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A Quilter's Gathering Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum

If you are a quilter, a want-to-be quilter or someone who would like to learn more about quilts, don't miss *A Quilter's Gathering* at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, on Sunday, August 10th at 2:00 PM.

Experienced quilters from three local groups will discuss their inspiration, personal styles, and quilting journeys and show examples. All guests are invited to bring a quilt for show and tell, get their quilting questions answered and visit the current museum exhibit, "The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting" which is closing in October. The Museum shop has special quilted items, books and kits available which are great for yourself or gifts. (Contd. Pg. 5)



SC Resident Celebrates 107th Birthday



Photo courtesy
of Ken Walter

District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez presented a certificate of recognition, on behalf of the entire Legislature, to local resident Judith Kogon today on the occasion of her 107th birthday. She was also celebrated by her friends and the staff at Achieve Rehab in Liberty, where a grand party was held. Happy Birthday, Judy!

DPL Summer Programs a Blast!



A huge 'thank you' to Master Falconers Brian and Teddy for sharing their 30-plus years of experience with us during the Skyhunters in Flight show at this year's Entertainment Night! It was amazing to see these incredible birds of prey up close and personal. Also, a huge thanks to our community and fantastic patrons for supporting the library and attending our summer programs! (Contd. Pg. 10)

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

On the Front Burner: Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; yea, thine own lips testify against thee. Job 15:6

OBITUARY

Simone Mary Farran

April 27, 1988 - July 21, 2025

Simone Mary Farran, age 37, of Middletown, NY, passed away on July 21, 2025, surrounded by her family.



Simone was born on April 27, 1988, in Harris, NY. She grew up in Neversink, graduated from Tri-Valley Secondary School, and eventually settled in Middletown with her dearest friend, Ben Chesser. Living with spina bifida, Simone faced tremendous challenges throughout her life with remarkable courage, humor, and spirit.

She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, known for her kind heart, sharp wit, and deep love for animals - especially her cherished dog, Cookie. Simone found joy in music, coffee, crafts, and game nights with friends, including Ben, Larry, Amy, and Eduardo. She had a special bond with her nephews, Leo and Remy, and treasured every moment spent with her family.

As a child, Simone loved music and learned to play piano under the

guidance of Nancy Johnston. When her younger brother Patrick was born, she often and eagerly took on the role of second mom to him.

Simone is survived by her mother, Susan Carmichael; her father, Philippe Farran; her brothers, Sean Carmichael and Patrick Farran; her sister-in-law, Nadia Carmichael; her nephews, Leo and Remy Carmichael; her aunt and uncle, Patricia and Dion Lynch; her uncles, George and Peter Carmichael; her cousins, Catherine, Desirae, Dion Jr., and Thomas Lynch; her nieces, Dionne and Daniella Liles; Desirae's partner, Daquan Liles; and her partner in life, Ben Chesser, and his family. She is remembered with love by many extended family members and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her devoted nurse, Betty Dolan, and her dear friend, Marguerite Dolan.

The family would like to thank the staff at Garnet Health Medical Center, Arch Care, Caring Hearts, and her aides, Cari and Hema, for the compassion and care they provided to Simone in her final years.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 27 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, located at 396 NY-52, Woodbourne, NY.

In the words of one of her favorite bands: "What you feel is what you are and what you are is beautiful." - The Goo Goo Dolls

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit

www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Simone Mary Farran, please visit our flower store.

Service Schedule

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

June 22, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano became the parents of a son, Walter, weighing 9 lbs., on Sunday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walter of Grahamsville are the grandparents.

June 9, 1965

George Spann, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of the Sundown Rd., was graduated from Swarthmore College on June 7th with a degree in History. He will be studying History at the University of Indiana in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Huffman of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Lorraine, to Robert Harris, son of Mrs. Julia Harris and the late Philip Harris of Brooklyn, N.Y. The future bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and Sullivan County Community College. She is employed at the Sullivan County National Bank in Liberty. Her fiancé is a graduate of Boys High School in Brooklyn, and Sullivan County Community College. He is presently employed by Middlecreek Constr. Co. in Callicoon. No wedding date has been set.

June 25, 1975

Floyd and Gladys VanWagner celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 25th. Congratulations!! Will you try for 50?

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Al Carr, married 40 years on June 26th; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bonnell, married 10 years on that day; Mr. and Mrs. Al Visscher will be married 24 years on June 30th and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson, 8 years on July 1st.

June 27, 1985 - The Reverend Diane Zanetti Johnson was one of nine persons recently ordained in the U.M. Church. Bishop Neil Irons of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference presided at the ordination. Ms. Johnson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University where she was twice recipient of the Lois Otten Scholarship and a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society.. Rev. Johnson, an honor graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti of Liberty

July 3, 198

Clara Jenny Whipple Garofalo, 73, of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville died at home on Ma 23, 1985. She was born April 16, 1912 in Grahamsville. She was a farmer. She was the daughter of Howard and Edith Slater Whipple. Survivors include a son, George of Grahamsville; a sister, Gladys Brown of Liberty and two grandchildren

The congregation of the United Methodist Church would like to extend a sincere welcome to Rev. Allen Macghee and his wife, Barbara and son, Dean, to the church and to the community. Rev. Macghee and his family are from Walden where he was the spiritual leader of the Walden UMC.

Household Hint:

Squeaky Rubber Sole Shoes

If you have shoes with squeaky rubber soles dryer sheets can quiet them down. Rub the bottom of the shoes with a dryer sheet, and the residue will minimize the friction and eliminate the squeak.

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

A Fun Visit From a Click Beetle

With the nights remaining warm, we often sit outside in the evenings on the porch. Tonight we had a visitor- a click beetle. It was a rather large bug, about two inches long.

This Click Beetle flew into one of the plants on the porch and dropped to the floor where it quickly straightened out its body with a loud snapping 'click'. Then it catapulted itself a foot or so into the air and landed right side up! It was fun to watch this little creature.

Click beetles are a salt-and-pepper color with two conspicuous eyespots on the thorax. They are known as an Eyed Elater (Alaus oculatus) or Click Beetle.

What looked like huge eyespots aren't true eyes, only markings.

Though Click Beetles are a large family of 500 American species, only two are common to the Northeast: the Eyed and the smaller all black A. Melanatus. In the South an Elater with luminous yellow eyespots is called Lantern Click Beetle.

Click Beetles have three body parts: head, thorax and abdomen.

Located on the head are the mouth, eyes and antennae which have tiny sense receptors of touch and smell. Three pairs of legs and two pairs of wings are attached to the thorax

Unlike most beetles, the connection between the first and second section of the thorax is flexible, they can move their heads and first pair of legs separately from the rest of the body. The Click Beetles' jumping mechanism, a prong fitted against a socket between the thorax and abdomen lets them do the trick that they are named for. They can snap the two sections, making a loud click sound, and flipping themselves over if they are lying on their backs.

The way a beetle flies is a marvel in the insect world. The two hard front wings cover and protect the beetle at rest and are called elytra. The thin transparent hind wings are folded beneath the elytra. During flight the front wings stay rigidly extended like the fixed wings of an airplane, providing balance and lift. The hind wings unfold and vibrate up and down to keep the beetle aloft and moving.

The protective front wings are so remarkable that the entire order of beetles is named for them, Colcoptera, Greek for "sheath wing."

The abdomen contains organs to breathe, eat and reproduce.

Like all beetles, Click Beetles have complete metamorphosis. Adult females lay eggs. The young that hatch from the eggs are larvae that are long with shiny segments and no wings. Many species spend a year or more in the larval stage. Larvae transform into pupae, which look sort of like the adults but are a resting stage. Many beetle spend the winter as pupae, but most Click Beetles spend the winter as larvae or adults. Each pupa transforms into an adult after a few days or weeks.

In cool climates adult Click Beetles are active in the daytime, but when the weather is warmer they move more at night. This Click Beetle seemed to be attracted to our porch light.

With the warm nights still ahead maybe a Click Beetle will fly to your porch light or campfire and entertain you like our little visitor did.



LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published July 30, 1998

There's something special about mornings as the sun rises to take its first peak over the trees and the air smells so sweet. I look out of my bedroom window and say good morning to two beautiful sunflowers nodding and smiling in my front lawn, gifts from a friend. This morning as I stood gazing out of my bedroom window, as thought came to mind. What do you suppose god thinks as he looks down on this once beautiful world he created, knowing what mankind has done to it? Looking back I just can't help feeling a lot of nostalgia for those days of long ago when life was plain and simple and beautiful, with barely any crime as it is today.

In the early 1900's I recall even the little old log cabins were designed to give a feeling of graciousness and quiet elegance. They were well cared for and each one had a garden and flock of chickens in the backyard during the summer. Most folks took as good a care of their homes on the outside as inside. My dad used to say, "You could judge a man by the we cared for his house and bar." Heaven help the farmer who neglected to pain his barn every spring and of course it was always painted red back then. Our homes were covered with woodbine and morning glories and a cool pail of water with a dipper stood on a bench by the door. Who could ask for anything more?

SC Legislature Joins Coalition in Denouncing Antisemitic Graffiti

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature joins with the Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism in condemning antisemitic graffiti discovered this week in Monticello.

According to the Coalition, the phrase "Jews did 9/11" was scrawled on a sidewalk in a busy shopping area.

"Such a falsehood is both repugnant and concerning," said Legislature Chair Nadia Rajs. "Whoever did this also committed a crime, and no one in our community should shrug it off as harmless. As this Legislature has noted before, we want our communities to be peaceful and welcoming, and we will continue to work with the Jewish community to ensure they feel safe wherever they are in Sullivan County."

The Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism, consisting of ten local synagogues and Jewish congregations, was formed recently to combat antisemitism and help educate the community to counter hate and bigotry. Earlier this month, the Legislature echoed the Coalition's condemnation of local Orthodox Jews being pelted with eggs in Woodbourne and South Fallsburg. Three Ulster County people were subsequently arrested and charged by the Town of Fallsburg Police Department.

Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck Sued by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton Over Enforcement of New York's Shield Law Historic Move Pits Ulster County Clerk Against Texas AG in Battle Over Abortion Access and State Protections

Kingston, NY - Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck announced today that he has been named in a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton for upholding New York State's landmark Shield Law. The suit stems from Bruck's refusal to docket a summary judgment against a local doctor accused in Texas of prescribing mifepristone via telehealth to a Texas resident.

"As Acting Ulster County Clerk, I take my responsibilities and the oath I swore with the utmost seriousness. Today, I was sued in my official capacity for upholding New York State's Shield Law, which protects providers of reproductive health care. While pending litigation limits what I can share, I want to make clear that it is an honor to serve Ulster County in this role, and I am especially grateful to do so at such a critical moment for our County, our State, and the protection of fundamental rights under New York law."

Bruck formally rejected Paxton's filings in March, invoking New York's Shield Law—a first-of-its-kind action by a County Clerk in the state. Earlier this month, Paxton's office attempted to resubmit the same filings and issued an arbitrary July 16 deadline for Bruck to reverse his decision.

In a July 9 letter to Paxton's office, Bruck was unequivocal:

"That rejection stands. Resubmitting the same materials does not alter the outcome. While I'm not entirely sure how things work in Texas, here in New York, a rejection means the matter is closed."

He signed the letter with a one-word reminder of New York's values: Excelsior.

Bruck's March decision made him the first County Clerk in New York to enforce the Shield Law, which protects providers of reproductive health services from out-of-state civil and criminal actions. His actions have earned praise from Governor Kathy Hochul, Attorney General Letitia James, and local leaders across New York State.

For more information on the Ulster County Clerk's Office, visit our website.

<https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/welcome>

A Quilter's Gathering

(From Pg. 1) Light refreshments are included. The cost of the program is \$5, Museum members are free. For more information, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.

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

Exhibitions:

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

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

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

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

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



Sullivan County Welcomes New Leader of the Care Center at Sunset Lake Kayshawn Macharie Brings Wealth of Experiences to Role

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek is pleased to announce his appointment of Kayshawn Macharie as the new Licensed Administrator of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center, better known as the Care Center at Sunset Lake.



“Kayshawn exemplifies commitment, trust and compassion - and he's already providing that to Care Center employees, residents and their families,” Potosek related. “I'm excited to see how he and the staff will make the Care Center the first choice of people needing both short-

and long-term services.”

“The Legislature was thrilled to meet Mr. Macharie at our recent Health & Human Services Committee meeting, and we came away very impressed with not only his approach to resident care but also his steadfast support of the hardworking staff,” acknowledged Committee Chair Cat Scott, who serves as District 5 Legislator. “He faces many challenges in his quest to raise the bar at the Care Center, but I look forward to working with him to make it the premier facility of its kind in the County.”

“I'm grateful the County Manager and Deputy County Manager have placed their trust and confidence in me, and I hope to be as welcoming to our residents and employees as they have made me feel,” Macharie shared. “I will not simply be sitting behind a desk. I have already been - and will continue to be - a consistently present and supportive force in all aspects of the Care Center's operations, including resident care.”

A native of Rockland County, Macharie grew up under the care and guidance of his Aunt Ruth, who served as his adoptive mother and set an example he still strives to emulate, two years after her passing.

“She was always a caring person, a woman of God, highly respected in our church,” Macharie recalled. “She included me in a weekly food drive for those in need in our community, and she was there for people like me, whose biological parents weren't really ready to have me.”

Macharie's aunt turned his ambitions towards a career of helping others, encouraging him to go to nursing school. First however, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from

the University at Buffalo in 2016, followed two years later by a master's in social work from Daemen University. During that period, he served as a clinical therapist at a treatment facility near Buffalo.

“I had previously spent nearly 12 years working in a restaurant as a waiter,” Macharie told legislators. “That experience gave me something invaluable: the ability to listen deeply, read people's emotions, de-escalate conflict, and serve with care. That foundation in customer service and human connection prepared me more than anything else for this work. Because ultimately, this work is about people.”

After gaining his MSW, Macharie served as the director of social services at a nursing home in Buffalo and as a social worker at Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital. Filling in for a friend at a nursing home - and the encouragement of a supervisor who believed he'd make a great administrator - spurred Macharie to pursue his long-term care administration licensure, which he achieved in 2023. Just a year later, he finished a bachelor's degree in nursing from D'Youville University.

His leadership experience continued to grow at various nursing homes and rehab centers in the Buffalo region. A personal tragedy led to his return to Rockland County, where he became the director of social services for a care facility in the Bronx. That's when he heard that Sullivan County was seeking a new administrator for its Care Center in Liberty.

“I stepped into this role not just as a career move, but as a calling - a mission to support and uplift one of the most vulnerable populations in our community,” he stated. “Every resident deserves to feel at home, to be treated with dignity, and to live in safety and compassion.”

“Just as importantly, every staff member deserves to work in an environment where they feel respected, supported and valued - by leadership, by the community and by one another,” he added.

“Kayshawn has already made an impact with both County and Infinite Care employees at the Care Center,” affirmed Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle, “and I have every expectation that he will continue to be a transformative presence both there and throughout the County.”

Indeed, every mortarboard Macharie has worn at his graduations has had these words inscribed: “One man can change the world.”

But that philosophy is focused on others as much as himself.

“I hope to bring happiness to both staff and residents,” Macharie explained. “The work won't always be easy, but I want people to be happy being here.”

That's a focus he'll have 24/7, coinciding with the on-call demands of the job. But he will make as much time as possible for his Labrador, Grizzly, his professional fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, his passion for cooking (especially Caribbean cuisine), and especially his faith.

“I'm a worship leader at my church in Spring Valley,” Macharie said, acknowledging he loves to sing. “I also am a man of God. Without his grace and mercy, I would not be where I am now.”

Annual International Overdose Awareness Day Time to remember. Time to Act

[Monticello, NY] - The 5th annual International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil will be held on August 26th at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello.

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, to remember without stigma those who have lost their lives, and to acknowledge the grief of the families and friends left behind. This annual event shines light on the importance to recognize and remember those who are and have suffered with the disease of addiction resulting in overdoses and deaths.

"While the topic is difficult and heartbreaking, this event brings awareness, support, courage, openness, and love to not only those suffering but to their family, friends, and the entire community. It is one of those events that leaves you better off for attending," remarked Jeffrey Spitz, Executive Director at Restorative Management.

Community members are invited to attend and open their hearts as families share 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; and participate in a candlelight vigil as the sun sets, accompanied by bagpipes against the backdrop of the Sullivan County Courthouse, lit purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

"This evening serves as a platform for so many things. Each loss to overdose was someone's someone: a brother, a child, a parent, or a best friend," said Lindsay Wheat, Outreach Program Manager for Sullivan 180. "We always knew this was an important evening, but each year, we realize how necessary it is. The only way to end this is to do it together, as a community."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, although Sullivan County no longer holds the highest overdose rate in New York State-ranking sixth as of 2023-it remains among the most affected counties, despite ongoing efforts that have led to a significant reduction in overdose deaths in recent years. Sullivan County was also federally designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), meaning that Sullivan County is recognized as a critical area for intervention and support, necessitating a coordinated response from local, state, and federal agencies to combat drug trafficking and its associated consequences.

The International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil is presented by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County. For more information, please contact Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180 Outreach Program Manager, at Lindsay@Sullivan180.org.

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

Fallsburg CSD to Host Community Resource Day

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce that they will be holding Community Resource Day once again. The multi-day event will provide lunch, clothing, resources, school supplies, and entertainment. There will also be an opportunity for families to connect with local organizations and businesses. All of which will be free-of-charge. Here are the following dates and locations:

August 19

Lakeview Apartments

5 Woodland Townhouse Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

August 20

Beverly Garden Apartments

26 Beverly Drive, South Fallsburg, NY

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

August 22

Main Street Housing

5254 Main Street, South Fallsburg, NY

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Printing on Fabric at the Old Stone House Sat Aug 16th 9:30- until your project is complete

Create your own personal printing block to decorate a tablecloth, T-shirt, tote bag or any item you choose. We will be using fabric dyes and inks for fabric but you will also be able to print on paper with the same tools..

All supplies will be included in your 45.00 fee that includes a \$10.00 donation to The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck at 82 Hasbrouck Road in Woodbourne.

Supplies include, a ink, a 4X6 and a 9X12 softcut blocks, a set of carving tools and a 5X5 piece of cotton fabric; a 40.00 value.

We will plan our designs, transfer them to a block, use tools to cut our blocks, select and mix fabric inks and dyes, and print on fabric.

We will also demonstrate silkscreening and a few will be made available for your use.

No experience necessary. Ages 8 and up.

I hope you will join me. Seats are limited .

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Clean Hands

Mysterious Book Report No. 411

by John Dwaine McKenna

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High finance, billion dollar banks and a Wall Street law firm on the brink of disaster . . . combined with a talented fixer, a determined, urbane and experienced warrior woman known for her smooth style, velvet touch and iron fist . . . and you'll have just a few of the elements of a recent thriller entitled: *Clean Hands*, (Grove Atlantic, \$26.00, 277 pages, ISBN

978-0-8021-2953-6) by Patrick Hoffman.

Big mergers between mega corporations involve billions of dollars in cash, accounts receivable and debt. They're full of big risks, big paydays and big problems, that, once completed successfully, are cause for big celebrations as well as big congratulations. It's when things go wrong, right in the midst of negotiations however, that the crying starts and the heartache begins. It's when the recriminations, finger-pointing, denials and calls go out for "lawyers, guns and money." It's also where the pulse-pounding *Clean Hands* begins.

The mega-merger between two multi-billion dollar banks has collapsed and a lawsuit has been filed, followed by an even larger counter claim. It's the most high-stakes lawsuit the prominent Wall Street law firm has ever filed in its entire history and survival – as well as the personal wealth of the partners – hangs in the balance. A successful outcome is the only possible option. So, when a junior associate loses his cellphone with a significant number of the firm's secret case files on it, panic sets in at the highest levels. Senior partner Elizabeth Carlyle, the lead lawyer, is under extreme duress to get the phone back . . . or else. The threat of ruin is imminent, should the pilfered Iphone fall into the wrong hands. Ms. Carlyle needs help, and deniability, as fast as she can get it. She calls an ex-CIA officer named Valencia Walker, a "high-priced fixer," whose clients include governments, corporations and millionaire tycoons, all handled with the utmost discretion. She retrieves the phone, but finds that it's been copied, and now the law firm is being blackmailed. Negative stories start to run in the press, a lawyer appears to have killed himself, and rumors begin to swirl about dark, and even darker deeds.

This fast-paced, electrifying thriller has it all: gangsters, hit men, shady lawyers, backstabbers, sneaky government agents, corruption in high places, super-patriots and enough bad-assery to fill up a ten-wheel dump truck. It'll keep you enthralled all afternoon during these hot August days of COVID-19 induced shut-in and strife. Be well. Stay well. Enjoy this awesome new author and remember . . .

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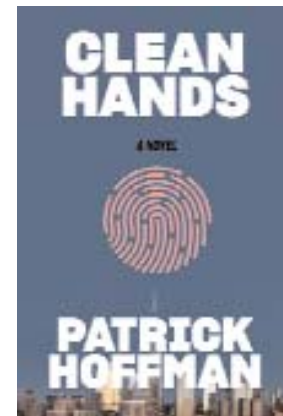
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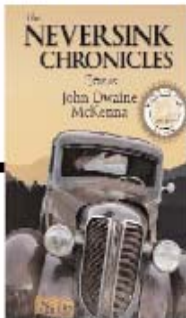

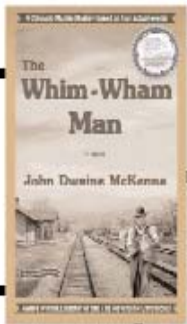
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The Olive Jar

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The Little Prince

My friend checked out "THE LITTLE PRINCE" by



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After Hudson, my beloved lab died, I dreaded walking into my house without him there to greet me. We both were in mourning, but what you do in grief is go on. So I cooked dinners for us and folded laundry and unloaded the dishwasher and watered the plants. And I cried.

The thing I looked forward to was watering those plants on the deck so they could flourish in this intense heat. They depended upon me until the next rain shower.

And then something happened. My friend (and Candy Crush rival!) rescued two abandoned kittens left in her back yard. They were barely four weeks old, skinny and hungry. She cared for them for a week until I could "man up" and take them from her home where two big dogs did not like two little kittens. My husband had demanded, "No more pets." Then he met Arlo and Poppy whom I had smuggled into the house.

The "Little Prince and Princess" took hold. We had two little needy kittens with eye infections and voracious appetites that took to our laps and hearts.

We are needed and, in turn, we smile and laugh at them wrestling and playing with toys.

I am remembering the Little Prince, Hudson, my petunias and Lilies, and now Poppy and Arlo, as I relearn the lesson of love and responsibility.

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... 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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DPL Summer Programs a Blast!

By Lisa Carroll

Entertainment Night was well received with over 200 in attendance. Thank you to all our DPL board members, staff and volunteers for making the night extra special for our amazing community of patrons.

Skyhunters in Flight was an exceptional program; bringing with it unforgettable experiences and a ton of knowledge. Thank you to Master Falconers Brian and Teddy for sharing your 30-plus years of expertise and allowing us to have a peek into the lives of those incredible birds.

While Entertainment Night is generally considered the culminating event of our summer reading program—as all of our summer specific programs have come and gone—it's by no means the end of our summer activities. We are still accepting reading logs and Bingo sheets (children through adults), we are still accepting donations for the book tent (and we put new merch out all the time so stop by frequently) and we have a plethora of other programs coming up, so stay tuned!

Speaking of all our programs, our teen Bleach Art program was awe inspiring. Who knew there were so many young artists living here? The teens did a great

job! Each was given a black shirt, bleach in a variety of forms and a lot of fun painting supplies and went to town. Their creations were very interesting, and they learned a cool new skill.



Our DPL 2025 "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program teen activity, Bleach Art, was so much fun! Thank you to all the teens who participated in this creative program. It was awesome to see their masterpieces come to life with just a bit of bleach. At the end, they even had time to paint a few rocks for Pierce, our rock python. Stop



by the library to see Pierce slither along the ramp. He's definitely a work of art!

"We had so much fun with these teens exploring the world of art using bleach. It's amazing how their creativity and artistry shined through as they removed the color

from these shirts," Nicole Richardson, DPL Community Programs Associate, said. The teens were even able to help us grow Pierce by painting rocks!

Pierce—ah, our beloved rock python...if you are interested in adding to his growing length, please stop by the library and pick up a rock to paint. Or, you can bring a rock from home painted and sprayed with a clear coat to add to the collection.

And another reminder, we have a fantastic program coming up on Thursday, August 7 from 6-7PM when Master Beekeeper, Bill Boyle, will share his expertise in Honeybees. He'll take us through the floral preferences of the bees as well as the importance of these little creatures, appropriate garden plantings to improve their numbers and the impact on other pollinators and native plants. If you are interested in learning more about Honeybees, please don't hesitate to register.



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NOTES: Free and open to the public

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA)'s annual floral pop-up exhibition, Art In Bloom, will once again be filling Krause Recital Hall with an exuberant celebration of the intersection between art and nature.

A cherished tradition presented by DVAA and curated by Jane Luchsinger and Tanner Simon, this event highlights the timeless connection between artistic expression and the natural world. Local floral designers have been paired up with local artists to create arrangements that respond to, and are in conversation, with their art. Each piece and arrangement will be displayed side by side.

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ABOUT DVAA

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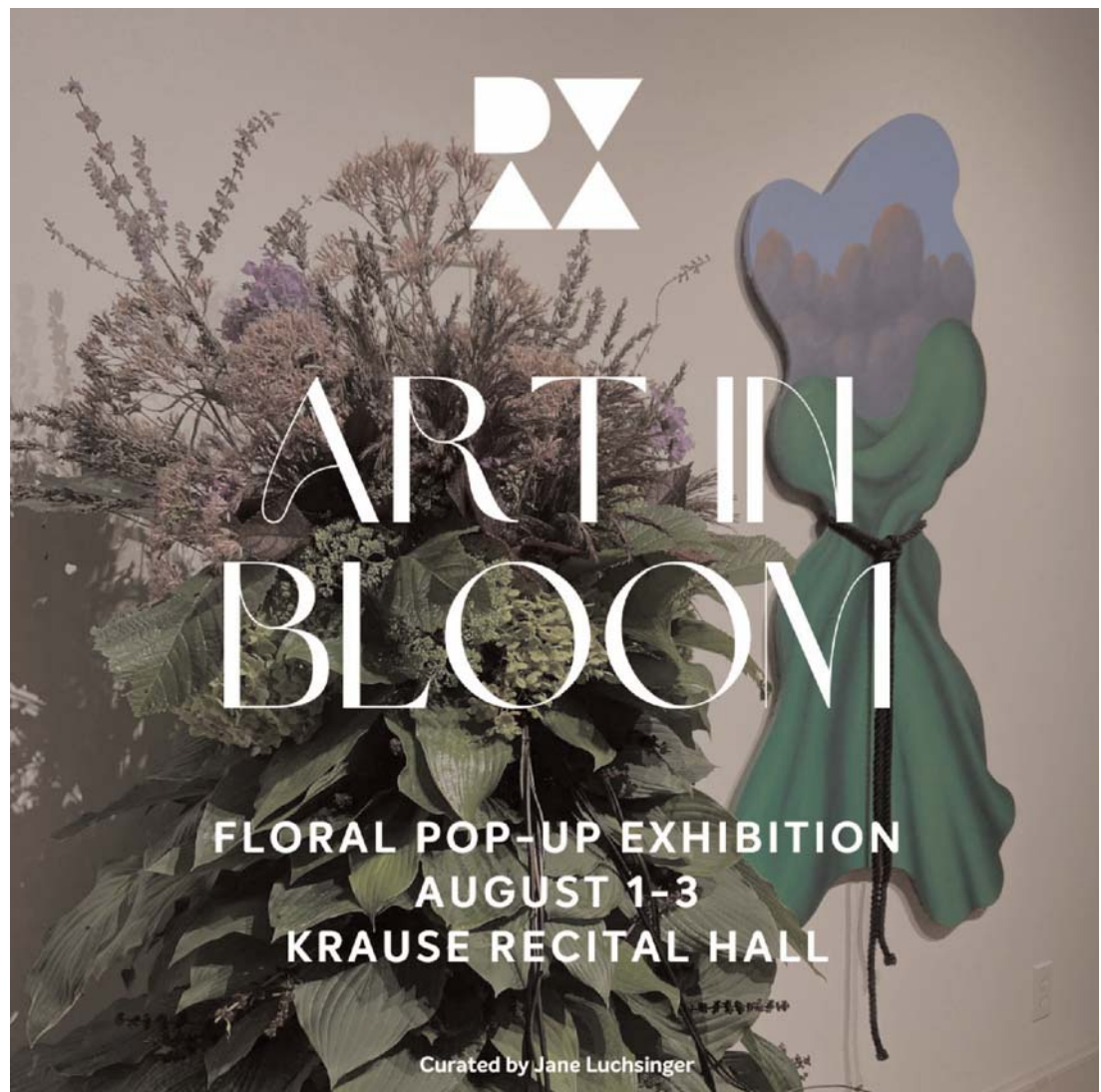
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Music Meets Bells: Santoor & Odissi Dance

*Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya and
Guru Sanchita Bhattacharya
Matagiri's 57th Birthday Benefit &
Sam Spanier Centenary
Saturday August 2nd 7:30 pm*

Matagiri Arts & Yoga Center presents a celebration of Indian music and dance in a program of Santoor and Odissi dance with world recognized musician Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya and Odissi Dancer Guru Sanchita Bhattacharya for a magical evening of Indian music & dance.

Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya is a master of the Santoor, a 100-stringed ancient instrument similar to the hammered dulcimer. His wife, Sanchita, is a beautiful accomplished performer and teacher of dance. They will be accompanied by a spectacular young tabla maestro, Jyotirmay Roychowdhury and Samuel Yanuck on clarinet.

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AUGUST 2, 3 PM ART OPENINGS!

Matthew Zappala: Birch Trees

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Painter Matthew Zappala's Birch Trees offers a quiet yet powerful meditation on nature's forms and rhythms. Drawing inspiration from Robert Frost's poem Birches, the series evolved from roadside sketches into striking visual compositions. Zappala manipulates space and perspective to create immersive scenes-some serene, others layered and dense. Ranging from abstracted gestures to finely rendered landscapes, the series invites viewers into close communion with the natural world.

Zappala's artistic journey began in the 1960s at Queens College CUNY and evolved through New York's artist-run cooperatives and decades of teaching. BirchTrees reflects his return to woodcuts and painting, capturing the expressive line work and contemplative beauty of his lifelong practice.

Zappala will generously donate all proceeds from art sales to Arts Society of Kingston!

This membership exhibit showcases a wide range of local artists' chosen works! Participating artists are Larry Arvidson, Edward Bakst, Sandra Belitza-Vazquez, Faith Bugman, Thomas Dinchuk, John Dinkey, Amy Fenton, Stacie Flint, Edgar Hartley, Craig Hazen, Barbara Holt, David Holt, Locke Johnston, Pat Kelly, Zack Paul.

This spirited exhibition showcases 17 unique poster submissions created for the 2025 Kingston Artists Soapbox Derby Poster Design Contest! This year's selected design by Min Goto, a Washington State native newly based in Kingston, captures the 30th anniversary of the Derby with a playful and textured scene of abstract vehicles racing through the Rondout-blending traditional and digital art with a childlike sensibility. The Soapbox Derby takes place on Sunday August 17. REGISTER HERE! https://kingstonartistssoapboxderby.com/?mc_cid=ef40dd1794&mc_eid=5bb4c202f9



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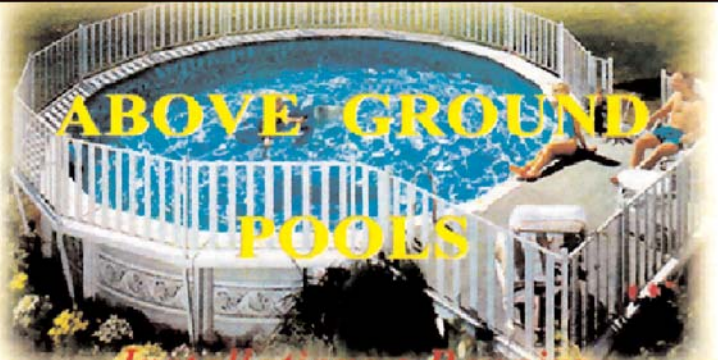
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Jeff Christensen, Bonnie Rychlak, Heidi Schlatter opens at Catskill Art Space on August 3

Livingston Manor, NY-Catskill Art Space (CAS) will present three exhibitions from Jeff Christensen, Bonnie Rychlak, and Heidi Schlatter. The exhibition opens on Saturday, August 30, with an artist talk from 3 to 4 p.m. and a reception from 4 to 5 p.m.; it remains on view through October 25. Catskill Art Space is pleased to present *The Dick Gibson Show: Six Paintings, 2015-2021* by Christensen, alongside new sculptural works by Rychlak and an immersive installation by Schlatter. These three artists offer distinct, materially driven explorations of history, architecture, memory, and the built environment.

In *The Dick Gibson Show*, Jeff Christensen delves into the visual detritus of the past, centering a series of paintings inspired by a set of found photographs from the 1960s—images of an anonymous DJ interviewing pop performers. With a nod to artist Neo Rauch's counsel to “explore the caves of your own mind rather than the caves of strangers,” Christensen uses the ephemera of others to animate a vivid, personal studio practice. His paintings embed the dynamic relationship between interviewer and subject within the swirling, ambient force of music, offering intimate glimpses into the artist's imaginative world.

Bonnie Rychlak's sculptural project continues her long-standing experimentation with wax and encaustic, addressing themes of feminism, materiality, and urban life. Her work centers on the sensuality and vulnerability of form—melting wax into fabric, casting it, painting with it, and coating wood and plastic surfaces. The resulting pieces are tactile and enigmatic, often described as “quirky objects of contemplation” that challenge conventional distinctions between the organic and the constructed.

Heidi Schlatter's critically oriented practice spans photography, sculpture, and installation. Her work at CAS examines the intersections of architecture, power, and historical narrative, engaging with the American western landscape as both a mythic ideal and a site of environmental and political consequence. The exhibition features imagery of the Alaskan pipeline, gold mining remnants, and a collapsed miner's shack, printed on reflective aluminum panels that shift appearance with changing light. This marks the second installment of her ongoing series addressing American expansionism. Schlatter's digitally manipulated images disrupt architectural space, amplifying the viewer's awareness of place while distorting familiar structures.

About the Artists

Jeff Christensen is a New Orleans and Roscoe-based artist. He worked for over 20 years as a graphic designer, art director, and illustrator before relocating upstate with his wife Sue Barnett, where they ran Hamish & Henry Booksellers and co-founded the Dry Goods Arts Association. He designed the first seven Trout Parade posters and was instrumental in shaping Roscoe's creative identity throughout the 2000s.

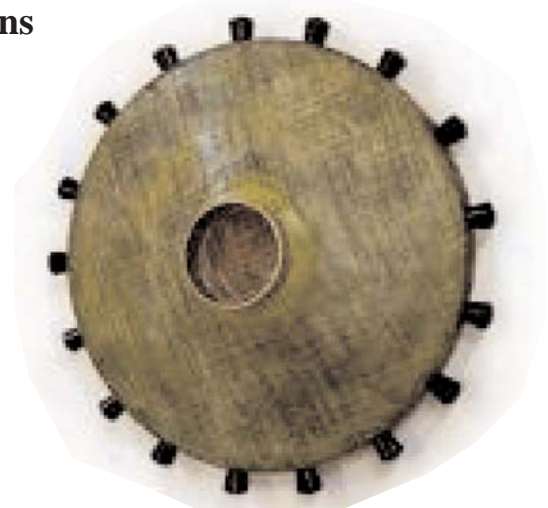
Bonnie Rychlak is an artist and occasional curator whose work has been exhibited extensively in the U.S. and Japan. She received her BA from UCLA and her MFA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Rychlak has been awarded fellowships and residencies from the American Academy in Rome, the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, and Surnadal Billag A/S in Norway, among others.

Heidi Schlatter is a New York and upstate-based artist originally from New Jersey. Her work has been exhibited internationally at venues including MoMA PS1, Hallwalls, Galerie Erna Hecey (Brussels), and the Daros Collection (Zurich), among many others. She is the recipient of grants from NYFA, Art Matters, and the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, and has held residencies at Yaddo, MacDowell, and Kunstlerhaus Boswil. Schlatter holds a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Jeff Christensen, Bonnie Rychlak, Heidi Schlatter opens at Catskill Art Space on August 3 (From Pg. 17)



Jeff Christensen, Olitsky Duff, 2021, oil on canvas, 112 x 70 inches



Bonnie Rychlak, ANOTHER RABBIT HOLE, 2023, encaustic over fabric, metal, and rubber, 18 x 6 inches

Long-term Installations

Following a major renovation and expansion, Catskill Art Space reopened in October 2022 with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's *Avaar* (1982) in a custom-built gallery on the building's second floor. A room-sized installation, *Avaar* is an important example of the artist's early, wall-based "aperture" works, which function by creating two areas within a room. There is a "viewing space," where one stands to see and experience the work, and a "sensing space," which is an ambiguously defined area of diffused light. *Avaar* is one of the rare examples of Turrell's aperture works to make use of white lighting only; no colors will be present in the installation. This work is in the collection of the Seattle Art Museum, which has granted CAS a special long-term loan to exhibit the work. The presentation at CAS marks the first time the work has been shown since the 1970s, giving audiences from the Catskills and beyond the rare opportunity to experience a major Turrell work that has not been seen in nearly five decades.

On the second floor's central landing, Sol LeWitt's vibrant *Wall Drawing #992* unfolds in three sections, each consisting of 10,000 straight lines drawn in color marker, to create a mesmerizing arrangement of primary colors. On the fourth wall, presenting *LeWitt's Wall Drawing #991*, straight, arced, and organic lines will encompass the wall in black marker and pencil. The conceptual, minimalist artist conceived guidelines for his two-dimensional works to be drawn directly on the wall. Much like Turrell's *Avaar*, the LeWitt works were realized for CAS's space; in this instance, they are generously loaned by the artist's estate. This work was overseen by a draftsman, who determines the length and placement of the lines, and executed by five artists local to the area over nearly two weeks.

The newly realized performance space on CAS's second floor hosts British sculptor Francis Cape's *A Gathering of Utopian Benches*-an installation of meticulous copies of benches built and used by communal societies. Cape's installations have always argued that design and craft express belief. *Utopian Benches*, which has toured extensively throughout the US, was built from poplar grown near Cape's studio in Narrowsburg, NY. To be considered both as contemporary sculpture as well as furniture that visitors can actively use, the benches reference the societies who first used them, inviting visitors to utilize them for exchange, discourse, and community. The installation, which is meant to be used by visitors both for contemplation and may be used for performance seating, overlooks an expansive wall of windows onto the Willowemoc Creek.

Ellen Brooks inaugurates an intimate gallery space, framed by a partially open staircase, with *Hang* (2022), an installation suspending over 30 feet of scrolls of film negatives from the ceiling. The artist hangs transparencies and negatives in all formats and from clips attached to the ceiling, mimicking the practice of film photography. Hanging negatives reference the surrounding natural landscaping, evoking a cascading waterfall with coils of film collecting on the ground floor gallery.

About Catskill Art Space

Catskill Art Space (CAS) explores contemporary art practices of emerging and established artists. Through exhibitions, performances, classes, lectures, and screenings, CAS fosters creative community in the Catskills.

Established as Catskill Art Society in 1971, CAS reopened in October 2022 as Catskill Art Space following a major renovation and expansion of its multi-arts center, located in the picturesque hamlet of Livingston Manor in the Western Catskills. CAS presents a rotating slate of exhibitions, performances and other events featuring national and regional talents, alongside long-term installations of works by James Turrell, Sol LeWitt, Francis Cape, and Ellen Brooks. Learn more at catskillartspace.org.



Heidi Schlatter, Untitled, 2025, uv ink on dibond

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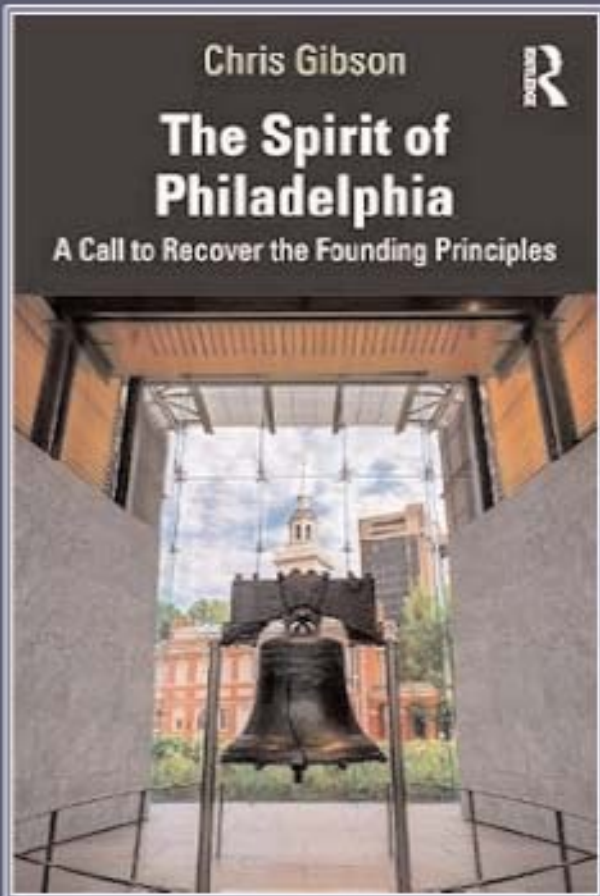
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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday
Mass at 8:30AM.

Thursday, 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplete followed by Mass

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church
**The Church with
a friendly welcome**

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

Thrift Sale

**Sat., Aug. 2nd
9 am - 12 noon**



**Grahamsville & Sundown
United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin
845-985-2283

**Claryville Reformed
Church**

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:15 am
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

Loucks Funeral Home

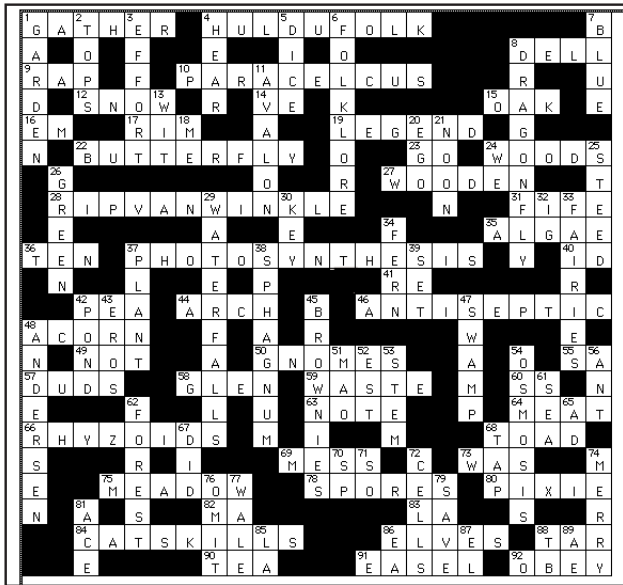
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79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN
every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
In the upstairs meeting room
at the Neversink Town Hall

Also
WANTED
People to
play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

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Call us at 845-985-0501
email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
or visit our Virtual Mall
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>



Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

Aug 2, 2025 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items
available for sale***(Covered Dish Suppers are held the
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall)*

Clip & Save

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
Grahamsville, NY 12740**Thrift Sale Schedule 2025**

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

August - 2nd and 16th
Sept - 6th and 20thOctober - 4th and 18th
Nov - 1st and 15th
(weather permitting)**Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair**Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, start-
ing March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

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

Primetimers of Temple Sholom sponsoring Bus Trip to NYC on August 13th

The Primetimers of Temple Sholom of Monticello are sponsoring a day trip to New York City via Leprechaun Lines on Wednesday, August 13th. Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity. The bus leaves the Temple parking lot on East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM and will leave the City at approximately 5:00 PM. Reservation must be received by August 4th.

Checks should be made out to Primetimers. Call Paula for further information and reservations at 561-504-7192.

Temple Sholom Fundraiser Cruise to Nassau

Leave January 11 and return to Miami on January 18, 2026.

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

For further information, contact Barry Gleen at
barry.gleen@cruiseplanners.com.

or (516) 281-5905

All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Sholom.

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

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/2/25 **Sundown UMC Ladies Saturday Indoor Yard Sale** 9 am - 1 pm Sundown UMC Hall
 8/2/25 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon
 8/2/25 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church
 8/5/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
 8/12/25 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 8/13/25 Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
 8/20/25 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association** Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
 8/21/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
 8/21/25 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!

145th Annual Little World's Fair - Aug 15th thru Aug 17, 2025

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **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 July 28 - August 1, 2025

Monday, July 28

o **6:30 PM - Climate Smart Committee:** Ulster County Fair Climate Row Training, via Zoom, Meeting ID: 812 5415 3072

Tuesday, July 29

o No Meetings

Wednesday, July 30

o **CANCELLED** 6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Thursday, July 31

o **5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing:** Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2025, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, August 1

o No Meetings

**SONG CLUB at MISU**

Every last Saturday of the month
 All ages and voices welcome

Song Club is a drop-in singing experience that builds community through singing original arrangements of familiar songs in a safe and welcoming environment.

The audience is the choir!
 For more information visit our website

40 Market St. Ellenville
www.misucatskills.org
 845.377.3727



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 and Ulster Counties
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SHADOWLAND
STAGES

Waitress

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

JULY 25 - AUG 24

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

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

FORTICKETS - CALL 845.647.5511
BUY ONLINE AT **SHADOWLANDSTAGES.ORG**

Hit Musical WAITRESS at SHADOWLAND STAGES

"I'd order up a slice of this one before it's all gone! It's that good!"

-Aisle Seat

We are thrilled to announce that our production of the smash-hit musical WAITRESS opened this past weekend to sold-out audiences and standing ovations!

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

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

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

Featuring a powerhouse cast led by Madeline Fansler* (International productions of Six, The Great Comet), alongside returning SHADOWLAND favorites Brandi Knox* and Lizzie Cenicola* (Beehive), this production also stars Austin Mirsoltani, Nathaniel Anchetta, Bree Ogaldez*, Lindsay O'Neil*, Mark Mazzearella*, Ray Faiola*, and Aaron Mitchum**.

Directed by SHADOWLAND's own Brittany Proia, with choreography by Andrew Geller Karl, music direction by Nathan Perry, and stage management by Nicole Caroselli*.

*Actors' Equity Association members indicated by *

Director Brittany Proia talks about WAITRESS at SHADOWLAND!

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

Tickets are on sale now and going fast:

Buy online at shadowlandstages.org

Or call the box office at 845-647-5511

TICKET AVAILABILITY

THURSDAY 7/31 - 8 PM: Tickets Available

FRIDAY 8/1 - 8 PM: BEST AVAILABILITY

SATURDAY 8/2 - 2 PM: 9 Seats Remaining

SATURDAY 8/2 - 8 PM: BEST AVAILABILITY

SUNDAY 8/3 - 2 PM: 10 Seats Remaining

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Hit Musical WAITRESS at SHADOWLAND STAGES

(From Pg. 26)

Performance & Ticket Info:

July 25-Aug 24 at The MainStage (157 Canal Street, Ellenville)

Evenings Thurs-Sat at 8 PM- Saturday & Sunday Matinees at 2 PM

Group and subscriber discounts available!

Celebrate 40 years of SHADOWLAND with an unforgettable night of theatre, community, and connection.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc_cid=9e75520f30&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

Still want to subscribe?

It's not too late!

Call the box office at 845-647-5511 and save nearly 20% on the next 5 shows!

TICKETS & BOX OFFICE

Tickets can be purchased anytime at shadowlandstages.org, or by calling our box office at 845-647-5511 (open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 PM or until curtain). You can also buy tickets in person at the venue where the show is being performed, beginning two hours before curtain.

Season subscribers can save up to 20% on ticket prices, and groups of 10 or more qualify for significant discounts. Call our box office for more information on group packages.

As we celebrate this extraordinary 40-year milestone, we invite you to join us for a season that honors the past, celebrates the present, and looks with excitement to the future. Whether you're a long-time supporter or first-time visitor, this is the season to experience the transformative magic of live theatre in the heart of the Hudson Valley.

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- \$15.00 per week
(3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week
(3" x 6") - \$45.00 per week
1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00 per week
1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00 per week
Full Page - 8" x 10" - \$100.00 per week
Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week
**Sign up for quarterly billing and get
a 20% discount**

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

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

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High Visibility!

Daniel Pierce Library



Watercolor Painting with Chris Parrow

Thursday, August 28, 2025

6:00-7:30 p.m.

\$5 Supply Fee

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



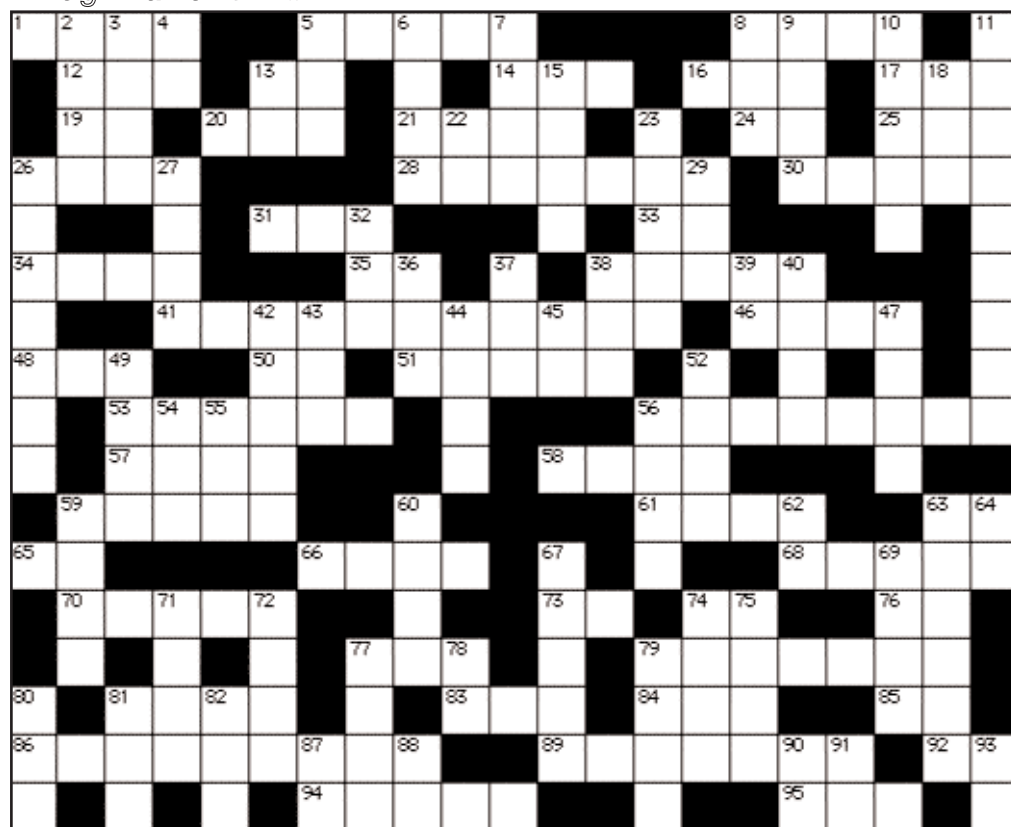
Program made possible by Central Hudson

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

Register for Watercolor Painting

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeB_4wNr05FRciupUaTo7uPt6LZkzFjiPUmekf0mgYqbgSrsg/viewform

Dog Daze -L Comando



Across

1 Portable cloth shelter
12 Move rhythmically to music
8 Season after summer
12 Home of a rattlesnake
13 Either
14 Used to express good wishes on parting
16 Hearing auricle
17 Not well
19 District Attorney
20 Without limit
21 Amphora
24 District of Columbia
25 Brewed beverage
26 Short for carbohydrate
28 Skilled in fine arts
30 Pays attention

31 A blueberry favorite
33 At the age of
34 Hairy insect that gathers pollen
35 European Plan
38 Put into soil
41 Blue black cousin of the blueberry
46 In fun
48 A rule of conduct
50 Long Island
51 One cent
53 Directions to prepare food
56 Training to refine the mind
57 Strong metal
58 Whirling motion
59 Smelled bad
61 A person of the same rank
63 Title

before a man's surname
65 Outfit worn by a martial arts student
66 Implement
68 Gain access to
70 Division of society into ranks
73 That thing
74 Toward
76 Advertisement
77 A high rocky hill
79 Famous "Renaissance Man"
81 Tower used to store grain
83 Consumed food
84 Tool for chopping wood
85 Knights of Columbus
86 Town that shares its name with the '69

music festival held in Bethel
89 Renaissance
92 Surrounded by
94 Large deer with palmate antlers
95 Anger

DOWN

2 Norse saga
3 Close to
4 Tennessee postal code
5 Arid
6 A variable star that suddenly increases in brightness
7 Where the sun rises
8 Trend
9 Curve
10 Metric unit
11 Established example of expressionism
13 Supported by
15 Blood

vessel
18 Semi-conductor diode that emits light
22 Aramaic
23 Country that gave birth to the Renaissance
26 Deep dish fruit pie
27 Wilderness
29 The ocean
32 Snake-like fish
36 Dynamism
37 Female chicken
38 Tool bar
39 New Jersey
40 Printed work
42 Ping
43 Hide of a young animal
44 Animal that has often been seen in Sundown this summer
45 Registered Nurse
47 Grow weak
49 Something written
52 Song
54 Age
55 In opposition to

56 Drinking containers
59 Not well
60 Single-handed
62 Regarding
63 Famous Italian Renaissance family
64 Railroad
67 Natural steam larger than a creek

69 Stitch
71 Dry
72 Ingredient of a Sumi-e ink stick
74 A Judd Hirsch TV series
75 Not

under
77 Tortilla dish
78 Egyptian sun god
79 Small amounts
80 Possess
81 Male child
82 Lysergic acid diathy-

lamide
87 Cosmic sound
88 Knockout
90 Seventh note of the major scale
91 Hour
93 Negative response

Impossible Quesadilla Pie

2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chiles, drained
4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 cups milk
1 cup Bisquick
4 eggs

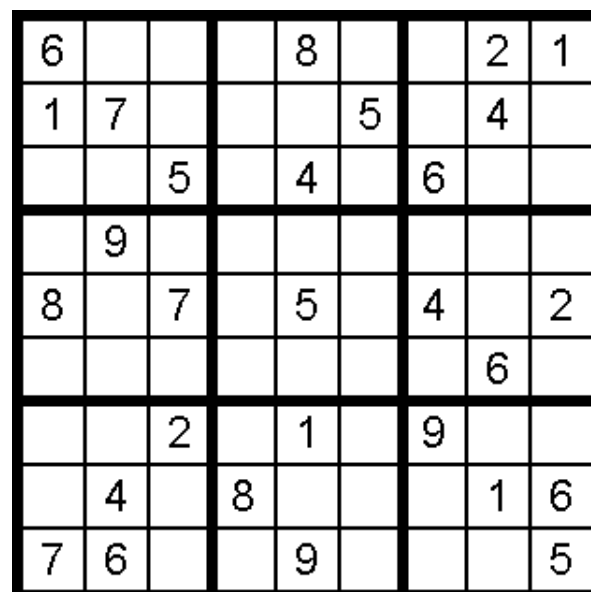
Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate. Sprinkle chiles and cheese into plate.

Beat remaining ingredients until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into plate. Bake until knife inserted between center and edge comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Serve with sour cream and guacamole if desired.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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Cryptogram

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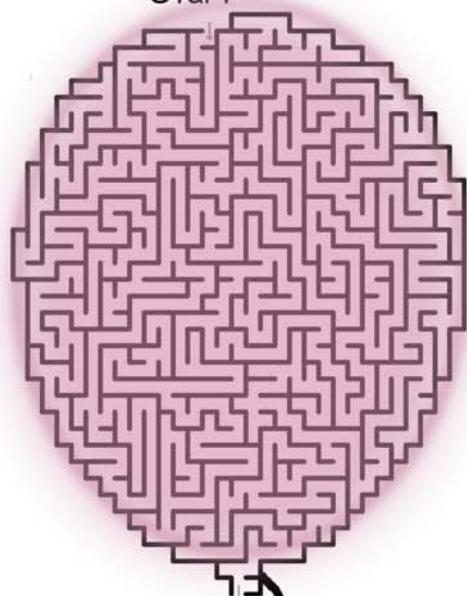
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Can you find your way through the balloon?

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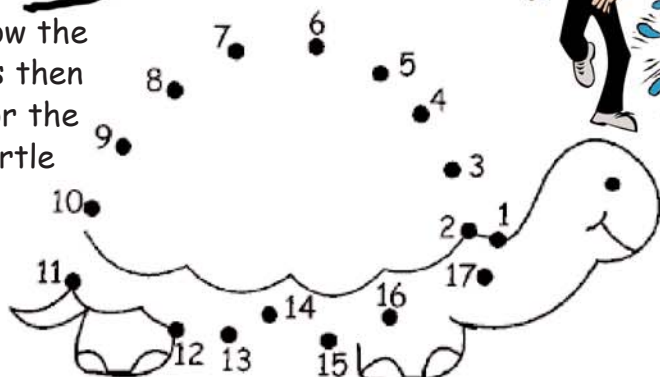
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Kids' Fun Summer Page

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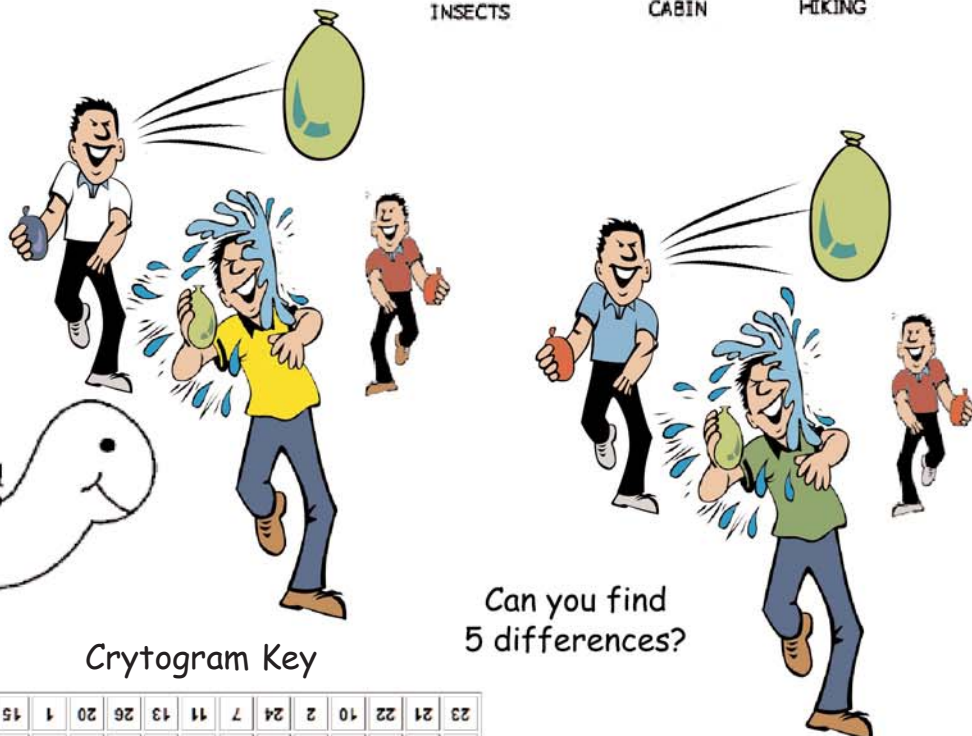
Follow the dots then color the turtle



Cryptogram Key

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Can you find 5 differences?





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Community

WELLNESS DAY

RAIN OR SHINE

AT DEHOYOS PARK,
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD
10:00AM – 2:00PM

Bring your favorite
cuddly friend and
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While supplies last, First
100 kids get a FREE
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- ★ MAGIC SHOW FUN
- ★ AND MUCH MORE !



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

845-292-5910 X 2233



Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



Aug 2, 2025
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

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

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

**VET 2 VET OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
PRESENTS OUR**

BACK 2 SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

**HELPING CHILDREN OF VETERANS AND
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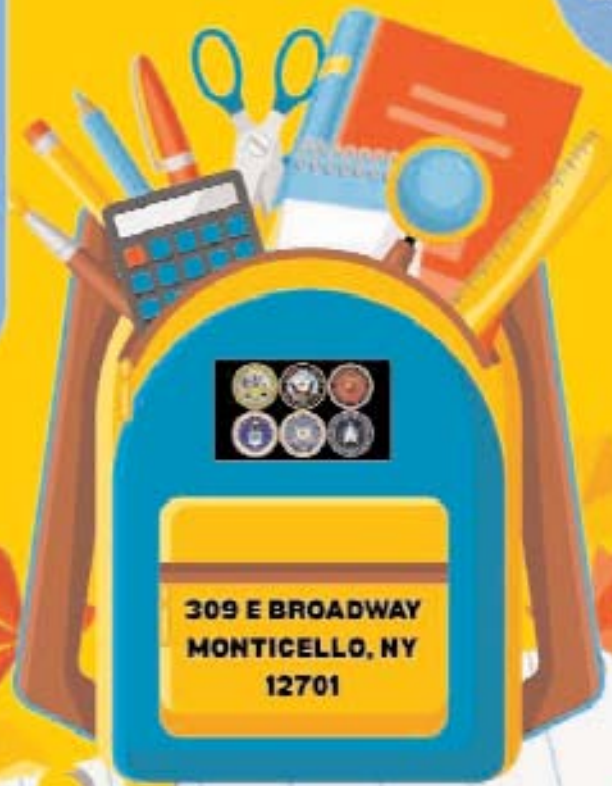
Please call our **Veteran Peer Advocates** at **845-794-4228** to register

WHAT TO KNOW:

- 100% FREE
- OPEN TO ANY K-12
STUDENT OF A VETERAN
OR CURRENT SERVICE
MEMBER
- CALL TO REGISTER BY
8/15/25

***STUDENTS MUST BE
PRESENT TO RECEIVE A
BACKPACK**

**1 BRAND NEW
BACKPACK W/
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
PER CHILD**



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Sundown UMC Ladies Saturday Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

Saturday, August 2nd

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Open Saturdays thru Labor Day

New Items Every Week!

Check out our Christmas Items



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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

Historic Claryville Schoolhouse Museum



Experience a One Room School from Long Ago!



Interactive exhibits, games and activities for kids!

2025 Open Hours

July 27

August 10 and 24

September 14

October 12

1 to 4 p.m.

Admission by donation



Photos by Dennis Muthig

Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

Adjacent to the Claryville Reformed Church Hall

946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

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

1930s Catskill Family Farm Phase II Opening

**13 added farm buildings - sap house,
sawmill, pig pen, chicken coop and more -
all with exhibits, interactives and videos!**

20 buildings in all! Fun for children and adults!

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

No live animals, sorry!



Addy boys on Grandfather Coombe's farm

An Urgent Call to Protect the Heart of Catskill Fly Fishing

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (CFFCM) stands as a living tribute to the birthplace of American fly fishing. Nestled along the Willowemoc Creek in Livingston Manor, NY, our institution is more than a museum-it is a guardian of heritage, an educational force, and a vital community pillar. But today, the very heart of our mission is at risk.

Our HVAC systems-responsible for protecting the archives, the Wulff Gallery, the Garrison-Carmichael Rod Shop, and all public exhibition areas-are failing. Without immediate replacement, over 50,000 priceless artifacts are vulnerable to irreversible damage. We must raise \$60,000 in just 60 days to preserve our past and safeguard our future.

Why It Matters

Our collection is among the most comprehensive in the country, containing irreplaceable items such as:

- Flies tied by Theodore Gordon, the "Father of American Dry Fly Fishing"
- Handwritten letters and original tackle from Lee and Joan Wulff
- The Ed Van Put Collection, documenting stream ecology and fly tying
- Rare rods from Payne, Leonard, and Winston workshops
- Early photographs of Catskill stream restoration efforts

Each artifact is a story. Together, they represent generations of conservation, craftsmanship, and community. And with every passing day under unstable conditions, their future becomes more uncertain.

A Collection That Lives and Teaches

The CFFCM is not a static archive. It is an active center for learning, with its collection fueling:

- School tours and hands-on workshops
- Public exhibits that explore gender, ecology, and history
- Lectures from conservationists and fly fishing legends
- A growing digital archive, projected to reach 50,000+ items

This isn't just about rods and reels. It's about preserving the soul of a uniquely American tradition.

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With \$60,000, we can:

- Fully replace the failing HVAC systems
- Stabilize climate conditions in the archive and exhibit spaces
- Continue digitizing the collection for global access
- Meet professional preservation standards essential for museum accreditation

Time is Short. The Need is Real.

Without climate control, even acid-free containers and custom mounts can't stop the deterioration of delicate paper, wood, feather, and fabric artifacts. UV exposure, humidity, pests-all threaten a legacy we cannot afford to lose.

Make a Gift Today. Help Us Protect What Can't Be Replaced.

Donate now at www.cffcm.com Or mail a check to: Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum PO Box 1295 Livingston Manor, NY 12758

Questions? Call us at (845) 439-4810 or visit www.cffcm.com

Thank you for helping preserve the history of fly fishing-and the values it teaches-for generations to come.

DEC to Host 14th Annual Great Hudson River Fish Count

on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025

New Yorkers Encouraged to 'Get Offline and Get Outside' at Multiple Hudson River Sites

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that the 14th annual Great Hudson River Estuary Fish Count will take place at multiple sites along the banks and piers of the Hudson River on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025.



"The Hudson River Estuary is an amazing and critical habitat for many fish and wildlife species, and this annual event provides a great opportunity for New York families and visitors to get outside and see first-hand how unique the river is to the life cycle of so many fish," Com-

missioner Lefton said. "With sites from New York Harbor to Cohoes, there are many places for people of all ages and abilities to participate in this year's fish count."

Participants from the Capital Region to New York City are invited to explore the variety of creatures usually hidden below the river's surface. Freshwater upriver and salty at New York City, the Hudson River Estuary and watershed is home to more than 200 fish species, including several species that migrate into the river from the Atlantic Ocean each spring to spawn.



During the annual Fish Count, participating organizations encourage visitors to help collect fish using seine nets, minnow traps, or rods and reels.

Seining involves pulling a 30-foot net through the water and checking out the fish, crabs, and other river life caught in its mesh. Participants may watch from shore or, at some locations, use available waders to help pull in the net.



The fish are released after everyone has a chance to experience them up close.



Catches at all sites are shared and posted online. Comparing notes builds an understanding of the diversity of fishes and habitats in the Hudson, the vitality of the estuarine ecosystem in urban and rural settings, and the influence of salinity and tides.

This annual event complements Governor Kathy Hochul's "Get Offline, Get Outside" initiative, which promotes physical and mental health by helping New York's kids and families to put down their phones and computers, take a break from social media, and enjoy recreation and outdoor social gatherings. The event is sponsored by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Management Program in partnership with several environmental organizations.

Participating public Great Hudson River Fish Count sites:

Albany County:

Peebles Island State Park, Cohoes: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DEC Region 4 Fisheries

Note: Display will be at the Second Street bridge. Brooklyn:

Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 4 Beach: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy

Learn more and pre-register for the Brooklyn Bridge Park event.

Dutchess County:

Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg: 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie: 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Reserve tickets for the Clearwater Sails event.

Note: There is a cost to these sails. The 1 p.m. sail tickets are flexible fare. The 5:30 p.m. sail tickets are full price. The sloop is docked at the south end of Waryas Park.

Putnam County:

Little Stony Point Beach in Hudson Highlands State Park, Cold Spring: 12 p.m.

DEC Hudson River Estuary Program

Note: Meet on the beach

Rockland County:

Piermont Pier, Hudson River Field Station, Piermont: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University

Ulster County:

Kingston Point Park Beach, Kingston: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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For more information, visit the Great Hudson River Estuary Fish Count webpage. While there, watch a clip about seining in the Hudson River on DEC's YouTube Channel.

Photos from previous years Great Hudson River Estuary Fish Count Events, Photo Courtesy @NYSDEC.

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BLUE MOUNTAINS TROUT NEWS

JULY 2025
By Ed Ostapczuk



*This wild Catskill headwater brook trout had to taste an Ausable Wulff before being released to fight another day.
Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.*

Summer Chapter Meetings

There are no chapter meetings, or additional outings, scheduled for July or August. Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting in September, where election of officers and directors will take place. This is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2025, with notice hereby given to all chapter members of our yearly Annual Meeting. There will be another newsletter before then. Our board will continue to meet monthly to plan and conduct chapter business.

Save the Dates...

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming important 2025 chapter events:

Sept. 6: Olive Day. Our chapter will conduct public outreach on Olive Day at Davis Park in West Shokan on Watson Hollow Road from 9 AM to 4 PM+. If you can, please stop by and say hello!

Sept. 13: Fall Fund Raiser and Stewardship Evening at the Phoenicia Diner. Back by popular acclaim, the popular Phoenicia Diner will host our fall event again this season. See the flyer below for details.

Sept. 25: Chapter Annual Meeting. More information will be forthcoming.

Oct. 22-24: 2025 CERM Conference. The 2025 Catskill Environmental Research & Monitoring Conference (CERM) will be held at Belleayre Ski Center's Discovery Lodge. Refer to our

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Give Trout a Break!

With summer holding court over these Catskill Mountains and our rivers, it's time to give the trout a break. Always, always, always check water temperatures before fishing. Please utilize a stream thermometer to check water temperatures; avoid fishing for trout once temperatures reach 70 degrees and higher. You'll only stress the trout, probably killing those released with the best intentions. If you want to trout fish, best times might be at daybreak, since many of our Catskill waters often cool off during night before heating up again in the afternoon. But, on those really hot days and warm nights, water cooling might be at a minimum - if at all. So, consider angling for warmwater fish, or fishing below a NYC Catskill reservoir offering coldwater releases. But check water temps even on these tailwaters by referring to USGS gages offering this information. Autumn is not that far away, give the trout a summer break!

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Blue Mountain Trout News

(From Pg. 40)

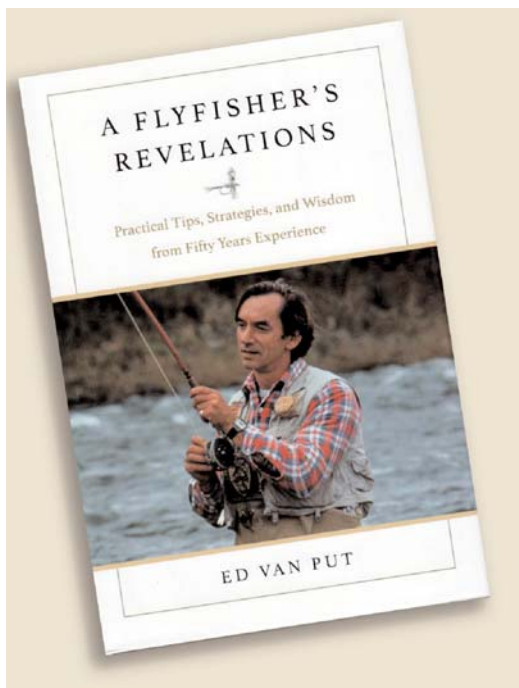
Fall Fund-Raiser and Stewardship Evening Coming Up in Mid-September!

Our Stewardship committee - consisting of John Yanzek, Yuki Asada, and George Holz - is hard at working pulling together plans for our September 13, 2025 Fall Fund Raiser and Stewardship Evening - to be held at the Phoenicia Diner again this year. The 2024 event was the most successful fund-raising auction we ever had, while participants raved about the food and setting. If you have auction items you you'd like to donate to support this, please contact John at: <mailto:jyanzek@gmail.com?subject=APWCTU%20Fall%20Fund-Raiser>. Flies, artwork, books, other collectible items, or cash donations are always welcome. Watch for more information as the weeks unfold. For now, mark your calendar. You don't want to miss it!

Annual Meeting and TU Board Nominations

As noted above, the chapter's Annual Meeting will soon be upon us. We are always seeking members who can lend their time and talents to serve on our board, either as an officer or director. If you think you can help, or want more information, please contact Tony Coccozza, chair of the nominating committee at: <mailto:flyfish@hvc.rr.com?subject=APWCTU%20board%20nominations> or Tony's cellphone: 845-750-7505.

A Flyfisher's Revelations by Ed Van Put



Ed Van Put's newest book is finally available. Ed was an avid, skilled Catskill fly-fisher for over fifty years, in addition to his distinguished career as a fishery professional with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC). He was quite the conservationist, fly fisher, author, and

lover of our Catskill waters. If not for Ed, much of our Catskill Public Fishing Right (PFR) waters would not exist today, especially all along Esopus Creek. All anglers owe Ed our external thanks; we were graced by his presence. This book, based upon a life-time of experiences, is an excellent read. His wife Judy, and others, are in the process of reconstructing the Beamoc Chapter of Trout Unlimited, which Ed helped formulate decades ago. Books can be ordered from

thebeaverkill.com for \$30, plus an additional cost for shipping/handling (about \$7.50).

Catskill Heritage Brook Trout studies

Update: Plans are underway to conduct a 2025 Catskill Heritage Brook Trout Study on a fifth Esopus Creek watershed tributary while we try to resolve sequencing issues with our 2024 fin clippings.

June Chapter Outing

After much discussion, jockeying of dates and locations, an outing was held on June 24. About a dozen members fished the Esopus upstream of Phoenicia where stream temperatures were cooler and safe to fish. Afterwards, folks met at Brio's for pizza and fellowship.

Precipitation Report

Jody Hoyt reported during June there were 6 measurable events in Boiceville with 4.06 inches of rain with a weighted pH average of 5.6. By comparison, in June, 2024 there were also 6 rain events measuring 5.19 inches with a 5.8 weighted average pH. Thanks again Jody for your ongoing efforts collecting this data!

Recently the Weather Channel presented a piece on historical warming trends, showing while some years might be cooler than others overall, the climate's temperature trend is progressing upward. And they also showed data indicating that while yearly U.S. rainfall averages might be the same, storm events now are becoming more severe with larger amounts of rain in shorter periods, causing more flooding, as witnessed in recent months. I thought the data, while not really new, was interesting.

For more information:

Temperature trends, FYI: <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-global-temperature>

Rainfall trends, FYI: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-heavy-precipitation>

Treasurer's Report

John Yanzek reported at the end of June the chapter's total cash assets were \$12,739.11.

Next Chapter Newsletter

Unless there's a need beforehand, the next chapter newsletter will probably be for September. Enjoy summer! Membership

If you have membership questions or concerns, or know someone who wants to join our chapter, please contact Russell Martin at: <mailto:rmartintu@gmail.com?subject=TU%20membership%20inquiry>.

Until next time,
Ed Ostapczuk
July 24, 2025

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"DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 27 Now Available: A Bit About Bats

DEC Wildlife Biologists Emphasize Importance of Protecting New York's Nine Native Bat Species

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 27- A Bit About Bats -shines a light on the work of DEC's Bat Diversity Program to study and protect New York's native bat populations.

Bats are the world's only flying mammal and New York State is home to nine different species. In this episode, hosts Executive Deputy Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff

Erica Ringewald are joined by DEC Wildlife Biologists Casey Kennedy and Ashley Meyer with the Division of Fish and Wildlife to explain how the program tracks population changes and distribution of bats throughout the state, misconceptions about rabies, the devastating impact of White Nose Syndrome that causes mass mortality in four of New York's hibernating bat species, and how these 'angry kittens' of the wild can be identified by their toe hairs.

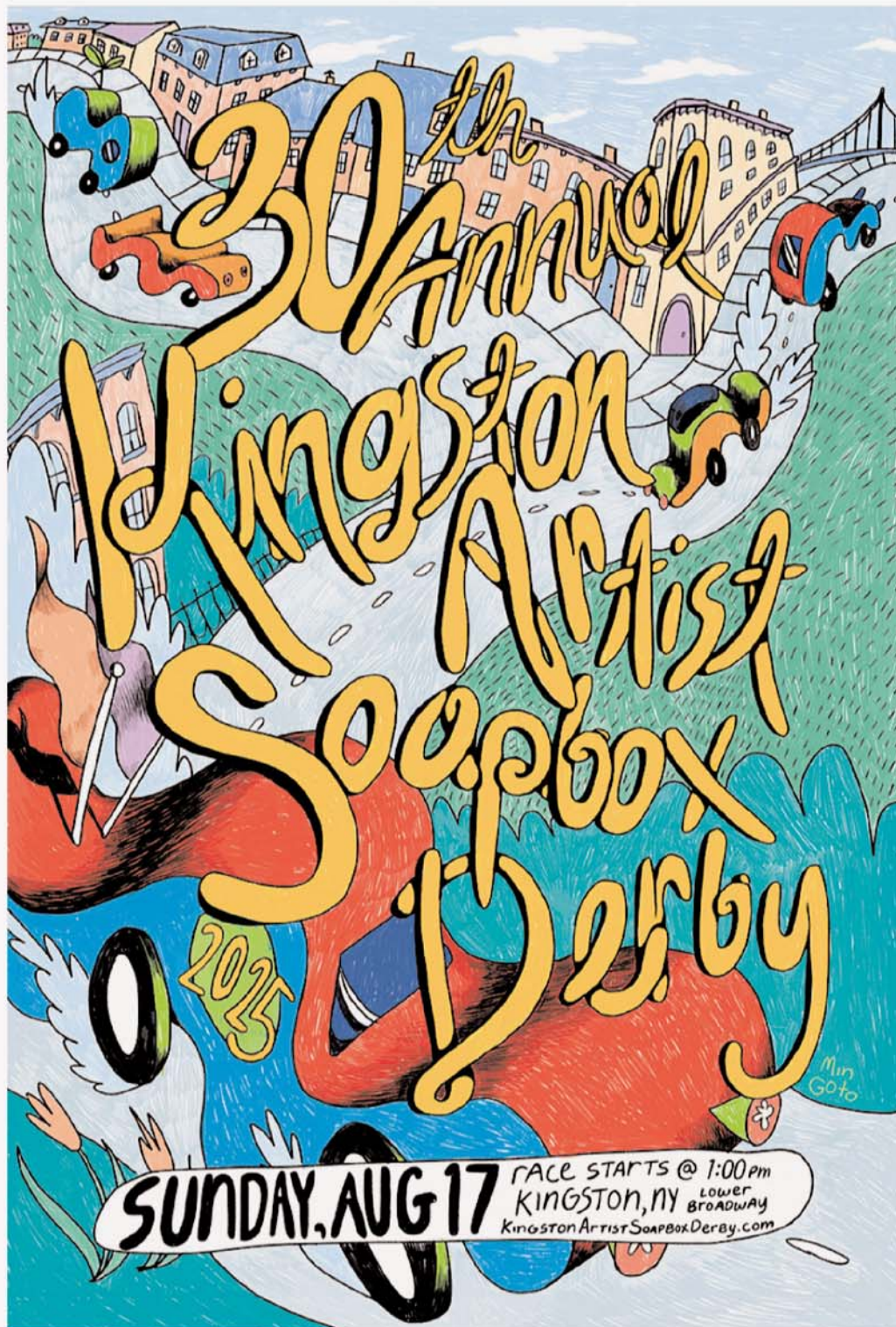
Casey and Ashley also discuss the origins of their interest in studying bats, how New Yorkers can help support and restore bat populations, and the many benefits bats provide-including pest control, roles in bio-medical research due to their resilience to diseases, and the pollination of agave plants used to make tequila.

All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms. For more information on "DEC Does What?!", visit DEC's Podcast webpage.

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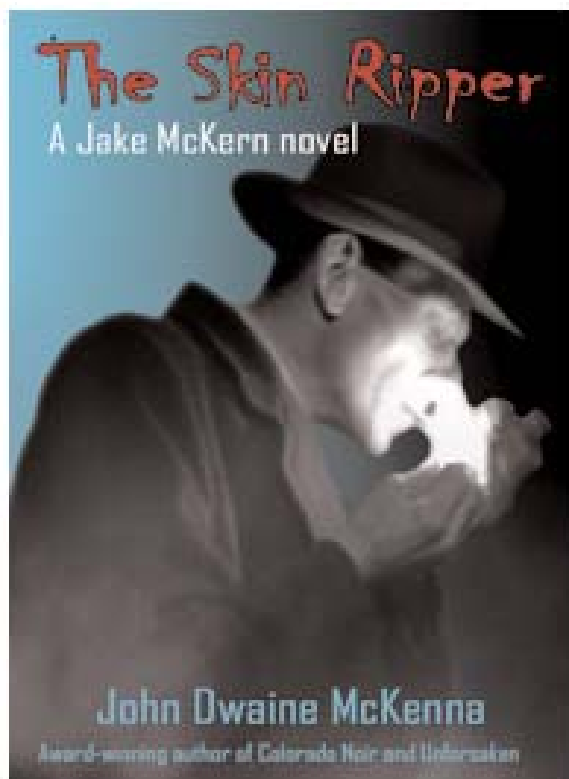
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The 14th Amendment was never intended to grant automatic citizenship to those who violate our borders. This legislation restores its true meaning by ensuring citizenship at birth is reserved for children born to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. Working alongside Senator Tom Cotton, who introduced the Senate version of this bill, we're taking bold steps to safeguard the integrity of American citizenship and reinforce the rule of law.

GOP Lawmaker Introduces Bill to End Automatic Birthright Citizenship for Children of Illegal Aliens House GOP's Myth vs. Fact: Debunking Lies About the One Big Beautiful Bill

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill is “just a tax break for billionaires.”

FACT: The One Big Beautiful Bill delivers the largest middle- and working-class tax cut in U.S. history. The President's legislation will put more than \$10,000 a year back in the pocket of a typical, hardworking American family. This is the most pro-growth, pro-worker, pro-family legislation ever crafted.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “leaves American workers behind.”

FACT: This is the most pro-American worker bill in history. The One Big Beautiful Bill boosts pay for millions-and with no tax on tips or overtime, those working hourly or service jobs receive additional tax relief.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “hurts small businesses.”

FACT: The One Big Beautiful Bill will make the TCJA tax cuts permanent, including the small business deduction-helping Main Street grow and hire. Failure to pass this legislation would have resulted in a \$4 trillion tax hike.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “kicks American families off Medicaid.”

FACT: The One Big Beautiful Bill protects and strengthens Medicaid for those who rely on it, specifically pregnant women,

children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families, while eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. The One Big Beautiful Bill enforces work requirements and protects Medicaid for the truly vulnerable.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “cuts Medicare.”

FACT: Medicare has not been touched in this bill.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “will close rural hospitals.”

FACT: OBBBA makes a historic investment in rural healthcare. The Rural Health Transformation Program provides unprecedented new funding to states for a range of uses designed to make rural healthcare more effective and sustainable for the long term, including \$50 billion in targeted funds for rural hospitals. Rural providers only receive 7% of all Medicaid hospital funding today. The bill refocuses federal priorities to ensure these providers have the resources they need.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “punishes vulnerable Americans with work requirements to receive their benefits.”

FACT: Not true. The 20-hour weekly work requirement applies only to able-bodied adults without young children and promotes dignity, stability, and better health outcomes for families. The One Big Beautiful Bill restores the dignity of work with historically bipartisan work requirements for able-bodied Americans. We are implementing commonsense, bipartisan work, volunteer, education, or training requirements with broad bipartisan support.

MYTH: “SNAP work requirements are unnecessary.”

FACT: Only 28% of able-bodied adults on SNAP work. The mission of the program has failed. SNAP was intended to be temporary help for those who encounter tough times-we are strengthening this program to serve those who need it most.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “doesn't actually end taxes on Social Security.”

FACT: 88% of seniors will not be taxed on their Social Security benefits because of the new \$6,000 tax deduction.

MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “increases the deficit.”

FACT: The One Big Beautiful Bill reduces deficits by roughly \$2 trillion by increasing economic growth and cutting waste, fraud, and abuse across government programs at an unprecedented rate. This legislation delivers historic levels of mandatory savings. President Trump's pro-growth economic formula will reduce the deficit, increase wages, deliver American jobs, and drive down the cost of living.

MYTH: “But the CBO says....”

FACT: The CBO misreads the economic consequences of not extending the TCJA tax cuts. The One Big Beautiful Bill delivers real savings that will unleash our economy and prevent the largest tax hike in history, resulting in historic prosperity, while lowering the debt burden.

MYTH: “Republicans shut Democrats out of the legislative process.”

FACT: This was not a partisan bill-Democrats shut themselves out by supporting higher taxes, open borders, and giveaways to illegal immigrants. The One Big Beautiful Bill delivers on Republican promises to lower taxes, secure the border, cut spending, and put Americans first. (Contd. Pg.56)

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MYTH: The One Big Beautiful Bill “border package is not necessary since President Trump has secured the border.”

FACT: We must ensure that the invasion we witnessed as a nation under Joe Biden and Kamala Harris never happens again. The One Big Beautiful Bill's historic investment in our border security ensures we permanently secure our border and protect our homeland by finishing the border wall, hiring 10,000 new ICE officers, and funding efforts to stop the flow of fentanyl.

Lies vs. Truth: How the Obama Admin Created the Russia Collusion Hoax

LIE: Putin and the Russian Government helped Trump win the 2016 election.

TRUTH: President Obama and former CIA Director Brennan fabricated the Russia Hoax, suppressed intelligence showing Putin was preparing for the possibility of a Clinton victory.

EVIDENCE:

The Obama Administration's January 2017 Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA) failed to disclose that the only piece of classified intelligence indicating that Putin “aspired” to help Trump win the 2016 election was based on “one scant, unclear, and unverifiable fragment of a sentence” that one senior CIA officer said had been interpreted “five ways” by five different people.

Despite warnings from two senior CIA officers that “we don't have direct information that Putin wanted to get Trump elected,” the Obama Administration published the faulty January 2017 ICA, which “did not cite any report where Putin directly indicated helping Trump win was the objective.”

Obama's ICA excluded “significant intelligence” and “ignored or selectively quoted” reliable intelligence that would have discredited the ICA's key findings on Putin's alleged support for Trump. Information intentionally omitted from the ICA included intelligence from a longtime Putin confidant who said:

“Putin told him he did not care who won the election”

“Putin had often outlined the weaknesses of both major candidates”

“Russia was strategically placed to outmaneuver either [candidate]”

Obama's ICA omitted context showing Putin's alleged preference for Trump was “implausible-if not ridiculous.”

Obama's ICA suppressed intelligence that showed Russia was planning for then-candidate Hillary Clinton's victory because “they knew where [she] stood” and believed Russia “could work with her.”

Obama's ICA “did not address why Putin chose not to leak more discrediting material on Clinton,” even as polls tightened in the final weeks of the election. The material in Russia's possession, which Putin decided not use against Clinton, included the following information from the Democratic National Committee:

Senior Democrat leaders found Clinton's health to be “extraordinarily alarming.”

Clinton allegedly suffered from “intensified psycho-emotional problems, including uncontrolled fits of anger, aggression, and cheerfulness,” and that Clinton was allegedly on a daily regimen of “heavy tranquilizers.”

FBI Director Comey testified to HPSCI in August 2016 that the DNC “was telling people that [former Attorney General]

Lynch was working to control me and keeping a named member of the Clinton campaign informed on what the FBI was doing” in the Clinton email investigation.

The Obama State Department offered “significant increases in financing” to US religious organizations “in exchange for supporting Secretary Clinton.”

Obama's ICA suppressed intelligence showing that “Putin was not only demonstrating a clear lack of concern for Trump's election fate,” but also indicated “that [Putin] preferred to see Secretary Clinton elected, knowing she would be a more vulnerable President.”

Obama's ICA omitted key intelligence collected after the 2016 election about how the Russian Government organized anti-Trump rallies within the United States.

According to *Embassy* and media reporting, Trump's election victory was a surprise to Moscow.

LIE: The Steele Dossier was not used as a source in the Obama Administration's January 2017 Intelligence Community Assessment of the November 2016 election.

TRUTH: Not only did CIA Director Brennan and FBI Director Comey use the Steele Dossier for the 2017 ICA, but they overruled senior officials who had warned of the Steele Dossier's flaws.

EVIDENCE:

The Steele Dossier “was referenced in the ICA main body text, and further detailed” in an annex.

Brennan and his IC misled Congress into thinking the Steele Dossier had intelligence value by explicitly referring to the Steele Dossier as “Russian plans and intentions.”

When pressed by a senior CIA officer on the Steele Dossier's flaws, Brennan replied, “yes, but doesn't it ring true?”

The HPSCI oversight report found that “even though the dossier information was unclassified,” its summary was “only included in the highest classified version,” allowing the ICA's authors to “shield the assessment from scrutiny” and prevent other intelligence officers from checking their work.

FBI Director Comey “pushed to have the Dossier woven throughout the main text of the ICA.”

Despite being comprised of veteran FBI Counter Intelligence Division agents and analysts, the FBI Crossfire Hurricane team “was willing, without further vetting, to rely on the dossier to secure surveillance warrants on US citizens.”

LIE: The Obama Administration's January ICA was an independent IC product, produced with apolitical analysis.

TRUTH: Obama directly ordered the IC to create this product and, along with his political appointees, influenced its findings.

EVIDENCE:

Obama's direct order to produce the ICA was “unlike routine IC analysis.” The crafting of the ICA was subject to “unusual directives from the President” and other senior political appointees.

CIA Director Brennan ordered the post-election publication of three “substandard” intelligence reports which became the “foundational sources” for the central ICA findings that Putin preferred Trump over Clinton.

These substandard intelligence reports contained information that was described as “unclear, of uncertain origin, potentially biased, or implausible.” (Contd. Pg. 57)

This Week With Claudia (From Pg 56) Obama's ICA issued "high confidence" judgements without following IC guidelines to make those assessments, which typically require "clear and reliable reports from multiple sources."

Obama's ICA was rushed through the review process, meaning senior officials only saw the draft "days before it was published," creating pressure to avoid "making significant substantive changes to the draft."

LIE: Obama's ICA did not advance the Russian collusion hoax.

TRUTH: Not only did the ICA influence U.S. policies and the perception of America abroad, but it also sparked a coordinated media campaign to subvert President Trump's 2016 victory.

EVIDENCE:

The HPSCI report found the ICA "affected all manner of decision by Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government, as well as the perceptions of American democracy by US allies, foreign opponents, the US and world media, and American citizens."

On December 9, mere hours after the now infamous secret Russia meeting at the Obama White House, media headlines read: "Russian Hackers Acted to Aid Trump in Election, U.S. Says."

Further leaks about the upcoming ICA, along with its findings after its publication in January 2017, drove a coordinated media campaign to push the lie that Russia interfered in the 2016 election.

Obama's ICA was used as the basis for countless smears seeking to delegitimize President Trump's victory, the years-long Mueller investigation, two Congressional impeachments, heightened US-Russia tensions, the investigation and arrest of innocent people, and more.

LIE: There was no change in intelligence after President Trump's victory.

TRUTH: As DNI Gabbard has previously shown, the Obama Administration directed a change in intelligence in December 2016.

EVIDENCE:

On December 5, 2016, the FBI and ODNI gave HPSCI its first, post-election classified brief on Russian activities. In the briefing, the agencies "made no mention of Putin" working to elect Trump.

Four days later, on December 9, the same day as the Secret Russia Meeting at the Obama White House, Brennan ordered the CIA to publish the substandard reporting, which had previously been unpublished since the reports had not met "longstanding" IC standards.

Supporting Our Servicemembers and Manufacturers

The FORKS Made in America Permanency Act will permanently strengthen American manufacturing and ensure our troops are equipped with the highest-quality flatware, made right here at home. This bill eliminates the expiration date on a key provision I secured in the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act, which required the Department of Defense to purchase stainless steel flatware and dinnerware exclusively from U.S. manufacturers. By making this requirement permanent, we're upholding the spirit of the Berry Amendment and giving our troops American-made tools they can rely on. This would be a big win for our servicemen, our local economy, and hardworking manufacturers across Central New York.

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. 1202, the Stop Human Trafficking of Unaccompanied Migrant Children Act: This bill would establish new vetting standards by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and related agencies, before releasing an unaccompanied child to a sponsor. According to a report from the DHS Office of the Inspector General, over 300,000 unaccompanied migrant children essentially disappeared during the Biden administration, putting them at risk of trafficking, abuse, and exploitation. This legislation requires that all categories of adult prospective sponsors, whether a parent, immediate relative, or unrelated adult, be properly vetted before an unaccompanied child is placed.

H.R. 1262, the Give Kids a Chance Act of 2025: This bill would reauthorize the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) priority review voucher (PRV) program, which allows pharmaceutical companies to expedite FDA reviews of more profitable drugs in return for developing treatments for rare pediatric diseases. Children make up as much as half of those living with rare diseases, yet treatment options for children remain very limited compared to adults. The Give Kids a Chance Act builds on successful strategies used to develop treatments for kids fighting cancer and other rare diseases, giving children a better chance to fight these rare illnesses.

H.R. 649, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act: This bill revises requirements for milk provided by the National School Lunch Program of the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Milk offers 13 essential nutrients that support growth and health, both crucial for academic achievement. Children require wholesome, nourishing foods to build strength and maintain health, and whole milk is rich in the nutrients they need. The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025 gives schools the flexibility to provide various alternatives, while also supporting students and America's dairy farmers.

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

Monday, July 21

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3095, To direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes. This bill creates new unified ZIP codes for 65 cities, towns, and communities across 15 states, including New York. This will help unify communities under one ZIP code, allowing them to standardize mail delivery rates, delivery times, and insurance rates. This bill passed by a vote of 278-121.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3351, the Improving Access to Small Business Information Act. This bill allows the SEC's Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation to conduct field surveys and engage directly with small business owners and investors without being tripped up by the Paperwork Reduction Act's burdensome approval process. (Contd. Pg. 58)

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As someone who regularly meets with entrepreneurs across my district, I know they want government to be more responsive, not more complicated. Small businesses shouldn't have to wait on bureaucratic red tape for Washington to listen to them. By cutting through the red tape and letting the Advocate gather real-time feedback, this bill ensures small business voices can be heard when it matters most. It's a simple fix that will make a meaningful difference for the innovators, job creators, and family-owned enterprises that power our economy. The bill passed the House by a vote of 387-12.

Tuesday, July 22

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3939, the Wabeno Economic Development Act. This bill requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive review of the Federal permitting process for the development of stone, sand, and gravel on Federal lands and would require a report to Congress on its findings. Additionally, this bill would convey 14 acres of National Forest System land to a local aggregates business, helping job creation in this rural area. Establishing better, more efficient permitting processes while also driving domestic mining is key to boosting our economic mineral production and supporting job creation. This bill passed by a vote of 410-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1917, the Great Lakes Mass Marking Program Act of 2025. First initiated as a pilot program in 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began tagging hatchery-produced fish to gather data used by State and Tribal fish management agencies to make management decisions regarding Great Lakes fisheries. This bill would establish this pilot as a full program within the Fish and Wildlife Service in the Great Lakes Basin to help assess the effectiveness of hatchery operations and fisheries management actions, as well as to support Great Lakes fisheries. This benefits both fishing sportsmen in New York and the ecology of the Great Lakes. This bill passed by a vote of 360-57.

Wednesday, July 23

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4275, the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2025. This bill reauthorizes the Coast Guard through fiscal year 2029. Additionally, the bill supports Coast Guard operations and modernization efforts, enhances transparency in acquisition processes, and strengthens maritime drug interdiction initiatives through explicit smuggling prohibitions and the development of coordinated federal policies. This reauthorization funds the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and expands the education for cadets who choose to serve our nation. The U.S. Coast Guard supports NY-24 with four Coast Guard Stations and Auxiliary Stations, protecting our communities, aiding in search and rescue, and assisting Customs and Border Patrol in safeguarding our northern border. This bipartisan bill passed by a vote of 399-12.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3357, the Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act. This bill requires public companies with multi-class stock structures to disclose the ownership and voting power of specified shareholders across all classes of stock. It's a straightforward step to shine a light on corporate governance and help investors better understand how decisions are made in the boardroom. More Americans than ever before are putting their hard-earned savings into the market so it is critical to ensure transparency around control structures. This bill passed the House by a vote of 381-31.



We had a busy few days in Washington as I pushed for more transparency from the Trump Administration by demanding a release of the Epstein files, fought back against Trump's Anti-Affordability Agenda, and passed major legislation to get deadly fentanyl out of our communities. I'm looking forward to being home in the Hudson Valley and speaking with you on how I can continue to deliver a more affordable, more safe, and more free Hudson Valley for our families.

I wanted to take a moment to update you on what I've been working on this week:

GETTING DEADLY FENTANYL OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES

The fentanyl crisis is ripping Hudson Valley families apart and I'm working every day to end the heartbreak.

I pushed relentlessly to get the HALT Fentanyl Act across the finish line and I'm proud that it was signed into law. The law permanently moves fentanyl into the highest and most regulated classification of illicit drugs, strengthening local law enforcement's ability to crack down on the criminals trafficking it into our communities. And now, criminals can't get off easy by creating new versions of fentanyl to poison our community members with. This law applies to fentanyl AND new versions and fentanyl-like substances

I'll continue fighting to get deadly fentanyl off our streets, hold drug traffickers fully accountable, and make our community more safe.

DEMANDING TRANSPARENCY - RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES

GOP "leadership" sending Congress home early is nothing but a weak, pathetic move by politicians hellbent on preventing transparency on an issue that the American people have clearly expressed matters to them deeply.

It's yet another promise broken. That's why this week I continued my fight for the transparency from the Trump Administration that you are owed by sponsoring a bipartisan resolution demanding that the Epstein files be released to every American.

I'm proud to be fighting alongside my colleagues from both sides of the aisle.

We're standing with the American people demanding answers - not only because it's what they deserve, but because it is what they were promised. Read more here.

I'll keep up the pressure on Trump's officials, just like I pressed Secretary Sean Duffy last week. Watch him dodge holding Trump accountable by refusing to commit to even discussing the release of the Epstein files with Trump here .

BRINGING ASSISTANCE, ANSWERS, AND RELIEF DIRECTLY TO YOU

These first months of this Trump Administration have been relentless attacks on the livelihoods of Hudson Valley families. My team and I are acting with the urgency this moment warrants to make sure that every Hudson Valley family has the direct relief, support, and answers they deserve, right where they are and when they need it.

My team will be back on the road with the C.A.R.E.S. Van throughout August, bringing assistance with federal agencies directly to you.

Whether you need help navigating your Social Security benefits, are worried about losing access to your health care, or have questions about the major slashes in federal grants and how to find new funding, my team is looking forward to hearing you and helping you - hope you'll join! (Contd. Pg. 59)

Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 58) CONGRATULATING A KINGSTON HERO

I want to congratulate Kingston's new Deputy Chief of Police, Ricky Negron! Read more about the new Deputy Chief here !

Hudson Valley cops are heroes, and I'll fight every day to ensure they have the tools and resources they need to protect our communities.

PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

In the last several weeks, we've seen ICE ramp up its presence in the Hudson Valley, often with no communication or identification - the case of Gerson Turcios is yet another unacceptable example.

Trump said he'd focus on violent criminals; instead he's snatching law-abiding small-business owners off our streets, which is a betrayal of our country and our values.

My team and I are all-hands-on-deck to make sure EVERYONE has the rights afforded to them by our Constitution.

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

BATTLING TRUMP'S ANTI-AFFORDABILITY AGENDA

From cruel cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, to snatching food from the hands of kids and seniors, to slashing grants that help our communities, small businesses, and households thrive, to sending the cost of living skyrocketing with tariffs, Trump's Anti-Affordability Agenda is a non-stop attack on the livelihood of New York families.

I joined with Governor Hochul this week to discuss how we're going to work together to protect YOU from the hurt Trump is inflicting.

CELEBRATING ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST CITIES

We know every community in the Hudson Valley is in the top-tier of the nation and I'm excited to see Poughkeepsie make the list of the country's 100 best cities again this year.

A HUGE congratulations to everyone in Poughkeepsie for being part of creating such a special place. Read more about the city's accomplishment here .

From dynamic local businesses to stellar food, our home in the Hudson Valley has so much to offer.

CONTINUING THE PUSH TO SAVE THE NEWBURGH-BEACON FERRY

Yet again, the Hudson Valley is getting left behind by an NYC-centric MTA that takes our tax dollars, but consistently turns its back on our community.

Hudson Valley families deserve better - we need to be adding options, not taking them away. I will keep pushing back every time the MTA tries to ignore the unified voice of the Hudson Valley. Read more about our fight here.

DEMANDING BETTER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

I've made it clear: Hegseth has proven time and time again that he is FUBAR.

I love our men and women in uniform. I hate what Hegseth is doing to them.

I will keep up the heat - our servicemembers deserve better.

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE HUDSON VALLEY

Do you know a Hudson Valley college student passionate about public service and serving our neighbors across the Hudson Valley?

Encourage them to apply to a fall internship in my office! The deadline for an internship application for my district office for the fall session is August 15 and the deadline for my DC office is August 1. Find the application here !

Applications are also accepted on a rolling basis for every session - fall, spring, and summer. I'm excited to meet some of the Hudson Valley's outstanding students!

KEEPING YOUNG MINDS LEARNING OVER THE SUMMER

Don't tell the kids, but back-to-school season is approaching fast. There's still time though to join my all-new summer reading challenge for Hudson Valley students grades K-8!

Students who read 5 or more books between July 1st and August 31st will receive a Congressional Certificate of Achievement!

GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Projects: Grants for Arts Projects provides funding for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector.

- NEA Applicant Portal Opens to applicants: July 22, 2025, 9:00am

- NEA Applicant Portal Submission deadline: July 29, 2025, 11:59pm

-Notification of recommended funding or rejection: Early to mid-April 2026

-Earliest project start date: June 1, 2026

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

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

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

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

Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Opportunities from the Office on Violence Against Women : The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Below is a sample of the open opportunities:

- Grants to Enhance Community-based Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

- Closes August 5, 2025

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

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Pat Ryan

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- Applications are due by 5 p.m. on September 12.
- Any community that needs assistance with its water infrastructure is encouraged to contact the Community Assistance Teams.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

**NYSEG Wants to Raise Your Rates. I'm Fighting Back.**

Upstate New Yorkers shouldn't have to choose between keeping the lights on and putting food on the table. But while families in Binghamton, Ithaca, and Oneonta are figuring out how to stretch a paycheck, NYSEG's parent company in Spain is reporting billions in profits. Now they want you to pay even more.

I'm fighting back.

I'm intervening in their rate proposal to demand full transparency, real public engagement, and proof that every dollar NYSEG collects actually helps our communities-not corporate profits overseas.

Read more in Ithaca Times

https://www.ithaca.com/news/ithaca/as-constituents-struggle-to-afford-rising-utility-bills-local-leaders-are-calling-for-corporate-accountability/article_513b7355-6f7c-4855-9291-12e624ba8c79.html

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**I'M WORKING TO IMPROVE RURAL ROADS AND BRIDGES ACROSS UPSTATE NEW YORK**

Every farmer, every rural business, and every family in Upstate New York deserves safe, reliable roads and bridges.

That's why I introduced the Agricultural and Rural Roads Improvement Program Act, which would unlock \$275 million in federal funding to repair rural roads and bridges.

This bill isn't about politics-it's about getting the job done for our rural communities. Better infrastructure means lower costs, fewer delays, and safer roads.

That's exactly what I'm committed to delivering for the hard-working families who power our economy.

I'M INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE FIRST NATIONAL BAN ON PRICE GOUGING DURING EMERGENCIES

Too many companies are hiking prices on the things we need-when we need them the most. That's why I'm introducing legislation to establish the first robust national ban on price gouging during emergencies.

Big corporations will hate this bill, but that's fine by me. I work for Upstate New Yorkers, not them.

<https://x.com/RepRileyNY/status/1948457679258534192>

I HELPED PASS TWO BILLS TO HONOR UPSTATE VETERANS

This week, I voted yes on two pieces of legislation to ensure Upstate Veterans receive the recognition, care, and respect they've earned.

The first is the PRO Veterans Act, which bans excessive bonuses for senior-level VA employees. Because taxpayer dollars should go to Veterans and their care, not lining the pockets of DC bureaucrats.

The second is the ACES Act, which commissions a study on cancer risks among aircrew Veterans. Because any hero facing health risks tied to their service deserves answers.

Our Veterans made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, and I'll continue doing everything I can to have their backs.

I CELEBRATED AMPHENOL AEROSPACE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE HOUSE FLOOR

In Upstate New York, we don't just make things-we make history.

100 years of Amphenol Aerospace. Built by union labor. Powered by Upstate resilience.

Here's to the next century, made right here in NY19.

MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**OXFORD FARMERS' MARKET**

Last weekend, I stopped by the Oxford Farmers' Market in Chenango County. I grabbed blueberries from Fox Trail Farm and ran into a few neighbors.

It was Upstate summer at its best!

CHENANGO PRIDE

I proudly attended the Chenango County PrideFest in Norwich and presented a Certificate of Congressional Recognition to the Chenango County Pride Alliance.

Everyone in Upstate New York deserves to love who they love, without fear and without apology.

CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY

I was honored to meet with the Southern Tier chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby.

Our children deserve clean air, drinkable water, and sustainable futures. I'm committed to making that vision a reality in Upstate New York.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!**

Lorette from Endicott: Did you know that the nation's first Farm Bureau was founded in Broome County in 1911?

Have a fun fact about Upstate New York you'd like to see in the Riley Report?

Share

Here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV4uk6sGiXYMsTCK9yDrEW7jQDEFQ9F4w1BolPFah1n52XNA/viewform>

IN THE NEWS

As Constituents Struggle to Afford Rising Utility Bills, Local Leaders are Calling for Corporate Accountability

Riley leads \$275M push to fix rural roads in highway bill

Representative Josh Riley cracks down on price gouging with new legislation

Riley leads push for rural infrastructure improvements in Highway Bill

And as always, to stay up to date with the work I'm doing, follow along on my official social media pages at @RepRileyNY on X, Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky! If there's anything my team or I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Stefanik, Issa Reinintroduce Modern Firearm Safety Act July 24, 2025

SARATOGA N.Y., - Today, House Republican Leadership Chairwoman Elise Stefanik joined Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) in reintroducing the Modern Firearm Safety Act to prohibit states like New York and California from enacting unconstitutional "handgun rosters" that prevent law-abiding citizens from accessing modern, safer handgun models and require firearm manufacturers to adopt costly and unnecessary features, making it nearly impossible to sell new handguns.

"I am proud to re-introduce the Modern Firearm Safety Act to end the unconstitutional gun-grabbing agenda thrust on law-abiding New York residents by Far Left Democrats like Kathy Hochul. This legislation would ban Albany Democrats from imposing illegal handgun roster requirements meant to deter gun ownership. I will always protect American citizens' Second Amendment rights and provide a critical check to any entity attempting to encroach on their liberties," said Chairwoman Stefanik.

"For decades, the clear Constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners have been targeted for elimination, and handgun rosters are only one of the cynical schemes used to undermine the Second Amendment through the pretense of firearm safety," said Congressman Issa. "These rosters impose excessive and unnecessary requirements that actually restrict access to firearms equipped with the most up-to-date safety features, and that's why I'm proud to partner with my friend Rep. Stefanik to defend sacred rights and end these unjust restrictions."

Specifically, the Modern Firearm Safety Act would:

1. Prohibit states from requiring loaded chamber indicators, magazine disconnect mechanisms, and microstamping for handgun sales, helping restore Second Amendment rights in restrictive states.

2. Coincide with a federal district court ruling that found California's handgun roster requirements unconstitutional. New York, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, and the District of Columbia have already enacted restrictive handgun rosters with others considering similar measures. These rosters currently mandate that firearms include costly and unnecessary features, including loaded chamber indicators, magazine disconnect mechanisms, and microstamping technology. This makes it nearly impossible for manufacturers to introduce new handgun models. This bill would prohibit all states from requiring loaded chamber indicators, magazine disconnect mechanisms, and microstamping technology, aiming to restore the Second Amendment in states hostile to gun ownership.

Read the bill [HERE](https://files.constantcontact.com/81b76c35801/b8ef3de4-3b52-4cb6-8b09-ea7f1f5a525e.pdf?rdr=true).

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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute

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

1. Fighting for first responders

First responders are the backbone of our public safety system, and they deserve our support. This week, Kirsten hosted over 100 New York firefighters, EMTs, and law enforcement officers for a day of panels, workshops, and advocacy on Capitol Hill.

From supporting the 9/11 health program to making sure police officers have the mental health resources they need, Kirsten is committed to fighting for first responders in New York and beyond.

2. Advocating for child care for police officers

Offering child care for law enforcement officers could boost recruitment, help families plan around abnormal work schedules, and increase public safety.

This week, Kirsten announced a bipartisan bill that would provide \$24 million in federal funding for each of the next 5 fiscal years to establish a pilot program to provide child care for law enforcement families. This bill is a win-win for law enforcement and communities, and she's committed to ushering it to passage.

Read more. <https://www.wamc.org/news/2025-07-21/gillibrand-touts-bill-aimed-at-expanding-childcare-for-police-officers>

3. \$\$\$ _ NY infrastructure

This week, as ranking member of the Transportation and Housing Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, Kirsten secured significant funding for New York infrastructure, transit, and housing projects in the Senate Appropriations Committee's draft Transportation and Housing bill.

This funding will help New Yorkers travel more easily, make homes more affordable, and improve air traffic congestion at local airports-and Kirsten is pushing to get this bill passed.

Read about the specific funded projects here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-touts-big-wins-for-new-york-state-in-senate-appropriations-transportation-housing-and-urban-development-subcommittees-fiscal-year-2026-appropriations-bill/>

4. Helping seniors with Social Security

A 91-year-old Westchester County senior contacted Kirsten's office for assistance when her Social Security benefits were paused for two months after the passing of her husband, pending transition from Railroad Retirement Board benefits to Social Security Retirement benefits.

After Kirsten's team inquired about the status of the benefits transition, the constituent received a \$3,000 payment in past-due benefits and had her ongoing benefits reinstated.

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

5. Protecting estuaries in New York

Protecting estuaries is critical for our environment, our economy, and our health.

This week, Kirsten sounded the alarm about a Trump administration proposal to cut \$8 million in funding from the National Estuary Program (NEP), which works to maintain and restore water quality of estuaries across the country, including the Peconic Estuary and Long Island Sound. Without sufficient funding, the NEP will not be able to keep New York's estuaries safe from pollution, jeopardizing public health, the environment, and local jobs.

Read more. <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/towns/gillibrand-national-estuary-program-proposed-cuts-x40izq57>

Gillibrand Touts Big Win for New York State in Senate Appropriations Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee's Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Bill

The Bill Bolsters Funding for New York State Projects, Including Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway, Tenant Protection Vouchers, and Amtrak's Northeast Corridor

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, ranking member of the Transportation and Housing subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, touted big wins she worked to include for New York State and that were passed out of committee in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

"New Yorkers from Brooklyn to Hamilton County know firsthand that our state needs critical infrastructure, transportation, and affordable housing investment," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am proud that our committee worked together on a bipartisan basis and passed a bill that addresses these critical needs. The funding will help New Yorkers travel around our state more easily, make homes more affordable, and improve air traffic congestion at local airports. I'm proud of the work this subcommittee has done to produce a strong bill and urge my colleagues to pass it through the full Senate as soon as possible."

The bill includes funding for important priorities in New York State:

1. \$700 million to fund the Hudson River Tunnel;
2. \$307.3 million to fund Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway;
3. \$850 million to fully fund Amtrak's budget request for the Northeast Corridor;
4. \$22 billion to fully fund the Federal Aviation Administration, which will help address congestion issues at John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia, and Newark Airports;
5. \$514 million for the Essential Air Service program to continue to support the Massena, Ogdensburg, Plattsburgh, Saranac Lake/Lake Placid, and Watertown airports;
6. \$62 million for the Reconnecting Communities program Senator Gillibrand created in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund projects to remove and mitigate infrastructure that divides communities;
7. \$20 million in new funding to support transit safety and security initiatives, including for the MTA;
8. \$161.5 million in funding for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, including for campus and building renovations;
9. Full funding to maintain rental assistance, including \$430 million for tenant protection vouchers to assist the most at-risk residents in NYCHA;
10. Invests in expanding and improving the homeless response system to help senior citizens, veterans, youth, and others facing homelessness;
11. \$1.25 billion to sustain the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the primary federal program builds more affordable housing;
12. And \$73 million in congressionally directed spending for

affordable housing, community development, and transportation projects across New York.

Gillibrand Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Reduce Contamination at Military Sites and In Surrounding Communities

Legislation would facilitate better management of PFAS contamination at military bases, airfields, training sites, and other DOD installations

WASHINGTON, D.C. - This week, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand introduced the bipartisan DOD PFAS Discharge Prevention Act. This legislation would reduce drinking water pollution and exposure to toxic forever chemicals for firefighters, service members, and communities by facilitating better management of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at Department of Defense (DOD) installations.

PFAS chemicals are widespread contaminants found in many industrial applications, firefighting foam, and a variety of consumer products. PFAS exposure is linked to an array of health problems, including various cancers, reduced immune function, reproductive challenges, birth defects, thyroid problems, and more. The use of PFAS-containing firefighting foam at DOD facilities and subsequent stormwater runoff is a significant source of drinking water pollution, which poses health threats to service members and their families, veterans, and firefighters.

The DOD PFAS Discharge Prevention Act would facilitate the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) at DOD facilities to mitigate PFAS pollution at the source, before it contaminates drinking water. Specifically, the bill would use a small portion of existing PFAS remediation funding to:

- o Require DOD to regularly monitor for PFAS at DOD installations; and
- o Facilitate the implementation of base-specific BMPs to limit PFAS-laden stormwater runoff at DOD facilities.

"Access to clean, safe water is a human right," said Senator Gillibrand. "This legislation will not only protect service members, firefighters, and communities from toxic PFAS exposure, but it will also reduce the need for costly PFAS remediation. It's a common-sense bill, and I look forward to getting it passed."

This bill is endorsed by the Southern Environmental Law Center.

"Protecting our service members, veterans, firefighters, and surrounding communities from toxic PFAS pollution begins with turning off the tap," said Jean Zhuang, Senior Attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center. "Controlling PFAS at the source using existing law is the most fair and cost-effective path forward. This bill is a win-win: it reduces future cleanup costs, protects public health, and ensures taxpayer dollars are used efficiently to keep our troops and communities safe."

Companion legislation was also introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Reps. McClellan (D-VA), Kiggans (R-VA), LaLota (R-NY), Ryan (D-NY), Foushee (D-NC), Lawler (R-NY), Cohen (D-TN), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Tlaib (D-MI), and Scott (D-VA).



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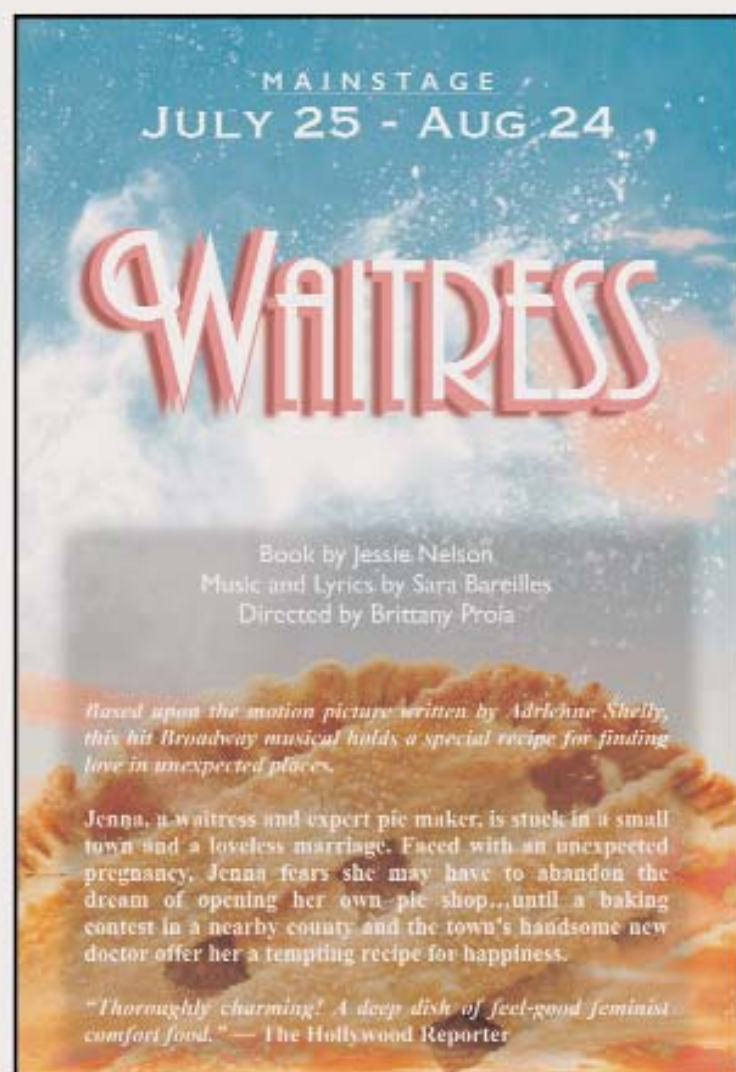
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Local first responders, music and dance artists and bagpipers will join us in front of the Sullivan County Courthouse, which will be illuminated in purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

**Tuesday • August 26, 2025
6 PM at the Sullivan County
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Rain date: Wednesday, August 27

For more information, contact
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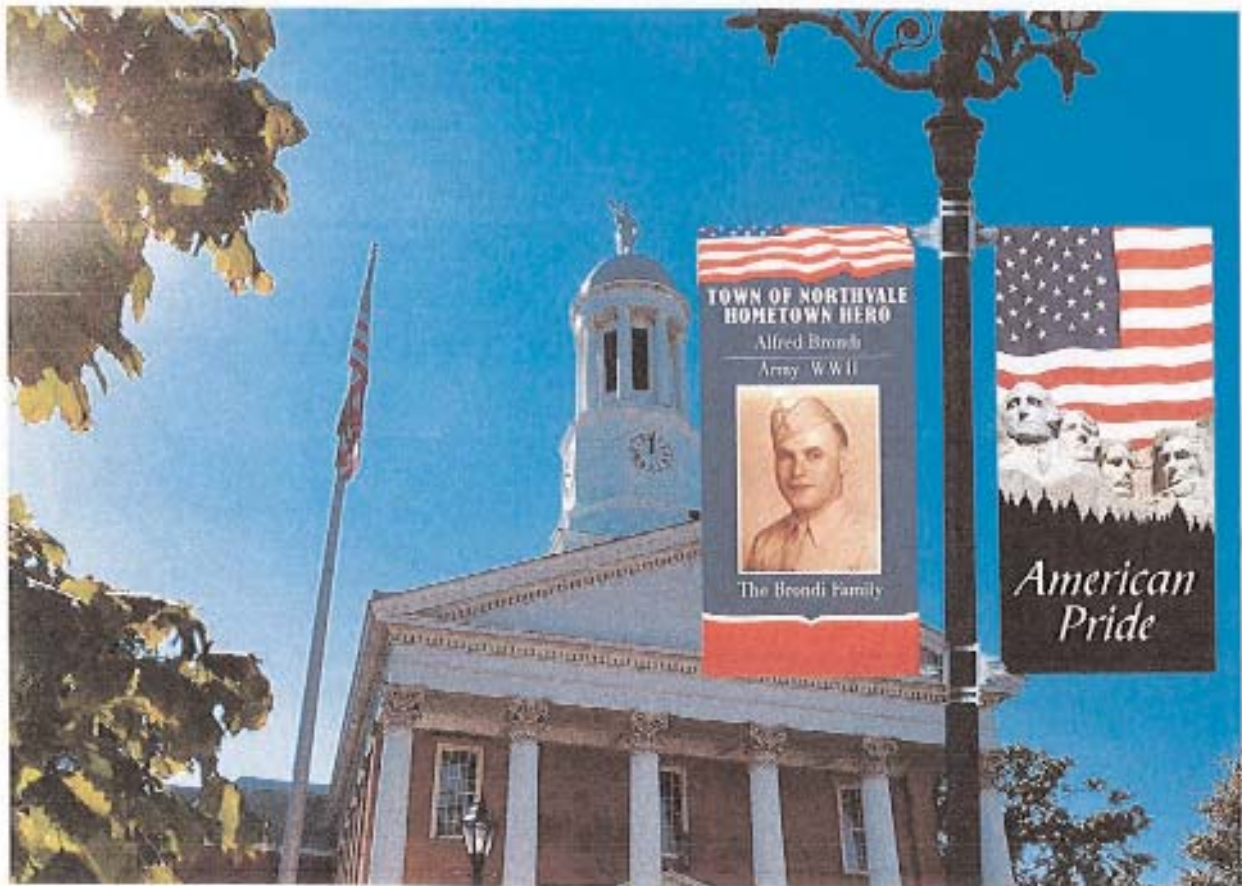
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
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Joint statement from UC Executive Jen Metzger and Deputy Chair of the Legislature Megan Sperry, Program Director for the Woodstock Film Festival Youth Film Lab, regarding the Passing of Laurent Rejtö:

"The film industry that thrives in the Hudson Valley today exists thanks to the tireless work of Laurent Rejtö, who spent decades building and nurturing a community of storytellers. He not only co-founded the Woodstock Film Festival, but also led the Hudson Valley Film Commission, bringing countless productions to the region from all over the world. Laurent was a champion of filmmaking and of the Hudson Valley itself. He will be deeply missed, and his legacy will not be forgotten."

UC Launches Project SAFE to Enhance Emergency Response for At-Risk Individuals

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Emergency Services is proud to announce the launch of Project SAFE (Special Alert For Emergencies), a new initiative designed to improve emergency response for individuals with Autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's, and other cognitive or developmental conditions, as well as blindness and deafness/hearing loss.

Through this voluntary alert program, families, caregivers, and individuals can submit essential information - including name, address, behavioral considerations, emergency contacts, and preferred response approaches - which will be securely added to the County's 911 dispatch system. When a registered individual is involved in an emergency, a distinct Project SAFE icon will notify dispatchers and first responders, allowing them to respond with greater awareness, sensitivity, and safety.

"Project SAFE is about equipping our first responders with the information they need to serve our most vulnerable residents with compassion and care. A dedicated Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) alert for individuals with Autism, Dementia, and other cognitive conditions, as well as blindness and deafness, ensures responders are informed before they arrive; reducing fear, preventing escalation, and improving safety," said Everett Erichsen, Director of Ulster County Emergency Services. "Recent incidents have shown how vital this kind of preparedness is. This program is personal for many of us, and by taking this step, we're making Ulster County a safer, more inclusive place for every family."

"With 1 in 31 children being diagnosed with autism - and as a parent of a son on the spectrum - I know how vital it is to bridge the gap between families and first responders before an emergency occurs," said Patrick Rose, Ulster County Emergency Services Dispatcher and Lieutenant with the City of Kingston Fire Department.

"Project SAFE can make all the difference in responding to an emergency effectively and with compassion when an individual in the home has a developmental or cognitive condition, or is blind or deaf," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Alerting first responders in advance enables them to be as prepared as possible, enhancing safety, reducing trauma, and promoting trust between families and emergency personnel."

Community members can now enroll in Project SAFE by completing the official form at <https://forms.office.com/g/fSDbH58jsN>. To support outreach and accessibility, Project SAFE will also be featured at the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Tent at the Ulster County Fair, where families can learn more about the program, ask questions, and complete in-person registrations with the help of trained staff.

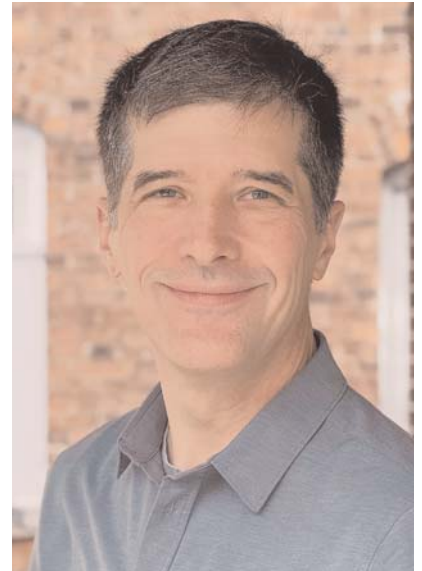
For more information, visit <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/thinkdifferently>

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Andy Bicking as Director of the Department of the Environment

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today announced the appointment of Andy Bicking as the County's new Director of the Department of the Environment. Bicking brings more than 25 years of experience in environmental policy, programs, and community engagement, and has been a resident of Ulster County for more than two decades.

"Andy's deep roots in Ulster County and his decades of environmental policy experience and work with government at local, county, and state levels make him an ideal choice to lead our Department of the Environment," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "He has a proven track record of working with government and community partners to advance sensible environmental solutions and will make a great asset to the County's leadership team."

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Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Andy Bicking as Director of the Department of the Environment

(From Pg. 61) Bicking most recently served as Executive Director of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, where he oversaw statewide conservation programs, public communications, and advocacy efforts. Prior to serving in this position, he spent more than two decades at Scenic Hudson, where he held multiple leadership roles, including Director of Government Relations & Public Policy, and spearheading major legislative campaigns and regional planning initiatives.

Throughout his career, Bicking has worked to develop broad-based coalitions of support for statewide and regional environmental and climate initiatives, including the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, the Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act, and the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Bond Act. He has also developed training programs for municipal leaders, and secured funding for high-impact environmental projects across the Hudson Valley.

A graduate of Oregon State University's College of Agriculture, Bicking also holds a Certificate in Executive Leadership from Cornell University. He has received multiple awards for his work, including the Land Trust Alliance's National Ambassadors Award and the EPA Region 2 Environmental Quality Award.

"Ulster County is such a great place to live, work and raise a family, and the environment plays a big role in allowing that to happen," said Andy Bicking. "I'm excited to be joining the County under the leadership of County Executive Metzger and collaborating with the Legislature, Environmental Management Council, and community partners to advance the policies, programs and projects that make us more resilient and benefit all of our residents."

Bicking lives in Esopus with his wife and is the father of two grown children who attended local schools. In his spare time, he enjoys bicycling throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley and Catskills.

He succeeds Europa McGovern, who previously served as Director of the Department of the Environment.

Planning for the Future: Understanding Community Preservation Acts, A CCE Sullivan Workshop for Municipal Leaders and Community Stakeholders

WHITE LAKE, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE Sullivan), in partnership with the Orange County Land Trust and the Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, invites municipal officials, planning and zoning board members, and community stakeholders to attend the "Planning for the Future: Understanding Community Preservation Acts"

workshop on Wednesday, August 6, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Duggan Community Center, located at 3460 State Route 55, White Lake, NY 12786.

This workshop will open with an overview of Sullivan County's growing farmland preservation efforts and its partnership with the Orange County Land Trust. The session will feature a presentation by Michael Sweeton of the Orange County Land Trust, who will explain what a Community Preservation Act (CPA) is, how CPA funds are collected and used, and what steps local communities can take to implement one. Attendees will also hear real-world examples of communities that have successfully adopted CPAs.

The workshop will conclude with an interactive Q&A session, offering participants the opportunity to ask questions, share insights, and discuss how CPAs could benefit their own communities. This event is part of a broader educational series focused on land use and preservation, supported by the County of Sullivan. Additional sessions will be announced soon.

Planning and Zoning Board Members may be eligible to receive 2 training credits for attending this class. Registration is required. To register, visit: sullivancee.org/CPAs

Fall BOW Workshop Registration is Now Open! Registration is Open Through August 12

When: October 3-5, 2025

Where: Silver Bay YMCA, Hague, NY

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| o Taxidermy; | o Fly Fishing; |
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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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EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!




Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

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


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

Challenge yourself and your family.

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

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Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Happy Belly for \$2. Choose the perfect coffee pod for yourself at our front desk.

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D&H Canal Interpretive Center

16 Bova Road, Summitville, NY 12781

2025 EVENT CALENDAR

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

The Economic Impact of the D&H Canal on Sullivan County
presented by John Conway

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

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

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

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

Additional presentations to be announced!

These events are FREE!

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

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



845-807-0287 | SCParks@sullivanny.gov
<https://sullivanny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation>

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Parkinson's Support Group

Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!



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

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WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

April 9 May 14

June 11 July 9

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Oct 8 Nov 12

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

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July 28th

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students can join any or all of the hour long classes!

Ages 6-11 10am - 11am Waitress: Song and Dance 11am - 12pm Get Your Move On! 12pm - 1pm Stage Combat	Ages 12-18 1pm - 2pm Waitress: Song and Dance 2pm - 3pm Get Your Move On! 3pm - 4pm Stage Combat
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to register call (845) 210-4848
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THE ACADEMY AT SHADOWLAND STAGES SUMMER 2025

SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE FOR PERFORMERS AGE 6-18

TUESDAY, JULY 29 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
AGES 6-11 10AM - 1PM
AGES 12-18 1PM - 4PM
 WITH A PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

THIS INCLUDES SNACK BREAK - PLEASE BRING OWN SNACK EACH DAY.

AGES 6-11 UNDER THE BIG TOP

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SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE FOR PERFORMERS AGE 6-18

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AGES 12-18 1PM - 4PM
 WITH A PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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August 4th

Ages 6 - 11 10am - 1pm
Ages 12 - 18 1pm - 4pm

WAITRESS SONG & DANCE

STAGE COMBAT

TikTok Take Over for Shadowland Stages

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Ages 6-11 10am - 11am Waitress: Song and Dance 11am - 12pm Stage Combat 12pm - 1pm TikTok Filming Fun!	Ages 12-18 1pm - 2pm Waitress: Song and Dance 2pm - 3pm Stage Combat 3pm - 4pm TikTok Filming Fun!
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Are you a parent struggling with your family?
Are you a teen having problems at home?

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Give us a call or send us a text and
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Planting to attract & feed honeybees

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

Suggested for adults & students 9 and up

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The project is made possible with funds from the Foundation for the Performing Arts, a registered program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature and administered by Sullivan County Arts Alliance.

OLIVE SENIORS

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

Where: American Legion Hall*

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

Shuffleboard: meets January-May every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon**

* 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY; handicap accessible; bathrooms on site
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Eighth Annual Summer Group Show Juried by Jane Bloodgood-Abrams

July 26 – September 6, 2025

Opening: Saturday, July 26, 3 – 5 pm

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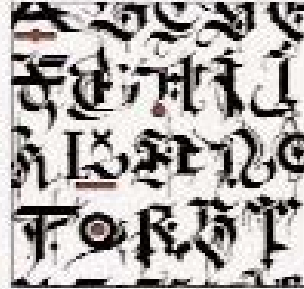
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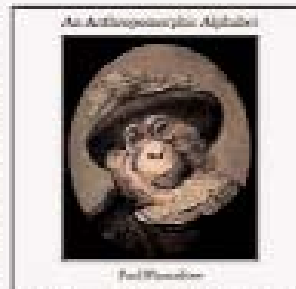
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Feb 5

Mar 5	Apr 2
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Nov 5	Dec 3

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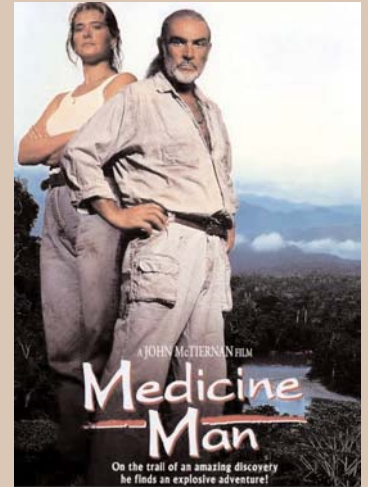
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Richard Campbell (Sean Connery) is a reclusive eccentric research scientist living in the Amazon jungle for the past 6 years. Dr. Rae Crane (Lorraine Bracco) unexpectedly arrives at Campbell's jungle dwelling. Crane was sent by the pharmaceutical company that they both work for, to check up on Campbell.

In the beautiful, but dangerous Amazon rainforest, Campbell discovers a flower extract that cures cancer. He tries to duplicate the life-saving formula, but clear-cutting logging developers and American bureaucrat, Crane, hinder Campbell's efforts.

The scenery is beautiful and creates the perfect background for an ecological adventure, a less than perfect relationship between Campbell and Crane, and their unstable research to replicate the cancer curing formula.



Crane's original notion that Campbell's reluctance to work with a woman, morphs into the expected - they fall in love.

The screenplay by Tom Schulman and Sally Robinson is based on a story by Tom Schulman. Directed by John McTiernan. Starring Sean Connery as Dr. Robert Campbell, Lorraine Bracco as Dr. Rae Crane, José Wilker -Dr. Miguel Ornega, and José Lavat as- Government Man

*Stay safe, and stay well
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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: (Actor) Jon Voight

This weeks' Trivia question: The *Curse of the Black Pearl* is the second part of the title of what movie?