responder contacted Kirsten's office for assistance after he was informed that, due to budget cuts, treatment for his pancreatic cancer would not be covered by the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP). Kirsten's team contacted the WTCHP to support his request for emergency acceptance. The next day, the constituent was accepted into the program, allowing him to begin his lifesaving treatment.

Kirsten is eager to continue working on behalf of her constituents. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here.

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

Governor Hochul Grants Clemency to Thirteen Individuals

Governor Kathy Hochul granted clemency in the form of a pardon to 13 individuals. This action recognizes individuals demonstrating remorse, exemplifying rehabilitation and displaying a commitment to improving themselves

and their communities. After implementing procedural reforms to strengthen the clemency process, Governor Hochul has made a total of 107 grants of clemency during her time in office.

"When I took office, I pledged to reform the clemency process by bringing greater transparency and expert analysis to each case that comes before my desk," Governor Hochul said. "After careful deliberation, I'm granting clemency to thirteen individuals who have demonstrated remorse for their actions and exemplify a commitment to bettering their communities."

The Governor's Office has taken a number of steps to improve transparency and communication in the clemency process. The Executive Clemency Bureau has implemented a new policy of sending regular letters to individuals with clemency applications, informing them of their case status, and providing information about how to submit supplemental information in support of their applications. The Governor's Office also launched an updated online web hub to assist clemency applicants with the application process; this hub includes template clemency application forms for both pardons and commutations to provide prospective applicants with improved guidance about what information to include when they apply.

The Governor also convened a Clemency Advisory Panel comprised of impartial experts to assist in advising the Governor on clemency applications. Following recommendations from the Clemency Advisory Panel, Governor Hochul is granting pardons to 13 individuals.

Pardons

These individuals who have been granted a pardon have all lived crime-free lives for a significant period of time - and in many cases several decades - and have demonstrated positive contributions to their communities. Several of today's pardon recipients were convicted of an offense while living in New York State, but they have since relocated to other states. These individuals receiving pardons have continued to have their lives impacted by their criminal convictions. The Governor's pardons will help alleviate these challenges.

Theodore Goodman, 43, was convicted of Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree in 2003.

Hansel Dorsey, 64, was convicted of Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree and Attempted Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree in 1991 and 1988.

Maryann Smith-Jackson, 65, was convicted of Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance in the Third Degree in 1989.

Stephen Gary, 56, was convicted of Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the Third Degree in 1993.

Ernesto Muñoz, 58, was convicted of Attempted Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree in 2005.

Frank Merola, 52, was convicted of Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree in 1997.

Ruben Abreu, 61, was convicted of Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance in the Third Degree in 2001 and Bail Jumping in the First Degree.

Jimmy Jean-Baptiste, 42, was convicted of Arson in the Fourth Degree in 2008.

Giovanni Ordonez, 60, was convicted of Attempted Robbery in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the First Degree in 1988 and 1986.

Hector Zelaya Quinonez, 65, was convicted of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree in 1986 and 1984.

Susannah Morgan-Thomas, 60, was convicted of Assault in the Third Degree in 1989.

Zhi Yong Yu, 49, was convicted of Robbery in the Second Degree in 1992.

Sammy Vathanavong, 52, was convicted of Manslaughter in the First Degree in 1990.

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



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SAVE *the* DATE

**18 YEAR CELEBRATION &
GROUNDBREAKING**

August 31, 7th of Elul

Please mark your calendar for a momentous celebration!
We're thrilled to commemorate **18 years of the RJC milestone** and to break
ground on our **Children's Wing Expansion**.

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

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

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
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LIVE MUSIC WITH DEREK STONER & JESSE NOREN

FREE SURPLUS GEAR *(proof of military service required)*

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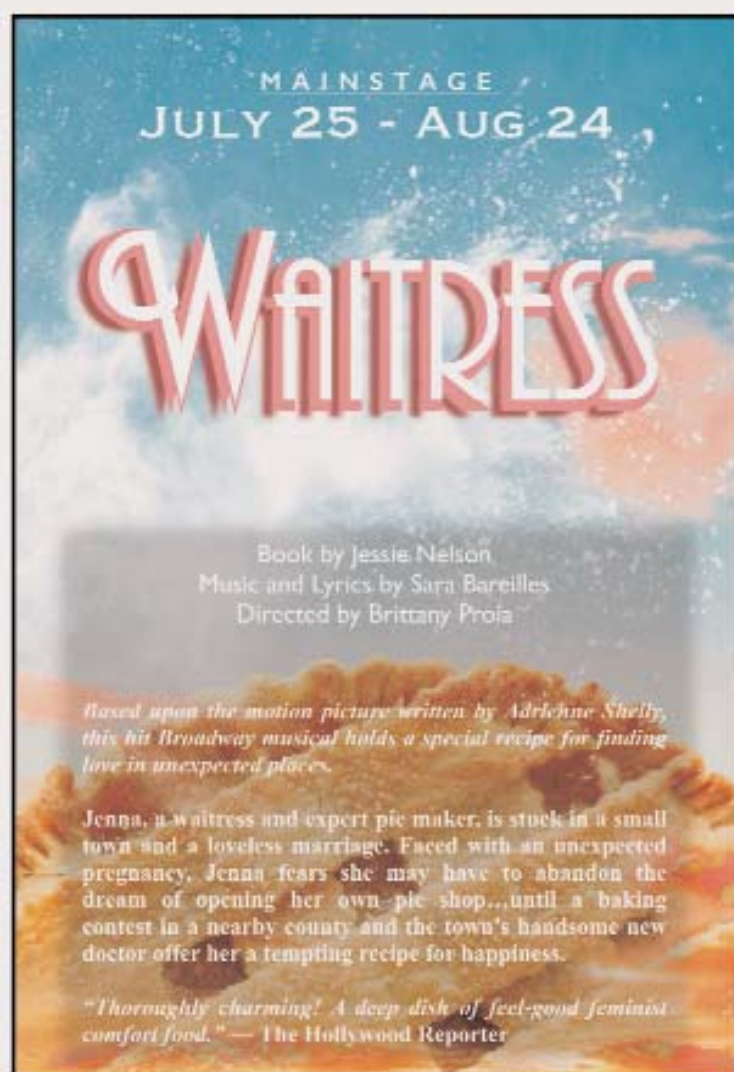
For questions or to find out how you can support this
event, contact Lauren Roman at
romanlauren@yahoo.com.

A TASTE OF BROADWAY IV "WAITRESS"

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

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

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



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



GABY'S CAFE
**SHADOWLAND
STAGES**

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

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

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

"A Taste of Broadway IV"

Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Pollo 5 de Mayo

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

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

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

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

International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

A Time to Remember. A Time to Act.



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

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

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

**Tuesday • August 26, 2025
6 PM at the Sullivan County
Courthouse Lawn,
414 Broadway, Monticello**

Rain date: Wednesday, August 27

For more information, contact
Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180
Outreach Program Manager, at
Lindsay@Sullivan180.org or
(845) 295-2683.

*This event is brought to you by a community of organizations
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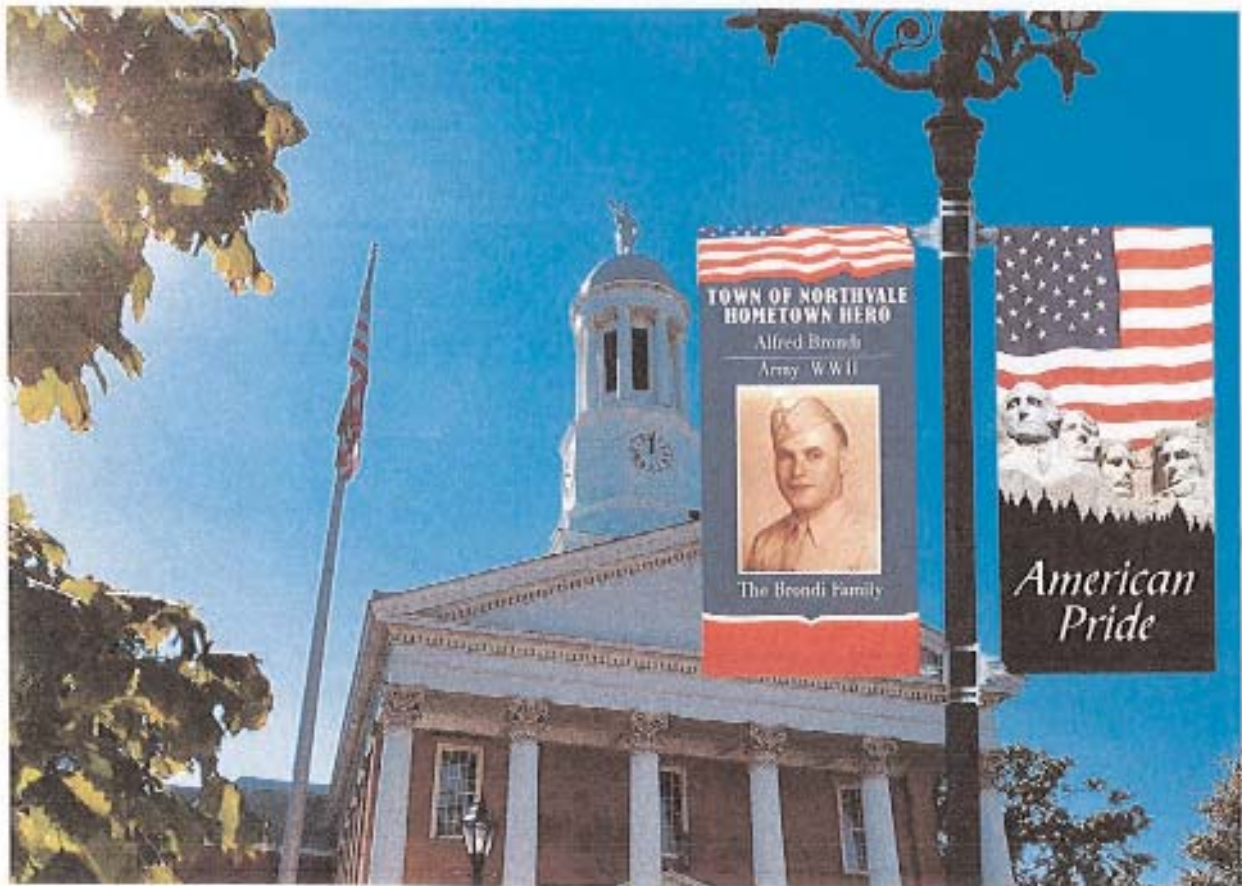
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Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

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

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

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Grahamsville Ny 12740

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Governor Hochul Urges Student to Complete FAFSA and TAP Applications Ahead of Their Fall Semester Start Date

(From Pg. 28)

Financial Aid Deadlines Approaching

Several of New York State's major financial aid programs are now open for applications. The NYS STEM Incentive Program, which supports students pursuing degrees in high-demand STEM fields at SUNY or CUNY colleges, is accepting applications through August 15, 2025. The Excelsior Scholarship, for students attending SUNY or CUNY colleges, and the Enhanced Tuition Award (ETA), for those attending private colleges in New York, are both open through August 31, 2025. To be eligible for the Excelsior and ETA programs, students must first complete the FAFSA and the New York State TAP application.

A complete list of New York State Grants and Scholarship programs can be found here.

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships>

Financial Aid Resources and Support

Each year, the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation awards grants, scholarships, or loan forgiveness to nearly 300,000 students in support of their higher education, and over the last two years, through the support of Governor Hochul and the legislature, historical enhancements have been made to allow even more students to receive TAP.

Thanks to these enhancements, New York's Part-Time TAP further expands opportunities by making higher education more accessible for students who choose to pursue their degree on a part-time basis. Available to students attending SUNY, CUNY, proprietary and independent degree-granting colleges, Part-Time TAP can now be awarded to those enrolled in as few as three credits per term.

New York State is committed to ensuring that students and families have the guidance and support they need to successfully navigate the financial aid process. Virtual and in-person FAFSA and TAP completion events offer one-on-one assistance, while additional resources, such as CUNY's online FAFSA Guide, provide step-by-step instructions. Through its FAFSA Ready program, HESC also equips high school counselors with specialized training and tools to better assist students in accessing the aid they need.

SUNY and CUNY Reconnect Programs Offer Free Community College To Adult Learners

As part of Governor Hochul's effort to expand access to higher education, the SUNY and CUNY Reconnect program is available beginning in the fall semester to help eligible adults ages 25-55 earn degrees in high-demand fields. To date, more than 16,500 New Yorkers have already applied to the program, highlighting its success and the vital importance of supporting adult learners pursuing careers in critical areas of study. New York State will cover tuition, fees, books, and supplies for students enrolled in select associate degree programs at community colleges. To help adult learners get started, campuses are hosting info sessions and recruitment events. Applications are now open, and those interested can apply at SUNY here and at CUNY here.

To help make state financial aid accessible to all eligible New York students, HESC provides three pathways for applying: the FAFSA, the NYS DREAM Act, and the Alternate Eligibility Pathway. A quick and easy prescreening tool is available to help students and families determine which option is right for them.

For assistance with completing the FAFSA and TAP applications, students and families can visit the HESC website, which offers a variety of tools, resources, and information on upcoming events to support them throughout the financial aid process.

Governor Hochul Highlights Distribution of \$194 Million in Food Assistance to 1.6 Million School-aged Children so Far this Summer

Eligible Families To Receive \$120 in Food Assistance Per Eligible Child

Summer EBT Helps Low-Income Families Afford Healthy, Nutritious Food for School-Aged Children When Schools are on Summer Break

Nearly All Eligible Households Receive Benefits Automatically, Some May Need To Apply Prior To Sept. 4 Deadline; Application Is Available Here

<https://otda.ny.gov/programs/summer-ebt/>

Video of the Governor Highlighting Summer EBT With No Kid Hungry Can Be Found Here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc6BDGDL1Rs>

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that 1.6 million low-income children have already received summer food assistance totaling \$194 million as part of the 2025 Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer, Summer EBT, program. The program provides \$120 per child to eligible families to help pay for healthy food during the summer months when children might not have access to free school meals.

"While Federal Republicans are slashing vital nutrition assistance programs like SNAP, Summer EBT helps millions of children in New York State maintain a healthy diet at a time when they don't have access to free school meals," Governor Hochul said. "Raising children has never been more expensive, which is why we're continuing to put money back in the pockets of New York's working families, and make investments in our children's future."

Summer EBT benefits will continue to be distributed through the summer, and most eligible children receive the benefits automatically. However, some families may need to apply. New Yorkers are encouraged to learn more about eligibility and apply, if necessary, before the September 4 deadline.

<https://otda.ny.gov/programs/summer-ebt/>

Eligible children receive Summer EBT food benefits on an EBT card that their families can use just like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Summer EBT food benefits can be used to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at authorized retail food stores, farmers markets, and anywhere else SNAP is accepted.

Research has shown that providing families with summer food benefits reduces childhood hunger and promotes better nutrition. A demonstration project tested by the USDA during the pandemic found that Summer EBT decreased the number of kids with very low food security by one-third.

Benefits will continue to be issued throughout the summer and, when completed, more than \$250 million in food assistance is expected to be issued to an estimated 2.2 million school-aged children.

Summer EBT food benefits are available on Summer EBT food benefits cards for 122 days from issuance and will expire at that time. Recipients should use their benefits soon after they receive them.

To learn more about Summer EBT benefits and eligibility or to apply, [visit ny.gov/SummerEBT](https://ny.gov/SummerEBT).



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

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





Office of
Mental Health

Disaster Mental Health Responder Training

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

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

Part 1: Psychological First Aid (PFA)

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

Prerequisites: Professional mental health background.

Program Objectives

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

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

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

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

Program Objectives

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

TO APPLY

Complete the [Application Form](#). **Deadline for Applications: September 26, 2025.**

Any questions, please email Disaster Mental Health Team Lead, **Latifa Williams;**

Latifa.Williams@omh.ny.gov

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

State of New York Office of Mental Health is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board as an approved provider of continuing education for Licensed Psychologists and Licensed Social Workers. Those who attend PFA will receive 5 CEUs toward renewal of their license. Those who attend FDMHP will receive 6 CEUs toward renewal of their license.

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Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD
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Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

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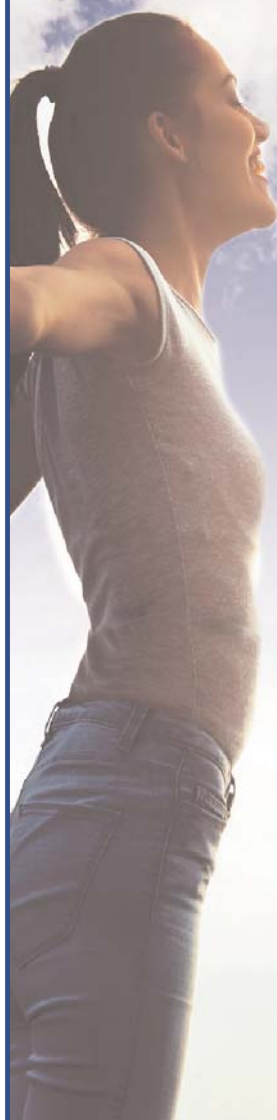
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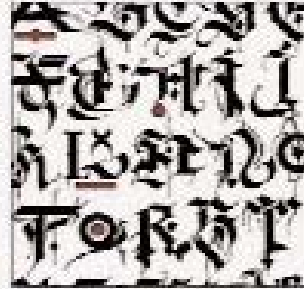
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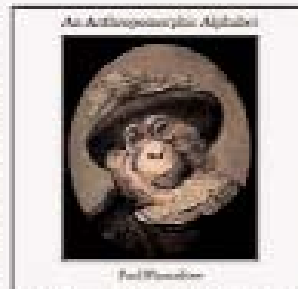
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2025 SHOW DATES

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

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SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2005 & NEWER; TOP 20 2004 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. DASH PLAQUES FIRST 40 VEHICLES

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When Diane's husband tells her he wants a divorce she is devastated and heads upstate to Woodstock with her two teenage children to stay with her free-spirited mother, Grace, who she hasn't seen in 20 years.

It isn't long that Diane and the two teenagers get a new way of looking at life.

*Stay safe,
Knarf Odnamoc
Gnome*Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *The Terminal*

This weeks' Trivia question: Who played Max Bialystock's accountant, Leo Bloom in *The Producers*?