

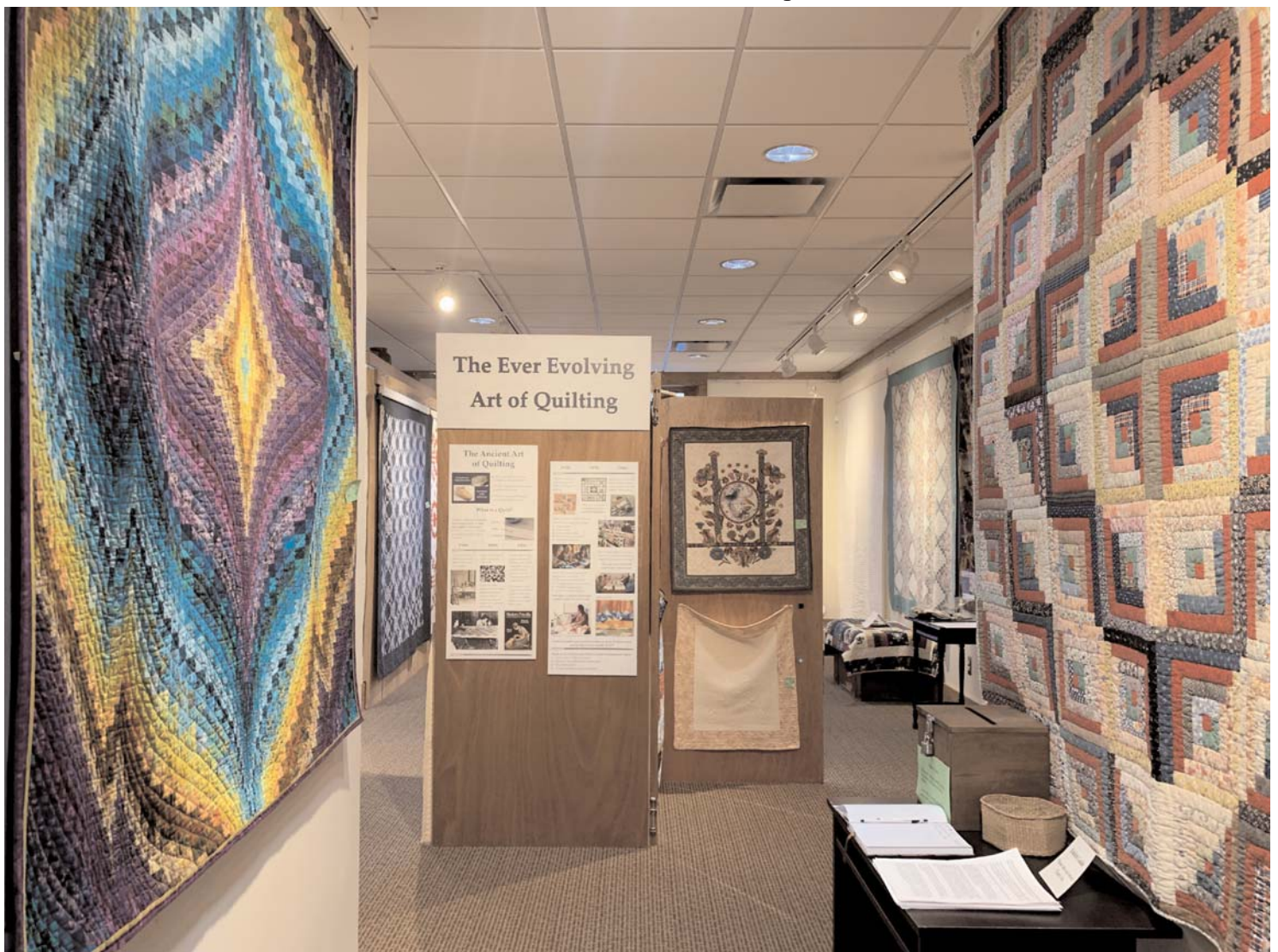
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A closing reception for the exhibition *The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting*, which tells the story of quilts and quilt making through the centuries will be held on October 26 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Curated by Phyllis (Penny) Coombe of Grahamsville, several organizations participated in this exhibition including Claryville Quilters, Callico Geese of Sullivan County and Chestnut Creek Quilters of Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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John 3:16

OBITUARIES**Frank R. Comando**

October 26, 1940 - October 9, 2025



The almighty God called Frank R. Comando to heaven where he will forever shine as a star looking down on his family and friends. Frank crossed over peacefully to his new life, surrounded by his family on October 9, 2025 at WMC Health Alliance Hospital in Kingston, NY.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on October 26, 1940 to Dorothy (Whitehead) and Joseph Comando, Frank had a full and exciting life. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He spent as much time as he could with them -often saying, it was never enough time.

Those who knew Frank knew he was quite 'the character' who always had a story, a word of advice, his philosophical thoughts and comments and recommendations of his favorite movies. Some of his stories about his own life and experiences sounded unbelievable - but were all true!

Frank was predeceased by his father and mother, his infant daughter, Melissa; his sisters Carol and Patty; his niece, Filomena Giordano Gaubatz; his grandson Michael Entenmann; his nephew, Eric Gaubatz, Jr.; sister-in-law, Elise Hornbeck; brother-in-law, Raymond Hornbeck.

Frank is survived by his wife, Linda Greenrose Comando; his children: Laura Entenmann (Scott),

Eugene Buley (Glenda) - Janna Walter (Daniel), Thorn Winter (Maureen) and Joseph Comando (Brianna). His grandchildren: Daniel Entenmann, Jr., Catelyn Entenmann Garcia Talè, Joshua Entenmann, Amber, Abel, Preston, Carl, Samantha, Melba, Brianna Worden, Robert Worden, Brandon Worden, River Winter, Jayce Walter, Avilyn Winter, Tessa Winter, Aurora Comando and Rowan Comando. Great grandchildren Ally, Hayden G., Daniel and Lilyanna, Michael, Hayden E., Dean, Adela, and Mariano; his sisters, Dell Roberson and Candy Larsen; and many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Life for Frank and Linda began in Sundown. They spent years in Grahamsville while raising their five children, and eventually moving back to Sundown, their favorite place on earth where they spent their final days together.

Frank was a master electrician by trade. He became a real estate broker in 1984, but mainly he was an entertainer - on and off stage!

Frank had many hobbies and interests. His favorite, of course, was singing on stage with a live audience. He spent many years writing his life's memoirs. He was a past member of the Tri-Valley Lions. Frank was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church where he spent quite a few years teaching religious education. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 Rt. 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788 at 10:00 am. A mass of Christian burial will be held at Immaculate Conception Church at 12 noon with Father Thomas officiating. A reception and celebration of Frank's life will follow.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating in memory of Frank to NFX - an organization dedicated to finding a cure for Neurofibromatosis by visiting

nfxdetroit.org

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 Rt. 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. 845-434-7363.

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

October 16, 1955

Mrs. Philip West passed away after a stroke on Thursday. She was the mother of Rev. Howard West of Grahamsville. Surviving besides Mr. West are three grandchildren.

One of these Indian summer days
Pick out some paint at Krum's
And do those extra painting jobs
Before the winter comes.

Lucas Indoor and Outdoor Paints - Kum to Krum's

October 27, 1965

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Muthig who were united in marriage on October 17th. Mrs. Muthig is the former Beverly Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lackawack Hill.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards Jr. on the birth of a son, Michael Anthony, on Sunday, October 24th at Liberty Maimonides Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz.

John Marshalek, Commander of the Stangel-Bernstein V.F.W Post 8086 Woodbourne, announced last week that the members of the post in keeping with their efforts of community service, were proud to present to the community a new, modern hospital bed for use by any individual in the community at no cost or obligation.

November 5, 1975

Phil Costigan and Brenda Rogers were married Saturday in Ridgewood, N.J. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Costigan and son, Mike were in New Jersey for the weekend to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barkley of Divine Corners, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Lynne, on October 16, 1975. Jennifer weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Mrs. Barkley is the former Nancy Lawrence. Jennifer's grandparents are Mrs. John T. Lawrence of Divine Corners and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barkley of Woodbourne.

October 31, 1985

Susan Smith, Lackawack Hill Rd., Napanoch was crowned Homecoming Queen at Elizabethtown College on Sat. Oct. 12 during halftime of the soccer game between Elizabethtown and Trenton State. Miss Smith is a senior occupational therapy major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith. She is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Bonne Jo Smith and Michael B. Cole were married Sept. 14 at the Dutch Reform Church with the Rev. Harlan Nyhoff officiating. The bride is the daughter of Franklin and Lois Smith of Lackawack Hill. The bridegroom is the son of Thelma and Raymond Cole Jr. of Pine Road, Woodbourne. The bride and her husband both graduated from Tri-Valley Central School. She is employed by Norstar Bank in Grossinger as a teller. He is employed by McGraw Lumber Co. in Hasbrouck. They are living in Woodbourne.

Household Hint:

Clean Craft Scissors

Scissors often get gunky when crafting with glue, tape, other adhesives, or paints. Also, after much use, the metal and screw joint can benefit from lubrication. Use a dryer sheet and wipe along the blades and screw joint to clean the surface. It also adds a thin lubricant layer to make the scissors cut better.

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 Bats are Hanging Around

This time of the year, it is not surprising to see a few bats flying in and out of the posts on our front porch.



We welcome these little creatures, as they do a good job cleaning the bugs that are attracted to our front porch light.

In cultures all over the world, the peculiar characteristics of bats has captured the imagination of storytellers who claim they have mysterious and supernatural qualities giving the little bats a notorious, sinister reputation. Having them appear when they do, adds a spooky touch to the Halloween season!

A little research will reveal that we are fortunate to have these great little flying mammals make their abode, next door, in the bat houses that our son has built strategically in his back yard.

The small brown bats that are now 'hanging out' in Sundown most likely have flown hundreds of miles from the north, looking for a cave in the Catskills where they could huddle in a group over the winter as they survive off their fat reserves.

Bats are the only flying mammals (flying squirrels glide) that evolved to conquer the air ten million years ago and took advantage of the great food supply of night-flying insects.

Most bats have a breeding season, which is in the spring for species living in a temperate climate like ours. Bats may have one to three litters in a season, depending on the species and on environmental conditions, such as the availability of food and roost sites. Females generally have one offspring at a time, which could be a result of the mother's need to fly to feed while pregnant. Female bats nurse their young until they are nearly adult size, because a young bat cannot forage on its own until its wings are fully developed.

The teeth and skulls of fossil bats are monkey-like and suggest a common ancestor for both bats and primates which could mean that those flying visitors may be relatives swooping and diving erratically and cleaning a window or two, as they were looking for insects!

I guess you could say that we are fortunate to have a colony of bats who may have decided to spend the winter in Sundown. Other neighborhood bats may be in a basement of an abandoned home, or perhaps in one of the small caves on our mountainsides.

Yes, we are lucky to have them here cleaning up our front porch while adding to our Halloween seasonal charm

OBITUARIES (From Pg. 2)

Thomas Thanasoulis

June 19, 1933 - October 5, 2025



Thomas "Tom" Thanasoulis, affectionately known to many as "The Greek," passed away peacefully on October 5, 2025, at Clove Lakes Healthcare in Staten Island, NY, at the age of 92.

Born on June 19, 1933, in Staten Island, NY, Tom was the beloved son of Costas Thanasoulis and Stamatia Chrampanis. He was raised on his family's farm, where he developed a lifelong appreciation for hard work and community.

Tom spent many years in the trucking industry, driving 18-wheelers across the country before retiring from the MTA after 20 years of dedicated service. He was known for his great sense of humor, big heart, and unwavering willingness to lend a hand. Whether it was sharing a laugh or helping a neighbor, Tom always made time for others.

On September 6, 1986, he relocated to Grahamsville, NY, where he found peace and a strong connection to the local community.

Tom is survived by his loving children: Stacy Thanasoulis of Staten Island, Dora D'Angelo of Staten Island, Costas "Gus" Thanasoulis of Florida, George Thanasoulis of New Jersey, and Thomas Thanasoulis of Staten Island; seven cherished grandchildren; and five adored great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his siblings Perry "Pericles" and Ricky "Hariclea," and by his childhood friend Bert Bifulco.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 13th at 2:00 PM at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, where Tom will be laid to rest.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, please call 845-434-7363 or visit colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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

Barbara Barkley

December 3, 1936 - October 13, 2025



Barbara L. Barkley, of Grahamsville, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 13, 2025, at Garnet Health Medical Center. She was born on December 31, 1936, in Tappan, New York, she was the daughter of the late Willard Amell and Flossie Taylor.

Barbara was a kind and giving woman

who loved to volunteer with her church and the Grahamsville Ladies Auxiliary. She had a special fondness for animals-especially penguins, butterflies, and dragonflies. Barbara enjoyed playing cards with her friends, diamond painting, and traveling. She loved her family deeply and cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren. A simple and loving soul, Barbara also had a lifelong love for Grahamsville.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Barbara and her husband, Earl, owned and operated Curry Diner before she went on to work as a secretary for the Denman Agency.

She is survived by her son, Joseph Barkley, and his wife Patty; her daughter, Mary Johnson, and her husband Robin; grandchildren Jonathan Franco, Brittney Johnson, Sean Barkley, and Ryan Barkley; her brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Linda Barkley; as well as many extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Earl Barkley, her brother, Dwayne Amell, and her sister, Joan James.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations in Barbara's name can be made to the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary or to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, please call 845-434-7363.

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LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published July 30, 1998

On looking back, life was much simpler when I was growing up in Grooville. I had no expensive Barbie Doll with an expensive wardrobe to play with. On very hot days my sisters Edith, Kathryn and I played on the back porch of our home.

We were truly happy to have the celluloid dolls with the dents in them that dad gave us. He couldn't sell them in the store as they were not perfect. I liked the five inch dolls the best because they had movable arms and legs. This made it easier to make dresses for them. I begged mother for scraps of material left over from her sewing projects for doll clothes. Often I would swap cloth scraps with my sisters, thus giving my doll a greater variety of colors and prints.

I used no pattern, I just folded a piece of cloth, cut it to fit right and made sure that the slit opening at the neck would fit over the doll's head. Then I sewed up the sides and "voila", I had a doll dress. We kept our dolls and clothes in an old trunk that dad said we could use and it was on the back porch. We'd sit and chat while we sewed and outfitted our dolls and we enjoyed doing it too.--"inexpensive fun."

When my sisters and I grew tired of snipping, sewing and chatting, they usually went to their bedroom to read and I hurried to my favorite spot in my maple tree, my friend and companion. My mother would say that the tree "never let the cat out of the bag" regardless of the many secrets that I shared with it

Closing Reception for The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting Exhibit at the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1)

The closing reception on October 26th is open to the public and will include refreshments, meeting and speaking with local quilters and a last look at the beautiful quilts. The Museum's two other exhibitions will be open, along with the museum shop with local history books, crafts, gifts and toys.



This event is FREE for Museum members and \$10 for non members. For more information, please visit our website timeandthevalleymuseum.org, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.

Exhibitions:

- ***Water and the Valleys***, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

- ***Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story***, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system

and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.

- ***The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting*** a display of beautiful locally made quilts from the 1800s to today.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. It is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September or by appointment. Adults admission is \$10, Children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free. Museum members are FREE.

Free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members through our status as a Blue Star Museum. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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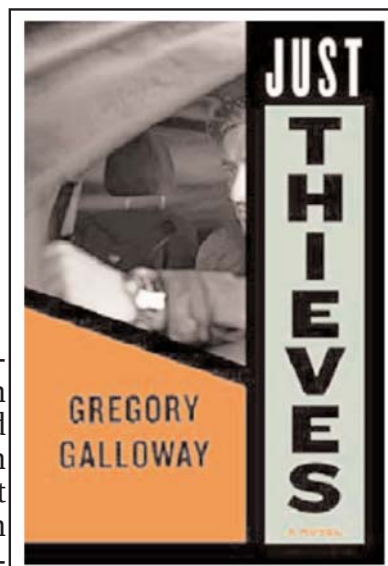




Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 150 **Just Thieves**

Mysterious Book Report No. 466
by John Dwaine McKenna

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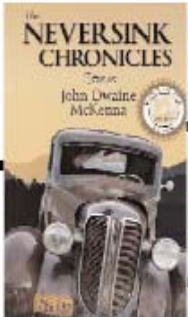


Just Thieves, (Melville House, \$26.99, 256 pages, ISBN 978-1-61219-937-5), by Gregory Galloway, is set in an unknown corner of the United States, where a career thief and down-and-outer named "Rick" learned dishonesty from his father, a crooked building inspector. When his girlfriend, Denise, gives birth to a baby girl, she and Rick split the sheets. Not a very good father, with problems of his own, Rick doesn't like the new man in Denise's --and his daughter's-- lives, not because he's hung up on his old girlfriend . . . but because he's a drug addict.

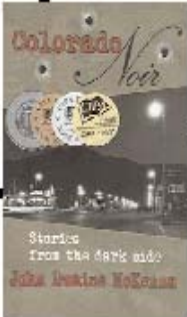
Rick seeks help from a shady character known only as "Froehmer," a longtime friend of his father, who soon takes care of the problem. No more druggie. Froehmer also fronts the money to put Rick through rehab, where he kicks his habit. In order to pay him back, Rick steals tools, equipment and supplies from construction sites on demand for Froehmer, who appears to be the spider at the center of a web of deceit, crime and mayhem. And surprise! Rick's good at it. He soon graduates to stealing items on demand in an ever-widening sphere of crimes influenced by the arch-criminal. The burglaries become more and more sophisticated and Rick acquires a partner named Frank, who's adept with locks, burglar alarms and electronic devices. But eventually the screws get tightened on the hapless thief, a murder occurs, and things start looking grim for the guy who seems to be the perfect dupe. This is a surprising and racy novel with superior characterization and a surprising plot. It'll keep readers guessing to the very last page.

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Downside of Campaign Season

We are so fortunate to be able to vote, but I have some concerns about how we do it.

First of all I dislike all the askew posters on sticks littering the roads and highways.

I also abhor the negative television ads that clutter the airwaves. They are annoying and waste of mega bucks. Tell me how you will improve our lifestyle, not how your opponent will ruin it.

I personally dislike the Electoral College. I find it archaic from a time that only landowner white men had the right to vote. All other votes are one voter, one vote.

I think the two party political system is divisive. I'd prefer to have three or five candidates run at large. The highest vote count wins. The second highest vote getter could be VP.

I think there should be a monetary limit on campaign support and on campaign spending. When I think of the billions of dollars spent, I think of better ways to spend it. More money could be used for disease research, health care, and saving our planet.

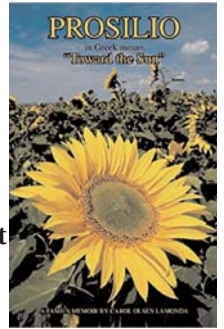
I do like early voting. I have voted in every election since I turned 21. That is sixty election days.

My thoughts, and only mine, are expressed. Aren't we lucky that the First Amendment allows us to speak and share our ideas?

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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Busy Autumn Program Lineup at the DPL!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Fall brings with it the cooler temperatures, the colorful leaf displays, and so much going on at the DPL!

Our 2025 Fall Children's Programs start up this week. These 8-week long, age-specific, engaging programs are geared for children 12 months to 4 years-old and promote early literacy and spark a lifelong love of learning and reading through stories, crafts, music and friendship-building activities. Registration is online and available to families who reside within the Tri-Valley CSD boundaries. For more information regarding each group: Mother Goose, Toddler Time and Story Hour, please visit our website. We'll also be visiting the three UPK (pre-kindergarten) classes starting October 14, where we'll read stories, perform felt stories and allow the children to check out books from our mobile collection.

On Friday, October 17 from 1:00-2:30PM, we have a watercolor painting program with local artist, Chris Parrow. She'll be taking participants on a journey through the world of floral still life painting. No prior experience is necessary as you'll learn about brushwork, composition, color and color mixing, and the spontaneous nature of watercolor paint. There's a \$5 supply fee per person and registration is limited to Tri-Valley adult residents.

On Saturday, October 18, there's a Medicare 101 zoom webinar at 10AM when attendees will learn about Medicare basics including: timing to join, prescription drug plans, Medicare Supplement Plans and the Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO's and PPO's). Advanced online registration is required. Those who are registered will receive an email with a link and instructions on how to join prior to the meeting. This educational program is not at the library.

On that same Saturday, from 10:00-11:00AM, we'll be hosting Root to Rise. Join us with special guest, Kelsey Riley, who will take us through the principles of Yoga, Reiki and Ayurveds. This one hour class includes lecture with active learning; you'll gain knowledge to take home on the practices of hearing your body speak, move energy for optimal vitality, meditation and breathwork to ground your mind, as well as, your body and spirit. Advanced registration is required, so please see our website.

And then-because October is busy at the library-starting Wednesday, October 22, we'll be hosting our Fall 2025 LEGO programs: Brick by Brick: Autumn Adventures. The first one, LEGO Pumpkin Chunkin' will be on the 22nd for Tri-Valley students in grades 4-6 from 3:00-4:30PM (all LEGO programs will be from 3:00-4:30PM and held in the community room). Children will be tasked with building a working catapult that can launch small LEGO pumpkins. The Autumn LEGO fun continues on Wednesday, November 5 for Autumn Architects. Designed for students in grades 2-3, children will design a LEGO city celebrating fall. Ideas are endless but could include harvest festivals, spooky houses, and fall trees. Then, on Wednesday, November 19, children in grades UPK-1 can attend Fall Animal Friends and build woodland creatures like squirrels, fox, owls, deer or turkeys with their LEGO's. All LEGO programs require registration through our website. If you wish for your child(ren) to take the bus from the elementary school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program.

Patrons can join us on Thursday, October 23 from 6:00-7:00PM, for a D.I.Y Energy Savings Session through Cornell Cooperative Extension. Register now to reserve a free energy kit! During this educational session, attendees will learn how to take simple, do-it-yourself, actions to reduce energy waste and save money on their utility bills...something we can all use help with coming into the colder months! Also covered in this session will be information



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And then that brings us to November. While we'll have a ton going on then as well, the foremost on everyone's minds is Sportsmen's Bingo. Stop by the library to pick up your Bingo tickets as soon as possible if you haven't done so already; they are going fast. Bingo will be on Saturday, November 1 at the Grahamsville Firehouse with doors opening at 5:30PM and calling at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include 7 game boards. Besides the Bingo prizes, there will be more chances to win with tricky tray baskets and extra game cards. There are amazing prizes! It's a very fun evening out, with lots of laughs and good times.

Additionally, our summer book tent is coming down soon. Please swing by for any last-minute purchases. There are still many great audiobooks and children's books, as well as, fiction and non-fiction books to choose from.

On a final note, with Halloween coming, it's a great time to read an Autumn-inspired romance, a creepy horror or a thrilling thriller. I just read a fantastic non-fiction novel perfect for this time of year. What the Dead Know by Barbara Butcher is an incredible memoir covering her over two-decade career as a New York City death-scene investigator. Through her words, she details her experiences; the sometimes peaceful, sometime horrific nature of death in the city, her own personal struggles and her triumphs. She doesn't shy away, calling a spade, a spade. If you read writers like Kathy Reichs or Patricia Cornwell, or are a fan of CSI shows, this is the perfect book for you. The sheer amount of information you walk away with is incredible. But, it's not for the faint of heart. It's detailed and should probably come with a host of trigger warnings.

Happy reading!



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Statewide Conference of Municipal Environmental Councils to be Held in Kingston

Ulster County Department of the Environment & Environmental Management Council Invite Local Officials, Environmental Councils, and Community Members to Attend 2025 NYSACC Conference KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of the Environment, in partnership with the Ulster County Environmental Management Council, invites local environmental commissions, task forces, and councils - as well as municipal officials and community members - to attend the 2025 New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC) Conference on the Environment. This statewide gathering of environmental stewards will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, from 7:30 AM to 5 PM at the Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel and Conference Center. For information, and to register, visit nysacc.net.

The annual conference offers a dynamic opportunity to expand professional networks, share knowledge, and explore innovative sustainability projects in Ulster County. This year's agenda focuses on advancing conservation through circularity, land-use planning, and energy transition - while highlighting the tools and policies that empower local governments and grassroots leaders to drive environmental progress.

"I'm looking forward to giving welcoming remarks at this year's NYSACC Conference, and proud that Ulster County is hosting such an important gathering of environmental leaders from across the state," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "It takes us all working together to address the challenges of climate change and protect the resources we depend upon, and Ulster County is committed to doing its part and leading by example. Hosting NYSACC in Kingston gives us the opportunity to show local leaders from around the state some of the great work the County and local governments are doing here."

"Kingston is proud to participate in the Conservation Conference with our fellow municipalities," said Kingston Mayor Steve Noble. "As we face the increased effects of climate change and the reduction of Federal support, it's more important than ever to work together on the local government level. I want to thank County Executive Jen Metzger, the Department of the Environment, and the Ulster County Environmental Management Council for bringing us together for this crucial effort."



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Ulster County benefits greatly from the dedicated work of its local environmental bodies, including Conservation Advisory Councils, Conservation Boards, Climate Smart Community Taskforces, and Environmental Management Councils. The NYSACC conference provides a crucial platform for these groups to gain new insights, share best practices, and enhance their capacity to protect and conserve our natural resources.

Details and registration information for the 2025 NYSACC Conference are available at nysacc.net. All are encouraged to register for cost-free field trips on Saturday, October 25. Field trip registration can be found at the bottom of the conference's events page.

About the Ulster County Environmental Management Council:

The Ulster County Environmental Management Council (EMC) fosters collaboration among municipalities, advises county leadership on environmental matters, and promotes public engagement in conservation efforts. Comprised of representatives from local Conservation Advisory Councils and other stakeholders, the EMC serves as a forum for sharing knowledge, coordinating initiatives, and amplifying the impact of grassroots environmental work across the County.

About the New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC):

Established at the request of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYSACC supports local government-led conservation efforts by strengthening environmental commissions, councils, and task forces across New York State through resources, training, and advocacy.

**Science Cabaret:
Neuroscience and
Performance
Farm Arts Collective in
collaboration with
NEUROSCIENTISTS at
The Waters Lab
at Mt. Sinai
Saturday, October 25
at 7 PM**

Damascus, PA-- Farm Arts Collective presents a mind-bending evening of neuro-science and performance with researchers from the Waters Lab at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai NYC and performers from the Farm Arts Collective community. The presentations will focus on neuroscience, mental health, and innovative research in a remarkable evening of call and response between the disciplines of science and art.

Science Cabaret will be presented in a festive cabaret setting and hosted by Tannis Kowalchuk, artistic director of Farm Arts Collective, and Allison Waters, neuroscientist and laboratory director at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Four neuroscientists will each present their most cutting-edge research in neuroscience, neurotechnology and mental health treatment. Presentations will take the form of a "flash talk" in the style of science communication popularized by TED.

The presenting scientists include internationally acclaimed neuroscientists Joseph LeDoux, Helen Mayberg, Allison Waters and Ted Panov.

Each scientist will be paired with a performer who will use the scientists' research as inspiration for the creation of a new performance piece. Following each of the scientists' talk, the artists will present their creative response.

Presenting artists include Char McCutcheon (songwriter/sound artist) Tannis Kowalchuk (actor/director), Jess Beveridge (actor), Mimi McGurl (writer/director)

The performance experience will also include, farm fresh food, refreshments, and a reception with the artists and scientists following the presentations.

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Gillibrand Statement on Initial Peace Deal Between Israel and Hamas

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released the following statement regarding Israel and Hamas' agreement on the first phase of a peace deal:

"I am encouraged that Israel and Hamas have agreed on the first phase of a peace deal to release the remaining hostages held captive in Gaza and finally bring an end to this heartbreaking war that Hamas began when it brutally attacked Israel on October 7, 2023.

I have made it my mission since October 7 to secure the release of the hostages, and I am more hopeful than ever that they will soon be returned to their families. This is also the best approach to surging resources and food into Gaza to alleviate the humanitarian suffering of Palestinian families. Now, we can turn to our Arab partners to help with the long and important work of rebuilding Gaza, working toward a two-state solution, and establishing an enduring security and economic alliance in the Middle East."

Zane Grey Plein Air Presents: Fall Plein Air Rendezvous at Moonbeams Preserve

Date: Saturday, October 18
Time: 9:30AM to 12:30PM
Location: Moonbeams Preserve
219 Prosperous Valley Road,
Middletown, NY 10940

Join us with Co-Hosts Orange County Land Trust on October 18 for a Fall Plein Air Event at Moonbeams Preserve in Middletown, NY

Enjoy the fall colors and stunning views on 150-acres of a 1700s-era dairy farm featuring meadows, wetland pond, a northern hemlock forest and remains of an Ontario & Western Railway (O&W) viaduct that once spanned the Shawangunk Kill.

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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.

Open Mic **Coming Up**

Every Sunday:

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

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

Every Wednesday:

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

Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Announces 4th Annual HO&WL

Celebrate the spooky season with a guided haunted trail walk with Sullivan County Historian John Conway

[HURLEYVILLE, NY] - Come out and celebrate the spooky October nights at the 4th annual HO&WL Haunted Trail Walk on Friday, October 24th at 5:30PM on the Hurleyville segment of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail, meeting at the trailhead located at 212 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747. Wear your best costume and bring your friends, family, and your leashed dog. A costume contest will be held this year with photos posted on Facebook for voting after the event. A prize will be awarded to two winners with the most votes: one human and one dog.

"This event is always fun, and John Conway can really tell a good ghost story" says Heather Jacksy, Director of Planning for Sullivan County's Division of Planning.

"The HO&WL is an excellent opportunity to explore the Hurleyville section of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail, meet other trail users and get you, your dog and your family out for a fun autumn evening walk," says Shannon Cilentio of Sullivan 180, a member of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance.

A reminder to please bring a flashlight and supplies to clean up after your pup. Visit the Rail Trail's Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/sullivananoandw/events or call (845) 807-0527 for more information on this years HO&WL.

The Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance is fiscally sponsored by Catskill Mountainkeeper, and is a partnership of local government entities, non-profits, and volunteers which serve as the stewards for the trail. For more information about the O&W Rail Trail and the work of the Alliance, visit www.SullivanOandW.com.

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Pumpkin Cake

4 large eggs
 2 cups sugar
 1 cup canola oil
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. Line bottoms of two greased 9-in. round pans with parchment paper; grease paper.

Beat eggs, sugar and oil until well blended. In another bowl, whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ginger and allspice; gradually beat into egg mixture. Stir in pumpkin and pecans.

Transfer to prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes.

Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks; remove paper. Cool completely.

Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream

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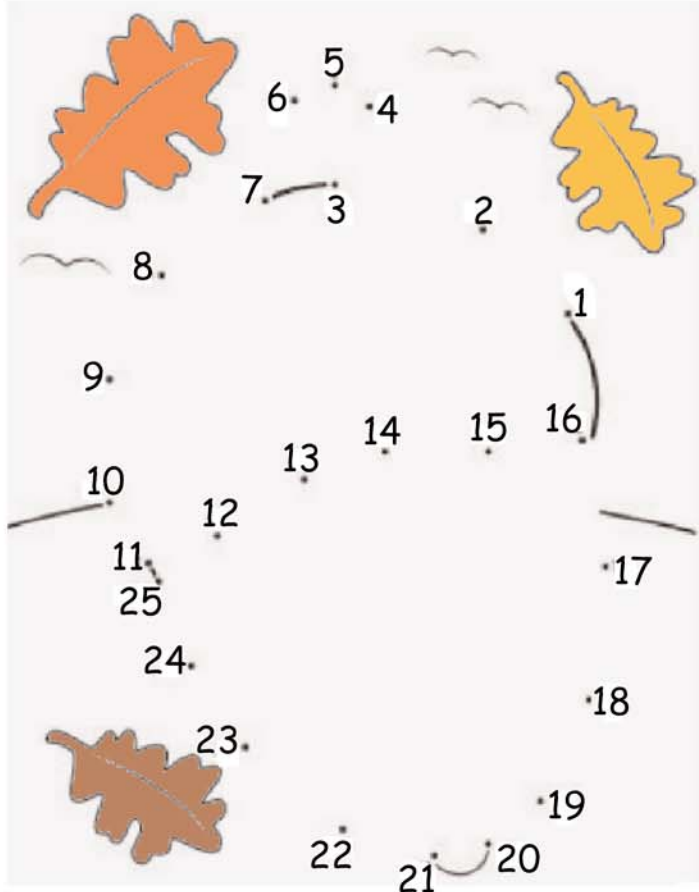
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Dated: October 1st, 2025

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

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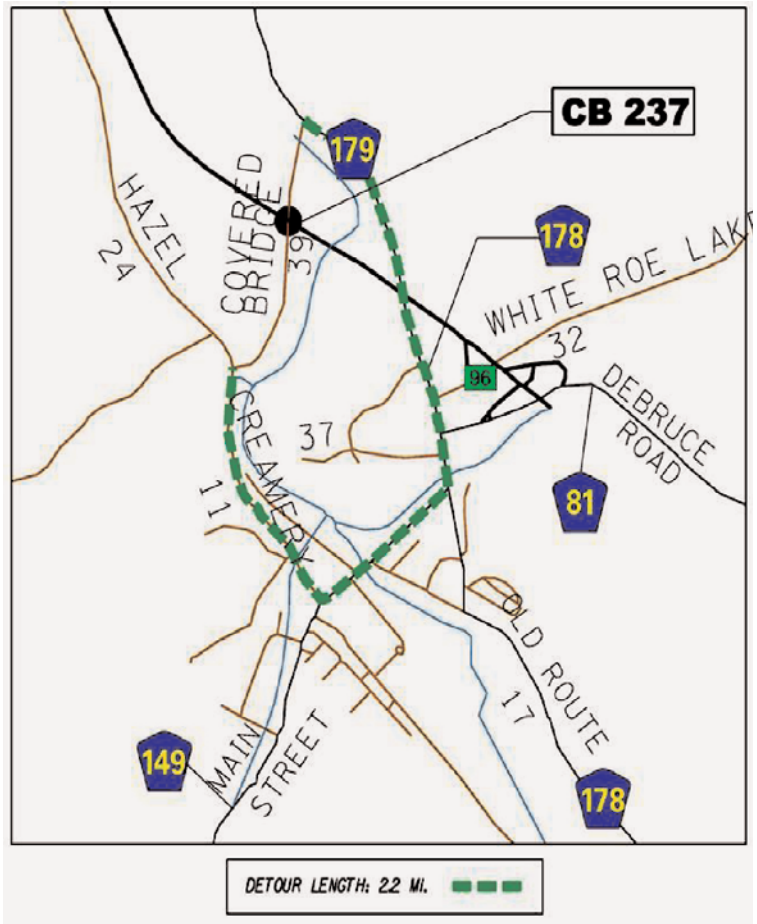
SC ROAD CLOSURE

Ferndale, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road No. 72 (Lieutenant J.G. Brender Highway) in the Town of Liberty to repair a section of failing roadway embankment, located approximately 0.2 miles south of the intersection of County Road No. 71 (Ferndale Road).

This section of CR 72 is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8 a.m. October 1, 2025, and will remain closed for approximately five (5) weeks, though that may be extended as needed due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances. **The Sullivan County Ferndale Transfer Station will remain open during the road closure.**

SC ROAD CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE REPAIR

Livingston Manor, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works has closed a portion of Covered Bridge Road (Town Highway 39) in the Town of Rockland to repair the timbered approach deck of County Bridge 237, better known as the Livingston Manor Covered Bridge.



This section of Covered Bridge Road will be closed to all traffic for much of the rest of October, until repairs are completed. Traffic may detour using CR 178 and 179 (Old Route 17), County Road 149 (Main St.) and Creamery Rd.

Sullivan County Democratic Committee To Hold Its Jeffersonian With Local Pride!

The Sullivan County Democratic Committee will hold its "Jeffersonian" on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 11 am at The Eldred Preserve with Keynote Speaker, New York State Budget Director Blake Washington.

"We are delighted that Blake is coming home to serve as our Keynote. He serves in an integral role in the fiduciary planning of New York State for Governor Hochul. To have one of our own, who understands the needs of our community, while being qualified for and committed to the work, makes us proud," said Steve Vegliante, Sullivan County Democratic Committee Chair.



Blake Washington.

Blake was appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul in 2023 as Budget Director for the State of New York. The Monticello native is responsible for the development and management of New York's \$240 billion budget and leads a team of public servants to administer the fiscal duties of the state, including economic and revenue forecasting, tax policy, fiscal planning, capital financing and management of the State's debt portfolio.

In addition, Assemblywoman Paula Elaine Kay and Congressman Josh Riley will address what is sure to be a sold-out house.



Will T. Little



Kathleen Lara

Sullivan County natives Judge Will T. Little, Candidate for New York State Supreme Court Judge, and Kathleen Lara, Sullivan County Treasurer Candidate will round out this impressive lineup and group of outstanding leaders!

As always, town and local officials will be in attendance just as the event by the same name was held by our Founding Father Thomas Jefferson. All are welcome to this historic based event to enjoy delicious food, engage in conversation, and hear about the happenings of the day.

Tickets are priced at \$100 each. To reserve your ticket(s), call 845 798-1770 or email scdemocratic-committee@gmail.com

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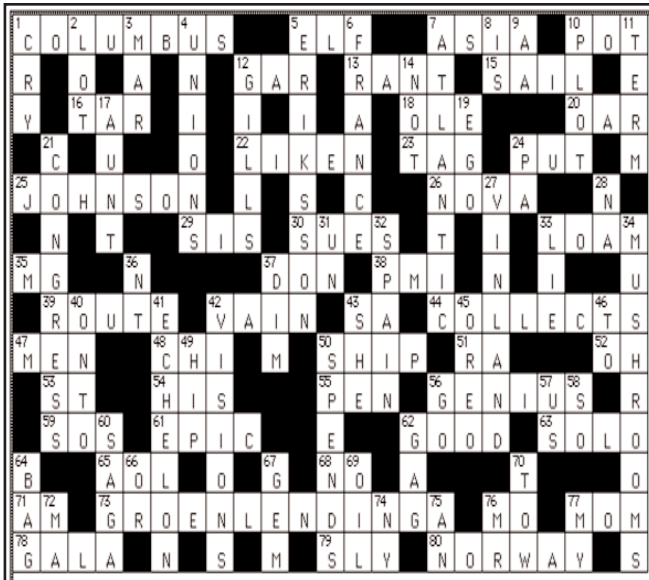
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Ans to last week's Crossword

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

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at the Church Hall)

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Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

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

October - 18th Nov - 1st and 15th
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history of Sullivan County
at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/15/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/15/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
10/16/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
10/16/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
10/18/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
10/21/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
10/25/25	Claryville Roast Pork Dinner 4 - 6:30 pm
11/4/25	Town of Neversink Holiday - ELECTION DAY
11/8/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
11/12/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

Oct 25th – Claryville Roast Pork Dinner 4 - 6:30 pm (See Pg. 25)

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 October 13 - October 17, 2025

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

Monday, October 13

o **Federal Holiday** - County Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 14

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 Board of Ethics**, in the Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

o **4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o **4:30 PM** (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - **Ways & Means Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, October 17

No meetings

2025 FALL CLEAN-UP OCT. 18th, 22nd & 25th

In order to Participate, you will need your GREEN 2025 Permit Card, cards will be purchased for each load.

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"The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature."

Claryville Reformed Church
Famous Roast Pork Dinner
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Saturday, October 25th

Diners will be seated
from 4:00 until 6:30

Takeouts will also be available

Adults \$16
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We are excited to be raising funds to build a canopy to protect our original, 175 years old original doors which are too fragile for another refinishing.

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 25th!

David Brooks - A Family Dedicated to Public Service

By Jenny Lee | Oral History Project
October 13, 2025

I chatted with Town of Denning Supervisor David Brooks about the issues and opportunities in our small town, the work that he and his team have accomplished and what remains to be done. Our conversations took place in his office at Town Hall and on a ride in the Denning Dog Catcher's car to deliver lunch to the highway crew.

JL: Hi David! What was your path to Town Supervisor and how long have you served?

DB: Wow Jenny, you're asking tough questions. Lemme see... I was appointed to the Planning Board in 2004, which I co-chaired for four to five years. I got elected Planning Board Chair in 2009 to a four year term, then elected Supervisor in 2013. So I have served 12 years as Supervisor. Time flies when you're having fun! I chaired the committees that developed the Town Comprehensive Plan, re-did the Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations.



Standing: Town of Denning Supervisor in the middle, flanked by Council Members - left to right - Kevin Smith, Greg Vurckio, Mike Dean and Scott Mickelson. Town Clerk Nancy Parrow is seated. Photo by Nancy Brooks

DB: That's probably why I'm involved. My father, Clayton, first got involved in Denning's property tax assessment review. He was subsequently elected to Town Supervisor. Dad was instrumental in the founding of the Coalition of Watershed Towns (CWT) and the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), where I met a lot of town leaders and people from NYS DEC and NYC DEP. The CWT and CWC are two important institutions that ensure watershed community interests are represented in decisions about watershed protection programs. In addition, Dad and I were in the auto body repair business together for 25 years. He undoubtedly had a great influence on me.

And you knew my late brother, Mikey. Dedicated over 20 years to serving the public, including as Sullivan County Legislator.

JL: Yes, I remember and miss your brother Mike Brooks. We became good friends through our work on broadband. A man of conviction who was willing to take the heat for what he thought was right. Let's pivot for a moment to talk a bit about the members of your team, including any specific role each of them may have.

DB: First, I have to say that I feel privileged to have a great team that's dedicated to promoting the best interests of our residents and the town's success. We are like a well-oiled machine with great collaboration and mutual respect.

We have four elected Town Council members. They are all trained and certified in the National Incident Management System (NIM) and Incident Command System (ICS), as outlined in our Emergency Management Plan. NIM is a comprehensive nationwide system that includes ICS as its standardized on-scene incident management system. Our Council Members and additional roles are:

Greg Vurckio represents Denning at the Coalition of Watershed Towns. Greg is responsible for representing their town's specific needs and interests in discussions that affect both the local economy and the protection of New York City's drinking water supply. This involves participating in meetings to share information, identify concerns, and collaborate on solutions. Greg also serves pro-bono as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Kevin Smith is the coordinator for our Emergency Management Plan. He is also liaison to the Planning Board, which is presently reviewing our Short Term Rental law. Kevin will bring the Planning Board's recommendations, which the Town Board will review and make changes as warranted.

Mike Dean is the liaison to the Highway Department. The department presents its needs to Mike who then brings them to the Board for discussion and resolution. Mike performs a crucial function as budget allocations to the Highway Department accounts for 70% to 75% of the town's annual budget of around \$1.2-\$1.4 million.

Scott Michelson is Court Security Officer at the meeting room (next door) where court cases are heard. Scott monitors the metal detector and checks and clears everything if there is an issue. The cases are mostly Peekamoose Blue Hole violations, so you can imagine out-of-towners that are unhappy with their case outcomes. You know Scott. He is well-suited to deal with irate people.

Leonard Johnson is our Highway Superintendent with a crew of four. Lenny started out as a highway employee for 4 to 5 years before he got elected Superintendent. He's learning and getting the hang of things. He knows his way around because he has lived here his whole life.

Nancy Parrow, our Town Clerk, also an elected position, is doing a great job building on the tremendous groundwork laid by Joy who, as you know, is a tough act to follow.
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David Brooks - A Family Dedicated to Public Service

(From Pg. 26)

Nancy is always up to date and responsive to our community, She keeps our residents informed by publishing notices and she is very meticulous and timely with our board minutes.

JL: Joy! That's former Town Clerk, Joy Monforte. She was my introduction to Town Hall over 10 years ago. I have to say that I have enjoyed working with you and your team. Our partnership has been productive and beneficial to our residents. So could you summarize some of the team's achievements under your leadership?

DB: You know I don't like tooting my own horn, but some of the impactful accomplishments include:

- achieving the biggest tax cut ever in Denning with very good fund balances;
- signing inter-municipal agreements which is especially important for our small town with limited resources;
- getting Spectrum to build out most of the town;
- putting in new wells at both town buildings;
- acquiring new heavy-duty trucks (2 new backhoes, reconditioned loader, 3 new pickups and an arm tractor to mow roads in Denning another first);
- insulating our highway garage and totally redoing our garage's lunch room for our highway crew;
- repairing multiple bridges; and
- getting our roads blacktopped - another first for Denning.



Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reviewing inventory and crunching numbers at his desk in his office at the Town Garage. Photo by Jenny Lee.

JL: Wow, do you even sleep at all? Ha ha. But seriously, Dave, it sounds to me like you and your team have an outstanding record. What are the next-or continuing-set of issues, and how are they being met?



Supervisor David Brooks took Jenny Lee for a ride to bring lunch to the highway crew and to check out their work paving Red Hill Road. Photo by Jenny Lee.

DB: If I had to pick one priority and vexing challenge, it would be communications. The town lacks radio and cell service, which means my highway crew and I cannot talk to one another when they are out during emergencies. Remember how we struggled to keep our communities safe and informed during the Peekamoose fires last November? Well, we are presently working hard on getting towers where we can co-locate radio and cell. My team and I very much appreciate your support in this regard.

Just at that moment the phone rang. It was Ulster County Deputy Director of Emergency Services Steve Peterson with an update on a proposed tower in Denning. Serendipity meets Team Brooks's indefatigable efforts to improve the lives of Denning tax-payers.



Town of Denning Town Hall on a glorious September day. Photo by Jenny Lee

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

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At last, we turn our hearts toward rebuilding: mending what was shattered, sowing seeds of hope in the fertile soil of tomorrow.

Yet, on the other side of this fragile dawn, sorrow weighs heavy upon us-the irreplaceable lives stolen too soon, the devastation etched into our landscapes and souls, the quiet ache of grief that so many will carry like an unseen shadow for years to come.

This bittersweet dance is the eternal rhythm of our people: even at the chuppah, in the crescendo of unbridled happiness, we shatter a glass to echo the truth that we remain wanderers in exile, our joy forever laced with memory.

And so, as we stand at the threshold of Sukkot's final days-the season known as Zman Simchateinu, our time of rejoicing-we extend an open hand to you. Join us, dear friends, as we whirl in ecstatic circles with the Torah held high. Let us celebrate our resilient people, our winding journey through trials and triumphs, and the eternal flame that has sustained us: the Torah itself, our unbreakable wellspring of strength. In this holy whirl, may joy mend what sorrow has torn, and may peace, at long last, find its way home with the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days.

Wishing you a Chag Sameach!
Rabbi Hanoach Hecht

Service Schedule

Shemini Atzeret Night - October 13
Light Holiday Candles: after 5:59 pm
Evening Services and small celebration: 6:00 pm
Shemini Atzeret Day - October 14
Morning Services: 9:30 am
Yizkor Memorial Service after: 11:00 am
Simchat Torah Night - October 14
Light Holiday Candles: after 6:57 pm
Evening Services and Grand Hakafot celebration: 6:45 pm
Simchat Torah Day - October 15

Morning Services: 10:00 am
Hakafot: 11:00 am

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Nov 8, 2025
5:30 pm

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Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul

“After two years of immense suffering and loss, the Israeli hostages have finally returned home. I join their families in celebrating this long-awaited homecoming and pray they find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

“Since October 7, I’ve come to know several of the hostages’ families, including New Yorkers whose children were brutally murdered by Hamas. When I visited Israel in the immediate aftermath of the attack, I grieved alongside the families of Omer Neutra and Itay Chen. My heart is with them today, and with the many others who are still awaiting the closure they deserve. May the victims’ memories be a blessing, and may we never forget their loved ones’ pain.

“I’m grateful to the administration for its role in securing the hostages’ release. With their return and a permanent ceasefire, I’m hopeful that vital aid will soon reach families suffering in Gaza and that today marks the beginning of a new chapter of lasting peace and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike.”

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Recommends Seven Housing Projects for Funding through Housing Action Fund *\$3.15 Million Proposed for Affordable Housing, Plus Youth Emergency Housing Project*

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has recommended \$3.15 million in support from the Ulster County Housing Action Fund to support six affordable housing projects and one youth emergency housing project. The County Executive and Legislature created the \$15 million Fund in 2023 - augmented annually with 25% of revenues from the bed tax on motels and short-term rentals - to incentivize new housing that is affordable.

The projects recommended for the 2025 round of funding were reviewed, vetted, and scored by the Housing Policy and Oversight Committee, an expert body that oversees the Fund’s operations. Based on the Committee’s review, County Executive Metzger is recommending that the Legislature release \$3.15 million from the Housing Action Fund to support the development of the following projects, all of which meet the Fund’s affordability and sustainability requirements:

- o Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. (\$300,000) for construction of Stone Creek Commons, a 47-unit mixed-use affordable housing project (60% AMI) in the Town of Saugerties, with integrated supportive services and 24 units reserved for individuals recovering from mental illness.
- o RUPCO (\$700,000) to create 10 affordable rental units (five 60% AMI units, five 80% AMI units) as part of the restoration of the historic Wellington Hotel in Pine Hill

(Town of Shandaken).

- o Kingston Housing Authority (\$700,000) for 68 new ADA-adaptable 1-bedroom units (30% and 80% AMI) for seniors as part of the Penn Court Expansion Project in the City of Kingston.
- o TapRoot Community Land Trust (\$120,000) to preserve two affordable rental units (60% AMI) at 587 Abeel Street in Kingston, and place the property in the TapRoot Community Land Trust to ensure permanent affordability.
- o Kingston City Land Bank (\$700,000) for the development of 12 affordable condominium units (80% AMI) at 46 Grand Street in Kingston.
- o GBC Kingston LLC (\$380,000) for the Frog Alley Project, a new 46-unit development in Kingston that will include six affordable units (five at 60% AMI, one at 80% AMI).
- o Center for Creative Education (\$250,000) for Ubuntu Village, a redevelopment project to create youth emergency housing in Kingston, with seven beds.

The Legislature will take up the County Executive’s recommendations at its October 21 session. If approved, the awards will pave the way for the creation of 185 units of housing, as well as a new emergency shelter for youth. By providing crucial gap funding for these projects, the Fund is enabling a combined housing investment in Ulster County exceeding \$157 million.

“Safe, affordable housing is a cornerstone of a healthy community, and these seven projects will help address a very pressing need of our residents for housing they can afford,” said County Executive Jen Metzger. “With this \$3.15 million investment from the Housing Action Fund, we are supporting the development of 185 new affordable units while also advancing our climate and energy affordability goals through high-efficient and all-electric design. I want to thank the Housing Policy and Oversight Committee for their thoughtful review and recommendations, and I look forward to working with the Legislature to move these projects forward.”

“On behalf of the Housing Policy and Oversight Committee, I want to thank the County Planning Department staff for their insights and support throughout the application review process,” said Fawn Tantillo, Chair of the Housing Policy and Oversight Committee. “These projects reflect our commitment to building a more inclusive and resilient Ulster County, and the Housing Action Fund continues to be a powerful tool in creating housing that meets the needs of our residents.”

The Ulster County Housing Action Fund supports the creation of healthy, energy-efficient, and climate-responsible housing units that serve households at or below 80% of Ulster County Area Median Income, with an emphasis on housing that serves the County’s most vulnerable populations. The first round of awards in 2024 provided funding for five projects, totaling 164 units, with both rental and homeownership opportunities.

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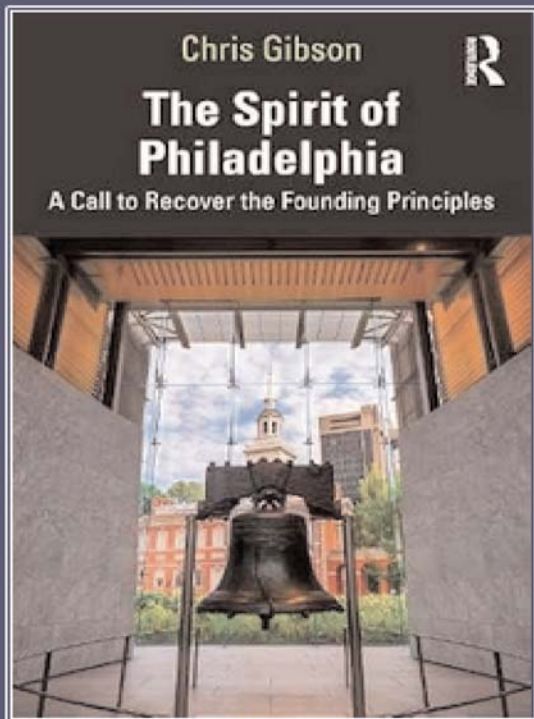
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<https://www.thespiritofphiladelphia.com/events>

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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ones,

Upon guidance from several friends that have been helping us, Judy and I have opened a GoFundMe to raise funding for our feeding, providing winter shelter, and veterinary care for six kittens, now juveniles, and six adult stray cats that have taken up residence underneath our front porch and rear deck. Winter in the Catskills is brutal. These cats have no other place to go. We have three cat small houses on our back deck, and, after much discussion and research, we decided that the best, quickest and most practical solution for this many cats is to provide a woodshed. The shed will have insulation and a safe space heater. It will be high enough to have a couple of shelves, and most of these cats like to climb. The cost of the shed is \$1000, and it should last several years because we will continue to feed and care for any cats that we cannot find homes for. We remain committed to trap, neuter/spay, and provide necessary vaccinations. There is a vet within twenty minutes that has mobile van service and comes to the house for a \$100 fee plus services. We appreciate any amount that you can donate.

The link to the GFM Page is:
Donate to Help Give Stray Cats & Kittens a Safe, Loving Future, organized by Lawrence B Schafman

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/honoring-bennies-legacy>

PAVe comes to Sullivan County! Parents Against Vaping e-Cigarettes will present for community members and caregivers

[LIBERTY, NY] - The Coalition for a Vape Free Sullivan announced that PAVe (Parents Against Vaping e-Cigarettes), the first and only national parent organization fighting the vaping and tobacco industries, will present to Sullivan County schools and communities on Wednesday November 5th from 4-6pm at the CVI Building in Liberty. Parents Against Vaping is a grass-roots group of parents and concerned individuals committed to protecting children from the dangers of vaping and other flavored tobacco use. The organization shares that over 1.6 million youth are vaping in middle and high schools across the country, with more than 1 in four youth users vaping daily. Almost 90% of youth users are using flavored products.

The goal of the PAVe presentation is to equip parents, caregivers, educators and school administrators with resources to address vaping and nicotine use fairly, constructively, and with the health and well-being of the young person at the center. They will

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cover the scope of youth vaping supported by national and state-specific data and provide research-based alternatives to exclusionary practices, such as suspension and expulsion. Reasons teens vape and their impacts will be discussed, along with the youth focused marketing tactics of the tobacco/vaping industry.

Dr. Jessie Moore, Public Health Director for Sullivan County stated, "Tobacco and nicotine use remain major public health challenges, particularly among youth."

"Vaping is not a harmless trend. It is a threat to the health and future of our youth," said Celeste D'Andrea, Monticello High School student.

Attendees will learn research-based, non-punitive practices-such as education, counseling, and cessation programs that foster healthier choices. Families struggling with the issue in their homes will connect with others facing the same challenges; and learn how to work together to protect youth from the dangers of vaping and tobacco use. Participants will leave with resources developed by partners of PAVe to help them keep kids vape-free at school and at home.

This free program is made possible with support from opioid settlement funding administered through Sullivan County. The event is open to all. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit www.sullivan180.org. For questions, e-mail trainings@sullivan180.org or call 845-295-2681.

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.

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Watercolor Painting with Chris Parrow

Friday, October 17, 2025

1:00-2:30 p.m.

\$5 Supply Fee

Join local artist Chris Parrow as she explores the world of floral still life for fall. Learn about brushwork, composition, color, color mixing and the spontaneous nature of watercolor paint.

No experience necessary, limited space available. **Adults only.**



Program made possible by Central Hudson

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Fall 2025

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

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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.

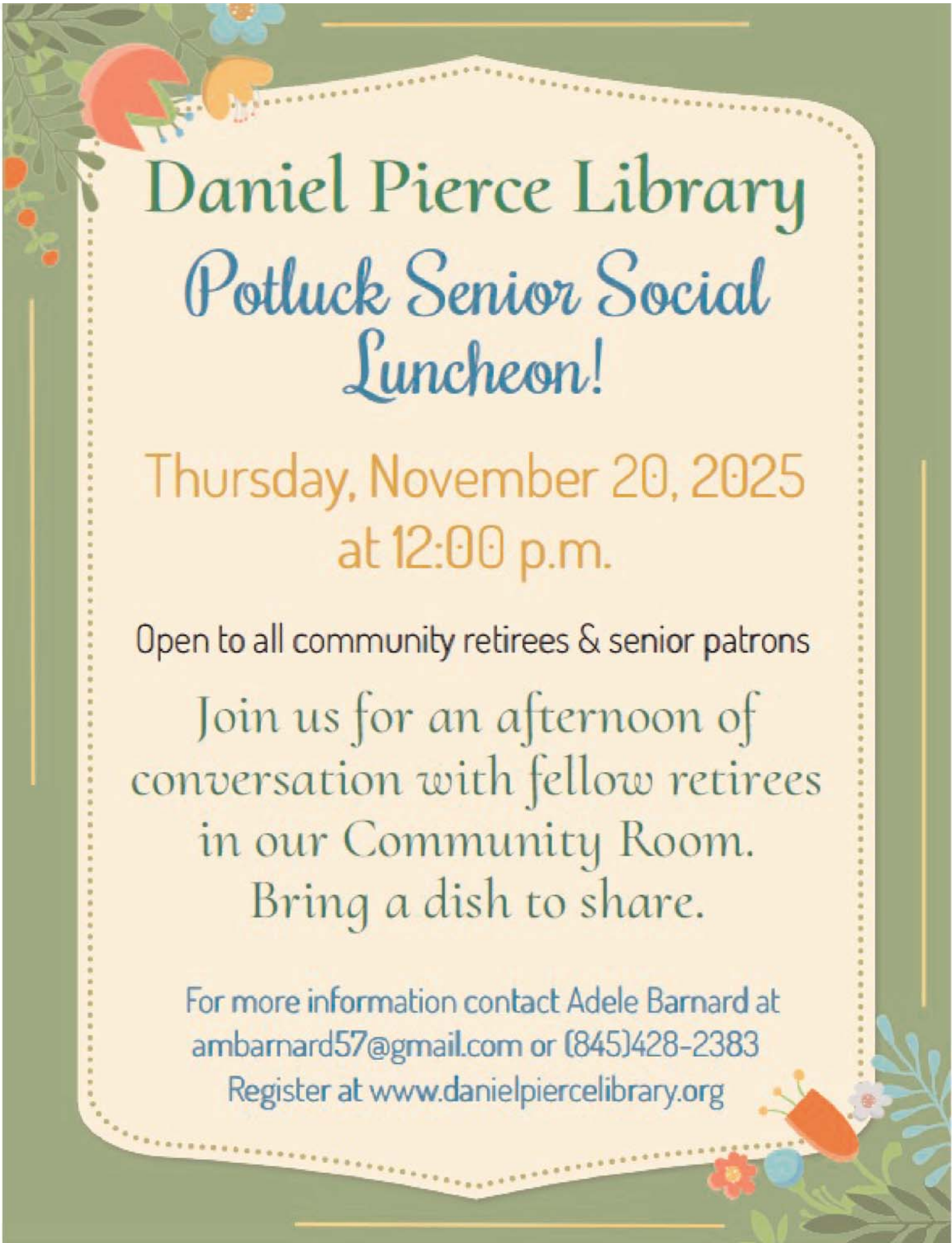
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Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at danielpiercelibrary.org. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the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



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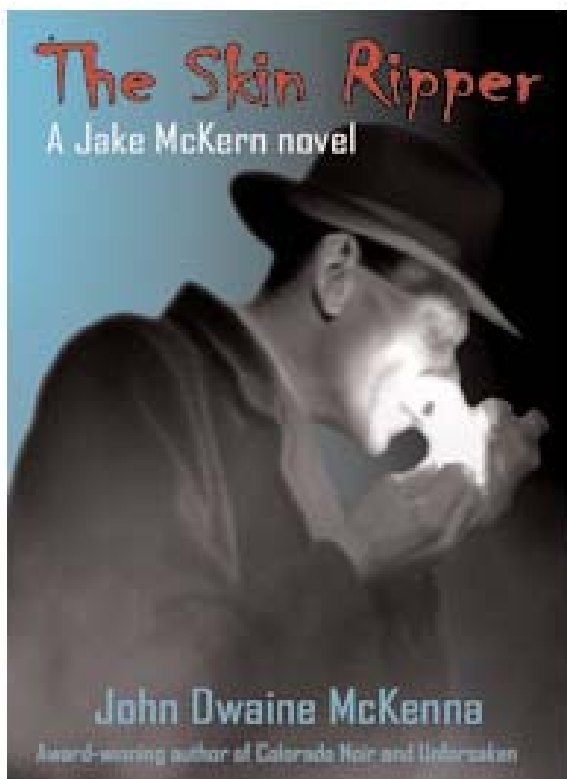
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Impact of the Shutdown on New York's Working Families

The Democrat-led government shutdown is now in its second week, bringing serious consequences for New York's working families, seniors, and small businesses. By blocking the clean, responsible funding bill passed by House Republicans, Senate Democrats have stalled wages, halted small business loans, and jeopardized essential services that millions rely on. Economic estimates show that each month the shutdown continues, New York loses more than \$1.2 billion in productivity, while thousands of federal workers are furloughed or forced to work without pay.

Nearly three million New Yorkers who depend on programs like SNAP and WIC are facing uncertainty, while local employers struggle with delayed federal contracts and SBA loan approvals. Instead of protecting New York's economy, Democrats have chosen to hold it hostage, hurting families, seniors, and small businesses across the state. It's time to end this reckless shutdown and restore stability for the hardworking people who keep our communities strong.

President Trump is Delivering Peace

A historic step toward peace has been achieved in the Middle East, just days after the anniversary of Hamas's brutal October 7th attack. Thanks to President Trump's strength and decisive leadership, Israel and Hamas have agreed to the first phase of a comprehensive peace plan to release all remaining hostages, including Americans Omer Neutra and Itay Chen, and begin a path toward lasting stability. The Nobel Peace Prize once stood for strength, integrity, and moral clarity, but today it too often rewards symbolism and politics over real achievement. I am the only Member of Congress to have officially nominated President Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize twice, and I will continue to nominate him every year I am able, because his record speaks for itself. No one has done more to bring peace to regions long defined by war and division.

Debunking Democrats' Lies on the Shutdown

Democrat Lie: Republicans are trying to rip health care away from Americans.

Reality: That's false. House Republicans passed a clean, responsible funding bill that keeps health care fully funded at current levels, with no cuts and no policy changes. Democrats are holding government funding hostage over an unrelated December policy fight of their own making.

Democrat Lie: The Republican bill is partisan.

Reality: The only reason this clean continuing resolution appears "partisan" is because nearly every Democrat voted against it. This same short-term measure passed 13 times under President Biden with bipartisan support. Democrats changed their votes, not the bill.

Democrat Lie: Democrats have offered a serious counterproposal to keep the government open.

Reality: Their so-called proposal is a \$1.5 trillion spending spree that includes free health care for illegal immigrants, \$500 million

for liberal media outlets, billions for DEI and climate projects overseas, and a \$50 billion cut to rural hospitals. It's irresponsible.

Democrat Lie: The shutdown is President Trump and Republicans' fault.

Reality: House Republicans, Senate Republicans, and President Trump all support a bill to keep the government open and serving the American people. It's Senate Democrats who blocked it, refusing to provide the votes needed to meet the 60-vote threshold. They'd rather shut down the government to oppose President Trump than stand with the American people.

Democrat Lie: Republicans are abandoning the needs of working Americans.

Reality: It's Democrats who walked away from hardworking families to please their far-left base. The question before Congress was simple: keep the government open or shut it down. Republicans voted to keep it open, Democrats voted to close it.

Democrat Lie: Republicans are threatening food and health programs.

Reality: Democrats are the ones putting programs like WIC and SNAP at risk by rejecting a clean bill that funds them in full. Their reckless shutdown takes food off the tables of women and children while freezing aid that millions rely on.

Declassified Biden Family Corruption

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yoVYrI_XJ8

Newly declassified CIA documents reveal that then-Vice President Joe Biden personally ordered an intelligence report withheld in 2015 because it exposed Ukrainian officials' concerns about his family's corrupt business ties. The report, which met the criteria for dissemination, detailed how Ukrainian leaders viewed the Bidens' conduct as a glaring double standard in America's anti-corruption stance. Instead of allowing transparency, Biden directed the CIA to suppress the information, just months before he pressured Ukraine to fire the prosecutor investigating Burisma, where his son was earning tens of thousands per month. This evidence confirms what many suspected all along: Biden used his office to shield his family's foreign business dealings while weaponizing U.S. institutions for political protection. The American people deserve honesty and accountability.

New York Attorney General Letitia James Indicted

New York Attorney General Letitia James, who spent years weaponizing her office to attack President Trump, has now been indicted by a federal grand jury on two felony counts of bank fraud and making false statements to a financial institution. This indictment exposes the deep hypocrisy that has defined Democrat politics for years. No one is above the law, and justice must apply equally.

Remembering October 7th

October 7, 2023 was the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust.

Thousands of civilians, including U.S. citizens, were murdered, kidnapped, assaulted, and raped by Hamas. We honor and remember the innocent lives taken, we demand the return of every hostage, and we stand with Israel against Hamas terrorism. Never forget.

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. (Contad. Pg. 56)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 55)

H.R. 1542, the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2025: This bill would provide appropriations to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for the salaries and expenses of personnel who are required to continue working during a lapse in federal funding. The servicemen and women at the USCG put their lives on the line every day to protect the homeland, run search and rescue operations, and enforce maritime laws. It is imperative that USCG personnel and their families are cared for during their essential service protecting our communities.

H.R. 2172, the Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act: This bill would ensure Medicare patients with serious infections, heart failure, immune diseases, cancer, and other conditions receive the intravenous (IV) medications they need while at home. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented a benefit for Medicare Part B home infusion drugs, requiring a nurse to be physically present in the patient's home for providers to be reimbursed. This bill would ensure that Medicare recipients can continue to receive life-saving drugs in a safe and effective manner, in the comfort of their own homes.

H.R. 2350, the Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2025: This bill would prevent prison inmates from using contraband cellphones in prison facilities by allowing state and federal prisons to use cellphone jamming systems. Contraband cellphones are a major security threat in our prisons, allowing criminals to coordinate crimes while incarcerated. This bipartisan bill is important to keep our prisons safe and ensure that our communities are protected from prisoners.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute! Here's what she's been up to this week:

1. Fighting rising health care costs

At least 1.6 million New Yorkers in every corner of our state are on the brink of seeing their health insurance premiums skyrocket-all because congressional Republicans refuse to extend the health care assistance that families rely on.

This week, Kirsten called on her Republican colleagues to come to the table to negotiate an end to the shutdown and extend the Affordable Care Act premium tax credits that help Americans across the country afford care. She and her Democratic colleagues stand ready to negotiate and reach a bipartisan deal.

Read more. <https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/10/08/gillibrand-trump-republicans-have-created-manufactured-health-care-affordability-crisis/>

A county-by-county breakdown of expected ACA premium increases in each of New York's 62 counties can be found at gillibrand.senate.gov/trumphealthcareincrease.

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 operat-

ing 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. Combating sexual assault on college campuses

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-grassley-reintroduce-legislation-to-combat-sexual-assault-on-college-campuses-improve-accountability-and-transparency-for-higher-education-institutions/>

Sexual assault on college campuses remains a serious and persistent problem.

This week, Kirsten led the reintroduction of the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, vital legislation that would strengthen the support network for survivors and increase accountability for schools by creating a standardized process for investigating instances of sexual assault. This legislation is a common-sense bipartisan fix that Kirsten is determined to get passed.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/amid-republican-led-government-shutdown-gillibrand-democratic-colleagues-introduce-legislation-to-protect-federal-workers/>

4. Protecting federal workers during the government shutdown

The financial impact of a government shutdown on federal workers, contractors, and their families can be extremely painful.

That's why this week, Kirsten and 17 of her Democratic colleagues introduced the Federal Employees Civil Relief Act to protect these individuals from foreclosures, evictions, and loan defaults during the shutdown. Federal employees shouldn't lose the essentials they rely on because of a government shutdown that is entirely outside of their control. Kirsten is fighting to get this critical legislation across the finish line.

<https://www.aging.senate.gov/hearings/bad-medicine-closing-loopholes-that-kill-american-patients>

5. Working to enhance drug safety

In this week's Senate Aging Committee hearing, Kirsten heard from witnesses about their recommendations for how to secure and support our generic drug manufacturing base to ensure American patients have access to affordable, high-quality, and safe drugs.

Watch the hearing here.

<https://www.aging.senate.gov/hearings/bad-medicine-closing-loopholes-that-kill-american-patients>

6. Assisting New Yorkers

A Kings County constituent and owner of a physical therapy practice contacted Kirsten's office for help after waiting nearly a year for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to process their claims for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC).

Kirsten's office worked with the IRS for a year to ensure that each of the constituent's six claims were pulled from the ERC processing backlog and disbursed, despite the agency's red tape. The constituent has now received all their ERC funds, totaling over \$350,000.

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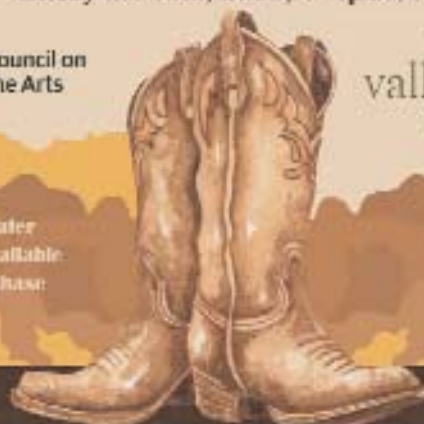
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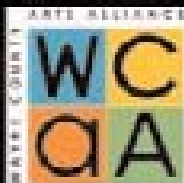
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The film is based on **Tom Clancy's 1987 novel** of the
same name. Former CIA Agent Jack Ryan averts a terrorist
attack on London. One of the terrorist is killed, which sends
his brother on a mission of revenge travelling to the USA to
find Jack Ryan. (Contd. Pg. 68)

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Walter Matthau

This weeks' Trivia question: *Saturday Night Fever* was set in
Staten Island?