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## **“Water Magic and the Gifts of Color and Light” Painting and photo exhibit by Susan Pascale and Karin Houeland**

The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, Woodbourne, NY

November 1-30, 2025

Opening reception: Saturday, November 1st, 2-4 PM



Susan Pascale lives in South Fallsburg and was born in Westchester, NY. Susan was always interested and inspired by nature. She studied Art Education and Fine Arts at the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut and the College of New Rochelle, New York.

While teaching in the Harrison Central School District from January 1972 to June 2003, I exhibited in one woman shows in Connecticut and various New York towns including Westchester. Since then I have also participated in many various group shows throughout many towns close to NYC and Connecticut, the last being at Bethel Council of the Arts in Kauneonga Lake, in June.

Karin Houeland was born in Antwerp, Belgium, and lives in Hurleyville, NY. Karin is showing her recent photos "Water Magic in Sullivan County." No matter what time of the day, or weather or season, the opportunities to discover and catch in pictures the unusual, the magic, the ephemeral in nature is endless. It's like going deep into the fabric of nature. The deeper you go, the more you discover its intrinsic beauty. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## **Sullivan 180 Staff and Healthier Generation Advisors Attend National Conferences —**

***Topics covered included school and mental health***

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 Healthier Generation (HG) Advisors and staff from the Empowering a Healthier Generation, Prevention, and Mental Health Programs attended national conferences in October to immerse in a variety of topics that support prevention, the health of our youth in schools and in their communities. (Contd. Pg. 5)



Sullivan 180 Healthier Generation (HG) Advisors and staff from the Empowering a Healthier Generation and Prevention programs attended the 99th Annual American School Health Association (ASHA) Conference in Denver, CO, from October 15-17



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**On the Front Burner:** Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

## OBITUARIES

**Raymond A Denman**, born June



5, 1934, passed away on October 23, 2025, at The Care Center at Sunset Lake. A proud U.S. Army veteran and former corrections officer, Ray dedicated his life to service to both his

country and his community. He was a lifetime member of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad and the owner of Flintlock Farm on Beaver Dam Road. He is predeceased by his parents Paul G and Martha Sutherland Denman, and his brother, Paul (Bill) and sister Myrtle Denman. He is survived by his wife, Donna Denman, his brother, David Denman, his son, Gene Denman, and his grandchildren, Coby and Lindsay Denman, along with their families and his many cousins.

Ray loved his farm, his family, and helping his community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Graveside funeral services were held on Monday, November 3, 2025 at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ray's name may be made to the Grahamsville First Aid Squad.

**Mary Rockwell** of the Town of Neversink, NY, a retired self-employed Cateress and a long time resident passed away on

Tuesday October 28, 2025 at the Sullivan County Care Center at Sun-set Lake. Her daughter and long time Caregiver, Sharon Rockwell-



Dumenigo had been with her during her final days, as well as the very dedicated staff at the Care Center.

Born July 4, 1926, in the village of Werfen, Austria, Mary (Maria) was the daughter of Georg and Maria (Holzmann) Greimeister. Mary often told stories of her childhood and what life was like growing up in her small village. There were farms, shops, various businesses all which seemed to function until 1938 when Hitler's troops occupied Austria. She would recall the day the German tanks rolled into her little village, guns were drawn and "Hitler's Yungin" came to her home and took her mother away for interrogation at the Police Station. Her mother was a strong opponent of the regime and was returned to do hard labor. Mary recalled her neighbors being taken away including her childhood friend who was blind and a young boy who was developmentally disabled, shop owners and others never to return. At the age of fourteen, Mary was assigned for one year to duty assignment where she would do "men's jobs" because the men were at war. At age 17 she was sent to a Labor Camp where she would work all day and in the evening she would return to the dorm where she was "drilled about the political movement." During that time her brother, Georg went AWOL from the German Army, was captured and taken to Siberia as a POW where he remained until his release at the end of the war. Mary and her family demonstrated great strength during these times. It was always her hope that the atrocities of war would never be forgotten, never be repeated and that someday man's inhumanity to man would cease. Unfortunately memories of the war would always haunt her as it has done to so many others who still survive.

Mary married Arthur Rockwell, a United States soldier in 1946. In May 1947, she obtained her Visa and came to America on a Troop ship named the Marine Flasher with her infant son Frank Rockwell. Once in America Mary pursued the American Dream, always a hard worker, looking to make a better life for her family. She became a successful Cateress in Utica, NY and ran several restaurants. (Contd. Pg. 4)

# DAYS OF YORE....

## Today's History

### November 2, 1955

Cornelius McGuire, 46, passed away in Liberty on Thursday. He was born in Neversink on April 20, 1909 to Charles and Ellen McGuire. He married Cecelia Cypert on October 1, 1929. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three children: Charles, George and Lorraine, all of Hurleyville. Also four brothers: Charles and James of Woodbourne, Bernard of Neversink and John of Chester N.J.; two sisters: Mrs. Margaret Ackerley of Grahamsville and Mrs. Mary Everett of Bradley.

On a frosty ridge or windy hill,  
Wherever the hunter goes  
He'll always be as warm as toast,  
With Woolrich hunting clothes.  
KUM TO KRUM'S

### November 3, 1965

Miss Beverly Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lackawack Hill, Napanoch, became the bride of Harold Muthig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Muthig of Parksville, on Sunday, October 17th. The ceremony was performed at the Grahamsville Methodist Church by Rev. James Mills. The bride is employed by Marine Midland Bank in Woodbourne, the groom is self-employed. The couple reside in Parksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ackerley of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter born on October 24th at Loomis Hospital.

Good wishes for good health and a pleasant retirement are extended to former postmaster, Chan Dayton. Silas Kelly was sworn in as acting postmaster on Saturday.

### November 19, 1975

Belated congratulations to Ray and Bea Gockel on their 40th wedding anniversary.

The Arthur Greenrose's of Sundown are very proud of their son-in-law, Ray Hornbeck who was elected to the office of Highway Superintendent for the Town of Neversink.

### November 7, 1985

Wedding vows were exchanged Sept. 14th in St. Paul's Lutheran Church between Alice Dexheimer and Michael G. Karsko with the Rev. Thomas Taylor officiating. A reception followed at King's. The bride graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and attended Syracuse Univ. at Utica, earning a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. She is employed at the John Heins Rehab. Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. as an occupational therapist. The bridegroom graduated from Pittston Area High School and has an associate's degree in accounting from Luzerne County Community College. He is employed by the Cement Masons' Local 150 as a cement finisher.

## Household Hint:

# Clean the Inside of the Dryer Drum

If you find melted gum, crayons, or adhesive stickers in the dryer, wet a non-woven polyester dryer sheet and scrub away. You'll find that the fabric softener and the texture of the sheet will help loosen the stickiness without harming the interior finish.

## 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, Martha Ahrens and Barbara Barkley*

## The Delicate Winter Evergreen Forest

As the chilling cold wind continues to blow the last of the dying leaves from the tree, if you look a little deeper into the forest, you will discover the vivid 'green' that scattered throughout the forest that continue to live throughout the dark of winter. Not just the evergreen trees—but many of the mosses and ferns remain 'summer green'.



Some mosses not only survive and grow in winter weather, but actually thrive. An amazing botanical characteristic to these magical mosses is the "antifreeze" that is produced to allow them withstand cold conditions.

Research suggests that moss in deed has antifreeze properties! Ice crystals can rupture cell walls eventually causing the cell in the animal or plant to die. Some scientists believe mosses contain a combination of sugars and sugar alcohols that become more concentrated in the fall and winter and stop the ice crystals from developing, much like how antifreeze regulates temperature in a car. There is some speculation about whether the moss itself has the antifreeze property or whether it's secreted by bacteria living on the surface of the moss; either way, the result is that the sugar alcohols melt the snow around it.

We observed round mosses growing on trees, light green lichen growing on rocks, and other mosses growing in damp places near the stream. There were also several species of wood fern—most noted was the Christmas fern that remains a shining, forest green.

While most ferns are the color of caramel or have faded to pale yellow, thanks to cold temperatures or frost, evergreen wood fern stands out in vibrant green. Look for it in damp areas with rocks, or at the base of a tree.

How do these fern stay green when most other vegetation is dying back or losing its leaves? When the snows of winter arrive, the fronds, still green, flatten to the ground. It turns out they have a special hinge that becomes flexible with moisture in the autumn, allowing the fronds to "relax" onto the ground on top of the autumn leaf layer.

But that's not all. This fern, like other evergreen plants, also produces substances that act as antifreeze. As the days shorten and temperatures cool, evergreen wood fern is prompted to move sugars into its leaves, as other evergreen plants do, instead of storing them all below ground in roots or rhizomes, as plants that lose their leaves do. The concentration of sugars in the leaves acts as a kind of antifreeze that protects the leaves from freezing when temperatures are 5-10 degrees below freezing.

You will recognize the Christmas fern - each little leaflet resembles a Christmas stocking! Could that be coincidental??

Nature has provided us with many clues to the complex functioning of our natural systems that maintain planetary life in all its complexities. See it for your self. Whether it is a nice day or a day that calls for three layers of winter clothing, if you get a chance to take a walk in the winter woods, experience the amazing ways in which even the most delicate of life—tiny moss or fragile fern—manages to survive even the bitter cold of winter.



## OBITUARIES

(From Pg. 2) Mary Rockwell

In 2003 she moved to Sullivan County to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law as it was becoming more and more difficult to manage her two family home in Utica. She always enjoyed cooking and found satisfaction in preparing a good meal for others to enjoy. She loved animals and was a member of the Animal Protection League in Utica, NY.

Survivors include her daughter, Sharon Rockwell-Dumenigo and her husband Lance of Neversink, NY; three grandchildren, Frank Rockwell, Jr. and his wife Vickie, Lisa Atanasoff and her husband, Tim, Laura Wrobel and her husband Marcel; four great grandchildren, Amy Hurley and her husband Doug, Tim Atanasoff, Jr. and his wife Katie, Jennifer Klosner and her husband Kristofer, Morgan Wrobel and six great great grandchildren, Dallas Atanasoff, Riley Atanasoff, Charlotte Atanasoff, Carson Hurley, Owen Hurley and Harper Rose Hurley; one sister, Ann Hulser; four nephews, Eric Greimeister, Tom Hulser, Tim Hulser and Mike Hulser; two nieces, Helga Herzog and Paula Wolfier. She was predeceased by her son, Frank Rockwell, her brother Georg Greimeister and sister Anna Greimeister.

Dignified cremation is being provided by Harris Crematorium, LLC.

A private Mass of Christian burial will be officiated by Father Edward Bader and attended by the immediate family.

Mary's family would like to extend their thanks to the dedicated staff who cared for her during her stay at the Care Center. The compassion and attentiveness demonstrated was greatly appreciated. In addition, staff from the Orange and Sullivan Hospice worked closely with Care Center staff during her final days to make her as comfortable as possible.

Memorial contributions in Mary's name may be made to the Sullivan County SPCA P.O. Box 995, Rock Hill, NY 12775; Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties 800 Stony Brook Court Newburgh, NY 12550 or to TunneltoTowersFoundation, T2T.org

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West Street at Buckley, Liberty, NY. 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or [www.Harris-FH.com](http://www.Harris-FH.com).

## THANK YOU

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank everyone for their expression of sympathy.

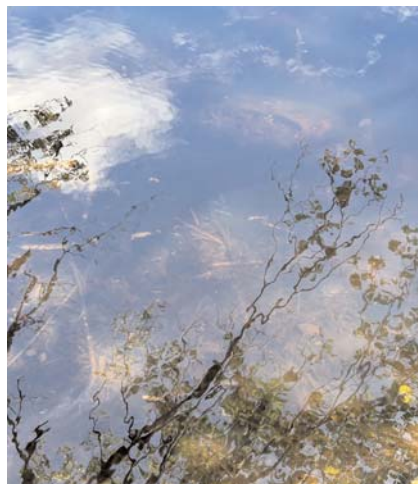
The love and kindness shown to us during this difficult time has given us great comfort and will forever be remembered.

**The Family of  
Frank Comando**

## Holiday Craft Fair

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsmen will be selling their jewelry, pottery, wooden items, honey, maple syrup and much more. Chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available for take-out. The church is located at 356 Main Street (Route 55) in Grahamsville. For more information call, 845-985-7427 or 845-985-7222.

## “Water Magic and the Gifts of Color and Light” Painting and photo exhibit by Susan Pascale and Karin Houeland



(From Pg. 1) As a young girl in France, I always excelled in art class. Unfortunately, my parents forbade me to attend les Beaux Arts in Paris. Instead, I became a stewardess with Air France, then married and relocated to the U.S. in my twenties. I moved to the Catskills about 20 years ago. After many years of designing & showing jewelry with intricate beadwork, I recently returned to

nature photography.

The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck is located at 282 Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne, NY 12788. For more information visit: [www.oldstonehouse.org](http://www.oldstonehouse.org)

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## LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley  
Published November 5, 1998

A century ago a cellar was a vital part of a house. Today it is rarely heard of. When we were living on "Old Man Davis' Farm" on top of Thunder Hill and our children were growing up, we had a cellar of which I have fond memories. It was cold both summer and winter so it was my fruit storage room and refrigerator. I filled its shelves with many jars of various foods as we depended on this supply to carry us through to the next harvest season. We ate bountifully from the food stored there. Extra shelves in the corner held empty jars that awaited next summer's crop of fruits and vegetables.

I liked our cellar because it seemed cozy and tempting with all kinds of food lined up on its shelves. Each day I went down to choose something for dinner and supper, how convenient. I always baked our bread and coffee cake so there was very little we needed to buy at the store. We also had fresh butter, milk, cream or fresh buttermilk when needed.

I had a long table on one side of the cellar where I kept various foods.

One day my stepdaughter Virginia and I took a sudden notion to paint our outside folding doors leading to the cellar. We found a can of sky-blue paint and did the doors. It didn't match with the white house and it caught everyone's eye that entered the cellar and we never received one compliment and this made us very unhappy.

Before electric refrigerators and freezers, almost every home had a cellar. I know my parents had one and during the winter when it was freezing cold at night, daddy would take a big shovel of live coals from our wood stove down to the cellar in order to keep our food from freezing and it worked!

We always found the temperature in the cellar on "the Old Man Davis' Farm" about the same any season of the year.

## Sullivan 180 Staff and Healthier Generation Advisors Attend National Conferences

(From Pg. 1) HG Advisors from Rockland Elementary and Sullivan West Elementary joined members of the Sullivan 180 team at the 99th Annual American School Health Association (ASHA)



*Mylene Ortiz, Youth Mental Health Program Manager attended the Mental Health America (MHA) Conference in Washington, DC from October 16-18.*

Conference in Denver, CO, from October 15-17. The conference brought together a diverse community of school health-related professionals in a collaborative space. Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Sullivan 180 Director of Health & Wellness, presented, The Empowering a Healthier Generation Program: A Proven Model for Strengthening School Wellness Policies & Building Community Partnerships, to representatives from school communities throughout the country.

ASHA supports school health issues that align with its mission statement: to transform all schools into places where every student learns and thrives. They support student-centered, integrated and collaborative approaches that address the needs of

the whole child and follow the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model. The Sullivan 180 team and Healthier Generation Advisors look forward to sharing new resources, tools, and insights gained at the conference with Sullivan County schools

to further strengthen health and wellness initiatives across the county.

"It was incredibly rewarding to share a model for school health and wellness that was created and refined right here in Sullivan County, New York," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr. "Participants were genuinely receptive and inspired by the incredible work happening in our local school districts. It's a privilege to highlight the dedication of our schools and community partners who continue to make health and wellness a priority for every student."

Mylene Ortiz, Youth Mental Health Program Manager at Sullivan 180, attended the Mental Health America (MHA) Conference in Washington, DC from October 16-18.

MHA is a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting mental wellness, preventing mental illness, and advocating for equitable access to mental health care. The annual conference brings together professionals, educators, and advocates from across the country to share innovative approaches to improving mental health in schools and communities.

"Attending the Mental Health America Conference was an inspiring experience that offered the opportunity to learn directly from youth who are advocating for mental health in their schools and communities," said Mylene Ortiz. "Hearing their voices and experiences firsthand reinforced the importance of empowering young people and will help strengthen our efforts in Sullivan County schools through initiatives like Hope Squad and SHAPE."

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](http://Sullivan180.org).

## Mid-Hudson School Study Council Honors Fallsburg Administrator

FALLSBURG - On October 29, 2025, the Mid-Hudson School



Study Council presented Fallsburg CSD Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Sally Sharkey, with the Award for Excellence in Administration.

Dr. Sharkey first joined the Fallsburg community in 2020, and has since demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to education. She played a pivotal role in reshaping the district's budgeting

process, staff development and training programs, and human resource initiatives.

Above all, she helps oversee the school's 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which is a grant-funded afterschool program that provides youth development opportunities and academic enrichment.

Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent of Schools, said, "Dr. Sharkey, is the embodiment of excellence in administration for many reasons. Her love for kids and improving instruction is her life force as is her mastery of hospitality. This combination makes for excellence at every level."

The Fallsburg Central School District wishes to congratulate Dr. Sharkey on her incredible achievement!





## Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 153

### Ink & Sigil

#### Mysterious Book Report No. 424

by John Dwaine McKenna

Published November 5, 2020

Our November treat for 2020 – the year a real Captain Trips came to town and tried to kill us all – is a dazzling urban fantasy and series launch by NY Times bestselling author Kevin Hearne, entitled: *Ink & Sigil*, (Del Rey, \$28.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-9848-2125-6), in which a beleaguered, ordinary mortal man from Glasgow, Scotland

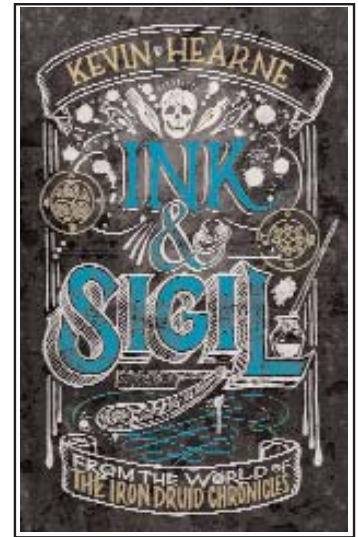
named Aloysius, “Al,” MacBharra is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the treaties that determine how and when supernatural beings may visit the earth. Goddesses and gods down to ogres, leprechauns and sprites, all are subject to his authority . . . but aren't under his control. Al is a sigil agent. He's one of five in the whole world who have the knowledge and the ability to concoct rare, exotic inks, and draw sigils-magic signs and symbols that have the power to amplify strength, heal wounds or tear apart mountains for example. There are many others. But Al is handicapped as well. There's a curse on his head. The more he speaks aloud to someone, the more that person hates him. He's been able to work around it however, by using his cell phone. Then there's the problem with his apprentices. They keep dying. He's lost six thus far, and the seventh, named Gordie, dies in a freak accident just as the story begins.

But Gordie had a secret. To Al's horror, he finds Gordie was trafficking in Fae folk by luring them to earth with promises of work, trapping them using sigils, then selling them to unknown buyers. It's a horrific scheme Al is duty and honor-bound to set right. He rescues Gordie's last victim – a peevish, foul-mouthed and troublesome, three-foot tall hobgoblin who says his name is Buck – and recruits him to track down the buyers and find the trafficked victims Gordie sold, as well as shutting down the other, Fae side of the scheme, in which some higher authority had to be complicit.

And so begins a delicate and dangerous process between two realms in which the aging widower and sigil agent has to dodge hard-pressed detectives who're determined to learn the facts about Gordie's life and death in the earthly realm . . . while at the same time not annoying vengeful goddesses or falling into the jaws of the ghostly hell-hounds that appear from black smoke and tear their quarry to pieces.

*Ink & Sigil* is an epic romp in an adult never-never land that will transfix your attention, engage your mind and provide a few laughs too. It's the perfect antidote to real life and the news!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## For Pint

My Norwegian grandmother used “For Pint” (with a short “I”) to mean “Save it for Good.” I tried to find a translation and could not find exactly what “Pint” meant, but my Nana used it in this context, “Oh, that's so pretty. I'm going to save it for pint” or “That is too good to get soiled. Save it for pint.” Her half Norwegian/half Bay Ridge Brooklyn slang sent a message loud and clear. Her life was molded by the Great Depression. Save the good for later.

When Bruce's great aunt passed away at 99, we found a treasure trove of things she saved “for pint.”



dish towel. Splash on that expensive perfume. Eat off good china and set the table with your best forks and spoons. Wear that luxurious scarf with the boots that cost way too much to get muddy.

We are given the joy of waking up to a day ready to be lived to the fullest. Don't save anything for “pint.”

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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

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Some were still in boxes with the wrapping paper neatly folded inside the box. One treasure was a set of silverware dated 1938 all individually wrapped in cellophane (plastic had not become common) within a lovely wooden chest in a cardboard box. What was she saving it for?

The silverware is now used, at least for special occasions, by my daughter-in-law. But, why not use it every day? What makes an item so special that it cannot be enjoyed or used now?

When Emily in Thornton Wilder's “Our Town” finds out that she can return from the dead for one day, she is warned to not pick a special day like Christmas or her birthday. She is told to pick an ordinary day and that will be enough.

Every day is special. Every day is enough. Use that new



# Let's Make a Difference Together

## Help support our community with food donations!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Every November, the DPL hosts a food drive to support our local food pantry housed at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. And, every year our patrons go above and beyond in bringing in donations. By the end of the drive, November 20, we usually have so much to bring over it takes multiple carts to load. This year, we're doing it again and after just a few days of the basket being in the lobby awaiting donations, we know it's going to be another great year!

The church pantry serves many families in our community and they're in desperate need of donations. Each year, as food prices increase and benefits decrease, our community's most vulnerable are left to scramble...and food security shouldn't be anyone's biggest worry. But that's where our fabulous patrons and friends come in. If you can help out by grabbing a few extra nonperishables while out grocery shopping and then dropping them off during normal library hours, it goes such a long way. Some items the pantry has specifically asked for include: peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits, vegetables and soups, macaroni n' cheese, pasta and pasta sauces, pancake, cake and brownie mixes, syrup, and cereal. This list does not exclude other non-perishable items; such as: spices, canned meats, other condiments, etc. Everything helps! But, please check for expiration dates, no one wants to eat expired food. Additionally, the pantry is accepting hats and gloves for all ages.

In other news,

Our Halloween event on Thursday, October 30 went amazingly well. Children in grades 1-3 decorated their own trick-or-treat bags, ate lots of snacks and had a frightfully good time! The Halloween spirit continued as our Toddler Time and Story Hour participants delighted patrons with a musical, costumed march around the children's floor during their Thursday and Friday morning programs. It was adorable!

We had a great time at this year's Sportsmen's Bingo. It was a full fire house, with lots of laughs, good times and awesome prizes. We're working on our next Bingo game, which will be scheduled for early next year but as always keep a lookout on our social media outlets and our website as tickets sell out quickly.

Our autumn activities will continue with another LEGO program on Wednesday, November 5 for children in grades 2-3. During Autumn Architects, children will design a LEGO city celebrating fall, which may include a harvest festival, fall trees, spooky houses. Then, on Wednesday, November 19, the youngest children (in grades UPK-1st) join us for Fall Animal Friends, where their imagination is set free to create all kinds of Fall animals including deer, turkey, owls, etc. Advanced registration is open to Tri-Valley residents and reachable through our website.

Register now for our Thursday, November 6, More Than Just Kegels program! Join us at 6PM as special guest, Rachel Brazell of Brazell Physical Therapy & Wellness, shares the importance of the pelvic floor and why it matters for overall health. Some topics that will be discussed include common issues, how PT can restore strength, reduce



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pain and improve confidence and the everyday habits and movements that can support pelvic floor health. There will be time for Q & A as well as demonstrations of exercises to engage deep core and pelvic floor muscles. Please bring a floor mat if you'd like to participate.

And then on Thursday, November 13 at 6PM Kaylee Wagner, the Grahamsville Branch Manager of the Hudson Valley Credit Union, is offering a free seminar on strategies for debt repayment which is perfect timing considering the holidays are right around the corner here at the library. Join us if you are interested in learning different ways to pay off debt quickly and effectively. Registration is required.

Wrapping up November is our 5 Hour Pre-Licensing class offered on November 22 from 10AM to 3PM. This course is DMV approved and mandatory for unlicensed students 16 and up looking to get their license. In order to attend, students must hold a NYS photo permit. The course, brought to you by J & J Driving School and instructed by La June Black, provides attendees with a certificate good for one year. To attend, register through our website or by stopping in at the library. The course is \$45 per student and to secure registration, payment must be submitted prior to class date. If paying by check, they can be made out to J & J Driving School.

As far as reading goes...all month long we'll be displaying really great non-fiction books in support of "Know"vember. I just love a play on words! So, whether you're a child, teen or adult, we'll have great book options for learning new skills, ideas, customs, or just gaining more knowledge about a particular subject. Stop in and check them out!





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**mcoz@ulstercountyny.gov**

Questions can be directed to anyone in the Cc or myself. Lunch will be provided; the workshop will be private and there will be VA staff on hand along with fellow Veterans to help you build your box.

The lockbox is designed to help keep you safe during the tough times by securing any weapon or medication along with personal items that are important to you, such as photos, messages, old letters, etc... The brochure goes more in-depth of what has been commonly used to activate your five senses in the past.

If you know of any Veteran who should consider doing this workshop, please pass this on to them. Don't hesitate if you, yourself is interested as the seats will fill up fast.

I am looking forward to building these boxes with my fellow Veteran brothers and sisters,

*Mark*

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## Honoring Tri-Valley Softball Coach Pat Burke

On Sunday, November 16, 2025 there will be a celebration honoring volunteer softball coach Pat Burke who passed on July 7, 2025 at the age of 93. It was Tri-Valley's fortune to have Pat as a mentor for 15 seasons. The celebration will be held at the Grahamsville Firehouse from 2pm until 5pm. Former players and their families as well as friends and neighbors are invited to attend and reminisce. Attendees are encouraged to wear T-V softball clothing and share photos. Light refreshments will be available. Contact Coach Mary Feusner at 845-292-2949 for more information.

## Remembering Veterans

By Donald Moskowitz and Elizabeth {Jones} Moskowitz

In recognition of the 250th birthdays of our Army, Navy and Marine Corp and the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of our country, the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, the 110th anniversary of WWI, and in recognition of Veterans Day 2025 we extend our appreciation and thoughts to Americans who are serving in our military and to all veterans. We also wish to acknowledge the veterans of the Jones and Moskowitz families who served during major wars from the Civil War to the War On Terror, including WWI and WWII.

During the Civil War 1st Sergeant John B. Jones (Elizabeth's grandfather) and Corporal William E. Jones (Elizabeth's great uncle) were in the 5th New York Cavalry Regiment from upstate New York from 1861 to 1865. They fought in many battles, including the Orange Court House, Brandy Station, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor and Gettysburg.

Donald's grandfather, Pvt. Max Moskowitz, served in the U.S. Cavalry (Roughriders) in 1898 during the Spanish American War. He was a government inspector during WWII, monitoring a number of manufacturing plants in New England. During World War I Alton Christmas Jones (Elizabeth's father) and William Howard Jones (uncle) served in the USMC, and saw action at Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, Aisne-Marne and Muesse-Argonne. Alton suffered some gas exposure during one of the battles. William Howard received the silver star and the French Croix De Guerre medals for his "action at Blanc Mont Ridge on October 3, 1918 where he held off a German attack using a machine pistol."

Donald's father, Sidney Moskowitz, was a machinist who repaired ships at the Charlestown, Mass., Naval Shipyard during WWII. Elizabeth's cousin, Barney O'Neil, was a U.S. Army infantryman who landed in Normandy in June 1944. Bob Rosenblatt (Donald's relative) served in the Army at the end of WWII.

Barry Rowe (Donald's brother-in-law) was a Commander in the U.S. Navy who served during the Korean War and Vietnam War.

John Jones and Edward Jones (Elizabeth's brothers) served in the late 50s and early 60s. John, U.S. Army and Edward, USMC. Donald Moskowitz was an E5 in the Navy in the 50s and then was a Vietnam era veteran in the 60s serving as a Navy officer on 13 ships. Donald continued to serve our country through participation in the American Legion, having served as a post adjutant and commander, and department treasurer and vice commander.

Robert Nichol (Elizabeth's cousin) was a platoon leader in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was in the 1st Infantry Division and the 101st Infantry Division. During his Vietnam service he was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Michael Gerard (Donald's and Elizabeth's son-in-law) was an Airman First Class, USAF in the early 80s. His father, Michael Robert Gerard Sr. was a Tech Sargent in the USAF from 1958 to 1978. Robert A. Tyrrell, our daughter-in-law Mary Tyrrell's father, was a Corporal in the USMC during the Korean War. James E. Papajohn, our daughter-in-law Audrey Papajohn's father, was a Private in the USMC during the Vietnam War. Jeffrey Ammons (Donald's nephew) served as an Army officer during the War On-Terror.

Anton Olsson (Elizabeth's second cousin) served on board a corvette in the Swedish Navy.

We must continue to remember all of our veterans who have served our country in times of peace and war. Veterans appreciate being recognized in public for their service to our great country, and a greeting of "thank you for your service" goes a long way in showing that appreciation.



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## Raccoon Positive for Rabies in the Town of Rockland

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

**Rabies is not an uncommon disease within wild animals.** Rabies occurs commonly throughout New York State, with the vast majority of cases occurring in raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks. Avoiding contact is your absolute best way of protecting yourself from this fatal disease. Signs of rabies in wild animals includes:

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

**The Department of Public Health is working to provide another free clinic in the Livingston Manor area; please check the County website and local media outlets for updates.**

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

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

**o Be sure your pets are up to date on rabies vaccinations.** As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure your pets are fully vaccinated. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors.

**o Don't try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight.**

**o Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.**

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

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

### What If Someone Is Bitten?

**o Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal.**

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

**o If you can safely do so, don't let an animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies. This also includes bats, as bats can be difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pencil. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.**

**For more information, please contact the Disease Surveillance and Investigation Department of Sullivan County Public Health at 845-292-5910 or visit our website at [www.sullivanyny.gov/publichealth/epidemiology](http://www.sullivanyny.gov/publichealth/epidemiology).**

## Loss of Sales Tax, Inflationary Pressures Impact Proposed 2026 Sullivan County Budget Tentative Budget Holds the Line on Spending to Reduce Tax Increase

Monticello, NY - County Manager Joshua A. Potossek today presented a 2026 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature that avoids cuts to programs but also faces the reality of increased costs and declining sales tax revenues.

"The 2026 Tentative Sullivan County Budget continues to carefully position the County to maintain its fiscal stability and provide the services taxpayers need and demand," Potossek said. "Originally, we were looking at a much higher, double-digit hike in property taxes, but through careful consideration of mandated services and County priorities - and dipping significantly into our fund balance - we have reduced the proposed increase to 9.1%."

The \$305,746,606 budget, as currently proposed, is less than 1% higher than 2025's Adopted Budget.

"The proposed tax increase is due to rising, inflation-fueled costs and an estimated \$5 million-plus decline in sales tax revenue versus what was anticipated in 2025," explained Potossek. "The projected 5% reduction in that revenue alone constitutes 6.7% of the 9.1% property tax increase."

Full details of the budget are available via a digital budget book at

<https://county-sullivan-ny-clear.doc.cleargov.com/17771> (also accessible through [www.sullivanyny.gov](http://www.sullivanyny.gov)).

"This is more than an online budget viewing tool," noted Potossek. "It allows users to easily search for information, quickly find what they're most interested in, and generate their own charts and graphs. It is an interactive way of understanding our most complex fiscal document."

### Highlights of the Tentative 2026 County Budget include:

**o \$15 million for road and bridgework throughout the County, approximately half of which will come from State and Federal sources**

**o \$1.3 million for capital projects at SUNY Sullivan, including the installation of long-needed elevators in the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse**

**o \$683,000 to create a state-of-the-art records sharing system amongst the District Attorney's Office, the Division of Public Safety, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and local police agencies**

**o \$500,000 to continue the highly successful and life-changing Sullivan Promise scholarship program, paying two years of tuition at SUNY Sullivan for local high school graduates**

**o \$150,000 to design a revenue-generating composting facility near the Monticello Transfer Station**

**o \$100,000 for the Sullivan County Land Bank to continue rehabbing dilapidated properties**

**o \$50,000 to renovate the Department of Motor Vehicles office in Monticello, including a second camera to take license pictures**

**o \$50,000 to rehab sections of the growing and popular O&W Rail Trail network**

**o \$30,000 for a community water testing initiative**

"This proposed budget also retains funding for the services and programs that impact residents' lives every day, from Public Health to the Office for the Aging, from the Youth Bureau to the EMS fly cars," Potossek explained. (Contd. Pg. 14)

## Coming Up

### Open Mic

#### Every Sunday:

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

#### Every Wednesday:

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

## Loss of Sales Tax, Inflationary Pressures Impact Proposed 2026 Sullivan County Budget

### Tentative Budget Holds the Line on Spending to Reduce Tax Increase

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"Nevertheless, we are keeping as close an eye as ever on fiscal responsibility and the limits of taxpayers' abilities, which is why I've conveyed to legislators and our economic development partners that it's absolutely critical we aggressively work on attracting more tax-paying industries to the County."

Legislators now have until December 20 to review, discuss and adopt the budget, and they may make changes to the proposed version before it is adopted.

The public can weigh in as well. Formal public hearings about the proposed 2026 County Budget have been set for Tuesday, December 2, at 5 p.m. and Thursday, December 4, at 10:45 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. In the meantime, written comment is being accepted by Clerk of the Legislature AnnMarie Martin at [annmarie.martin@sullivanyny.gov](mailto:annmarie.martin@sullivanyny.gov) or 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

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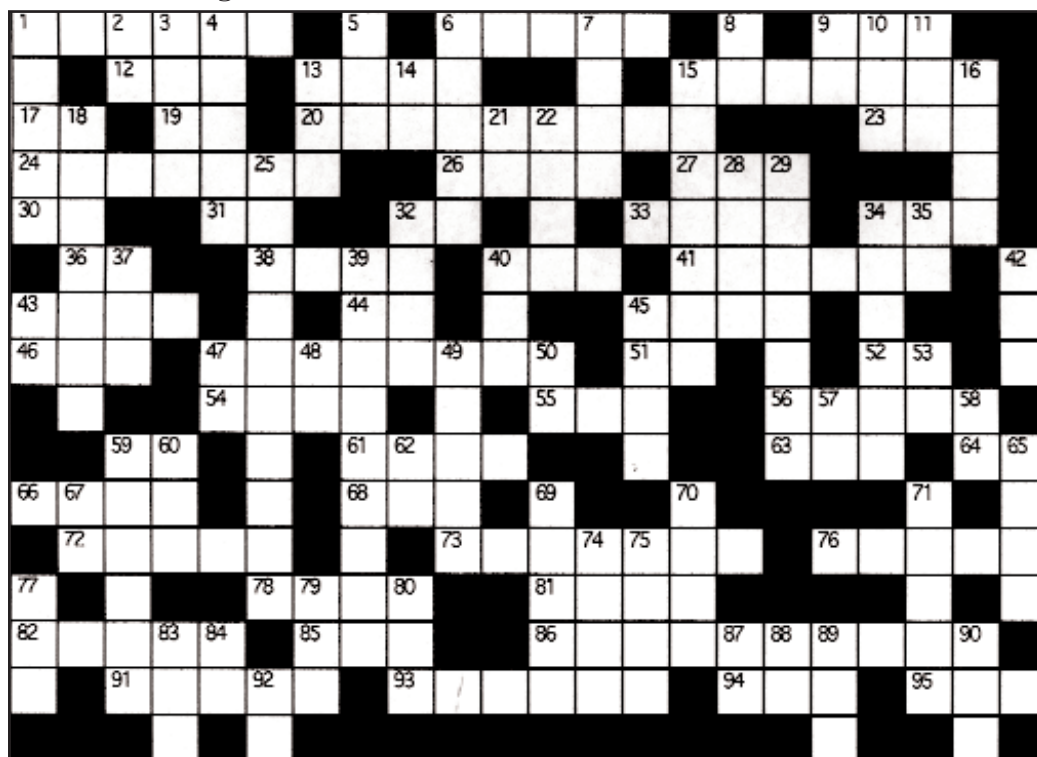
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 59 Foot (abbrev)  
 61 A symbol  
 63 To peruse carefully  
 64 Exclamation of wonder  
 66 Wintery precipitation  
 68 Also  
 72 Courageous  
 73 Military assemblies for review  
 76 The country  
 78 Having ridden  
 81 Among  
 82 The entire naval force  
 85 Wild animal lair  
 86 Peace treaty that was signed by the Allies and Germany ending the Great War  
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 93 Making no vocal sound  
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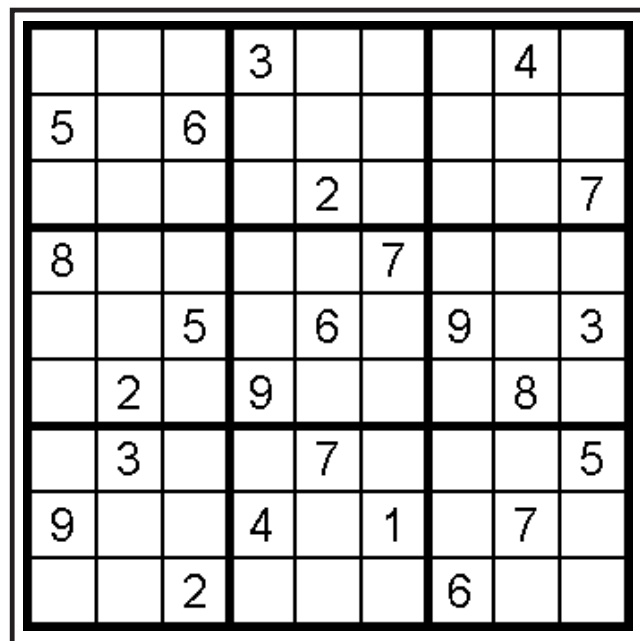
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 1 t. ground cinnamon  
 1 t. ground nutmeg  
 1 t. ground allspice  
 1 T. granulated sugar  
 1 box (18.25 oz.) spice cake mix  
 1 C. chopped walnuts  
 3 T. butter  
 1/4 C. light pancake syrup  
 5 T. apple juice or water

Preheat oven to 350°F. Add apple slices to an 8-cup glass measure and drizzle with 2 tablespoons apple juice or water. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave on high for about 5 minutes. Stir mixture and microwave another 5 minutes, until apple slices are just tender. Stir the apple pie filling into the sliced apples. Pour the apple mixture evenly into a 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and sugar. Sprinkle mixture over apple filling. Pour the dry box of cake mix over the apples. Then scatter the nuts over the top of the cake mix. Combine butter, pancake syrup and apple juice in a microwaveable container and cook on high for a minute or two, or until butter is melted. Stir well to combine ingredients. Drizzle mixture evenly over the top of the cake mix and nuts. Bake for 45 - 55 minutes or until cake is brown on top and bubbling on the sides. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

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## **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

### **NOTICE- PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW, SECTION 108; §5-11**

#### **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board and Town Business meeting on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE of the proposed salaries for the following Town Officers, specified as follows:

Supervisor: \$18,582.00  
Councilmen: \$1,640.00  
Supt. Of Highways: \$58,012.00  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: \$34,004.00  
Town Justice: \$8,919.00

By Order of the Denning Town Board

Nancy Parrow  
Town Clerk  
October 27, 2025

10/30; 11/6

### **Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District Held on December 9th, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 9th, 2025 between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Neversink Fire House located at 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of electing three Commissioners for the following vacancies;

- One, five year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2029.
- One, two year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2027.
- One, one year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2026.

All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 17th, 2025 and residing within the Neversink Fire District will be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office will need to have filed their names and the office they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of Neversink Fire District, at the firehouse at Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765, no later than 20 days prior to the election with the last day for a Candidate to file their name in writing being November 19th, 2025.

Dana Vogler, Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Neversink Fire District

11/6; 11/13; 11/20; 11/27; 12/4

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

##### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

##### **TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** prevailing time, at the **Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School, Lower Level Collaboration Center**. It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be held at the start of the Regular Meeting.

This meeting of the Board of Education shall be held at the time and place stated above.

Samantha Damms  
Tri-Valley Central School District Clerk

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

##### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

##### **TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, an Audit Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** prevailing time, at the **Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School, Lower Level Collaboration Center**.

This meeting shall be held at the time and place stated above.





# HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025  
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# **NEVERSINK HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT SALE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**NEVERSINK FIRE HOUSE**

**ROUTE 55, NEVERSINK, NY**

Homemade Crafts, wreaths, Jewelry, Ceramics, and

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For More Information call: 845-905-2623





# Loss of Sales Tax, Inflationary Pressures Impact Proposed 2026 Sullivan County Budget Tentative Budget Holds the Line on Spending to Reduce Tax Increase

Monticello, NY - County Manager Joshua A. Potossek today presented a 2026 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature that avoids cuts to programs but also faces the reality of increased costs and declining sales tax revenues.

"The 2026 Tentative Sullivan County Budget continues to carefully position the County to maintain its fiscal stability and provide the services taxpayers need and demand," Potossek said. "Originally, we were looking at a much higher, double-digit hike in property taxes, but through careful consideration of mandated services and County priorities - and dipping significantly into our fund balance - we have reduced the proposed increase to 9.1%."

The \$305,746,606 budget, as currently proposed, is less than 1% higher than 2025's Adopted Budget.

"The proposed tax increase is due to rising, inflation-fueled costs and an estimated \$5 million-plus decline in sales tax revenue versus what was anticipated in 2025," explained Potossek. "The projected 5% reduction in that revenue alone constitutes 6.7% of the 9.1% property tax increase."

Full details of the budget are available via a digital budget book at <https://county-sullivan-ny-cleardoc.cleargov.com/17771> (also accessible through [www.sullivanny.gov](http://www.sullivanny.gov)).

"This is more than an online budget viewing tool," noted Potossek. "It allows users to easily search for information, quickly find what they're most interested in, and generate their own charts and graphs. It is an interactive way of understanding our most complex fiscal document."

## Highlights of the Tentative 2026 County Budget include:

- o \$15 million for road and bridgework throughout the County, approximately half of which will come from State and Federal sources
- o \$1.3 million for capital projects at SUNY Sullivan, including the installation of long-needed elevators in the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse
- o \$683,000 to create a state-of-the-art records sharing system amongst the District Attorney's Office, the Division of Public Safety, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and local police agencies
- o \$500,000 to continue the highly successful and life-changing Sullivan Promise scholarship program, paying two years of tuition at SUNY Sullivan for local high school graduates
- o \$150,000 to design a revenue-generating composting facility near the Monticello Transfer Station
- o \$100,000 for the Sullivan County Land Bank to continue rehabilitating dilapidated properties
- o \$50,000 to renovate the Department of Motor Vehicles office in Monticello, including a second camera to take license pictures
- o \$50,000 to rehab sections of the growing and popular O&W Rail Trail network
- o \$30,000 for a community water testing initiative

"This proposed budget also retains funding for the services and programs that impact residents' lives every day, from Public Health to the Office for the Aging, from the Youth Bureau to the EMS fly cars," Potossek explained. "Nevertheless, we are keeping as close an eye as ever on fiscal responsibility and the limits of taxpayers' abilities, which is why I've conveyed to legislators and our economic development partners that it's absolutely critical we aggressively work on attracting more taxpaying industries to the County."

Legislators now have until December 20 to review, discuss and

adopt the budget, and they may make changes to the proposed version before it is adopted.

The public can weigh in as well. Formal public hearings about the proposed 2026 County Budget have been set for Tuesday, December 2, at 5 p.m. and Thursday, December 4, at 10:45 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. In the meantime, written comment is being accepted by Clerk of the Legislature AnnMarie Martin at [annmarie.martin@sullivanny.gov](mailto:annmarie.martin@sullivanny.gov) or 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

## DEC Announces 21st Annual Middle School Student Poster Contest Theme: "Water Connects Us All" Poster Contest Submissions Accepted Through Jan. 2, 2025

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) today announced the theme for the annual water conservation poster contest for middle school students: "Water Connects Us All." The 2026 poster theme challenges middle school students to learn about their role in the watershed where they live and the positive actions they can take to conserve, protect, and celebrate our water resources, now and for future generations.

"DEC is excited to launch the 21st water conservation poster contest which, for two decades, helps inspire New York's next generation of environmental stewards," Commissioner Lefton said. "The poster contest theme 'Water Connects Us All,' encourages young people across New York State to become guardians of their watersheds and helps remind all New Yorkers of the daily actions each of us can take to protect and conserve our precious, connected water resources."

"This poster contest is one of the things that makes NYWEA members proud of what we do," NYWEA Executive Director Khristina Dodson said. "I am even more proud of all of the watershed champions we now have because of the involvement of the students and teachers who have participated throughout the years."

Since 2004, the annual poster contest encourages middle school students across New York State to learn about their role in protecting local watersheds and how to conserve and safeguard water resources. Previous themes include "Create a Watershed Superhero," "We All Live in a Watershed," "Conserve and Protect our Watersheds," and "The Importance of Wastewater Treatment."

New York State teachers, schools, and clubs are advised to visit DEC's website for more information about participating in the 2025-26 school year contest. Poster entries will be accepted through Jan. 2, 2025. The 14 winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2027 Annual Calendar.

The poster contest helps raise awareness of the importance of natural resources and the DEC programs that help reduce water pollution and improve water quality. DEC is one of several New York State agencies funding projects to protect and restore water quality through statewide grant funding opportunities.

To see if your area is covered by a Clean Water Plan, check out DECInfo Locator under the Environmental Monitoring layer category or visit DEC's Clean Water Plan page. To learn more about positive actions New Yorkers can take to protect and conserve New York's waters visit DEC's Keep Water Clean and Water Quality Management webpages.

2025 Winning Submissions Available on DEC's website.

<https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/education/teacher-information/poster-contests/create-a-watershed-superhero-calendar-contest-winners>

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Nov 8, 2025**

*Sundown  
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**Mass Times**

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

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

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

8:00 AM Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM Saturday

**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST**

Schedule will be listed in the bulletin  
<https://smsaparish.org/bulletins>

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**Grahamsville  
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Church**

**Thrift Sale**

**Sat., Nov. 15th  
9 am - 12 noon**



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Sundown UMC 8:30 am  
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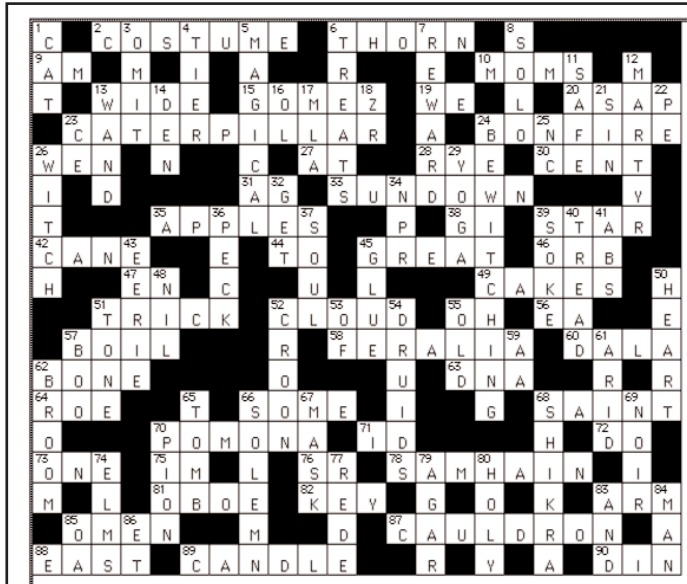
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Ans to last week's Crossword



## Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

November 8th, 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 &amp; 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

Nov 15th  
(weather permitting)

#### Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays,  
starting March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appoint-  
ment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

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## 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 dou-  
ble balcony cabin with drinks and WiFi included. The higher price  
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All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Sholom.

Check the air quality where you are at:

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

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/8/25	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church
11/11/25	Town of Neversink Holiday VETERAN'S DAY
11/12/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
11/12/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/15/25	<b>Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale</b> 9 am - 12 Noon (weather permitting)
11/19/25	<b>Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association</b> Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
11/20/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
11/20/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
11/27-28/25	Town of Neversink Holiday THANKSGIVING
12/2/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

**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

November 3 - November 7, 2025

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

**Monday, November 3**

- o **4:00 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **6:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board**, KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, November 4**

- o Election Day - No Meetings  
 Polls are open from 6 AM - 9 PM  
 For more information visit: [www.elections.ulstercountyny.gov](http://www.elections.ulstercountyny.gov)

**Wednesday, November 5**

- o **3:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board People With Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Subcommittees**, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Special Informational Meeting of the Legislature:** Budget Consultant Presentation, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, at the Pine St. African Burial Ground Building, 157 Pine Street, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, at the UCAT Operations Center, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston

**Thursday, November 6**

- o **3:00 PM - Housing & Transportation Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM (or immediately following Housing & Transportation Committee) - Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **7:00 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2025**, A Local Law To Ensure the Safety of Vulnerable Road Users in Ulster County, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:15 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2025**, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XLI From Each (Youth Bureau), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XI (Department of Social Services), in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2025**, A Local Law Amending Chapter 185 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For the Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Friday, November 7**

- o No Meetings



# Sullivan County Veterans Day Events 2025

## Saturday, November 8

**MONTICELLO: 9:00 am** - The Landfield Avenue Synagogue, 18 Landfield Avenue in Monticello, invites all to attend Veterans Shabbat. Services will be veteran-oriented, and you need not be Jewish to attend. This will be followed by Kiddish (Luncheon).

**WOODBOURNE: 1:00 pm** - **The 26th Annual Veterans Day Parade** hosted by the Woodbourne Fire Department #1 at 355 Fire House Road, Woodbourne. Line up at 12:00 pm, parade kicks off at 1:00 pm. Ceremony to follow with refreshments.

## Sunday, November 9

**HURLEYVILLE: 2:00 pm** - A Sullivan County Historical Society-sponsored and Big Sky Productions-hosted Veteran-themed program will be held at the Sullivan County Museum at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Refreshments served after the show. All are invited.

## Tuesday, November 11

**BETHEL: 11:00 am** - Sgt. Andrew Brucher-Bailey-Richman VFW Post 5499 will be conducting **Veterans Day Services at the Veterans Park** (Bethel Town Square) on Route 55 in Kauneonga Lake. Guest Speaker will be 100th District Assemblymember Paula Kay. All Veterans and the public are invited. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m.

**ELDRED: 11:00 am** - The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and the Sylvan-Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will hold a Veterans Day service at Heroes Park in Eldred, in honor of all veterans. Following the service, refreshments will be served, and they will have their annual raffle drawing.

**GRAHAMSVILLE: 11:00 am** - The Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will host a **Flag-Raising Ceremony, followed by a ceremony at the Neversink Town Hall, both on Route 55 in Grahamsville.**

**LIBERTY: 5:00 pm** until sold out - **Spaghetti and meatball dinner at the Liberty Elks Lodge #1545** located on Darbee Lane, Liberty. Veterans eat free, all others \$15.

**LONG EDDY: 11:00 am** - The Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 and Auxiliary invite all area **Veterans, their families, and the public to their Veterans Day Service and luncheon** being held at the St. Patrick's Church, Long Eddy.

**MONTICELLO: 10:30 am** - **Veterans Day Ceremony** will be held in the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Representation from Monticello Police Department as well as a Color Guard Detail from Fallsburg Police Department and Troop 101 Scouts of America Honor Guard will be in attendance; public invited to attend.

**SUMMITVILLE: 9:00 am** - **Summitville Firehouse**, 3978 State Route 209, Summitville, will host a service conducted by Edward M. Maier VFW Post 4947.

**WURTSBORO: 11:00 am** service hosted by **American Legion Post 1266** at Wurtsboro Veterans Park, Wurtsboro.

*NOTE: This list reflects all the ceremonies the County of Sullivan has been told about as of November 3, 2025.*

Big Sky Productions presents



## Shorts & Sweets Honoring Veterans: Dear Folks



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Monday, November 3 at 6 p.m.  
Ethelbert B. Crawford Public  
Library - Robert D. Norris  
Community Room  
479 Broadway, Monticello, NY

Sunday, November 9 at 2 p.m.  
Sullivan County Historical Society  
and Sullivan County Museum  
265 Main Street in Hurleyville, NY

Friday, November 14 at 5 p.m.  
Western Sullivan Public Library  
Tusten-Cochecton Branch  
198 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY

Sweet Treats and drinks will be  
available for audience members  
at each performance.



Admission is free for all three events. (A free-will donation to the Sullivan County Historical Society will be accepted).

For more information,  
please call 845-985-3175 or  
log onto the Big Sky Productions  
Facebook page.



# LUCY JOSEPH by Mimi McGurl Produced by Farm Arts Collective BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

NOVEMBER 14 and 15 at 7 PM,

NOVEMBER 16 at 3 PM

At Farm Arts Collective on Willow Wisp Organic Farm - "A gripping story beautifully and vividly brought to life!" ~ Jonathan Charles Fox

Damascus, PA-LUCY JOSEPH will enjoy a return engagement at Farm Arts Collective. After a sold-out run last June, the ensemble will present the performance for 3 shows only! Based on the life of a 19th century gender non-conforming pioneer Lucy Ann Joseph Israel Lobdell, the performance is written and directed by Mimi McGurl. Steeped in deep local history, the musical docudrama includes contributed story and texts from author William Klaber, texts by L.A. Lobdell and contributions by the Farm Arts Collective ensemble. The company of actors includes Jess Beveridge in the title role, Doug Rogers (musical composition), Pam Arnold, John Roth, Samantha Mehlman, Annie Hat, and Laura Moran. Additional text by Mark Dunau.

LUCY JOSEPH will run Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15 at 7 PM, and Sunday, November 16 at 3 PM at Farm Arts Collective's new Agri-Cultural Center located on Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415.

The performance garnered strong reviews at its premiere: "Lucy Joseph is fully realized and practically faultless. The cast, featuring a captivating performance by Jess Beveridge in the title role, also showcased the many talents of Laura Moran, John Roth and ensemble players Pam Arnold, Annie Hat, Doug Rogers and playwright McGurl, many of whom played multiple characters with great panache.- Jonathan Charles Fox, The River Reporter

The historical figure at the center of the play is Lucy Ann/Joseph Israel Lobdell, aka The Female Hunter of Long Eddy, who lived in the Delaware River Valley in the mid 1800's. During Lobdell's well-documented years, colorful labels were attached to them in newspaper articles, histories, and medical records. Raised as a girl, Lobdell, by 30 years of age, clearly preferred to live their life as a man. Lobdell's life speaks volumes to the cultural shifts that squeezed through so much religious and political turmoil during the nineteenth century.

The story of Lobdell was meticulously researched by playwright Mimi McGurl, and the play captures the historical times while drawing parallels to contemporary socio-political arguments, how, nearly two centuries later, there are still powerful and influential people who insist that genetic markings at birth remain forever the essential truth of who we are. Lobdell's life stands as a beacon of exactly how much more work still needs to be done for all of us to have the freedom to determine, for ourselves, our own gender identities and our own personal truths.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at [www.farmartscollective.org](http://www.farmartscollective.org)

A limited number of Pay-What-You-Can tickets are available for each performance.

## Biography of Mimi McGurl

Mimi McGurl is a director, dramaturg and teacher whose work addresses questions of gender and racial perception in performance. Recent shows include a touring lecture-performance entitled Queer Woods (upcoming performance at Greenhouse Project, Scranton June 28th), Dream on the Farm with the Farm Arts Collective, Tracks by LAVA, Shakespeare's Will written by Vern Thiessen at the North American Cultural Laboratory, and The Paul Robeson Project at the WOW Cafe Theatre. She also lectures and leads workshops on writing for performance in non-academic settings. She received a B.A. from Middlebury College, an MFA from UC Irvine, and a PhD from Stanford University.

Jess Beveridge (Lucy) is a founding member of Farm Arts Collective and company manger. She has been a part of all Dream on the Farm performances and co-created Alice in Scienceland, the company's young audiences touring show. She is a "perfarmer" who also spends her days at Willow Wisp Organic Farm in the role of greenhouse manager and flower farmer. She was recently seen in Science Cabaret at Farm Arts Collective and has worked with River Rep, local sketch comedy Times Up, and other local performances. She is an alumna of the Studio Program at AMDA, NY and has trained and performed with 29th Street Playwrights Collective, The Pearl Conservatory, Co-Op Theatre East, GoJo Clan Productions, Cornerstone Theatre Arts and Forestburgh Playhouse. Past credits also include Courage (Governor's Island), People Like Us and Streets with NACL.

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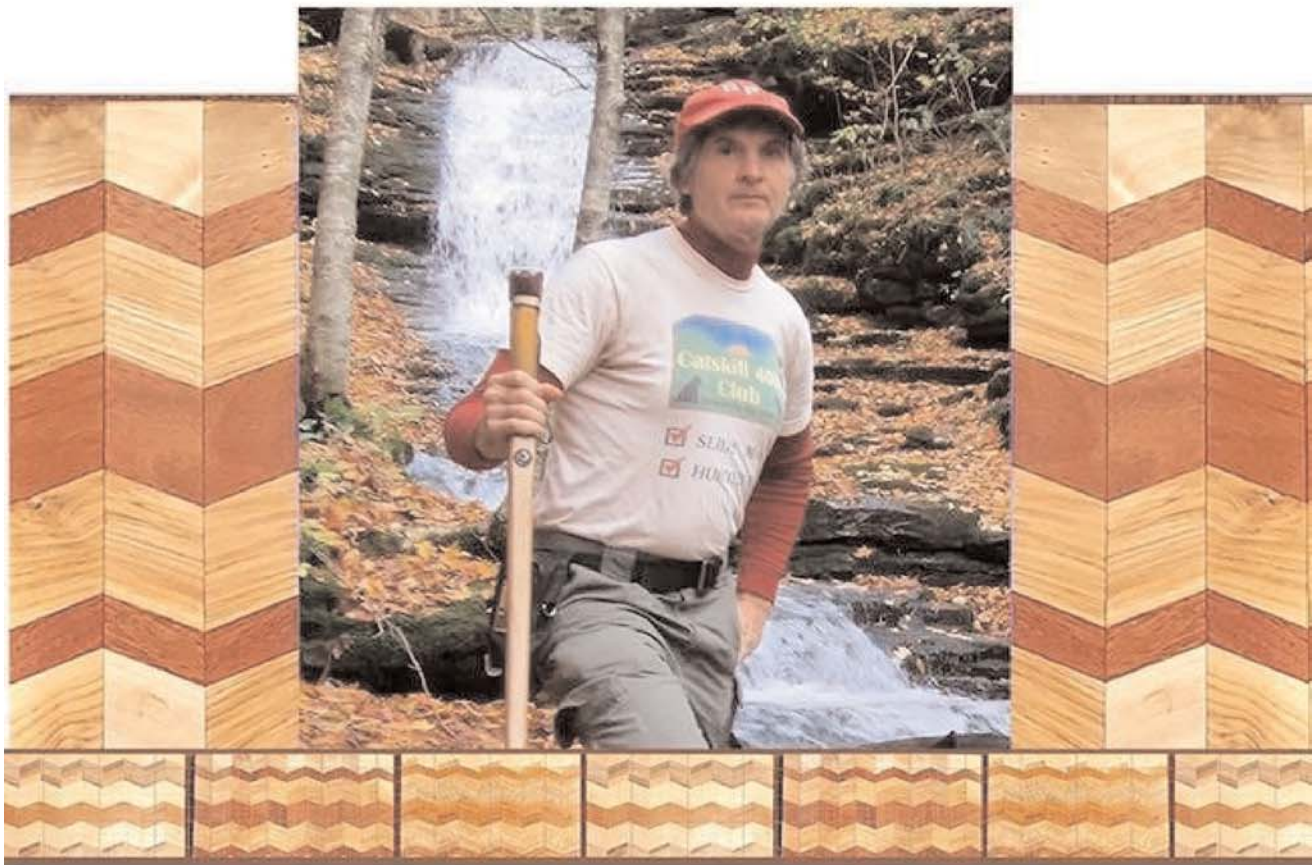
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### Paul Misko

Catskill Carpenter, Hiking Expert and Historian

## Woodworking in the Catskills

Saturday Nov. 22nd 1:00 - 3:30



Woodworker Paul Misko will give a multimedia presentation on Woodworking in the Catskills. His talk will include woodworking in olden days, as well as in current times. Harvesting the wood, milling the logs, and making the household items. He will show the various kinds of wood species the Catskills provides, and the characteristics of each.

Some examples of his work will be available for sale.



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# Governor Hochul Announces Start of Holiday Food, Toy, Coat and School Supply Drive to Benefit NY'ers in Need

- *Donations of Food, Toys, School Supplies and Coats Will Be Accepted Between Nov. 1 and Dec. 5*
- *Shipped Packages Can Be Delivered to the Empire State Plaza*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York's annual statewide holiday donation drive to benefit families in need across New York is underway as of Saturday, Nov. 1. Donations of new, unwrapped toys, coats, school supplies and non-perishable food items are being sought to support community-based organizations that assist New Yorkers during the holiday giving season. This year's holiday drive has been expanded to include food donations for New York families in the wake of the Trump administration's unlawful attempts to withhold federally-funded SNAP benefits - the largest and most effective anti-hunger program in the nation that helps feed nearly three million New Yorkers each month, most of whom are older adults, disabled or children.

"Generosity is a core value of the holiday season. New York's statewide Toy and Coat Drive offers an opportunity to give back to our communities when it's needed most," Governor Hochul said. "I encourage all New Yorkers to consider donating to share hope, happiness, warmth and holiday cheer with children and families in need."

The New York State Office of General Services has set up drop-off locations across the state for businesses and individuals to donate new, unwrapped toys, coats, school supplies and non-perishable food items, which will be given to families in underserved communities throughout New York.

Toys, coats, school supplies and non-perishable food donations will be collected at most drop-off locations from November 1 through December 5. Donations, both shipped and dropped off, will be accepted at the Empire State Plaza until December 15. Food collected between November 1 and the week before Thanksgiving will be distributed in time for the holiday.

The drop-off locations are as follows:

## Capital Region

- o Agency Buildings 1,2,3,4 - Empire State Plaza, Albany
- o Alfred E. Smith Building, 80 South Swan Street, Albany
- o Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany
- o Empire State Plaza Main Concourse, Empire State Plaza,

## Albany

- o Harriman Campus Buildings 5, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 12 Harriman Campus, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany
- o Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, Albany
- o Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany
- o New York State Capitol, Albany
- o NYSDOT, 50 Wolf Road, Albany
- o NYSERDA, 15 Columbia Circle, Albany
- o NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany
- o Robert Abrams Building for Law and Justice Empire State Plaza, Albany
- o Swan Street Building, Core 2 and Core 3, Empire State Plaza, Albany
- o Ten Eyck Building, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany
- o 44 Holland Avenue, Albany
- o 625 Broadway, Albany
- o 328 State Street, Schenectady

## Central New York

- o Senator John J. Hughes State Office Building, 333 E. Washington Street, Syracuse

## Finger Lakes

- o NYS State Police, 1155 Scottsville Road, Rochester
- o 1530 Jefferson Road, Rochester
- o 259 Monroe Avenue, Rochester

## Long Island

- o Perry B. Duryea State Office Building, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge

## Mid-Hudson

- o Eleanor Roosevelt State Office Building, 4 Burnett Boulevard, Poughkeepsie

## Mohawk Valley

- o Homer Folks Facility, 28 Hill Street, Oneonta
- o Utica State Office Building, 207 Genesee Street, Utica

## New York City

- o Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street, New York City
- o Shirley A. Chisholm State Office Building, 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn

## North Country

- o Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington Street, Watertown

## Southern Tier

- o Binghamton State Office Building, 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton
- o Henderson-Smith State Office Building, 107 Broadway, Hornell

## Western New York

- o Electric Tower, 535 Washington Street, Buffalo
- o 95 Perry Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

**Packages ordered online can be shipped to the following location:**

Empire State Plaza  
P1 South Dock J  
Albany, New York 12242  
NYS Holiday Drive

# MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

## Shalom

The Torah calls the first Jew Avram Ha'ivri (literally "Abraham from the other side.") Everyone else was on one side of the moral divide, and he was on the other, standing alone for truth, kindness, and belief in one G-d.

He was mocked, threatened, even targeted for death. But he didn't back down. He believed one person could change the world; and he was right. Four thousand years later, his courage still defines us. The Jewish people have always stood on "the other side," sometimes painfully alone, but always with purpose. See below details for a special Shabbaton with Tamar Helfin which will surely be enjoyable and uplifting!

Wishing you all a peaceful, joyful Shabbat filled with good company, delicious food, and meaningful moments.

Shabbat services are held each week at 9:30 am Saturday morning,

Kabbalah-Bagel-Breakfast (K.B.B.) is on this Sunday at 930 am!

Shabbat shalom,

Rabbi Hanoch and Tzivie Hecht

\*All events take place at The Rhinebeck Jewish Center, 102 Montgomery St in Rhinebeck.

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# **Governor Hochul Announces \$8 Million Awarded to Local Governments for Efficiency and Shared Service Initiatives**

***Funding Awarded through NYS  
Department of State's Local  
Government Efficiency Grant Program***

***Projects Include Planning and  
Implementation Projects Designed to  
Lower Current and Future Costs for  
Municipalities***

***Implementation of Shared Services  
Help Municipalities Join Forces to  
Incentivize Affordability and Save  
Taxpayers Money***

Governor Hochul has announced \$8 million in grant awards for 21 projects that are designed to create efficiencies and lower costs for local governments across New York State. The funding is administered by NYS Department of State through its competitive Local Government Efficiency Grant (LGEG) Program which incentivizes New York municipalities to engage in partnerships that aim to make New York communities more affordable by reducing municipal costs through consolidations, shared services, and internal efficiencies. The opportunity creates both short- and long-term savings for counties, cities, towns, villages and other governmental entities.

"We are constantly working with our local government partners to make New York State a more affordable place to live, do business and raise a family, and many of our local governments are looking to do the same," Governor Hochul said. "These municipalities are joining forces, looking at opportunities to lower costs and ultimately save taxpayers money. We will continue to work together and support measures that result in streamlined services."

New York Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley said, "The LGEG program provides an excellent return-on-investment for New York State as it encourages municipalities to problem solve together to bolster services and amplify savings. Under the Governor's leadership, this new round of funding will help local governments address both current and emerging challenges, to accomplish what ultimately matters the most: effective municipal services and tax savings for residents."

The Local Government Efficiency Grant Program provides both planning and implementation funding to local governments that apply to the competitively scored grant program. As modified in the 2024-25 budget, the LGEG program currently awards individual municipalities with

up to \$20,000 for planning grants and up to \$250,000 for implementation grants.

Awarded projects include:

Capital Region:

- o Town of Hunter: \$1,250,000
- o Town of Petersburg: \$358,107
- o Warren County: \$422,668

Central New York:

- o Cazenovia Central School District: \$40,000
- o Madison County: \$20,850

Finger Lakes Region:

- o Village of Avon: \$500,000
- o Village of Brockport: \$476,619
- o Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority: \$642,150
- o Wyoming County Planning and Development: \$75,000

Mid-Hudson Region:

- o Town of Carmel: \$1,200,000
- o Town of Liberty: \$21,675
- o Livingston Manor Central School District: (Rockland CSD) \$450,000
- o Village of Rye Brook: \$25,000
- o Ulster County: \$40,000

Mohawk Valley Region:

- o Village of Fonda: \$50,000

North Country Region:

- o Village of Copenhagen: \$682,418
- o Lewis County: \$1,053,070

Southern Tier Region:

- o Village of Montour Falls: \$32,120
- o Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board: \$20,000
- o Tompkins County: \$324,000

Western New York Region:

- o Town of Evans: \$316,323

Assemblymember Michaelle Solages said, "Local governments are on the frontlines of service delivery, and their ability to work efficiently is key to strengthening our communities. These Local Government Efficiency Grants help municipalities collaborate, modernize operations, and reduce costs for taxpayers. I applaud Governor Hochul and the Department of State for supporting innovative partnerships that make government work better for the people of New York."



# Sundown United Methodist Church

## Covered Dish Supper November 8th

### 5:30 pm

Bring a covered to dish to share.  
Enjoy good food and fellowship.

... and don't forget to check out the tables  
filled with holiday items and more that will be  
available for sale at the suppers each month

## Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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



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

**T**his July is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Time and the Valleys Museum is honoring our area's contribution to the struggles for independence by creating two new interactive exhibitions on the Revolution in 2026.

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



Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740  
845 985-7700 [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership)

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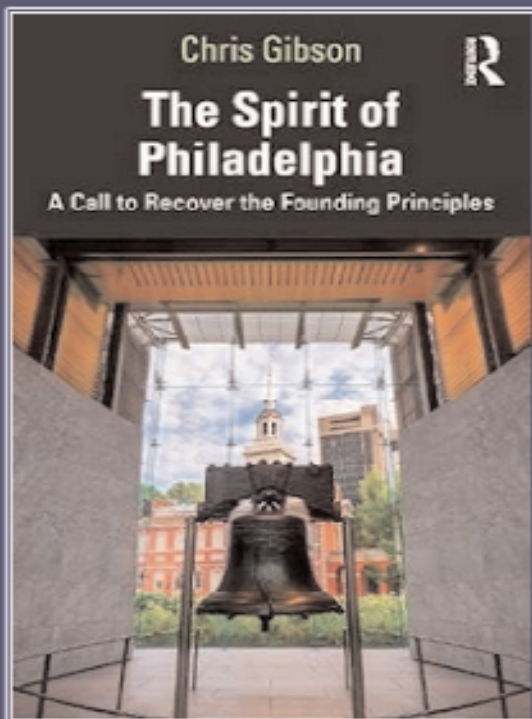
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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

I hope your summer has gone well. I'm reaching back out to you to share the news that our website has been refreshed and updated. It now features four new essays on the Founding era recently published by the Hoover Institution of Stanford University as we look forward next year to celebrating our 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. One of those essays is on the significance of the Battle of Saratoga, which proved to be a turning point in the Revolutionary War. You can now read those essays for free on our website here.

<https://www.thespiritofphiladelphia.com/events>

We've also added links to some of our recent TV, radio and podcast appearances, relevant media coverage, and an updated listing of upcoming events (all of these can be found on the "media & events" page). All of the new items are marked with a green "NEW" banner. We've also updated the "what people are saying" section of the home page to include several new endorsements of the book by Americans from across the ideological spectrum.

As always, I'd welcome your thoughts and feedback on any of these items and/or your reactions to my new book. You can reach me by sending an email message from the "contact us" page on the website.

Finally, I hope you are enjoying the beautiful color as our leaves change across the region and country - it's shaping up to be a beautiful fall!

Sincerely yours,  
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# DEC Reminds New Yorkers to Hunt Safely This Season Hunters, Hikers, and all Outdoor Enthusiasts Reminded to Share the Woods Safely During Hunting Season

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today reminded New Yorkers to hunt safely this season and encouraged all outdoor enthusiasts to respectfully share the woods and follow safety precautions. Regular deer hunting season in the Northern Zone began Oct. 25 and closes Dec. 7. Bowhunting season for deer and bear is ongoing in the Southern Zone and ends on Nov. 14. The regular big game season in the Southern Zone begins Nov. 15.

"With nearly 600,000 New Yorkers participating annually, hunting is among the most popular forms of wildlife-related recreation in the state," said Commissioner Lefton. "Hunting remains a safe, ecologically important wildlife population management tool, and fosters an understanding and respect for the environment. I encourage everyone enjoying the woods to be aware of their surroundings and follow all outlined safety measures while afield."

Hunting is very safe and is getting safer thanks to the efforts of DEC's Hunter Education Program, volunteer instructors, and the vigilance of New York's hunting community. Due to ongoing efforts to teach hunting safety, responsibility, and ethics, incident rates over the last five years are at the lowest levels recorded in New York. Many, if not all hunting-related incidents can be prevented by following the primary rules of hunter safety:

- o Treat every firearm as if it were loaded;
- o Control the muzzle, always keep it pointed in a safe direction;
- o Identify your target and what lies beyond it;
- o Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire; and
- o Wear hunter orange or pink.

Tips for all hunters venturing afield this fall include:

- o Tell someone your hunting location and anticipated return time. If plans change, notify them;
- o Dress for the weather and plan for both location and elevation changes;
- o Become familiar with planned hunting areas in advance; and
- o Pack the 10 Essentials, especially a light source, knife, map, and first aid kit.

Additionally, DEC encourages all New York hunters to Strap Up Before You Go Up to improve tree stand safety. Like shooting incidents, elevated stand incidents can easily be avoided by following simple safety measures.

Hunters can protect against falls from a tree stand or elevated platform by using a fall-arrest system (FAS). A FAS keeps a hunter attached to the tree from the time they leave the ground until they get back down. A harness alone is not sufficient if it isn't attached to the tree the entire time the hunter is off the ground.

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- o A strap that attaches to the tree when in the stand;
- o A tether strap that attaches the harness to the tree strap;
- o A "lifeline" to keep a hunter safe while climbing and descending; and
- o A suspension relief strap to be used in the event of a fall.

Other important safety tips for hunting from an elevated platform:

- o Select a healthy, straight tree.
  - o Always maintain three points of contact (one hand and two feet or two hands and one foot) when climbing up or down from the stand.
  - o Inspect all equipment before using it. Replace stands, parts, harness, straps, and lifeline as necessary.
  - o Harnesses have an expiration date. Replace a harness if it is expired.
  - o Once secured in your stand, use a haul line to raise and lower your UNLOADED gun, bow, and cocked but unloaded crossbow, pointed down, into the stand. Do not tie the haul line around the trigger or trigger guard.
- For more information on hunter education courses and hunting safety statistics, visit Hunter Education Program.

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# DEC Reminds New Yorkers to Hunt Safely This Season Hunters, Hikers, and all Outdoor Enthusiasts Reminded to Share the Woods Safely During Hunting Season

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## Remember to Share the Woods

Hikers should be aware that they may encounter hunters bearing firearms or archery equipment on trails. Hunters should likewise recognize that they may encounter hikers and others enjoying the outdoors. Hunting-related shooting incidents involving non-hunters are extremely rare and hunting seasons the past few years were among the safest ever.

Hunters can minimize the potential for disturbance by and to other forms of recreation by following a few tips. When hunters are scouting for the perfect spot or stand location, take the time to check if the planned location is popular. Avoiding locations that crowd other hunters or are near a sought-out hiking spot can improve both the hunting and recreational experience. If a preferred hunting spot is too crowded, identify an alternative location ahead of time.

DEC maintains hiking, biking, skiing, and snowmobile trails in many areas of Forest Preserve lands in the Adirondack and Catskill parks, as well as in State Forests, Wildlife Management Areas, and Unique Areas open to hunting. DEC launched the 'Love Our New York Lands' campaign to encourage visitors to State-owned and managed lands to practice responsible recreation. Love Our New York Lands bolsters ongoing State-and partner-led efforts to educate the public about how to responsibly enjoy outdoor recreation on public lands without negatively impacting natural resources.

Find recreation options by visiting DEC's Trails Less Traveled or checking out DECinfo Locator. Many trails are accessible to people with disabilities. Check out DEC's YouTube playlist, with tips for how to plan and prepare for a hike with Hiking Essentials, and DEC's Hunter Education playlist for more information about the Basic Rules of Hunter Safety.

## Venison Donations

With nearly 3 million New Yorkers potentially losing their federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assistance in November, DEC is encouraging hunters to help fight hunger in our communities at this critical time.

Each year, DEC partners with Feeding New York State to facilitate the donation of 50-70,000 pounds of venison from deer harvested by hunters to those in need.

To help join the fight against hunger by donating your deer harvest:

1. Drop off any legally harvested, tagged, and reported deer at one of Feeding New York State's participating deer processors.
2. Call the processor ahead of time to ensure they can accept your deer.

3. Complete the processor's log sheet indicating your desire to donate the deer. Hunters can also donate whole deer or venison directly to anyone they choose.

DEC and Feeding New York State will cover the processing costs for donated deer so that the venison can be distributed to food pantries and food banks throughout the state; however, funding is limited. If you don't have a deer to donate but still want to help, consider making a financial donation to the venison donation program through Feeding New York State, by clicking the "Donations" link at the top of the DEC Automated Licensing System page, or when you purchase your next hunting license. <https://decals.east.licensing.app/>

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

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other State agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate, and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In the first half of 2025, Rangers conducted 139 search and rescue missions, extinguished 82 wildfires covering nearly 705 acres, and participated in 56 prescribed fires that rejuvenated 1,514 acres of land. In 2024, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 362 search and rescue missions, extinguished 122 wildfires covering nearly 6,500 acres, participated in 60 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 1,155 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in more than 1,200 tickets and arrests.

"DEC's Forest Rangers bravely protect State-owned and managed lands, as well as the people who use them. Whether conducting a search and rescue call or responding to a wildfire, Rangers are always ready when emergencies strike," DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "Every day and in all conditions, Forest Rangers demonstrate their expertise and leadership in protecting the public and State lands, serving as role models for the next generation of environmental stewards. DEC encourages interested New Yorkers to visit DEC's website to learn how to become the next New York State Forest Ranger."

## Village of Hancock Delaware County

Wilderness Recue: On Oct. 26 at 4:45 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a call from two hikers who stated they were lost off trail at Jensen's Ledges. Forest Ranger Cleinman spoke with the hikers from Brooklyn and obtained coordinates. By 7 p.m., Ranger Cleinman located the hikers at their coordinates and assisted them back to their vehicle.

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

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



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# More than just kegels: understanding your pelvic floor



## Daniel Pierce Library

### More Than Just Kegels....

Thursday, November 6th  
at 6:00 p.m.

in the Adult Reading Room

Please join us with special guest Rachel Brazell, from Brazell Physical Therapy & Wellness as she shares the importance of the pelvic floor and why it matters for overall health.

There will be time for Q & A.

#### Topics Discussed:

- Common pelvic floor issues: leakage, urgency, prolapse, pain, postpartum changes, etc.
- How PT can restore strength, reduce pain and improve confidence.
- Every day habits and movements that support pelvic floor health.
- Active demonstration on how to engage deep core and pelvic floor (with exercise examples, bring a floor mat if you want to participate).

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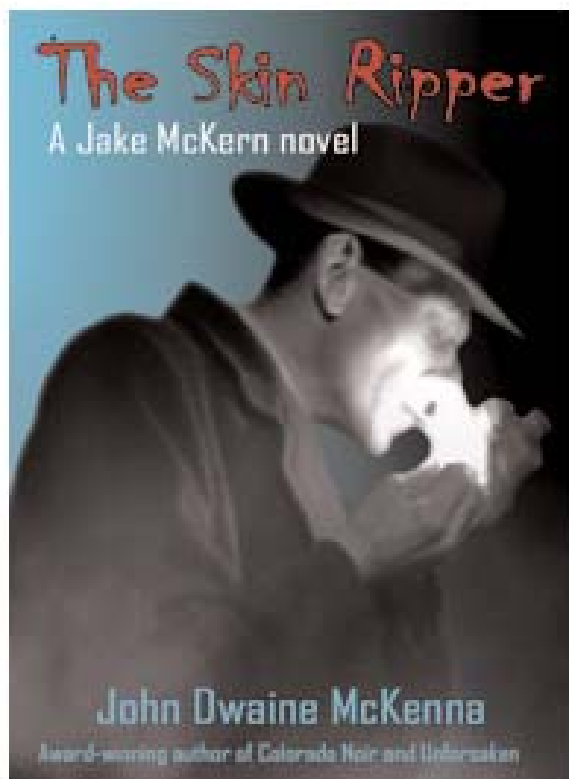
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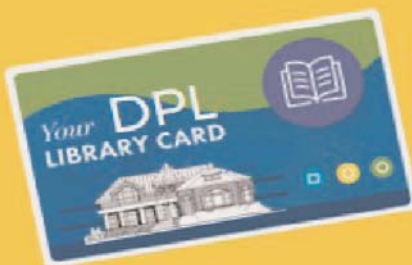
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# With No Federal SNAP Funding After Oct. 31 Due to Shutdown Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Takes Action on Food Access Emergency

KINGSTON, NY - In response to the ongoing federal shutdown and anticipated cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced today a series of emergency measures in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley (CFHV), to protect food access for vulnerable residents.

Nearly 1 in 10 Ulster County residents - approximately 18,000 people - rely on SNAP to afford enough to eat. This essential federal safety-net program injects roughly \$4 million each month into the local economy and household food budgets. Without immediate federal action, these benefits could be cut off as early as November 1, leaving thousands of families at risk of hunger.

To help mitigate the impact, Ulster County is redirecting nearly \$350,000 to three of the largest area food pantries with the widest operating hours and geographic coverage:

- o People's Place (Kingston)
- o Rondout Valley Food Pantry (Stone Ridge)
- o Family of Woodstock (Woodstock, Ellenville, and New Paltz locations)

In partnership with the CFHV, Ulster County is also launching a special Emergency Food Fund to support local hunger relief efforts in smaller food pantries around the County. Community members are encouraged to contribute at [tinyurl.com/UlsterFoodAccessFund](http://tinyurl.com/UlsterFoodAccessFund). Funds are expected to be distributed as early as next week to meet urgent needs. We encourage residents and businesses to make a donation if they are able, and/or volunteer at your local food pantry.

County Executive Metzger also sent a letter to Congress today urging swift bipartisan action to restore federal funding for SNAP and the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which helps low-income households afford heating during the winter months. The letter, along with a map of Ulster County food pantries, is attached to this release.

"The Administration's decision to halt SNAP funding on November 1 rather than follow past practice and draw on contingency funds threatens to create a food access emergency for thousands of people in our County," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "I am redirecting nearly \$350,000 to help meet immediate needs as a stopgap measure - but the real solution must come from the federal and state government. I want to thank Governor Hochul for her announcement today declaring a state food emergency and allocating an additional \$65 million in state hunger funding. This is an important action; however, SNAP funding

must be fully restored to meet the need, and I urge Congress to act immediately."

"We commend Ulster County's proactive leadership and strategic response to this emerging food access crisis," said Laura Washington, President & CEO of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. "By redirecting County funds and partnering with Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley in launching the Ulster Food Access Fund, we can quickly connect resources to food pantries on the front lines that are helping families weather this period of uncertainty."

Please note that SNAP benefits cannot be issued for November unless the shutdown ends or other federal action provides necessary funding. SNAP households will be notified by November 1 on the status of their benefits. Updates will be posted on the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website, myBenefits, the ebtEDGE app, and through text messages to SNAP households. The Ulster County SNAP page will be updated as new information is made available:

<https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Divisions/SNAP>

For more information on how to support local food access efforts, visit [tinyurl.com/UlsterFoodAccessFund](http://tinyurl.com/UlsterFoodAccessFund)



## TEXTILES

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Selected by Bruce Weber



Eileen Power, *Pas de Deux*

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**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**2pm**

**Sullivan County Government Center,  
Legislative Hearing Room**

**Join us to hear updates from all of our Drug Task Force  
Pillars on projects, initiatives, and current situations.**

**For more information, E-mail: [Michael.Osepowicz2@sullivanny.gov](mailto:Michael.Osepowicz2@sullivanny.gov)**

# Brick by Brick: Autumn Adventures

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Fall 2025

### LEGO Pumpkin Chunkin' (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, October 22

Build a working catapult that can launch a small LEGO pumpkin.

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to see which design launches furthest or most accurately will be held! 3:00 to 4:30 pm

### Autumn Architects (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, November 5

Design a LEGO city celebrating fall; including a harvest festival

(maybe Giant Pumpkin Party), Halloween decorations, spooky houses and fall trees.

Skills: architecture, city planning, teamwork and creative storytelling. 3:00 to 4:30 pm

### Fall Animal Friends (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, November 19

Build woodland creatures like squirrels, foxes, owls and turkeys.

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Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org). If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program.



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## Joining House Leadership and New York Colleagues on Day 30 of the Democrat Shutdown

I joined House Leadership and my New York Republican colleagues to mark Day 30 of the Democrat-led shutdown and call on Senator Chuck Schumer and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries to stop appeasing the radical left and reopen the government. This crisis was entirely avoidable. Instead of working with Republicans to pass a clean funding bill, Democrat leaders chose politics over people, leaving millions of Americans without paychecks, food assistance, or access to essential services.

The American people deserve better than chaos and weak leadership. Schumer and Jeffries have surrendered to the far-left activists who now control their party, prioritizing ideology over families, small businesses, and our troops. I will continue standing up for the hardworking men and women who build, farm, serve, and raise families across Upstate New York. It's time to reopen the government, restore stability, and put American families first.

Watch the full remarks here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgl3HiJXUmQ>

## Affirming Israel's Sovereignty Over the Temple Mount and Supporting Religious Freedom for All

This week, I introduced a resolution reaffirming Israel's sovereignty over the Temple Mount and calling for equal access and religious freedom for Christians, Muslims, and the Jewish people at one of the world's most sacred sites. The Temple Mount is the holiest site in Judaism and a place of deep significance for all three Abrahamic faiths. My resolution recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital, reaffirms Israel's 3,000-year connection to this holy site, and condemns ongoing international efforts to erase that history or impose double standards on access and prayer. For generations, Israel has ensured that people of all faiths can visit and worship at their sacred sites, a freedom that remains rare across much of the Middle East. Yet Christians and Jews still face restrictions on prayer and access at the Temple Mount. My resolution makes clear that America stands firmly with our strongest ally, supports true religious equality, and defends the freedom of worship for all who seek peace in the Holy Land.

TO READ MORE, CLICK HERE.

<https://jewishinsider.com/2025/10/claudia-tenney-resolution-temple-mount-israeli-sovereignty/>

## Royalton-Hartland Schools Receives \$235,991 Federal Grant

The Royalton-Hartland Central School District will receive a \$235,991 federal grant to strengthen school safety and security for more than 1,100 students and 230 staff members. This funding will support important upgrades to safety infrastructure, including new communication systems, panic buttons, remote lockdown capabilities, and expanded camera coverage, all in partnership with the Middleport Police Department. These improvements will enhance coordination with law enforcement, close existing coverage gaps, and ensure a safer learning environment for every student and educator. The safety of our students is always a top priority, and I was honored to support this critical project to protect families and schools across our community.

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. 3699, the Energy Choice Act:** This bill would prohibit states or local governments from banning specific energy sources and allow Americans to choose their preferred energy source. Democratic-controlled states like New York are waging an all-out attack on domestic energy production, killing American jobs and leading to increased energy prices. To achieve true energy independence, we must ensure Americans have access to a full range of options, including natural gas.

**H.R. 45, the FIND Act:** This bill would prohibit the federal government from entering into contracts with organizations that discriminate against firearm trade associations or businesses that sell firearms. Specifically, awarded federal contracts would require an entity to have written certification that it does not discriminate against firearm organizations. This bill protects taxpayer dollars from politicalization by ensuring that corporations don't benefit from federal contracts and subcontracts that unfairly discriminate against the firearm industry.

**H.R. 377, the Regulation Reduction Act of 2025:** This bill would prohibit a federal agency from issuing a new rule unless it repeals three or more related rules and publishes the repeal to the Federal Register. Additionally, each federal agency would be required to report to Congress a review of each rule it repealed and to identify whether each rule was costly, ineffective, duplicative, or outdated. While President Trump works with Congress to rein in the federal bureaucracy, this legislation ensures that overburdensome regulations are continuously reduced while protecting critical programs.



I have heard from folks across the Hudson Valley impacted by the funding cuts and the budget gridlock in Washington - from parents dealing with the skyrocketing costs of health insurance to families who aren't sure where their next meal is going to come from after the Administration refused to release funding for SNAP.

I hear each and every one of you. And I will not stop fighting for you and for a more affordable, more safe, and more free Hudson Valley for us all. Here's some of how your voice fueled that fight this week:

#### PROTECTING CRITICAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

42 million Americans, including 74,000 of our neighbors right here in the Hudson Valley, are at risk of going hungry because the Trump Administration is refusing to release additional funding for SNAP.

This is \$5 billion in funding that Congress set aside long ago to fund SNAP specifically in situations like this shutdown. There is a 50 year precedent of our nation coming together, doing the right thing, and never letting SNAP funding run out.

I'm demanding that Trump stop withholding this lifeline for millions of seniors, veterans, kids, and families struggling to make ends meet.

The President can fix this - failing to do so would be a complete and total betrayal of the American people. Especially as the Administration spends tax payer dollars to buy private jets, provides cash bailouts to foreign governments and constructs a massive gilded ballroom on the White House grounds, making sure that our hardworking neighbors don't go hungry is more than a noble cause.

This past week, I led colleagues in demanding that for once, Trump put politics aside and do the right thing: Protect SNAP. Read our letter to the administration here.

[https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/10/24/ryan-blasts-trump-administration-over-potential-loss-of-snap-benefits-amid-shutdown/?utm\\_campaign=socialflow&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_content=tw-dailyfreeman](https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/10/24/ryan-blasts-trump-administration-over-potential-loss-of-snap-benefits-amid-shutdown/?utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_content=tw-dailyfreeman)

#### HEARING DIRECTLY FROM YOU: ARE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS INCREASING?

We're feeling the harms of Trump's cruel health care cuts and cost increases every day in the Hudson Valley.

I'm fighting back relentlessly against the devastating impacts to our community - but as hardworking families across the region face skyrocketing insurance prices, I'm asking for your help.

I want to hear directly from you: Have you received a notice that your health insurance premiums are increasing? Please take my quick survey here.

[https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/EForm.aspx?\\_cid=NY19PR&\\_fid=100056](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/EForm.aspx?_cid=NY19PR&_fid=100056)

If you know someone else impacted by increasing premiums, please forward this to them so they can complete the survey, too.

240,000 of our neighbors - seniors, veterans, and single parents - are at risk of losing their health insurance. 17,000 already have. Nearly half of them are kids. An average 60-year-old couple on ACA insurance in our community could face a \$1,000/month increase to their health care bill.

These are burdens that our community simply cannot afford - and they shouldn't have to. That's why it's so important that I hear from YOU. We are not powerless - and together, we can build the more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley that our families deserve.

#### BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Amid the government shutdown, my team and I are acting with the care and urgency the moment requires.

My team will be in every corner of the Hudson Valley to assist you one-on-one with federal programs at November's CARES Van events.

If you need help with Medicare, Social Security, federal student aid, and more, but can't attend an event, please give my team a call at (845) 443-2930.

#### COMMEMORATING 200 YEARS OF THE ERIE CANAL

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Erie Canal, the Hudson River Maritime Museum welcomed the Seneca Chief - an exact replica of the first vessel that traversed the Canal.

My team had a great time welcoming the Seneca Chief to Kingston!

I also want to give a big shout out to the Buffalo Maritime Center for building this amazing replica and bringing it to Kingston!

#### HONORING OUR VETERANS

Our veterans have led lives grounded in service - motivated not out of self-interest, but out of a deep belief in our country's principles of equality and freedom for all. They make huge sacrifices and risk their lives to protect each one of us and our nation is forever indebted to them.

On November 9 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM, I'm inviting every veteran from across the Hudson Valley to my Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at the Orange County Veterans Center to recognize our Hudson Valley veterans' heroism, express our gratitude, and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring they receive the care and benefits they have earned.

Please help me spread the word to our veterans: Each and every one of you is part of our Hudson Valley veterans family and is warmly invited to join the Luncheon. And always thank you for your service.

#### REMEMBERING A HUDSON VALLEY MUSIC LEGEND

This past week, we lost an absolute giant of the Hudson Valley music scene.

I want to send my deepest condolences to Jack DeJohnette 's loved ones and our Hudson Valley music and arts community.

Music is eternal and his legacy will live on through every song he played and audience he performed for.

#### THANKING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

This past Tuesday, we celebrated National First Responders Day and I want to thank all of our brave first responders in the Hudson Valley.

You are heroes and our families are safer because of you - I've always got your backs.

#### WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

I hope everyone who celebrated this Friday had a Happy Halloween!

Thank you to our local law enforcement and first responders for keeping trick-or-treaters safe.

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**Pat Ryan** (From PG. 56)**SHOUTING OUT ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST BREWERIES**

I want to give a big shout out to Poughkeepsie's very own Zeus Brewing Company on being named one of the top breweries in the nation!

The Brewery won the top prize in the Fruited American Sour Ale category for its Brewmaster Harrison Forman's Urban Oasis and was named Brewer of the Year in the category of breweries producing 250 barrels of beer or less. Read more about the awards here.

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/10/27/local-brewery-named-one-of-best-in-america-2/>

Those huge and well-deserved accomplishments - way to represent the Hudson Valley!

**CONGRATULATING OUR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Congratulations to SUNY New Paltz on being awarded a \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation!

SUNY New Paltz's initiative will boost our entire region's tech sector and economy and strengthen public university partnerships. Read more about the grant and project here!

[https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/10/19/national-science-foundation-awards-400k-epiic-grant-to-suny-new-paltz/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNvWj9leHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHt\\_SMNjdP3XiNYjH2Y7iFzweRkdG39TZhx7-jD0DHOSm2B-x5q4s3-RnrX9r\\_aem\\_ubvhE5LiW\\_ZH80xE24GXkQ](https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/10/19/national-science-foundation-awards-400k-epiic-grant-to-suny-new-paltz/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNvWj9leHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHt_SMNjdP3XiNYjH2Y7iFzweRkdG39TZhx7-jD0DHOSm2B-x5q4s3-RnrX9r_aem_ubvhE5LiW_ZH80xE24GXkQ)

[I'm constantly impressed by and proud of the amazing accomplishments of our community college students and staff and their vital contributions to our entire Hudson Valley community.](https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/10/19/national-science-foundation-awards-400k-epiic-grant-to-suny-new-paltz/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNvWj9leHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHt_SMNjdP3XiNYjH2Y7iFzweRkdG39TZhx7-jD0DHOSm2B-x5q4s3-RnrX9r_aem_ubvhE5LiW_ZH80xE24GXkQ)

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO A CHAMPION OF ULSTER COUNTY**

Nina Postupack was a champion of Ulster County.

Memorializing her through the Nina A. Postupack Archives Gallery is such a fitting tribute to her lifetime of serving every single person who passed through the doors of the Ulster County Office Building.

**REMEMBERING THOSE LOST AT THE TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE**

This past Monday, we remembered the 11 lives stolen 7 years ago in an act of gun violence fueled by antisemitism at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

We must stand united against the alarming rise of antisemitism and always reject hatred in all of its forms.

**GRANTS CORNER**

During the shutdown of the federal government, Grants.gov will still be online, but customer service may be delayed. For programs with application timelines impacted by the shutdown, the grants.gov system will accept and store applications for the responsible awarding agency to review following the shutdown's end and return to normal operations.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) FY26 Conservation Program Funding: NRCS in New York is announcing that the fiscal year FY26 sign-up deadline for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and EQIP Initiatives including the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI), Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-Winged Warbler (WLFW) and Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) is Oct. 24, 2025

While applications are accepted on a continuous basis, NRCS utilizes application cutoff periods to assess and rank applications based on their potential conservation impact. All applications need to be received by Oct. 24, 2025, to be considered for this first round of funding for FY 2026. Applications received after this date will be held and considered for subsequent rounds.

New York State Council on the Arts FY2026 Capital Projects Fund: Up to \$80 million in capital funding is now available to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through the New York State Council on the Arts Capital Projects Fund. The Fund has three grant categories: Small and Midsized Capital Improvement Grants, Large Capital Improvement Grants, and Capital Design Grants for Arts and Culture. The deadline is January 13, 2026, at 5PM.

Brownfields 101 with the EPA : The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 Office recorded its "Brownfields 101" briefing for New York communities to provide an overview of the EPA's Brownfield Program. To view the recording, please contact Natalie Lincoln at [natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov](mailto:natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov) or (518) 465-0700. Sign up for the EPA's Technical Assistance and Funding Resource Guide here!

Each month Hudson Valley Regional Council publishes its Grants Guide focused on federal, state, and local funding opportunities related to economic development, water, clean energy, resilience, and sustainability. Each grant listing features the deadline, eligibility, and a short description including the amounts municipalities are eligible to apply for and any required match. To view past Grants Guides, click here. <https://hudsonvalleyregionalcouncil.org/newsletter-2/newsletter-archive/>

To subscribe to the grants guide, please email [epeck@hudsonvalleyrc.org](mailto:epeck@hudsonvalleyrc.org).

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

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

**RESOURCES:**

New York Small Business Development Center (NYSBDC) - NYS Multi-Agency Small Business Resource Presentation: Watch this free session as representatives from several NYS agencies share information about resources and services available to assist small businesses. Topics include licensing, regulations, taxes, insurance, grants, training, and more.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

### 1. Fighting to continue SNAP benefits

Earlier this month, the Trump administration directed states not to distribute federal dollars for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), blaming the ongoing government shutdown. However, the administration has access to billions of dollars to keep this critical food assistance flowing that it has refused to tap into. For families that are already stretched thin, this decision is more than political-it's a matter of survival.

That's why this week, Kirsten held a press conference to demand that President Trump use the funding at his disposal to keep providing American families with SNAP benefits as the government shutdown persists. She's demanding a vote on the Keep SNAP and WIC Funded Act of 2025, which would continue these vital food programs for working families during the shutdown.

Read more.

<https://www.silive.com/news/2025/10/new-legislation-would-force-federal-government-to-maintain-snap-benefits-during-shutdown.html>

### 2. Helping New Yorkers navigate the government shutdown

The federal government remains shut down. Kirsten's office is open to assist New Yorkers throughout the shutdown.

Because of the shutdown, many federal agencies will be operating with significantly reduced staff, so delays in processing new applications and resolving any issues should be anticipated. Kirsten and her staff will do everything they can to assist you during and after the shutdown.

For information about how the shutdown may impact you and your benefits, click here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/shutdown/>

### 3. Urging bipartisanship

Kirsten is urging her Republican colleagues in the House of Representatives to stand up to President

Trump's politically motivated attacks on New York State.

She warned that the Trump administration's deliberate actions against the State of New York are endangering jobs, public safety, and access to health care for millions of New Yorkers and encouraged her Republican colleagues to work collaboratively to safeguard the well-being and livelihoods of their constituents.

Read more.

[https://www.politico.com/newsletters/new-york-play-book/2025/10/30/mamdani-candidacy-meteoric-but-polarizing-](https://www.politico.com/newsletters/new-york-play-book/2025/10/30/mamdani-candidacy-meteoric-but-polarizing-00629473#:~:text=GILLIBRAND%20TURNS%20UP%20PRESSURE%3A%20Sen..amid%20the%20ongoing%20government%20shutdown)

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### 4. Supporting New York small businesses

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and Kirsten is working hard in Washington to make sure that they are supported.

This week, she spoke with small business owners from New York at a roundtable hosted by Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Voices. They discussed the pressing issues facing small businesses in New York- including tariffs and rising health care costs.

### 5. Supporting mental health resources

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) does lifesaving work, providing substance use and mental health treatment services with a focus on underserved areas and running programs like the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

However, earlier this month, the Trump administration needlessly fired an additional 125 members of the SAMHSA workforce, leaving the agency with half of the staff it had in January. This week, Kirsten demanded that the Trump administration restore SAMHSA staffing to full levels to make sure that every New Yorker can continue to access the critical mental health and substance use disorder programs that they rely on.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-slams-rfk-jr-for-purging-staff-on-frontlines-of-opioid-crisis/>

### 6. Helping New Yorkers get their work permits

An Onondaga County constituent contacted Kirsten's office for help regarding her application for employment authorization, which she needed to get approved ahead of her application deadline for medical residency.

After Kirsten's team contacted U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on her behalf, the agency approved her case for expedited processing.

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/>





No matter what happens in Washington, my district and D.C. offices are open and here to help.

Visit [riley.house.gov/shutdown](http://riley.house.gov/shutdown) for information about how the government shutdown may affect you and your family. And as always, give us a call at (202) 225-5441 if you have questions or need assistance with a federal agency.

Dear Neighbor,

From calling on Upstate's utility companies to pause shutoffs and collections during the government shutdown to defending SNAP benefits for working families, here's a look at what I've been up to:

#### I DEMANDED NYSEG, CENTRAL HUDSON, AND NATIONAL GRID PAUSE SHUTOFFS FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

More than 4,000 federal employees live and work in Upstate New York, in addition to hundreds of federal contractors and small business suppliers. While they're impacted by the government shutdown, I'm demanding a public guarantee from Upstate's utility companies to pause service shutoffs, late fees and interest.

If Upstate's utility monopolies can afford billions in executive bonuses and armies of lobbyists, then they can afford to give some grace to working families already paying some of the highest utility bills in the nation.

#### I'M FIGHTING TO MAKE SURE NO ONE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK GOES HUNGRY

The Trump Administration has ordered states to pause food assistance, even though federal funds are already available to keep the program running. This is the first time in history that SNAP recipients have been left in limbo-and it's happening while grocery prices are still sky-high.

That's why I led my New York colleagues in demanding that the Administration reverse this decision immediately and use the funds it already has to make sure families can put food on the table.

No one in Upstate New York should ever have to worry about feeding their kids because politicians in Washington are playing games. I'll keep fighting to end the shutdown, reopen the government, and make sure working families get the support they've earned.

#### MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS

The men and women of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union - from Local 112 in the Southern Tier to Local 7 in the Capital Region - have built Upstate New York from the ground up.

I was honored to speak at the Plumbers and Pipefitters

Conference in Cooperstown last week.

#### TOMPKINS BUILD

Upstate New York's future depends on a skilled workforce ready to build it.

It was great to meet with Ithaca Area Economic Development to discuss the Tompkins Build program, which prepares our youth for good-paying jobs in the trades.

#### COMMERCE CHENANGO

Rising housing costs and a shortage of childcare providers are making it harder for small businesses and working families to get ahead.

Great to meet with local business leaders at Commerce Chenango to talk about real solutions.

#### YWCA BINGHAMTON

Safe, affordable housing changes lives. And when combined with early childhood education, it changes generations.

I was honored to visit the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County and see their tireless commitment to making both accessible across Upstate New York.

#### RURAL BROADBAND IN THE SOUTHERN TIER

You can't compete in today's economy without reliable internet.

I met with Southern Tier leaders to talk about getting high-speed broadband to every family, school, and small business across Upstate New York.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

#### LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!

Deborah from Unadilla: Did you know the Iron Bridge in Wells Bridge is the oldest standing iron bridge on the Susquehanna River? It was built in 1886!

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

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#### IN THE NEWS

Central Hudson Addresses Rep. Riley's Request Amid Shutdown

Central Hudson CEO tells Riley it has programs after congressman calls for halt to shutoffs for federal workers during shutdown

Community, Electeds Oppose NYSEG Rate Hikes at Hearing

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.



## Weekly Update:

### Letter to Army Secretary Driscoll on Behalf of Fort Drum, the Latest on the Democrat Led Schumer Shutdown, and more!

Dear Friends,

It is my greatest honor to represent you in Congress. As always, my mission is to advocate for Upstate New York and the North Country's priorities at the highest levels of government.

Here is a look at my past week working for you in Congress and across the North Country.

Stefanik and Kean Send Letter to Army Secretary Driscoll Expressing Support for Proposal to Invest in Warfighting Capabilities at Fort Drum

"The CCIC will allow DEVCOM AC and the DEVCOM AC Accelerated Capabilities Team (ACT) to develop new systems in close coordination with the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum and Picatinny Arsenal to ensure the technologies it develops are useful to the warfighter in complex battlefield environments," Chairwoman Stefanik and Representative Kean wrote. "One of the first innovation projects under the CCIC is set to be Project STARLING. This project will develop, produce, and field up to 100 3D-printed small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) for employment within a light infantry brigade combat team. The goal of these systems is to expand the tactical reconnaissance and targeting capabilities of the 10th Mountain Division."

Read more here.

<https://stefanik.house.gov/2025/10/stefanik-and-kean-send-letter-to-army-secretary-driscoll-expressing-support-for-proposal-to-invest-in-warfighting-capabilities-at-fort-drum>

### Stefanik Statement on National First Responders Day

On October 28, Chairwoman Stefanik recognized first responders as lifelines of NY21 communities: "#NY21 is thankful for the dedication and sacrifice of all of our hard-working first responders who keep our communities safe. Thank you for all you do 24/7 !"

Read more here.

<https://x.com/RepStefanik/status/1983206077291274244>

### Stefanik on 'The Faulkner Focus': Americans are Suffering Under the Schumer Shutdown

Chairwoman Stefanik joined Harris Faulkner on Fox News to explain how Democrats own this government shutdown and the crippling consequences it is having on New Yorkers.

Watch the interview here.

<https://x.com/RepStefanik/status/1984231384957747306>

### Social Media Highlights of the Week

#### In the News

<https://x.com/RepStefanik/status/1968825112028754025>

### FOX NEWS - Democrats are 'Leveraging the American People,' says Chairwoman Stefanik

Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., joins 'The Faulkner Focus' to discuss the ongoing government shutdown as SNAP benefits are set to expire.

Watch the full segment here.

<https://www.foxnews.com/video/6384297706112>

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Representative in Congress.

Please know I am here to serve you. Never hesitate to reach out to my offices.

Sincerely,  
Elise

### Senator Peter Oberacker Joins Call to Interceded on SNAP Benefits Calls on Washington to End the Riley-Schumer Shutdown

SCHENEVUS, NY - The Riley-Schumer Shutdown has gone from political theater to a full-blown crisis for millions of New Yorkers. Families who rely on SNAP benefits to feed their children are now being left in limbo because Washington extremists would rather fight for headlines, than do their jobs.

I refuse to stand by and watch this injustice unfold. That's why I'm joining Senator Jake Ashby in calling on Governor Hochul to act immediately and use the state's reserve funds to ensure SNAP benefits continue uninterrupted. I've also pledged to work with my colleagues to implore the members of New York's Congressional delegation to seek full retroactive reimbursement to cover the massive expense.

This is an emergency. Those in need did nothing wrong and are paying the price for Washington's failures. Josh Riley and Chuck Schumer need to stop the political games, end their shutdown and get the government back open now.



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Contact Rebekah at [rumarbashar@asfl.org](mailto:rumarbashar@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM

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**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM



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**Feb 5**

**Mar 5**

**Apr 2**

**May 7**

**June 4**

**July 2**

**Aug 6**

**Sept 3**

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[townclerk@townofneversink.org](mailto:townclerk@townofneversink.org)  
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**Mar 19      Apr 16**

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
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**Sept 17      Oct 15**

**Nov 19      Dec 17**

**Via Zoom or Phone**



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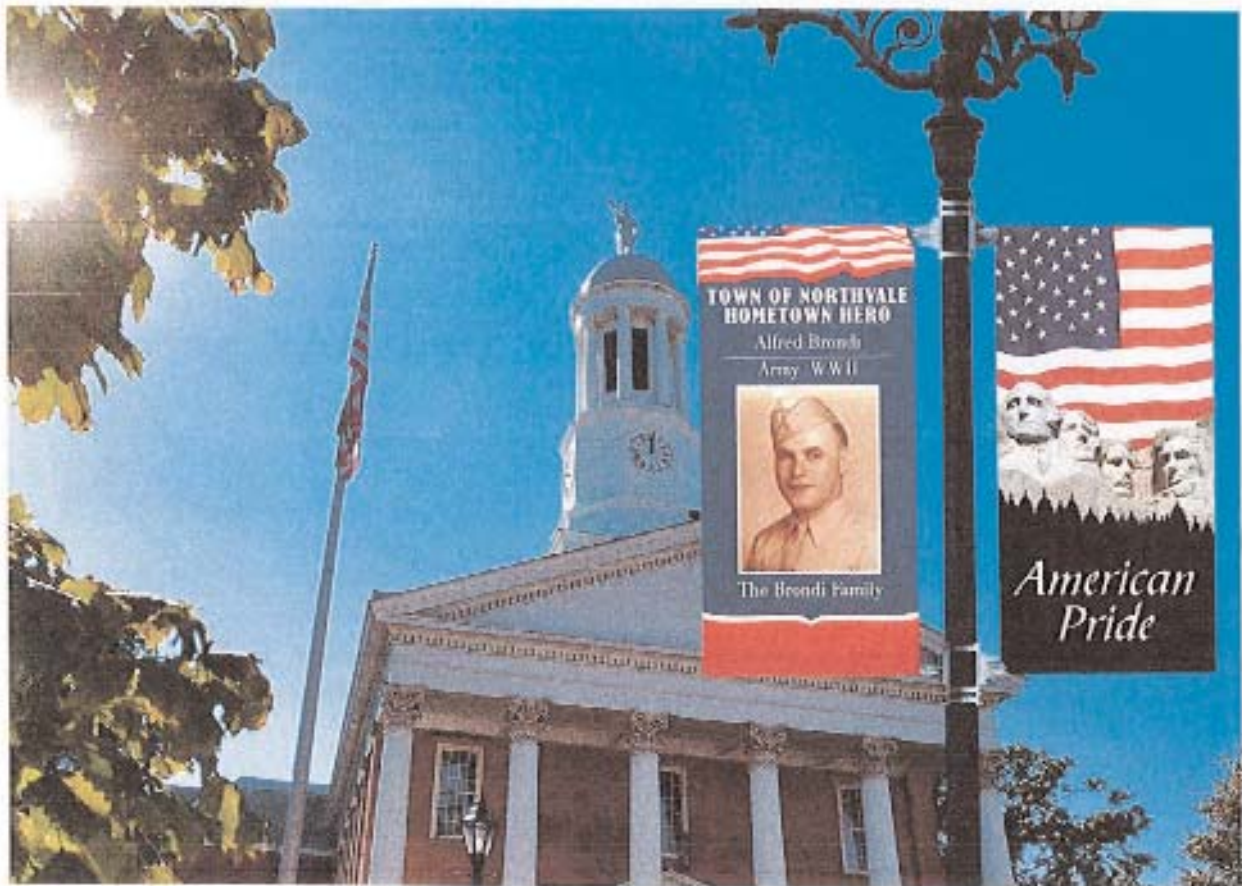
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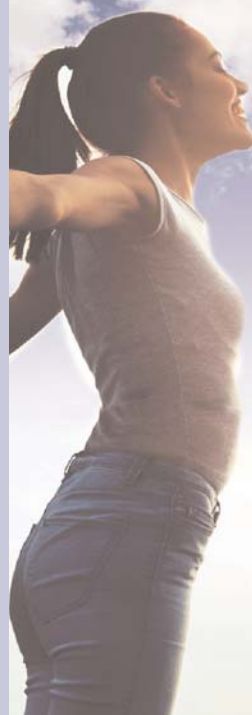
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for info

Thursday, November 6 -  
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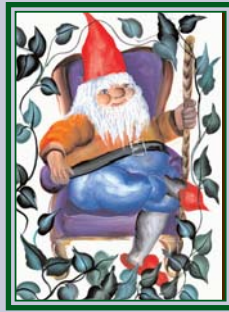


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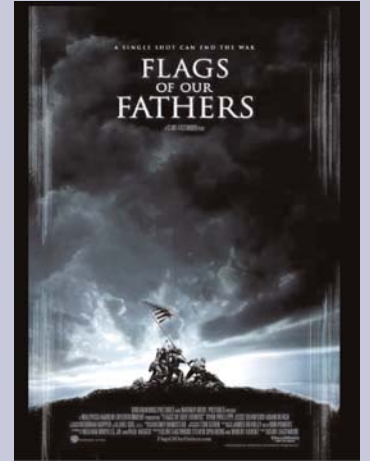
*Flags of our Fathers* may not be the perfect  
movie to watch and celebrate Veteran's Day.  
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Veterans' Day is a national holiday.

In 1945 a major battle in which the United States Marine Corps and  
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The story, *Flags of Our Fathers* was  
written by James Bradley and Ron  
Powers, and produced by Clint  
Eastwood, starring Ryan Phillippe,  
Jesse Bradford and Adam Beach.

*Flags of our Fathers* is the life of  
the 6 men who raised the flag at the  
Battle of Iwo Jima, a turning point in  
World War II.

There were five Marines and one  
Navy Corpsman photographed by Joe



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raising the U.S. flag on Mt. Suribachi on  
February 23, 1945. *Flags of Our Fathers* is  
the story of three of the six surviving service-  
men, John "Doc" Bradley (Ryan Phillippe),  
Pvt. Rene Gagnon (Jesse Bradford), and Pvt.  
Ira Hayes (Adam Beach), who fought in the  
battle to take Iwo Jima. The picture became  
one of the most famous images of the U.S.  
winning a battle during WWII.

The battle for Iwo Jima raged on for another month after the pic-  
ture was taken, with three of the marines being killed in action. The other  
three servicemen were taken out of battle and flown back to the states.  
The photo made these men heroes.

The film was based on the book written by Doc's son, James Bradley.  
Clint Eastwood directed the film, depicting the battle scenes, as they  
were - the bloodiest against the Japanese in the Pacific. Parts of the film  
the are graphically violent showing the dark side of war, and the effects  
war has on our returning soldiers.

When you meet a veteran, remember them always —  
not just on Veterans' Day — and say "Thank you,"

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: False: It is the story of  
Frank Sinatra

**This weeks' Trivia question:** *The Rat Pack* is th loosely told  
story of Boss Tweed? True or False?