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Judy and Larry Schafman

There will be an Opening Reception at the Old Stone House, Hasbrouck, 282 Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne, NY 17788 on Saturday, October 18th, 2025 from 2-7 pm and for each Saturday/Sunday from 3-5 pm. Exhibit closes November 9th

Local artist and writer, Judy Schafman, will present her paintings of a host of unusual creatures-unique, quirky, and with plenty to say. They knock on the door of her inner self and demand to be released onto the canvas.

Judy, with her husband Larry, will also present their new book called **SEQUOIA, LADY LIBERTY, AND GANESH** for review and book signing. It is a story of the sage Sequoia, and how she enlightens a band of shapeshifting teen explorers.

Friends of the planet, lovers of animals, protectors of plants, and those that walk the sacred paths of life, welcome five young people as they begin their journey in Sequoia, Lady Liberty, and Ganesh. (Cont. Pg. 4)

Naturalization Ceremony for New Citizens at SUNY Ulster

STONE RIDGE, NY - Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck is pleased to announce that a naturalization ceremony will take place at SUNY Ulster's Quimby Theater, located at 491 Cottekill Road in Stone Ridge, on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. At this special event, 40 individuals will take the Oath of Allegiance and complete their journey to becoming United States citizens.

"The perseverance and hard work that bring each individual to this moment are inspiring, and it is a privilege to welcome them as new citizens," said Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck. "This ceremony brings together a larger group than usual, and we hope to continue this positive trend. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

October 12, 1955

Local boys who are attending the National Future Farmers of America Convention at Kansas City this week are: Bob Van Aken, Andy DuBois, Al Einert and Fred Nash. The four day convention started Monday. The boys, accompanied by their Vo-Ag teacher, Mr. Richard Strangeway, left last Friday and are expected to return on October 14th.

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October 6, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gotsch are parent of a daughter, Jill Denise, born September 13, 1965 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gotsch are the proud paternal grandparents.

The Sundown and Peekamoose areas were starting the winter season off with a bang! Not only was the electric out for several hours on Monday but there was a coating of snow in the evening.

Erik Norman, son of Warrant Officer and Mrs. John Nielsen, was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liberty on Sunday. Judy Nielsen and Wayne Garber were sponsors. A family gathering was held at the home of the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen, after the service.

October 22, 1975

Reverend and Mrs. John Carter have been with the congregations of the Claryville, Woodbourne and Grahamsville Reformed Churches

for the past 29 years. In January Pastor Carter will be retiring. The congregation of the Grahamsville Reformed Church extends a very cordial invitation to Rev. and Mrs. Carter's many friends in the area to an Open House in the Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 26th from 4 to 7 pm.

Congratulations to Mrs. Peggy DeWire, Tri-Valley Central School Kindergarten teacher, who will have an article published in a special edition of the *Instructor Magazine*.

October 24, 1985

St. Peter's Church was the setting on August 10th for the wedding of Pamela Ann Mears and Anthony John Arielly with Rev. Patrick Brady officiating. The bride is the daughter of Eugene and Mary Lou Mears of Wade Road, Liberty. The bridegroom is the son of Thomas and Barbara Arielly of Mutton Hill Rd., Neversink.

The bride graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of N.Y. at Oneonta. The bridegroom graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania at Stroudsburg. He is facilities Supervisor at Sullivan County Community College and a recreation director at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility Annex. Following a wedding trip to Acapulco, they are living in Liberty.

In Saturday evening, October 19th, 1985, friends and immediate family of Loretta and Don Ackerley of Grahamsville, gathered at the Sportsman's Club in Wawarsing to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The party, planned by their children, was attended by about 200 guests.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published October 24, 1998

In the early 1900's, Campbell was one of the smartest people I had the opportunity of meeting. In his earlier years, he had been a school teacher but stammering and stuttering ruined his career and he bought a farm near Grooville, my home town and he proceeded to live off his land. He planted and grew gardens of vegetables and fields of buckwheat, enough for his own needs. He sawed down trees and chopped them up into fire wood for warmth and cooking. He raised his own farm animals for meat, milk, butter and cheese and he spent long hours tending to his long trap lines that he set to catch the little wild animals which roamed his property.

He was a typical Daniel Boone, making his clothing from the hides of the animals that he trapped, right down to the tails on his head gear. He owned a nice farm horse which he only used on his farm. For transportation, he used home-made snow shoes for winter and home-made moccasins for dryer weather. He carried his hides and staples on his back and in order to do this, he built a carrier from sticks which he fastened on his back with ropes that he made from the hides of deer.

His beard was long and his eyes were blue as the skies and he could whistle, make bird calls or bark like a dog, which he often did to entertain us children.

I have often wondered what happened to him. The last time I saw him in Dad's store, I said goodbye to him. He smiled, and raised his right thumb

Household Hint:

Stop Water from Boiling Over Use a Wooden Spoon

Place a wooden spoon across the top of the pot to pop bubbles before they escape and boil over. The spoon's cooler temperature also helps steam condense back into water.

Nature Column - L. Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis, Hulda Vernooy, Carolyn Coombe and Martha Ahrens

Nutty Treats in the Catskills

One of the fun things about fall in the Catskills is finding different nuts that have begun falling from the trees: acorns, hickory nuts, and black walnuts to name a few. One of Nature's favorite treats are tiny little nuts that are often overlooked - the beechnuts that fall from the American beech tree in the fall. In contrast to the impressive Beechnut tree whose height can reach over 100 feet tall the tiny three-angled nut that resembles a half-pyramid. The American beech- *Fagus grandifolia*, (This is Latin for: *Fagus*, beech; *grandi*, great; *folia*, leaves) is a species of beech tree that grows in the Catskills and across much of the eastern United States and southeastern Canada.



It is a large tree that grows 60 to 115 feet-high, with smooth gray bark and oval leaves. It is a familiar part of the hardwood forest and also a popular shade and ornamental species.



The tree is monoecious, with flowers of both sexes on the same tree. The flowers are small single-sex, wind-pollinated catkins, produced in spring shortly after the new leaves appear.

The fruit is a small, sharply 3-angled nut approximately 1/2" long, borne in pairs in soft-spined husks known as cupules.

The American beech has two ways of reproducing: one is through the usual dispersal of seeds, and the other is through root sprouts, where the tree will have smaller trees growing out of its roots in different locations.

The leaves of the American Beech are dark green, simple and sparsely-toothed with the small teeth terminating at each vein. Leaves are usually 2 1/2 - 5 in long, with a short petiole. This time of the year in the Catskills, the foliage of the Beech tree turns gold or dark copper.

The winter twigs are distinctive among North American trees. They are long and slender, about a half inch to three-quarters of an inch by less than a tenth of an inch with two rows of overlapping scales on the buds that are distinctly thin and long, resembling cigars; this characteristic makes beech trees relatively easy to identify.

Beech trees are high-branching with tall, stout trunks and smooth silver-grey bark. Beech bark is extremely thin and scars easily. Since the beech tree has such delicate bark, carvings, such as lovers' initials remain because the tree is unable to heal itself.

The timber of the Beech is used to make furniture, parquet floors, wooden bowls and even gunpowder. The wood's heating power rises above most other timber sources, and it was widely used to warm the home. It is an excellent firewood as it is easily split and burns for many hours with bright but calm flames.

The tasty little morsels of the American Beech are loved by deer, squirrels, raccoon, grouse, bear, porcupines and humans.

Beechnuts have a mild flavor and can be eaten raw or cooked and are known to have an appreciable level of protein. Beechnuts can also make an exotic sprout, offering a unique sweet, crisp and nutty eating experience. The tiny nuts are a fine coffee substitute that is caffeine-free and brewed from the roasted seeds.

Mild in flavor, the young leaves of a Beechtree can be eaten raw or cooked as a potherb in the spring.

To experience its woodsy autumn taste of the beechnut, you will earn every tasty morsel that is extracted, including the sore finger tips that will come with handling the spiny outer shells of the nuts.

But it is well worth the effort.

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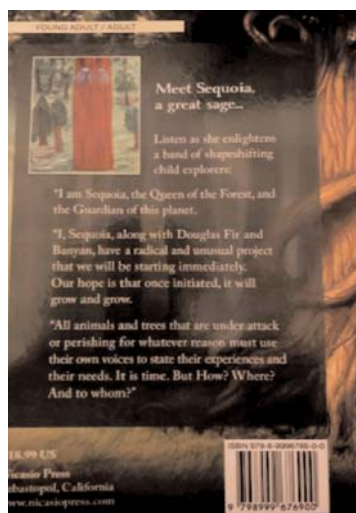
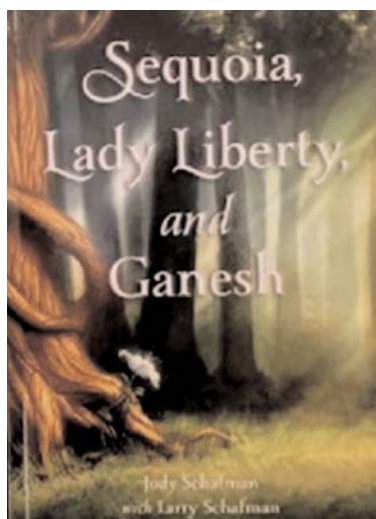
(From Pg. 1)

"Judy and I are very excited to announce that we just had a book published. It is called "Sequoia, Lady Liberty, and Ganesh." It is a fantasy novel that brings awareness to saving trees and animals from destruction and extinction. It is appropriate for young adults (teens), and anyone concerned about the world's environment. If you read it and like it, please give it a review on Amazon. Thank you.

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Top is one of Judy's paintings for the exhibit; bottom photo on left is the front cover of our book designed by Connie King. On the left-back cover.



Claryville Reformed Church to Again Host Their Famous Roast Pork Dinner

The congregation at the Claryville Reformed Church is excited to again host their famous roast pork dinner with seven sides and homemade desserts on Saturday, October 25th. Diners will be seated from 4:00 until 6:30. Takeouts will also be available. Adults \$16 and children five thru 10, \$10.

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. More about these plans next week.

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 25th!

"We wrote the book with the intention to reach young people, who have such a deep love for God's creatures in the animal and plant world. We trust that the heroes and heroines in the novel will become role models for the young and old readers alike as they learn, absorb, and take action to preserve our planet from destruction and extinction. If you like what you read, please share the story with others."

The book is now available on Amazon, bookshop, and Barnes and Noble, and it will soon be available as an eBook.

Naturalization Ceremony for New Citizens at SUNY Ulster

(From Pg. 1) Their pride in achieving citizenship and hope for a better future are a source of encouragement for our community. Our office is committed to making the path to citizenship as accessible as possible, and I encourage community members and organizations to attend and share in this celebration of dedication, resilience, and hope."

The Honorable David M. Gandin, Justice of the Supreme Court, will preside over the ceremony and deliver the keynote address, officially welcoming the new citizens. Local elected officials and community organizations will also be in attendance to present congratulatory certificates and provide valuable resources to support the new citizens in their transition.

For more information about the naturalization ceremonies or other programs offered by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck at (845) 340-3288 or via email at county-clerk@co.ulster.ny.us

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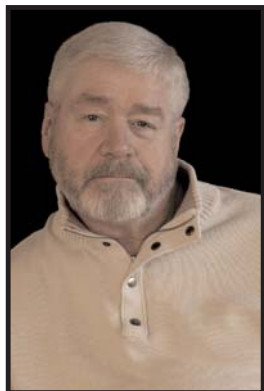
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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 148 The Dirty South

Mysterious Book Report No. 420
by John Dwaine McKenna

Published October 1, 2020

In the NOW, a man who's pledged to destroy evil, an extraordinary detective, ace P.I., and ex-NYPD Homicide Investigator named Charlie Parker, senses "wrongness approaching and trouble circling" at the start of John Connolly's newest: *The Dirty South*, (Emily Bestler Books/Atria, \$28.00, 438 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-2754-1). He walks home and waits . .

. for whatever misfortune is about to come his way. So, he's ready when the phone rings and a voice he hasn't spoken to in decades says, "They pulled a body from the Karagol." That's followed two sentences later by: "*In the end, the past claims us all.*"

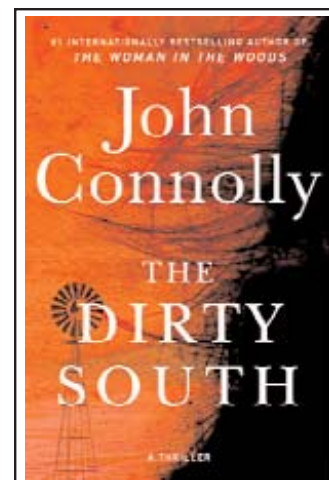
And so begins THEN, which tells the story of who, what, how and when the body came to be in the lake . . . and most importantly . . . why.

It's sometime in the 1990s. Bill Clinton, the former Governor of Arkansas, has been elected President of the United States and the residents of Cargill, a small town located smack-dab in the middle of the poorest county in Clinton's former state, are breathlessly, eagerly and impatiently awaiting the arrival of prosperity. *It's been promised*, is the often heard, often repeated mantra of the long-suffering residents. *We have to be patient. It's gonna come. It's been promised* . .

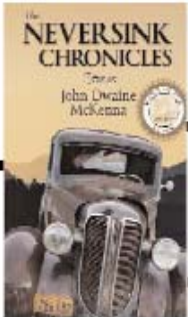
Cargill is still waiting, late into Clinton's second term. The Cade family, under the leadership of aging patriarch Delane "Pappy" Cade, has been amassing a real estate empire in anticipation of a boom – and better times – coming to their small corner of the world. It finally might happen too, that long-dreamed of prosperity, if Cargill and Burdon County Arkansas is picked to be the place where a huge multinational corporation by the name of KOVAS, builds it's new facility. Cargill, and somewhere in Texas are the finalists. It's come down to one or the other, with Cargill the apparent favorite because of subtle help from President Clinton.

There's only one problem. The ritualized and savage murders of three teenage girls . . . two in the last three months, and another back in 1993. The nature of the killings are what's drawn Charlie Parker to town . . . he's tracking the serial killer who tortured and murdered his wife and daughter . . . and after a rocky start in which Parker spends his first night in the Cargill jail, he agrees to put his expertise to work, helping to solve the monstrous slayings, before word gets out and blows the KOVAS deal. The fate of the entire county hangs in the balance.

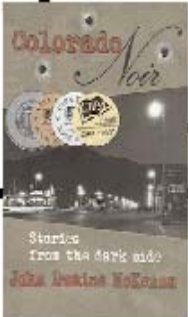
The electrifying action and relentless pacing, combined with Mr. Connolly's engaging writing style, will keep new and old fans alike, face-down in the pages, reading until late, late at night. As his work is becoming more widely read and recognized for its originality and sheer genius, John Connolly is at last receiving the world-wide fame that he so richly deserves. Read him for yourself and discover why!



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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Bits and Pieces

The Boiceville Inn Dinner Theater Presents Audition Notice for Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" a Radio Play



October 7, 8, and 9 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Boiceville Inn, Route 28, Boiceville, NY

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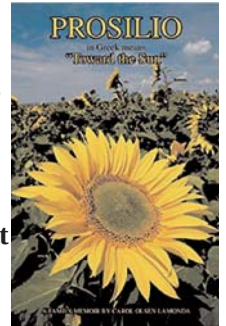
I love a play, especially one that's up close and personal starring some people I know. Even better is the dinner served along with the entertainment.

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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So I started thinking about the things I really do love:

Here are my fall baker's dozen:



Lemon sunrises and tangerine sunsets

Morning coffee brewing

The smell of bacon sizzling
Walking in colorful rustling leaves

Comfortable sweats

Fresh garden tomatoes with salt and mayo



Peanut M & M's

Downton Abbey

A good hardcover novel

A cold, wet dog's nose to BOOP

Kind words

A down comforter
and Meaningful hugs

What are your fall favorites?

SCCO Presents Light and Dark

(Monticello, NY & White Lake, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) opens its 2025-2026 season with an unforgettable evening of chamber music that blends wit, depth and discovery. The concert entitled, "Light and Dark", features the music of Haydn, Price and Beethoven. The performances are on Saturday, October 11th at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John St, Monticello, NY and Sunday, October 12th at 3 p.m. at the Reformed Presbyterian Church of White Lake, 6 Mattison Road, White Lake, NY. Tickets are available online at: <https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts> or at the door. For more information call: 845-798-9006.

The program opens with Haydn's String Quartet in E-flat major, Op. 33, No. 2 "The Joke" (1781), one of the witty and inventive "Russian Quartets" dedicated to the Grand Duke Paul of Russia. Haydn, often called the "father of the string quartet", delights audiences with clever surprises, especially in the famous finale where the music playfully refuses to end.

Florence Price's String Quartet in G Major (1929) follows, a lyrical and expressive work by the pioneering African American composer whose music blends European classical traditions with African American spirituals and folk influences. Written early in her career, this quartet reveals her distinctive voice and her important role in reshaping America's musical landscape.

The concert concludes with Beethoven's String Quartet in F minor, Op. 95 "Serioso" (1810), a compact and stormy masterpiece. Written during a turbulent period in Beethoven's life, it pushes the boundaries of the quartet form with sudden contrasts, intensity, and compressed drama-foreshadowing the profound innovations of his late quartets.



Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra performers Akiko Hosoi, Naho Parrini, Chiu-Chen Liu and Alberto Parrini will perform an evening of chamber music in Monticello and White Lake on October 11th and 12th.




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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

This captivating program offers audiences a journey from Haydn's playful brilliance, through Price's lyrical vision, to Beethoven's searing intensity. Performing this concert will be SCCO co-founder Akiko Hosoi (Violin), Naho Parrini (Violin), Chiu-Chen Liu (Viola) and Alberto Parrini (Cello).

This program is made possible in part by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathleen Courtney Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and Episcopal Charities.

The background of the flyer is a light-colored wooden plank texture. It is decorated with several autumn-themed illustrations: pumpkins in shades of orange and yellow, and various types of leaves in red, orange, and yellow. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts.

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SUNY Sullivan Celebrates Grand Opening of ATTAIN Lab

New facility expands free access to digital literacy, workforce training, career readiness for Sullivan County residents

SUNY Sullivan celebrated a major milestone on Thursday, Aug. 28 with the grand opening and ribbon cutting of its new Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking (ATTAIN) Lab, the first SUNY ATTAIN Lab located on a community college campus in New York State.



to gain valuable computer skills while also working to advance their careers and education. Congratulations to SUNY Sullivan on the grand opening of their new ATTAIN Lab, which will help support all Sullivan County residents, including SUNY Sullivan students, seeking to boost their existing skills or develop new ones."

"Today we're opening the doors to a lab and, more importantly, to opportunities," said President of SUNY Sullivan, Dr. David Potash. "The ATTAIN Lab will help our neighbors gain the digital and professional skills that lead to jobs, careers, and brighter futures. It is a tremendous step forward for our campus and our community."

Distinguished guests included SUNY Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development and Upward Mobility Christopher White, Deputy COO and Executive Director of the SUNY Black Leadership Institute Tamara Frazier, and Associate Provost and Director of UCAWD Lisa Jackson. Each underscored SUNY's commitment to expanding digital access and workforce readiness across New York.

Following the ribbon cutting, attendees toured the new facility and watched live demonstrations led by SUNY Sullivan ATTAIN Lab Coordinator Lori Boyd, highlighting how the lab's free resources will empower local residents.

The SUNY Sullivan ATTAIN Lab provides:

- o Free Access to Technology & Training: Including high-speed computers and Wi-Fi in a modern learning environment in addition to remote access for virtual study.
- o Career-Ready Programs:
- o High School Equivalency (GED) preparation via self-paced digital tools;
- o Industry-recognized certifications such as Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS), Microsoft Certified Fundamentals (MCF), and QuickBooks;
- o Digital literacy and career exploration modules;
- o ESL and language learning options, including Rosetta Stone; and
- o One-on-One Support: Lab coordinators assist with orientation, digital navigation, course selection, and skill-building.
- o Expanded Educational Pathways: GED recipients may qualify for the Sullivan Promise Scholarship, covering tuition and fees for a two-year degree at SUNY Sullivan-creating a seamless academic-to-career pathway.

The ATTAIN Lab also aligns with the Sullivan Promise Scholarship, which allows GED recipients to pursue a tuition-free degree at SUNY Sullivan, creating a seamless bridge from skills training to higher education.

SUNY ATTAIN Labs are part of a statewide network, now serving communities through Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs), public housing authorities, and community-based sites across New York State. They promote digital inclusion and workforce readiness through free, accessible education-especially in underserved areas.

This network is instrumental in helping thousands of New Yorkers gain the digital and professional skills they need to succeed in the modern economy. The new ATTAIN Lab is free and open to the public and welcomes community members ages 16 and older to explore its programs.

For more information about the SUNY Sullivan ATTAIN lab please visit sunysullivan.edu/attain-lab/ or contact Lori Boyd, ATTAIN Lab coordinator, at Lori.Boyd@attain.suny.edu.

About SUNY ATTAIN: SUNY ATTAIN (Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking) is a statewide initiative offering free access to cutting-edge technology, digital literacy programs, and workforce certifications. Managed by SUNY's University Center for Academic and Workforce Development, ATTAIN Labs serve as vital hubs for education and career readiness in underserved communities.

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



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Town of Neversink FALL CLEANUP 2025 OCT. 18th, 22nd & 25th

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday October 18, 2025, Wednesday October 22, 2025 and Saturday October 25, 2025. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Green 2025 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires per year, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. **Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.**

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Taxpayers of Sullivan County.

In order to Participate, you will need your GREEN 2025 Permit Card, cards will be punched for each load. The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (have their household and generate their waste material) in the Town of Neversink. **OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.** Limitations: • Two (2) Pick-up/small trailer load per permit holder. • TVs and other Electronic equipment when disposed of must be paid for with SW coupons. Please bring these items at a different time. No batteries, ballasts or CFLs. • Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners WILL NOT be accepted during this time. Please bring them at a different time. • Scrap Metal can be taken at any time. Please separate your scrap metal out and bring it at a different time. "The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature."



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(South Fallsburg, NY) 'Tis the Season to be afraid to be very afraid. If you enjoy a good scare, who needs a lame Haunted House or far-off Haunted Forest when there's a forbidding, foreboding Haunted Theatre right in our own back yard? Thanks to the denizens of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg transforms every October to the creepiest, scariest haunt around. Three floors of frights await you at the Rivoli's Haunted Theatre Tours - bigger, better, more ghostly, ghastly, eerie and spine-tingling each year. Friday and Saturday nights, October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, & 25. Tours begin at 6:00 pm and run consecutively with the last tour starting at 10:00 pm. At the helm of the haunting is Dawn

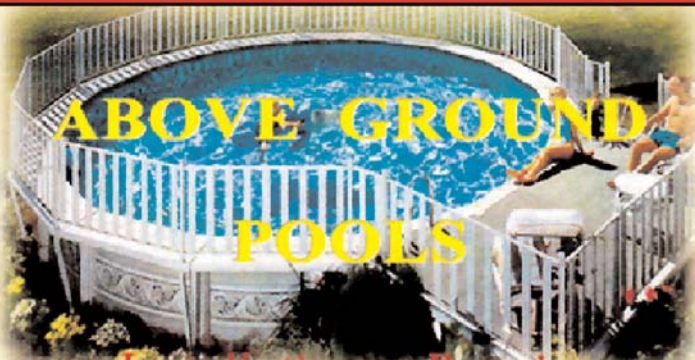
Perneszi who has masterfully created and directed countless spaces and scenarios to delight and thrill, menace and chill the hardiest of souls along with the special effects, make-up and props by Felicia Merillo. Do you dare complete a tour? Bring a friend or two along, because going it alone is definitely not the best idea! (Not recommended for children under the age of 13). All tickets are \$12 and can be purchased only at the door of the Rivoli Theatre (5243 Route 42, South Fallsburg)

Celebrate Autumn at Frost Valley Fall Fest A family-friendly day of music, food, local vendors, and outdoor fun in New York's Catskill Mountains

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

Guests of all ages can enjoy classic camp fun including archery, apple cider pressing, crafts, games, a bouncy castle, balloon creations by Mad Hatters Balloons, and hands-on art. Local artist

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

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

Admission is free for overnight guests staying at Frost Valley for Indigenous Peoples' Weekend. To reserve an overnight stay, email reservations@frostvalley.org or call (845) 985-2291 ext. 450.

Coming Up

Open Mic

Every Sunday:

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

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

Every Wednesday:

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



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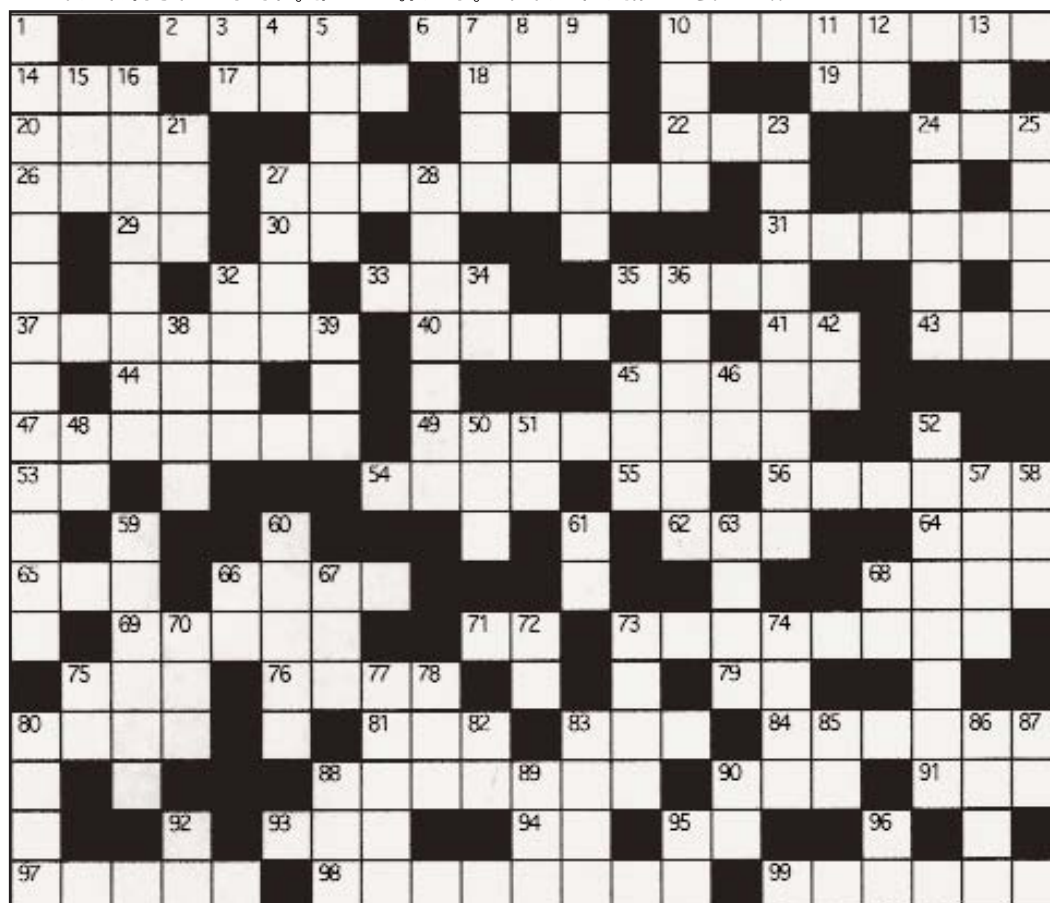
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**ACROSS**

2 Exclamation of regret
6 Senior
Legislative Action Committee
10 Any of the lines of longitude
14 No longer on
17 Entire period of existence
18 Entire number
19 Negative answer
20 Greater in degree
22 To place
24 Male child
26 Intermediate position of time
27 Designed for use
29 North Dakota
30 Local time
31 Economiz-ing
32 Pennsyl-vania
33 Single in kind
35 Large mass of water vapor
37 One's occupation, profession or trade
40 Autumn
41 Elevated rail-way

43 Small child
44 James Bond author
45 A play with musical text
47 Place for tanning hides
49 Established time after October
53 Italy
54 Rare, colorless inert gaseous chemical element
55 District of Columbia
56 Influence
62 Play article
64 A primate
65 In a new way
66 Knoll
68 Soil
69 Very big
71 Either
73 Hens or roosters
75 Evergreen tree
76 60 minutes
79 District Attorney
80 Hind part
81 Scholastic Aptitude Test
83 Shade tree
84 Free from danger
88 A former unit of

luminance, equal to the emission or reflectin of one lumen per square centimeter
90 Brewed beverage
91 Fish eggs
93 Ask humbly
94 Roman six
95 Archaic form of woe
97 According to Greek mythology, she was the most beautiful woman in the world
98 To become less
99 First day of the week

DOWN

1 Exchanges of information
3 Lieutenant
4 Artificial intelligence
5 Intelligent
7 To remain in existence
8 Masculine name
9 Time-keeping device

10 Shopping center
11 Amidst
12 To bring about
13 Before now
15 Enemy
16 Conceived the idea of DST in 1784
21 Finish
23 The day before today
24 Transfer from one place to another
25 After sunset
27 A method of proceeding
28 Bewilder
32 To waste away through grief
34 Educational Age
36 Power of an idea
38 A path
39 Light-hearted
42 Los Angeles
45 Strange
46 Erbium (chem)

48 Near
50 2000 pounds
51 Any one
52 A thing that reminds
57 Auto-mobiles
58 Trinitro-toluene; explosive

59 A course of action
60 Radiant energy
61 Before noon
63 Roman poet (43 B.C.-17 A.D.) known for his elegant love poems
66 Hour (abbrev)
67 August sun sign
68 Delaware
70 Huge boat
72 Rhode Island
73 To discard
74 Protective covering
75 Fourth tone of the diatonic scale
77 Established practice
78 A male sheep

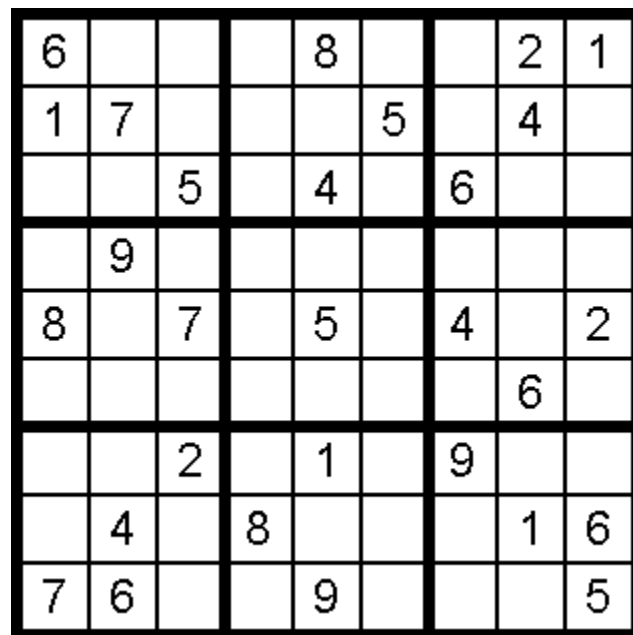
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82 Tuberculosis
83 Melody in opera
85 Associate of Arts
86 Jewish religious literature
87 "___ Olde Tri-Valley Townsman"
88 Guided
89 Evening
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3 Tbsp margarine
4 cups miniature marshmallows (or 10 oz large marshmallows)
6 cups rice crispy cereal
Orange and brown
Halloween M&Ms (about 6 oz)

- Melt margarine in a large saucepan over low heat.
- Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
- Add cereal and stir until well coated.
- Add the candy and mix until candy is evenly mixed. Spray a pan with non-stick cooking spray or line with waxed paper. Using a buttered spatula or waxed paper, press the mixture evenly into a 9x13" pan. Cut into squares when cool.

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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.

Denning Residents, Please Take Notice:

2026 Budget Workshop;

Pursuant to New York State Law § 108 a WORKSHOP for the Town of Denning 2026 Preliminary Budget will be held after the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Town Board and Town Business Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board
Nancy Parrow
Town Clerk
Sept. 29th, 2025

10/2; 10/9

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, October 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School, Lower Level Collaboration Center.

It is anticipated that the Board of Education will enter into Executive Session at the start of the Regular Meeting.

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

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF 2026 BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Budget Hearing to vote on the upcoming year's budget will be held for the Neversink Fire District on Thursday, October 16th, 2025 at 7:00PM at the Neversink Firehouse located at 7486 State Rt. 55 Neversink, NY 12765. There will be a regularly planned Commissioners' Meeting to follow.

Dated: October 1st, 2025

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

Neversink River Craft Co-op Last 2025 Event!

The Neversink River Craft Co-op is having the final 2025 event on Saturday & Sunday, October 11 & 12 from 10 to 5 at 2554 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY. Everyone's invited!



On display will be handcrafted ceramics, jewelry, woodworking, stained glass, paintings, resin art, fine photography and much more.

Stop by, bring a friend, meet the artists and see some local creative work, perfect for holiday shopping or for yourself. We're looking forward to seeing you at our last show this season!

See our [Youtube.com Neversink River Craft Co-Op](https://www.youtube.com/NeversinkRiverCraftCoOp) for a video tour!

Directions: From Rt. 55 in Gramsville, go up Claryville Road (County Rt. 19) and just past the church in Claryville take Frost Valley Road (County Rt. 47) for four miles to the co-op signs. For more information call 845-985-2016.





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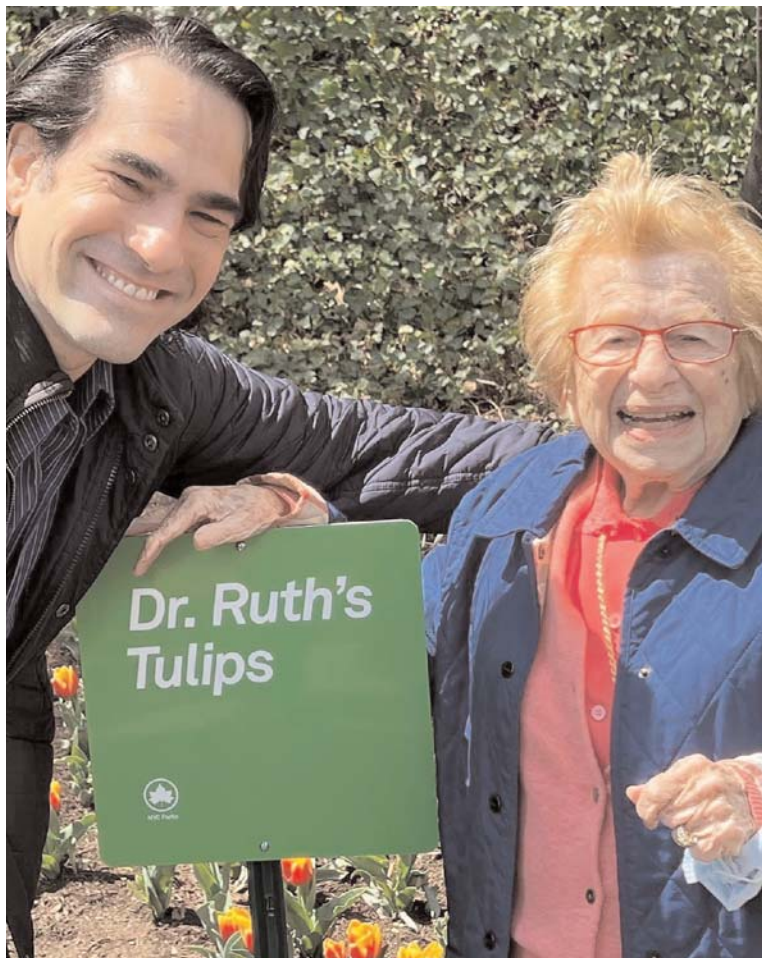
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SAT, 10/4/25 at 8 pm-AVAILABILITY

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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>

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink,
Sundown and Ulster Heights)

From October onwards the
Saturday 4:30 pm Mass changes to
4:00 pm. The first week of every
month on Sunday there will be
a 9:00 am Mass only.

Grahamsville Reformed Church

*The Church with
a friendly welcome*

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

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

Thrift Sale

**Sat., Oct. 4th
9 am - 12 noon**



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches

Come and Join us for
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin
845-985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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

Loucks Funeral Home

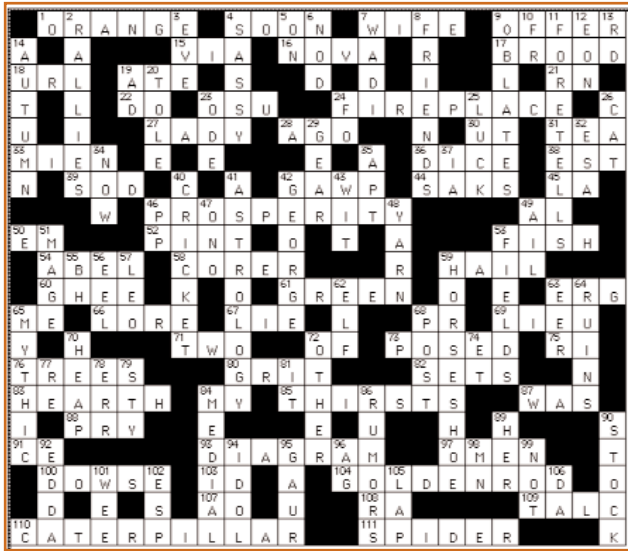
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Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343

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

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also
WANTED
People to
play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

6	3	4	7	8	9	5	2	1
1	7	8	2	6	5	3	4	9
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3	8	2	5	1	6	9	7	4
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7	6	1	4	9	2	8	3	5

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Need a place to show and sell your crafts?
Call us at 845-985-0501
email: tvtownsmen@yahoo.com
or visit our Virtual Mall
<http://lgnomehomeinc.com>

Save the date- **Saturday, October 25th** for
the return of the **Claryville Roast Pork Dinner!!**



Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,
October 4th, 2025 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall

**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items
available for sale**

(Covered Dish Suppers are held the
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall)

Clip & Save



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

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

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

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

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

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

\$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

Every day New York State returns \$1.5 million to those who file claims
here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:

<https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf> or <https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf>

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

Temple Sholom Fundraiser Cruise to Nassau

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

For further information, contact Barry Gleen at
barry.gleen@cruiseplanners.com
or (516) 281-5905

All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Sholom.

Check the air quality where you are at:

<https://www.airnow.gov/>

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/4/25 **39th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party Oct 4th 10 am - 4 pm** at the **Grahamsville Fairgrounds**
 10/4/25 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon
 10/4/25 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church
 10/8/25 Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
 10/13/25 Town of Neversink Holiday - **COLUMBUS DAY**
 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
 10/21/25 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

SAVE THE DATE!

39th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party Oct 4th 10 am - 4 pm at the **Grahamsville Fairgrounds • Rt 55**
Rain or Shine!

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Weekly Update For The Week of

September 29 - October 3, 2025

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

Monday, September 29

o **6:30 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 812 5415 3072

Tuesday, September 30

o **4:00 PM - Audit Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and via Legislature Livestream

o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 o 5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, To Modify Various Sections In Relation To Provisions Governing Budget And Finance, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, October 1

o **11:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Special Meeting**, 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528

o 5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Co-Governance Committee Meeting, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>

Thursday, October 2

o No Meetings

Friday, October 3

o 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 punched for each haul.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (have their household and generate their waste material) in the Town of Neversink

OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.

Limitations:

- Two (2) Pick-up/small trailer load per permit holder.
- TVs and other Electronic equipment when disposed of must be paid for with SW coupons. Please bring these items at a different time. No batteries, ballasts or CFLs.
- Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners **WILL NOT** be accepted during this time. Please bring them at a different time.
- Scrap Metal can be taken at any time. Please separate your scrap metal out and bring it at a different time.

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

2026 Arts for Sullivan Grants Available

Funding Limits Increased for 2026: Project Grants Up To \$7,500 and Individual Artist Fellowships of \$5,000 Now Available

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY (September 30) - Each year, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), the Arts Council for Sullivan County, with the support of the New York State Council on the Arts, administers Arts for Sullivan, providing grants to Sullivan County non-profits and individual artists. In 2026, grant applicants will be able to apply for more money than ever before!

- Sullivan County-based organizations can apply for project grants of between \$500 and \$7,500 for Community Arts and Arts Education projects.

- Sullivan County-based visual artists, musicians, writers, choreographers, filmmakers, etc are encouraged to apply for an Individual Artist Fellowship of \$5,000.

- In addition, the number of available mini-grants (\$500 block grants) has been increased from two to four for 2026.

The 2026 grant application window is October 15th - December 3rd, 2025. All applications are to be submitted via the online platform, Submittable.

Arts for Sullivan guidelines, grant information, and information session registration links are now available at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/grants/

Grantees will be presented with their awards at a public award ceremony which will be held in May 2026.

COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

The Arts for Sullivan Community Arts grants assist non-profits who wish to create or present arts, cultural, and heritage programming in Sullivan County throughout the year. Projects can be offered in-person or virtually. They can include theatre, music, dance, literary arts, folklore, installation, and visual arts, among other art-forms. Independent artists who wish to produce community art projects can work with a non-profit organization in Sullivan County acting as a fiscal sponsor. Applicants may apply for up to three grants with a total combined maximum total ask of \$7,500.

ART EDUCATION

The Arts for Sullivan Arts Education grants offer funding support for arts education projects designed for closed groups of learners through two funding strands: Pre-K-12 In-School or After School Projects and Community-based Learning. Grants assist nonprofit organizations and artists working with a community partner or education center who are producing artistic educational programming in Sullivan County throughout the year.

Projects can be offered in-person or virtually. Projects must include a curriculum with a timeline, goals, and assessment tools. Independent artists who wish to produce educational art projects can work with a non-profit organization in Sullivan County acting as a community partner and fiscal sponsor.

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships will be awarded to up to six artists who live and work in Sullivan County, to support the creation of new work. Each artist will receive \$5,000. A community engagement component is required of each recipient. Applications will be accepted in the disciplines of Visual Arts, Literary Arts, and Compositional Arts.

*The deadline for Individual Artist Fellowships is January 30, 2026.

MINI-GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ARTS

The Mini Grants are an extension of the Arts for Sullivan Community Arts grant cycle.

The goals of this category are to help identify and support new and existing cultural projects that have not previously received funding to encourage and foster a relationship between the Arts for Sullivan program and untapped communities in Sullivan County. It offers a simplified application and rolling deadline.

For 2026, we are offering four \$500 block grants. Applicants are limited to one request and the opportunity is available only to first-time Arts for Sullivan applicants. Applications for the 2026 Mini Grants opportunity will open December 4, 2025. Applications will be considered until available funds are exhausted.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

A series of free information workshops will be hosted in-person and online across Sullivan County, by DVAA to assist with effective grant writing, creating a budget, generating ideas, and networking with other artists and organizations.

Advanced registration is required, and new applicants must attend an information session. In-person and online workshop times and locations are listed below. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted on Submittable.com, our online submission platform. The 2026 grant application window is October 16th - December 3rd, 2025*.

- o Saturday, October 4, 12 pm

New Memories, 862 Parksville Rd, Parksville, NY 12768

- o Thursday, October 9, 6pm

The Black Library, 418 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701

- o Wednesday, October 15, 6pm

Zoom

- o Saturday, October 18, 2pm

DVAA, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

- o Saturday, November 1, 12 - 1 pm

Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 S Main St, Liberty, NY 12754

- o Wednesday, November 12, 5pm

Zoom

To RSVP for any of the above sessions, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/grants. Potential applicants may also schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss their projects.

QUESTIONS & OFFICE HOURS

For more information, contact the Grants Manager, Tanner Simon at (845) 252-7576 x1004. Office hours are Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10am-6pm and follow our grant program's Instagram account @ArtsforSullivan to learn about upcoming grantee activities in Sullivan County.

ABOUT NYSCA AND THE STATEWIDE COMMUNITY REGRANT PROGRAM

The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture, and creativity for all. To support the arts and culture sector across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award \$161.5 million for FY26 and serve over 3,000 organizations and artists across all 10 state regions annually. The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources.

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2026 Arts for Sullivan Grants Available

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Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

Since 1984, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) has partnered with NYSCA as the Statewide Community Regrant Program site in Sullivan County, for the purpose of administering Arts for Sullivan funding for artists, art organizations, cultural and heritage groups. The program is largely credited for establishing Sullivan County's cultural life as we know it today--relevant, vibrant, and growing. In 2025, \$82,000 in regrant funds were awarded to 38 projects including six individual artist fellowships.

Cooke School and Rutherford School Win the 2025 Empowering a Healthier Generation Awards

Empowering a Healthier Generation Celebration and Awards Ceremony

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 hosted the Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG) Celebration on Wednesday at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The event recognized the health and wellness accomplishments of Sullivan County public schools and marked the conclusion of this round of EHG Competition. The evening also featured a special recognition of Dr. Robert Dufour, Sullivan BOCES Superintendent, on the occasion of his upcoming retirement.



George L. Cooke Elementary (Monticello) received the First Place \$75,000 Healthier Generation Competition Award.



The Second Place \$50,000 Award to Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary (Monticello).

George L. Cooke Elementary (Monticello) received the First Place \$75,000 Healthier Generation Competition Award. The Second Place \$50,000 Award to Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary (Monticello). Judge's Choice Awards in the amount of \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively, went to Eldred Junior Senior High and Rockland Middle/ High School, formerly Livingston Manor. In addition, Turtle Awards of \$500 each were presented to schools and staff advancing wellness in several areas

Connection to Nature: George L. Cooke Elementary (Monticello) and Rockland Middle High School in Livingston Manor

Mental Health: Fallsburg JSHS and Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary (Monticello)

Nutrition: Liberty Elementary and Rockland CSD, formerly Livingston Manor CSD

Physical Activity: Sullivan BOCES and Sullivan West Elementary

Special honors included: Both Grant Project of the Year and Committee of the Year to Liberty Elementary (Alicia Houghtaling and Mayer Bayer), HG Advisor of the Year to Kelly Pratschler (Eldred JSHS). New this year, Champion for Wellness awards went to Jan LeMyre (Rockland CSD), Monticello and Rockland Facilities teams, Fallsburg JSHS Hope Squad, Monticello's Robert J. Kaiser Middle School's Spartan Club, and Monticello High School student Celeste D'Andrea.

"What we are seeing now is so much more than programs and projects, it's transformation," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Sullivan 180 Director of Health & Wellness. "Over the past two years, our Healthier Generation Advisors and school communities have gone deeper, embedding wellness into the culture of their schools. This work is not only changing policies and practices, but also creating real, lasting change for students, families, and by extension the entire Sullivan County community."

Each school district presented on their work, highlighting projects such as outdoor classrooms, composting, expanded physical activity, healthy food access, and social-emotional learning initiatives.

"This is an ongoing effort, slow and steady, not unlike the turtle winning the race," said Sandra Gerry, Founding Chair of Sullivan 180. "Celebrations such as this evening remind us of the progress we are making, together, on behalf of our children and their future."

Turtle Awards were sponsored by local businesses and organizations including Hudson Valley Credit Union; John H. Eschenberg, Inc.; M & T Bank; Poley Paving & Construction Corporation; Rourke Law; Sullivan County Democrat; 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon. Donations received during the 2025 "Hudson Valley Gives" campaign also contributed to the Turtle Awards.

Empowering a Healthier Generation is a school-based initiative offered by Sullivan 180 in partnership with Sullivan County public schools. The goal is to create a grassroots movement that will change policy and environments, while demonstrating that individuals and families have an important role to play in building a culture of health for themselves and the next generation.

To learn more visit www.sullivan180.org or contact Meaghan Mullally-Gorr at 845-295-2685 or Meaghan@Sullivan180.org.

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

During Hunger Action Month, Governor Hochul Announces 63 Million Pounds of Food Redirected Through the State's Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Program

Nation-Leading Program Helps Provide Food to Hungry New Yorkers, Reduces Climate Pollution from Landfilled Food Waste

In recognition of Hunger Action Month and Climate Week, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a major milestone in helping feed New Yorkers in need while also reducing pollution that contributes to climate change. Feeding New York State, the state association of New York's 10 Feeding America member food banks, reached a record 63-million-pound collection milestone as part of the ongoing implementation of the New York State Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law and funding in the State budget.

"As the federal government continues to slash funds for hunger programs nationwide, New York State is proud to support initiatives that provide access to healthy, quality food for those who need it," Governor Hochul said. "Through effective legislation and financial support to organizations like Feeding New York State, we are working closely with businesses and institutions helping prevent food from needlessly being thrown away, reducing harmful greenhouse gas pollution, and bolstering food security at a crucial time for New Yorkers."

The New York State Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law, which helps reduce waste and climate-altering emissions caused by landfilling, also demonstrates the State's commitment to vulnerable New Yorkers impacted by devastating federal cuts to social programs that feed communities across the nation. Record volumes of food donated from the state's largest food-related businesses reach hungry New Yorkers, a direct result of State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) funding to capture new food donations and help build stronger, healthier communities.

DEC has provided \$10.8 million to Feeding New York State and the 10 regional food banks to date through the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) since 2018. The funds are used by Feeding New York State to deploy staff to grocery stores, restaurants, colleges, and other food industry facilities to increase participation in the program and encourage food donations. The funds also support vehicle and equipment purchases for the 10 regional food banks to increase food pickup capabilities at food pantries, meal centers, and other partner agencies.

In addition to funding Feeding New York State and regional food banks, DEC awarded \$4.26 million through the EPF to 145 emergency food relief organizations (EFROs) such as food pantries, soup kitchens, and other programs dedicated to assisting New Yorkers experiencing food insecurity. The funding helps EFROs purchase equipment used for the cooling and transportation of donated food to New Yorkers in need.

New York State Leads on Hunger, Food Diversion and Recycling

The partnership between New York State and Feeding New York State is a nation-leading model for food diversion programs. The implementation of the law and investments by New York to put the program into action helped successfully divert millions of pounds of food to those in need. As of June 2025, Feeding New York State reported receiving more than 2.4 million pounds of monthly food donations over the last six months. This is a significant increase from 50-60,000 pounds per month when the retail food recovery program first launched in October 2021. The program previously reached the 36-million-pound food donation milestone in September 2024.

For information about how all New Yorkers can help compost and take other steps to reduce waste at homes and businesses, visit DEC's website.

Venison Donations from New York's Hunters

New York's hunters are reminded that they can continue to help prevent food insecurity by participating in venison donation efforts. Each year, DEC partners with the Venison Donation Coalition and Feeding New York State to help provide food for those in need. Through a cooperative relationship involving the New York State Department of Health, not-for-profit organizations like Feeding New York State's regional food banks, and deer processors, hunters contribute nearly 40 tons of venison each year. In 2024, DEC issued more than \$14,400 in hunter-donated funds to Feeding New York State and more than \$7,000 to the Venison Donation Coalition.

Hunters can donate their deer or part of it at a cooperating processor, support their regional food bank monetarily, or make a cash donation to the Venison Donation Coalition when purchasing your hunting license to help offset the cost of processing donated venison. To learn more on how to support these programs or donate venison to help feed local families, visit the Venison Donation Coalition or Feeding New York State.

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Last Call for 2025 Vaping Prevention Trainings - Don't Miss Out

Register for the last CATCH My Breath Vaping Prevention Training of the year

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 will host a CATCH My Breath Facilitator Training on October 15th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan in partnership with SALT (Sullivan Allies Leading Together). Parents, educators, community volunteers, youth development professionals and community health advocates are encouraged to attend to learn the signs and symptoms of youth vaping and the resources available to help young people quit. Participants can also be certified to lead programs with youth at school, after-school programs or youth-serving organizations.

"As students go back to school and begin facing peer pressure and risky situations, it is important for parents to be able to talk to their child about these issues" said Sullivan 180 Prevention Coordinator Nicole Blais. "Parents and community members are in a perfect position to support young people through this issue."

A National Poll on Children's Health survey recently completed by the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital found that 56% of parents cited smoking and vaping as a major issue for children and teens across the United States.

Adults trained will gain free access to the complete curriculum to guide young people, grades 5 -12, through this evidence-based program which is proven to reduce the chances of youth starting a lifelong addiction to nicotine. Over 200 individuals have been trained as CATCH My Breath Facilitators including many parents and community members. One participant recently shared "Most of us have children or grandchildren. Don't put your head in the sand."

Educators will receive CTLEs for completing this training thanks to an agreement with Sullivan BOCES. Partnering organizations including Tobacco Free Action Communities Reality Check Program and Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster will be presenting resources available to schools and opportunities for students to get involved in a youth-led movement against big tobacco.

To register for the October 15th training or to get involved with Sullivan 180 vaping prevention efforts, email Trainings@Sullivan180.org.

Office for the Aging Hosting Hearing and Annual Senior Resource Fair

Office at Government Center Closed for October 15 Event

Swan Lake, NY - Sullivan County's Office for the Aging warmly invites the community to attend its Annual Public Hearing and Senior Resource Fair on October 15, to be held at the brand new Terminal at Sullivan County International Airport off County Route 183 (Airport Road) near Swan Lake.

"This is an important and exciting day for our older adults in Sullivan County, who simultaneously can give us their

feedback on services while accessing local resources they need and want," shared Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "It's a fun, free event with refreshments available. All we ask is that people pre-register by October 8!"

Pre-registration - and requests for transportation and/or special accommodations - can be made at 845-807-0243.

Since staff will be at the Airport that day to prepare and run the Hearing and Fair, the Office for the Aging inside the Government Center will be closed the whole day of Wednesday, October 15.

"We will be at full staffing on all other days of that week, so I encourage people to stop by Monday the 13th, Tuesday the 14th, Thursday the 16th or Friday the 17th, avoiding the 15th altogether," Deoul added. "Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding!"

For more information, the Office welcomes calls at 845-807-0241.

Lark in the Park Showcases Catskill Park's Outdoor Adventures

September 8, 2025 - Arkville, NY: Held each October, the Lark in the Park celebrates the Catskill Park with a series of hosted outdoor events across the region. The State of New York established the Catskill Park in 1904. The area inside the park's blue-line boundary is about 700,000 acres and encompasses parts of four counties. Since the park's creation, the amount of state-owned forest preserve lands has tripled and is now upwards of 300,000 acres.

These lands provide a wide variety of opportunities for recreation in a wild setting. The forest preserve also blends with the Catskills' hamlets and village downtowns, where history and culture complement the array of offerings found in each year's Lark Events Calendar.

https://catskillslark.org/park_events/2025-10/?utm_source=Media+-+no+calendars+-+no+walt+reporter+-+no+joan&utm_campaign=59168c37a9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_09_07_33_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3ce8eb5e2e-59168c37a9-161715389&mc_cid=59168c37a9&mc_eid=741885eb1c

Beginning October 4 and running through October 13, the Lark features more than 25 hikes, from challenging summit climbs to casual ecology and birding walks. This year's events also include bike rides, paddle trips, and a mix of history, with outings to old hotel sites, former railroads, four fire towers, and John Burrough's Woodchuck Lodge. Event goers can also consider participating in or spectating the theatrical reading of the story of Rip Van Winkle. Held in the historic railroad station on its campus, the Mountain Top Historical Society will serve up "a delightful afternoon of community, literature, and a touch of old-world magic."

Appealing to a wide range of adventurers, the Lark offers no shortage of reasons to get outside and enjoy the beauty, culture, and recreational pursuits found throughout our wonderful region.

Organized by the Catskill Mountain Club in partnership with the Catskill Center and the Catskill 3500 Club, the 2025 Lark in the Park is supported in part by a tourism promotion grant from Delaware County. We are grateful to all the volunteer event leaders who help make this autumn celebration such a success.



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The Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation Presents a
KIDDO'S WALK-A-THON
for ages 4 - 10

Saturday, October 4, 2025

10 A.M. – Noon

Hurleyville, NY O&W Rail Trail

KIDDO'S, BRING YOUR PARENT(S), SIBLING(S) AND/OR FRIEND(S)
ALONG FOR THE WALK.

FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!



Let's get active and have some fun while we're
at it!

Refreshments, surprises!

To sign up, please contact Debbie at:

djacobsen1114@gmail.com

Or 845-798-8795

The Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. Presents

The Great Autumn Brain-Off
(A Pre-Holiday Trivia Showdown)

SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 2025, 1 – 4 P.M.

(Doors open at Noon)

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**Seating is Limited! \$30.00 per person includes food &
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Raffles and 50/50 tickets extra.

**Proceeds will benefit children throughout the
Fallsburg Central School District, which encompasses portions
of the Towns of Fallsburg, Liberty, Neversink, and Thompson.**

**For questions or further info, please contact:
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Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740
845 985-7700 timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership

UC and Town of Ulster Take Action to Improve Conditions at Kingston Motel, Correct Violations

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and Town of Ulster Supervisor Jim Quigley met this morning to address conditions at the Kingston Motel, where a number of families have been placed in emergency housing. The two met following an inspection of the motel by the Town of Ulster Building Department, and Supervisor Quigley outlined the process the Town will pursue to ensure all violations are corrected in accordance with New York State Uniform Code and Property Maintenance standards.

"The Town Building Department has completed its inspection of the Kingston Motel and has issued a report identifying various violations. A Notice of Violation has been issued to the Property Owner to correct the violations identified. The property owner is now responsible for addressing those deficiencies within 30 days. Our goal is to ensure safe, sanitary, and livable conditions for all occupants, and we will continue to monitor progress closely," said Supervisor Quigley. "Upon completion of the 30-day cure period, the Town will reevaluate the property and the corrections to the violations to determine the appropriate next steps."

The inspection, conducted on September 18, identified multiple violations of the New York State Property Maintenance Code, including issues related to sanitation, ventilation, and general habitability. All of these issues are fully correctible, and the Town has ordered the property owner to resolve them within 30 days.

"Every violation must be immediately corrected, and every unit must meet the standards our residents deserve," said County Executive Metzger. "Many of the families living at the Kingston Motel are facing difficult circumstances, and they deserve safe, clean temporary shelter until permanent housing can be secured. We will not stand for anything less, and if the violations are not corrected, we will stop placements there. I want to thank the Town of Ulster Building Department for its meticulous inspection and the Town of Ulster for its partnership in protecting the health and safety of motel guests."

The Town and County will continue to coordinate oversight and support to ensure that all corrective actions are completed within the required timeframe.

UC Board of Elections Confirms Early Voting in Southern Ulster at Highland American Legion

Ulster County Commissioners of Elections Ashley Torres and John Quigley are pleased to announce-and set the record straight-that Southern Ulster voters will once again have an early voting site at the Highland American Legion in the Town of Lloyd.

This location has successfully served as an early voting site in the past, and the Board is proud to continue providing voters with convenient, secure, and accessible options. The Highland American Legion is fully prepared to welcome and assist all voters who wish to take advantage of early voting ahead of Election Day.

The decision comes after the Board identified an error with the previously identified Town of Marlborough Community Center site. Acting swiftly, the Ulster County Board of Elections ensured that voters in southern Ulster County would continue to have a reli-

able early voting location.

"Our priority is always to serve the voters of Ulster County with accuracy, accessibility, and transparency," said Commissioners Torres and Quigley. "We are committed to protecting the integrity of our elections and preventing the spread of misinformation. We encourage all voters to take advantage of early voting and make their voices heard."

For full details on Early Voting locations and hours-as well as Election Day polling places-please visit VoteUlster.com

For additional information, please contact the Ulster County Board of Elections at (845) 334-5470.

Applications for the Farm Business Training Series 2025 are now open!

LIBERTY, NY - The Farm Business Training Program offers a hands-on, step-by-step approach to business and marketing planning, along with technical assistance on licensing, permitting, value-added production, and more. New or existing farm businesses that participate in our business and marketing workshops also receive access to one-on-one assistance from professional consultants. These consultants can help to review your business and/or marketing plan for FREE!

The series runs Monday evenings, 5:30-7:30 PM, October 20 - November 10, 2025, at the CCE Sullivan Extension Education Center (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY) and online via Zoom with parallel content available on Teachable. For just \$20 per person (all four sessions), participants will learn directly from consultants, business owners, and Extension Educators while drafting their own business plan. The series is open to new and existing farm businesses, with tailored content for agricultural entrepreneurs at every stage. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit <https://sullivancece.org/agriculture/farm-business-training-program>.

2025 Training Sessions

- o October 20: Planning Your Farm & Production Practices
- o October 27: Business Plan Development
- o November 3: Bookkeeping & Financial Management
- o November 10: Marketing

Featured Guest Experts Include:

- o Rose Wilson Consulting, LLC - Supporting more than 420 farms and food producers with business development, market expansion, and feasibility studies.
- o Kendra Payne, The Herbal Scoop - Local herbalist and entrepreneur producing teas, extracts, and wellness products sold online and at the Callicoon Marketplace.
- o Kimberly Hickok, Marketing Kangaroo - Brand and marketing strategist with deep experience supporting agricultural and food-based businesses.
- o Jack Whettam, Hidden Acre Farm - Certified Organic farmer in Bloomingburg, NY, specializing in vegetables and flowers with a focus on soil health and ecosystem conservation.
- o Emily Tybur, Foodshed Capital - Director of Programs providing business support and USDA funding guidance to farmers and food entrepreneurs.

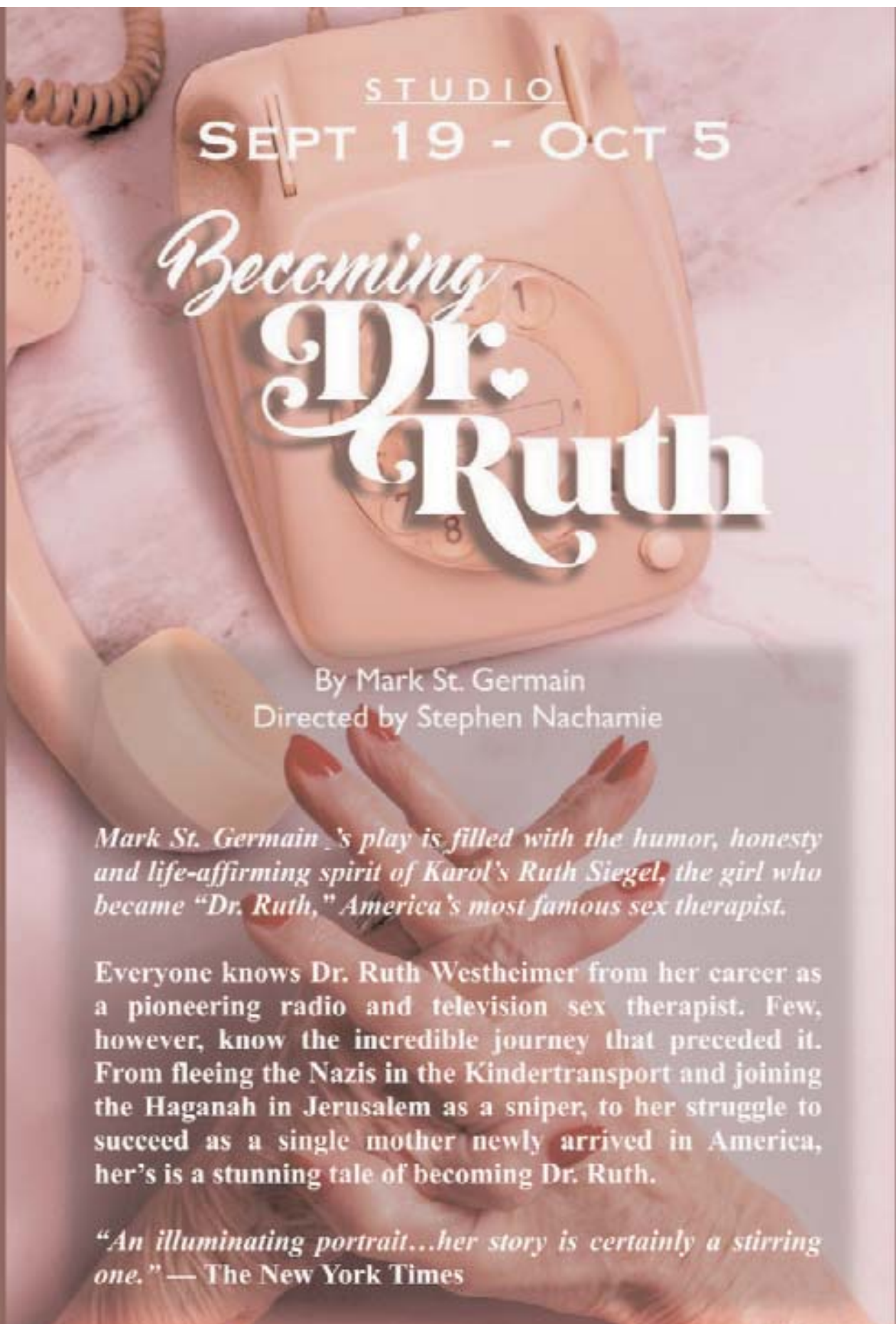
For more information, contact:

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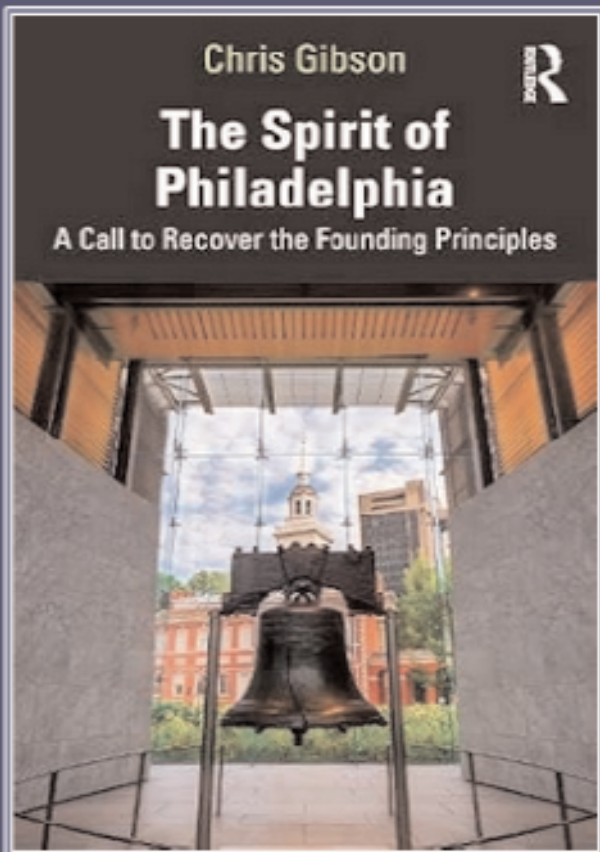
Becoming Dr. Ruth

By Mark St. Germain
Directed by Stephen Nachamie

Mark St. Germain's play is filled with the humor, honesty and life-affirming spirit of Karol's Ruth Siegel, the girl who became "Dr. Ruth," America's most famous sex therapist.

Everyone knows Dr. Ruth Westheimer from her career as a pioneering radio and television sex therapist. Few, however, know the incredible journey that preceded it. From fleeing the Nazis in the Kindertransport and joining the Haganah in Jerusalem as a sniper, to her struggle to succeed as a single mother newly arrived in America, her's is a stunning tale of becoming Dr. Ruth.

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This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Hockul and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

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



The book is available at the **Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill** for \$10.00. Not only will you want your own copy, but *Laurels by Laura* will make a great gift -

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

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Addy boys on Grandfather Coombe's farm

DEC Announces Bowhunting Seasons for Deer and Bear Youth Big Game Hunt Slated for October 11-13

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton announced today that bowhunting seasons for deer in the Northern Zone begin on Sept. 27. In the Southern Zone, bowhunting seasons for deer and bear begin on Oct. 1. The bowhunting season for bear in the Northern Zone began Sept. 13.

"Bowhunters enjoy tremendous opportunities here in New York, and those opportunities are even better now that crossbows can be used during the entire bow season and in bowhunting-only areas," Commissioner Lefton said. "Late summer weather, fall foliage, and plentiful big game populations combine to create outstanding conditions. It's an exciting time of year."

New for fall 2025, hunters in New York State may use a crossbow in the same seasons, places, and manner as a vertical bow for hunting deer and bear. Crossbows have been used throughout most of New York, in both rural and developed areas, for more than a decade, but until now New York State law limited the locations, times, and types of crossbows that could be used.

Changes to the hunting rules signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul this year remove most of those barriers and will make hunting with a crossbow more accessible and a more effective tool for deer management. Expanding use of crossbows in the urban and suburban areas previously restricted to vertical bows will create more opportunities for hunters of diverse backgrounds to hunt near where they live. Additionally, removing the minimum width and maximum draw weight requirements for crossbows will allow New York hunters to now legally access the majority of crossbows on the market. To hunt deer and bear with a crossbow during the bowhunting seasons, a hunter must have a hunting license and bowhunting privilege. Read more about Crossbow Hunting on DEC's website.

Deer Management Permit (DMP) Deadline

Hunters are reminded that the application deadline for Deer Management Permits (DMPs) is Oct. 1.

Prior to applying for a DMP, hunters should be prepared with the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) they intend to hunt. The DMP Availability and Probability of Selection webpage has more information regarding DMP availability and chances of being selected in each WMU.

Youth Big Game Hunt

New York's annual Youth Big Game Hunt occurs Oct. 11-13 for junior hunters (hunters aged 12-15) accompanied by an experienced, licensed adult hunter. Only the junior hunter may carry a firearm during the youth hunt.

The Youth Big Game Hunt takes place throughout the State, except in Suffolk and Westchester counties and bowhunting-only areas. Licensed 12- to 13-year-old hunters may only take deer with a firearm in counties that participate in the youth pilot program. Though junior hunters may have multiple deer tags, they may only take one deer with a firearm during the Youth Big Game Hunt. Antlerless deer taken with a firearm may be tagged with a regular season tag, DMP, or a Deer Management Assistance Program tag, while antlered deer may only be tagged with the regular season tag.

Additional rules that apply to junior hunters and their adult mentors can be found on pages 44 and 45 of the Hunting and Trapping Guide or on DEC's Youth Firearms Hunting webpage.

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Help Needed with Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling

In fall 2024, DEC and the Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) confirmed Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a captive deer facility in the town of Columbia in southern Herkimer County. CWD is always fatal in deer, moose, and elk. AGM took immediate action to depopulate and test the infected captive herd and investigate risks associated with other captive deer facilities. Simultaneously, DEC responded aggressively to test for CWD presence among wild deer in the area.

DEC has not found CWD in wild deer in the area. More testing is needed, and DEC is requesting that hunters in the towns of Columbia, German Flatts, Litchfield, Warren, or Winfield in Herkimer County, and the town of Richfield in Otsego County submit the head of all deer they harvest. See CWD Sampling for drop box locations in each town.

Venison Donation Program

Big game hunters are reminded that they can help feed the hungry donating all or part of their harvested deer through cooperating processors or by making a monetary contribution to the Venison Donation Program at any license-issuing outlet. To reduce the potential for lead fragments in venison, hunters are encouraged to follow "best practices" when processing their deer. To eliminate the risk, donate deer taken with bow or crossbow or use lead-free ammunition. For more information on best practices for venison processing or lead-free ammunition, visit DEC's website.

For more information about DEC's big game hunting seasons, recent rule changes, and hunter safety information including new requirements to wear hunter orange or pink, go to DEC's website.

Ulster County Poised to Benefit from Nearly \$21 Million in Federal Funding to Expand Broadband Service to Unserved Areas

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County has been awarded \$20.8 million through New York State's ConnectALL Deployment Program to expand broadband access to nearly 1,300 unserved households, businesses, and community facilities located in more remote and less densely populated areas of the County. The total investment in Ulster County would be \$61,799,320, which includes a \$40,938,790 match committed by Verizon to the project. This award is federally funded and goes to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for final approval, following a public comment process.

The funding will enable Verizon to extend its point-to-point fiber optic network to eligible locations under the federal BEAD program - short for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment - which was created as part of the 2022 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to expand high-speed internet access in unserved and underserved areas of the country. In New York, the program is administered by the NYS ConnectALL Office and targets the final 1% of locations in the state without reliable internet access, typically in more rural areas of the state.

The ConnectALL Office awarded BEAD funding to internet service providers through a competitive application process, using scoring criteria prescribed by the NTIA. County Executive Jen Metzger participated in the evaluation process, together with the Ulster County Citizens Commission for Digital Inclusion, and issued a letter of support for Verizon's application based on its proposal to serve all three BEAD-eligible geographic areas of the County, its capacity to build and maintain the system, and the company's commitment to fair labor practices.

"Reliable broadband is a necessity in today's world for education, work, healthcare, public safety, and daily life," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Thanks to the NYS ConnectALL award and Verizon's substantial match, nearly 1,300 homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions in rural Ulster County will finally be connected with reliable fiber optic service. I want to give a special thanks to the Ulster County Citizens Commission for Digital Inclusion, created by Comptroller March Gallagher in 2022 and chaired by Denning artist, professor, and volunteer firefighter Jenny Lee, for laying significant groundwork to get us to this day. I also want to thank Verizon and Communications Workers of America Local 1120 and District 1 for their partnership in closing broadband gaps in our County."

"This is a proud moment for our Commission," said Jenny Lee, Chair of the Citizens Commission for Digital Inclusion. "We've worked hard to ensure that every location, no matter how remote, has a fair shot at digital access. The internet touches every part of life - from employment to education to social connection - and this award levels the playing field for all. Our research showed that fiber optics was the optimal solution and that Verizon, with its existing infrastructure and workforce, was uniquely qualified to implement it. In addition, Verizon's match is critical to bringing this buildout to fruition."

The all-volunteer Commission, which includes librarians, educators, town officials, and first responders, seeks to advance equitable access to broadband, digital literacy, and devices for all Ulster County residents and institutions. Its members have held broadband town halls, mapped access gaps, and challenged state and federal broadband maps. In addition to its contributions to the ConnectALL process, the Commission's advocacy also helped secure a USDA

Technical Assistance grant for fiber expansion in Denning and supported Margaretville Telephone Company's fiber buildout in Phoenicia.

"I have witnessed firsthand how vital fiber broadband infrastructure is to public safety and emergency response to education, healthcare, business, and civic engagement," said Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher. "That's why in 2022, I established the Ulster County Citizens Commission for Digital Inclusion to champion this essential cause. Thanks to the visionary leadership of Commission Chair Jenny Lee and the collaborative efforts of partner Verizon, we have secured over \$20 million to deliver fiber broadband to every last mile of Ulster County. This achievement is a direct result of the Commission's meticulous mapping, unwavering community outreach, and tireless advocacy. On behalf of myself and all residents, I extend deep gratitude to these committed individuals who ensured Ulster County received its fair share of funding to build a stronger, more connected future for us all."

"The BEAD program represents a once-in-a-generation investment in broadband infrastructure, with the power to connect New Yorkers to high-speed internet and strengthen good jobs in our communities," said Dennis Trainor, Vice President, CWA District 1. "CWA District 1 has worked tirelessly to ensure this funding supports companies that deploy future-proof fiber technology and hire a directly-employed, highly skilled, and well-trained workforce. We're proud that CWA members who live and work in Ulster County will be bringing Verizon Fios to their neighbors. We're deeply grateful to County Executive Jen Metzger for her longtime commitment and partnership in expanding access to top-quality broadband while safeguarding good union jobs - and we thank the Broadband Commission for its critical role in making this vision a reality."

Ulster County remains committed to bridging the digital divide and will continue to support the Commission's work as implementation begins.

UC Historian Supports 3rd Annual New Paltz Community Partners Lecture

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Historian was proud to help the New Paltz Community Partners plan their 3rd Annual Community Partners Lecture, taking place on Saturday, October 4, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at the Elting Memorial Library, 93 Main Street, New Paltz.

This year's lecture, Repair At the Ruins: Preserving African American Spaces, will feature a presentation by Scott Ruff, Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture at Pratt Institute. The program will explore how African American knowledge, labor, and creativity shaped both monumental and everyday structures, and how architecture continues to convey the presence, aspirations, and expertise of African Americans across time.

The New Paltz Community Partners Lecture Series brings together the Margaret Wade-Lewis Center, Elting Memorial Library, Historic Huguenot Street, and the New Paltz Historical Society to present programs that highlight diverse stories and perspectives in local and national history.

"Events like this strengthen our understanding of Ulster County's past while fostering dialogue about how history connects to the present," said Ulster County Historian Eddie Moran. "We are proud to support our local partners in creating opportunities for learning and reflection."

This program is free and open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required. Register by going to huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events/2025/10/4.

For more information, please contact the Elting Memorial Library at (845) 255-5030 or Historic Huguenot Street at (845) 255-1660.

Brick by Brick: Autumn Adventures

Let's build with **LEGO** the

Daniel Pierce Library

Fall 2025

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

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

Skills: STEM, engineering, trial & error. A "Pumpkin Launch Challenge"

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.

Skills: observation, fine motor skills, creativity and shape recognition. 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Stop by the library to see your child's masterpiece on display for a limited time!

"Where Bricks Come to Life!"



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.

Governor Hochul Announces Inflation Refund Checks are Now Being Sent to 8.2 Million New York Households

**Starting Today, Checks up to \$400 Are Being
Mailed to Eligible New Yorkers, With No Need To
Apply or Sign Up**

**Check Deliveries Will Continue Throughout
October and November**

**New York's First-Ever Inflation Refund Checks
Are Part of Governor's Ongoing Efforts To Put
More Money in New Yorkers' Pockets**

**Governor Cut Taxes for the Middle Class,
Expanded Child Tax Credit and Secured Universal
Free School Meals**

Visit ny.gov/inflationrefund for More Information

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that New York State's first-ever inflation refund checks up to \$400 are now being sent to 8.2 million households statewide. Starting today, checks will be mailed directly to eligible New Yorkers, with deliveries to continue throughout October and November. There is no need to apply, sign up or do anything to receive a check. Governor Hochul secured and enacted this initiative as part of her ongoing commitment to putting money back in the pockets of New Yorkers. Earlier this year, the Governor also secured and enacted initiatives to cut taxes for the middle class to their lowest levels in 70 years, expand New York's Child Tax Credit to up to \$1,000 per child and ensure universal free school meals to support families around \$1,600 per child.

"Starting today, we're sending inflation refund checks to over 8 million New Yorkers because it's simple - this is your money and we're putting it back in your pockets," Governor Hochul said. "I'll never stop fighting to help your family address the rising cost of living - and that's why I also delivered on my promise to cut taxes for the middle class, expand the child tax credit and ensure free school meals for every student."

Inflation has driven the costs of everyday necessities higher and as a result, the State's revenue from the collection of sales tax has also increased. Governor Hochul believes that money belongs to hardworking New York families and should be put back in their pockets as an inflation refund - and that's why 8.2 million households statewide will receive a check this fall.

During a time when costs are high due to inflation and the Trump Administration's tariff policies, smaller expenses can be a hardship on families across the United States. The latest reports from the Federal Reserve show that approximately 37 percent of adults across the nation would have to borrow money or sell personal belongings to pay a \$400 emergency expense using cash or its equivalent. The inflation refund checks can offer hardworking New Yorkers a cushion for smaller expenses, providing them with a sense of relief for unexpected repairs or emergencies.

Who's Eligible for an Inflation Refund Check?

You are eligible for an inflation refund check if, for tax year 2023, you:

- o Filed Form IT-201, New York State Resident Income Tax Return;

- o Reported income within the qualifying thresholds below; and
- o Were not claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

Joint tax filers with income up to \$150,000 will receive a \$400 check.

Joint tax filers with income over \$150,000 but no greater than \$300,000 will receive a \$300 check.

Single tax filers with income up to \$75,000 will receive a \$200 check.

Single tax filers with incomes over \$75,000 but no greater than \$150,000 will receive a \$150 check.

There are no age restrictions. Filers do not need to do anything to receive an inflation refund check. If you filed a tax return, are below the income thresholds, and no one else claimed you as a dependent, you will receive a check.

When Will Checks Be Delivered?

Checks will be mailed across the state starting today and deliveries will continue throughout October and November.

Your check may arrive earlier or later than your neighbors, as mailings will not be based on zip code or region.

Additional information from the New York State Tax Department can be seen at ny.gov/inflationrefund.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "Thanks to Governor Hochul and our strong partnership with the Assembly, we're delivering meaningful relief to New Yorkers at a time when they need it most. As families continue to feel the strain of rising costs, these inflation refund checks of up to \$400 for over 8 million households will put money directly back into their pockets. This is what it looks like when we put working people first and use our budget to reflect the values of fairness, equity, and economic support for those who need it most."

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie said, "As we continue to witness unprecedented inflationary pressures across the nation, the skyrocketing cost of living has presented a significant challenge for individuals and families, compelling many to make difficult choices between essential items like food on the table or a roof over their head. The Assembly Majority was proud to support these inflation refund checks to put money back in the pockets of hard working New Yorkers. Putting New York's families first will always be our top priority and we will continue to work to make our state more affordable."

Regional Breakdown

Inflation refund checks will be sent this fall to 8.2 million households throughout all corners of New York State. A breakdown of the number of checks going to each region can be seen below.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Number of Recipients</u>
New York City	3.53 million
Long Island	1.25 million
Mid-Hudson	924,000
Western New York	585,000
Finger Lakes	513,000
Capital Region	475,000
Central New York	321,000
Southern Tier	251,000
Mohawk Valley	198,000
North Country	156,000
TOTAL	8.2 million

Governor Hochul Warns Against Scams Targeting New York's Inflation Refund Initiative

- **Scammers are Sending Text Messages, Emails and Direct Mail Falsely Claiming That New Yorkers Must Submit Payment Information To Receive an Inflation Refund Check**
- **Eligible New Yorkers Will Receive Their Inflation Refund Check With No Need To Apply, Sign Up or Provide Personal Information**

Governor Kathy Hochul today warned New Yorkers of scammers who are sending text messages, voice messages, emails and direct mail to taxpayers in an attempt to spread false information about New York State's inflation refund checks. These messages falsely claim that New Yorkers must submit accurate payment information in order to receive an inflation refund check, supposedly so revenue agencies can deposit money into a taxpayer's bank account. The New York State Tax Department and the IRS will not call or text New Yorkers with requests for any personal information. View an example of this text message, so you know what to look out for.

"New Yorkers do not have to do anything to receive an inflation refund check outside of meeting the eligibility requirements," Governor Hochul said. "With scams targeting the state's inflation refund initiative, let me be clear: The Tax Department and the IRS do not call or text individuals for personal information. My administration urges New Yorkers to remain vigilant and report these scams to the Tax Department to protect yourself from being a victim."

Eligible New Yorkers do not need to apply, sign up, or do anything to receive an inflation refund check. If you filed a tax return, are below the income thresholds, and no one else claimed you as a dependent, you will receive a check. Governor Hochul recently announced that the State has begun sending inflation refund checks to more than 8.2 million households across New York State, with check deliveries to continue throughout October and November. For more information on eligibility and other details, visit the New York State Tax Department's webpage at ny.gov/inflationrefund.

If you receive one of these messages appearing to be from the Tax Department, block the sender, delete the message, and report this scam to the Tax Department or IRS. The Tax Department does not use text messages, email, direct mail or social media to request your personal tax information.

By staying alert and knowing what to watch out for, you can reduce your risk of becoming a target of common tax scams.

How you can protect yourself

Follow these best practices to help keep your personal information safe and prevent yourself from becoming a victim. In addition:

- o If you receive a threatening phone call regarding your taxes, hang up immediately.
- o Never agree to meet anyone who claims to be a tax representative in person to hand over payment for a debt.
- o Don't provide personal information in an email or click suspicious links in an email asking for personal information.

Report scams

If you've been scammed or think you've received an email, phone call, or text that seems suspicious, report it. We review all complaints promptly and, if appropriate, take corrective action.

For more taxpayer scam information, visit the Division of

Consumer Protection's Taxpayer Scam webpage. For additional identity theft prevention and mitigation resources, call the Consumer Helpline at 800-697-1220 or visit the Division's Identity Theft Prevention and Mitigation Program webpage.

Stefanik Leads Bill to Prohibit Zohran Mamdani's Plan to Arrest PM Benjamin Netanyahu if He Comes to NYC

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, House Republican Leadership Chairwoman Elise Stefanik introduced the Sovereign Enforcement Integrity Act to prohibit New York State Representative Zohran Mamdani's repeated statements of intent to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu if he comes to New York City.

The objective of this bill is to preempt state and local law enforcement from executing, honoring, or enforcing any request, warrant, or indictment issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) unless expressly authorized by federal law.

"Antisemite Communist Zohran Mamdani pledged to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu if he came to NYC. The United States is not part of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and their antisemitic States," said Chairwoman Stefanik. "That is why I introduced the Sovereign Enforcement Integrity Act to protect American sovereignty and prohibit radicals like Mamdani from illegally arresting the leader of our democratic ally Israel."

BACKGROUND:

The ICC issued a warrant for Netanyahu's arrest in November 2024.

Mamdani said on September 12 that he would arrest Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu if he comes to New York City based on the authority of the ICC, an international organization that the United States is not a part of. Given that the United States is not party to the Rome Statute, allowing ICC rulings to impact domestic policy conflicts with the United States justice system.

Given Candidate Zohran Mamdani's virulent antisemitism, support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, refusal to condemn antisemitic statements such as "Globalize the Intifada," and insistence on arresting Prime Minister Netanyahu if he were to travel to New York City, this legislation states that Congress finds the following:

1. The United States is not a party to the Rome Statute establishing the ICC.
2. The U.S. Constitution provides the federal government with exclusive authority over foreign relations and the treatment of foreign nationals within the territory of the United States.
3. The arrest or detention of foreign nationals on U.S. soil pursuant to an ICC request or indictment, absent federal authorization, could jeopardize the foreign policy interests of the United States and conflict with longstanding constitutional principles.
4. Law enforcement activities implicating international law enforcement obligations must be governed by uniform national standards.

Read the bill here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/81b76c35801/feffcf34-3d47-433a-9782-1ea42370baf6.pdf?rdr=true>



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"TREE" Planting Ceremonies to Take Root at 15 Wayne County Schools

Local Students, Educators, and Conservationists Unite for a Week of Planting and Purpose

Honesdale, PA. - The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA), in collaboration with local schools and the Wayne Conservation District, invites the press to attend and cover a special series of Tree Planting Ceremonies taking place at 15 schools across Wayne County this October. These events are part of a larger community art and environmental initiative titled "TREE," which will culminate in the WCAA's third annual Wayne County School Districts Art Show in March 2026.

**The plantings are scheduled for:
October 6, 10, 14, 15, and 16, 2025**

Each school's ceremony will feature students, teachers and administrators joining together to plant a tree, a living symbol of growth, resilience, and creative inspiration. These trees will serve as daily reminders for students as they begin work on tree-inspired art for the upcoming "TREE" exhibit at the WCAA Gallery in Honesdale.

This county-wide project is generously supported by Trevor Tochydlowski, Forest Specialist and ISA Certified Arborist with the Wayne Conservation District, who is donating and overseeing the planting of all 15 trees. His expertise ensures the right species, proper site preparation, and long-term health for each tree.

The WCAA and participating schools welcome members of the media to attend any of the planting events to capture these meaningful moments of community and creativity in action.

Why This Matters

- o Environmental impact: Trees will be planted at every school, reinforcing sustainability and stewardship.
- o Arts integration: Students will create original artworks inspired by the trees, to be exhibited in March 2026.
- o Community engagement: This initiative connects conservation, education, and the arts in a powerful way.

WCAA Halloween Bash 2025!

Tickets are now available for the WAYNE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE's Annual HALLOWEEN BASH on Saturday October 18. This adult dance party and Costume Contest will again be held at the Cooperage Project, 1030 Main Street, Honesdale PA. from 7-11pm. The link for tickets is <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wayne-county-arts-alliance/wayne-county-arts-alliance-annual-spooktacular-halloween-bash>

This year again, we are thrilled to bring you this exciting event. All proceeds from the Bash go to support our non-profits' Main Street Gallery, community arts projects and events and our children's art programming! This is our biggest fundraising event of the year,

and we'd love to see you in all your costumed glory!

Saturday, Oct. 18th from 7pm-11pm!

At The Cooperage Project

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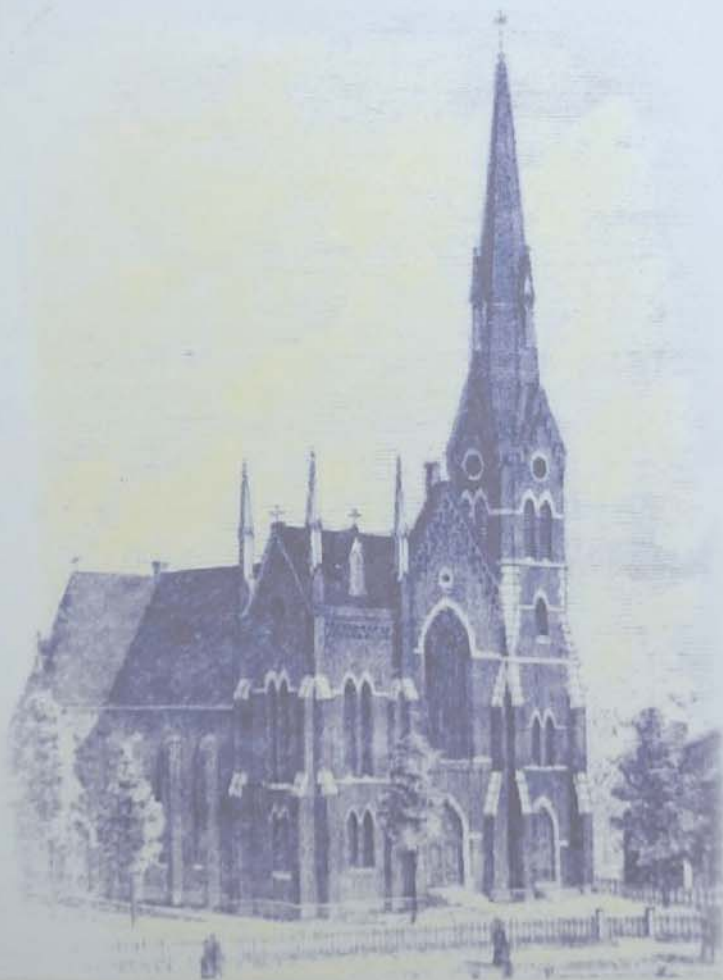
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Growing Rural Healthcare Through the Working Families Tax Cuts

Rural hospitals are the lifelines of our communities, yet many are fighting to keep their doors open. Families in Upstate New York face long travel times to reach care, limited treatment options, and staff shortages that strain essential services. Half of all rural hospitals nationwide lost money in 2023, and 55% of independent rural hospitals are now operating in the red. In fact, only 7% of Medicaid hospital spending reaches rural hospitals, leaving them without the necessary resources to thrive.

That's why I fought to include the single largest investment in rural healthcare in our nation's history in the Working Families Tax Cuts. This bill dedicates \$50 billion to the new Rural Health Transformation Program, providing \$10 billion annually starting in 2026. This program is designed to deliver long-term solutions by strengthening hospitals' sustainability, recruiting and retaining skilled doctors and nurses, supporting preventative care to address chronic disease, and fostering innovation through new technologies like telehealth and remote monitoring. It also empowers hospitals to coordinate with regional systems, improving efficiency while keeping critical access points open in rural communities.

For NY-24, this means protecting community hospitals, giving families peace of mind that care will be available close to home, and making sure the men and women who keep us healthy have the tools and resources to succeed. With President Trump's leadership and House Republicans' commitment to rural America, we are finally addressing the systemic challenges that have plagued our hospitals for decades and building a future where every family, no matter their zip code, has access to quality care.

Major Victory: Snapback Sanctions Return on Iran

After years of urging our European allies to act, the United Nations Security Council has officially reimposed snapback sanctions on Iran, effective September 27. This historic step restores the full range of sanctions that were lifted under the disastrous Obama-era Iran nuclear deal, including bans on arms sales, restrictions on ballistic missile development, asset freezes, and travel bans. For years, I have led the charge in Congress pressing the E3, Britain, France, and Germany, to take this critical action, and their vote to trigger snapback is a major victory for American security and for our allies in Israel.

The Iranian regime, under President Masoud Pezeshkian, was enriching uranium at levels more than 40 times the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) limit, bankrolls terrorism across the Middle East, and openly threatens Americans and our allies. Sanctions must not only be reimposed but also strictly enforced. As President Trump made very clear, Iran cannot be allowed any enrichment. I will continue fighting to hold this rogue regime accountable, protect our allies, and prevent Iran from ever acquiring a nuclear weapon.

Strengthening New York's Dairy and Agriculture

I met with the National Dairy Organization to discuss how we can strengthen one of the most vital pillars of our economy, dairy. NY-24 is the largest agricultural district in the Northeast and the fifth-largest dairy district in the country. Our farmers provide nutritious, high-quality products that stock schools and grocery stores across America, create local jobs, and sustain the backbone of our rural communities. Yet, they face constant pressure from unfair trade practices, rising costs, and burdensome regulations that threaten their livelihoods. Advancing my comprehensive agriculture plan is critical to unlocking the potential of our farmers, securing our food supply, and keeping rural America competitive.

At the heart of this effort is supporting New York's dairy industry. I introduced the National Dairy Month Resolution to recognize the essential role of our dairy farmers, and I authored the Protect Local Farms Act to reverse Albany's harmful overtime mandate that jeopardizes family farms. I also cosponsored the Dairy Farm Resiliency Act to modernize the Dairy Margin Coverage program so farmers are better protected from volatile milk prices. Finally, I cosponsored the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act to restore whole milk in school cafeterias, giving students a nutritious option while boosting demand for our Upstate producers. These commonsense, pro-farmer policies defend our way of life, strengthen our economy, and make sure New York's dairy industry continues to thrive for generations to come.

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. 925 Dismantle DEI Act of 2025: This bill would permanently rescind Biden administration Executive Orders related to DEI and prohibit federal funding for programs, training, or positions that promote these initiatives. DEI is a form of discrimination based on hiring or promoting people due to their ethnicity or their sexual orientation instead of their merit for the job. President Trump rescinded these harmful Executive Orders, and this legislation would codify these actions and promote fair opportunities in the Federal Government based on a person's skill in the workforce. (Contd. Pg. 56)

This Week with Claudia

((From Pg. 55))

H.Res. 36 Finding Federal Savings Committee: This bill would establish the House Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Federal Programs to analyze underperforming or nonessential federal programs and recommend actions to modify or eliminate those programs. Additionally, this Committee would assist in creating legislative procedures to assist the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and the Trump Administration. A bipartisan committee to assist in trimming the federal bureaucracy would ensure taxpayer dollars are spent where they are most effective.

H.R. 842 Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act: This bill would allow for Medicare coverage and payment for multi-cancer early detection screening tests that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration and that are used to screen many cancer types if the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) determines such coverage is appropriate, starting in 2028. The National Institute of Health (NIH) estimates that over two million people will be given a cancer diagnosis. Increasing access to multi-cancer early detection screenings can significantly improve the quality of life for American cancer patients and their families while saving taxpayer dollars and also saving lives by detecting cancer before it spreads.



This was an incredibly impactful week as I traveled to every corner of our district to hear directly from you about how the increasing cost of living, tariff uncertainty, and cuts to health care funding are affecting you. Thank you for so many productive conversations - it is truly the best way that I can serve each and every one of you down in Washington.

Here's some of how I fought for a more affordable, more safe, and free Hudson Valley this week:

FIGHTING TO LOWER THE COST OF HEALTH CARE

The cuts to health care funding are a burden that the Hudson Valley simply can't afford.

Last week it was announced that 450,000 New Yorkers would lose their health insurance next year - a number expected to grow significantly in the coming months; 8,094 people will lose coverage in Orange County, 5,198 in Dutchess County, and 3,724 in Ulster County.

The Medicaid cuts are expected to impact up to 1 in 3 Hudson Valley residents, including more than 75,000 kids; impending premium increases could jack up insurance bills for Hudson Valley couples by nearly \$1,000 yearly; and funding cuts that pose an existential threat to our local hospitals and health centers - forcing firings, closures, and care reductions across the community. Already Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown was forced to lay off 42 employees and downgrade its trauma center due to federal funding cuts.

None of us will be immune to these cuts - they will kick hard working folks off their health care, raise costs, and close hospitals and clinics.

This week I proudly stood with healthcare leaders,

workers, and patients on the frontline of this battle. We fought hard to stop the cuts because we knew the devastation they would cause - now our fight is against these harms on the ground, wherever and whenever they arise. Read more here. <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-speak-out-hudson-valley-health-care->

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SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Our local, small businesses are the backbone of the Hudson Valley. They clothe our kids, feed our families, and employ our friends.

They don't want to raise prices, but Trump's tariffs are giving them no choice.

With the already skyrocketing cost of living, folks cannot afford to pay higher prices - and they shouldn't have to.

Our small businesses have been bearing these costs, and now every Hudson Valley family is feeling that burden as well. Once again, it is up to impacted members of our community to stand up, stand our ground, and loudly call out these harms where we see them.

I've already spearheaded efforts in the House to reverse the national emergency Trump declared in order to enact his tariffs and took a stand against House Republicans when they attempted to kill Congress' ability to challenge the President's tariffs.

I've met with countless Hudson Valley business owners to hear their concerns and about the real harm they're experiencing, including at this week's stop on my Small Business Listening Tour in Red Hook.

I'll be taking the concerns of every last Hudson Valley business owner back with me to Washington to fight like hell for our small businesses and entire community.

DEMANDING BETTER SOCIAL SECURITY ACCESS FOR NEWBURGH

The Newburgh Social Security Office never should have closed. Period. I joined our community in rallying against the closure, because we all knew the damage it would cause.

Unfortunately, we're now seeing those harms in real time. This week, I brought together those impacted by the closure to double down on the fight to get our seniors the access and benefits they deserve. And we'll keep fighting until we get this fixed.

Seniors deserve to feel secure in their retirement - and they deserve a Social Security Administration that helps them access their benefits more easily, not one that puts up additional roadblocks. That's why I introduced my Protecting Social Security Act earlier this year that would prevent cuts to benefits and ensure every county had a functioning Social Security Administration office.

Our broader Newburgh community is missing out on an essential service. I'm calling on our entire community again to show up for our seniors, and ensure the necessary, increased Social Security Administration presence is established and maintained for the sake of seniors in Newburgh and across the Hudson Valley.

STANDING WITH MY FRIENDS IN LABOR - ALWAYS

Hardworking Hudson Valley families thrive and our local economy prospers when we stand with our unions.

(Contd. PG 57)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

Thank you to the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) and the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation for bringing local labor leaders and I together to discuss how tariffs and funding cuts are harming Hudson Valley families and how we're fighting back.

A huge additional thank you to the Hudson Valley leaders from the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Public Employees Federation (PEF), 1199SEIU, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA), and New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) for your invaluable contributions to the conversation.

I will ALWAYS fight alongside you and all my friends in labor.

SHANA TOVA!

I want to wish everyone across the Hudson Valley who celebrated Rosh Hashanah this week a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year!
Shana Tova!

STRENGTHENING LOCAL MANUFACTURING

I'm proud that MPI Systems calls Poughkeepsie home.

By creating good paying jobs and manufacturing cutting-edge machinery, MPI supercharges our Hudson Valley economy.

I am grateful for this week's tour of its facility and the conversation we had about supporting manufacturers across the region.

I'll keep working to strengthen our region's manufacturing and bolster the high-quality job opportunities the industry brings to the Hudson Valley.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Are you having trouble getting your IRS tax return, signing up for Medicare, or tracking down the status of your VA claim?

My team is bringing one-on-one assistance with federal programs directly to you with the C.A.R.E.S. Van. October is filled with opportunities to join an event and get the answers and help you deserve.

If you need assistance, but can't join an event, please give my team a call at (845) 443-2930.

CELEBRATING 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF'

"Service above self." The Warwick Rotary Club's motto is something we can all draw inspiration from.

Thank you to the Rotary Club for hosting me and for your mission of uplifting the Warwick community.

I'm grateful to have such passionate partners in fighting for a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley for us all.

HONORING A VETERAN AND TRUE HERO

Airman Apprentice Donny Herring was a hero in every sense.

He was unfailingly generous to his family and neighbors in Poughkeepsie and met every challenge with unparalleled resilience. His legacy lives on in those he uplifted and inspired.

I'm thankful my team could join Dutchess County's Honor-A-Vet and present his family with a Congressional Record in his memory.

PROMOTING PUBLIC SERVICE WITH AMERICORPS

Last weekend, we celebrated the 32nd anniversary of President Clinton signing the National and Community Service Trust Act into law and establishing AmeriCorps.

It was great having AmeriCorps programs from across the Hudson Valley at my DC office that week to hear about the pro-

found and transformative impact their innovative work is having throughout our entire region.

AmeriCorps helps young Americans pursue public service while uplifting their communities and I'm proud to always support it in its critical mission.

MAKING SURE YOU GET YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY, IRS RETURN, AND MORE

Do you receive your Social Security, IRS return, VA benefits, or other federal benefits via paper checks in the mail?

Starting September 30th, federal programs will stop issuing paper checks and will switch over to direct deposit and other electronic payment methods. Read more about it here.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/09/15/social-security-checks-ending/>

If you need help getting prepared, give my office a call at (845) 443-2930 or send us a message here!

<https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency>

WORKING TO LOWER THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs is not sustainable. They already account for one-third of all health care costs and the prices are only going up even more.

That's why earlier this year, I re-introduced my Stopping Pharma's Ripoffs and Drug Savings For All Act that will lower costs by making generic prescriptions easier to produce. The Act was inspired by Hudson Valley teen and Type I Diabetes activist JT Crawford and his story about the increasingly unaffordable price of his insulin.

For JT and every Hudson Valley family, I'll keep fighting to get this bill signed into law.

PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

Trump's funding cuts will tear away access to affordable reproductive healthcare for thousands of New Yorkers.

The cuts are anti-woman and anti-freedom.

I'll keep fighting back against the far-right's relentless attacks on women's reproductive rights.

WORKING WITH OUR FOOD BANKS TO END FOOD INSECURITY

With food insecurity rising across the Hudson Valley, this Hunger Action Month, the need for our food banks is greater than ever.

I joined with leaders from our local food banks this summer to hear how funding shortfalls could prevent them from distributing millions of meals.

As one Hudson Valley community, we will continue to stand and work together to take care of our neighbors in need.

Thank you to the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for compiling this data in its Voices of the Hudson Valley Report!

ENCOURAGING STUDENTS IN STEM

Do you know a Hudson Valley middle or high school student passionate about STEM and innovation?

Encourage them to enter the Congressional App Challenge through my office! Entrants have until October 24 to design and submit their own original App. Visit my website here to learn more and enter.

CONGRATULATING A KINGSTON STAR CHEF

I want to give a huge congrats to Chleo sous-chef Eli Kochman on the amazing accomplishment of competing on 'Next Gen Chef' filmed right here in Hyde Park's Culinary Institute of America. (Contd. Pg. 58)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 57)

Read more about his journey to starring on the show here.

Way to represent the Hudson Valley - our entire community is proud of you!

CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

Last weekend marked 14 years ago since "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was repealed.

Our military and nation are stronger because of it.

As a veteran and member of both the Armed Services Committee and House Equality Caucus, I will always fight to protect the rights of the LGBTQ+ community.

GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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 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 . To subscribe to the grants guide, please email 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 disabili-

ties. 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. Protecting Medicare for seniors

Doctors-not artificial intelligence or private insurance companies-should be helping Americans make their health care decisions.

As the top Democrat on the Senate Aging Committee, Kirsten led 18 senators in opposing a Trump administration plan to allow AI and private insurers to delay and deny care to seniors enrolled in Traditional Medicare across six states. Rewarding AI companies for putting up roadblocks to seniors seeking necessary care is a flawed and dangerous tactic, and Kirsten is fighting to ensure this plan does not go into effect.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-slams-trump-administration-plot-to-undermine-seniors-access-to-treatment-under-traditional-medicare/>

2. Fighting for pediatric cancer research

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (PBTC) brings together institutions dedicated to developing lifesaving treatments for pediatric brain cancers. By cutting funding for this critical program, the Trump administration is putting children's lives at risk.

That's why this week, Kirsten led a bipartisan group of lawmakers in demanding a reversal of the Trump administration's PBTC funding cuts.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-gillen-lawler-demand-reversal-of-proposed-cuts-to-pediatric-brain-tumor-consortium-raise-alarm-on-impact-to-ny-pediatric-brain-cancer-patients/>

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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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3. Visiting student housing in NYC

When students and interns can't afford a decent place to live in New York, they're forced to take their talent elsewhere. We can't let that happen.

This week, Kirsten joined Educational Housing Services to celebrate the opening of their newly renovated Hudson Yards Campus. By providing students and interns with safe and sustainable housing, this facility will help the next generation build their lives in New York City.

4. Helping New Yorkers

A registered nurse in Orange County contacted Kirsten's office for help with her DACA application and work authorization renewal.

Kirsten's team contacted U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on her behalf, highlighting the potential impact to the Hudson Valley's patient care if she were unable to continue working locally as a nurse. Soon after, USCIS approved her application and work authorization renewal, allowing the constituent to continue her work.

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

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

5. Subscribe to Kirsten's quarterly casework newsletter!

Interested in learning more about Kirsten's casework efforts? Subscribe to her quarterly constituent affairs check-in! This newsletter will contain the most up-to-date information about how Kirsten's office can help constituents with issues related to immigration, passports, taxes, and more.

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Senator Oberacker Introduces Utility Ratepayer Bill of Rights

Plan will give control back to customers, not corporate utilities and foreign companies

Albany, NY - Senator Peter Oberacker today unveiled the New York State Ratepayer Bill of Rights, a bold and long-overdue plan to hold utility companies accountable and guarantee core protections for every New Yorker.

The proposal outlines ten fundamental rights that utility customers should be guaranteed from accurate billing to fair outage compensation. It comes at a crucial time, as ratepayers across the state are grappling with rising costs, unreliable service, and growing concerns over corporate influence and foreign ownership of utility companies.

"For too long, utility companies have operated in a system that favors profits over people," said Senator Oberacker. "This plan restores balance by putting the power

back where it belongs, in the hands of the ratepayers, not boardrooms of corporate utilities or their overseas parent companies."

Key Protections in the Ratepayer Bill of Rights include:

- o Mandatory **public hearings and independent review** before any rate increases
- o **Full transparency** on billing formulas, rate structures, and executive compensation
- o Strict **penalties** for overbilling, poor communication, or service failure
- o **Automatic bill credits** for extended power outages
- o A permanent ban on political contributions from regulated utility companies to elected officials or oversight committees
- o Creation of a **Utility Consumer Advocate Office** to stand up for customer interests
- o Financial safeguards **to prevent shutoffs** during extreme weather or hardship
- o Public access to **infrastructure safety reviews**, including grid reliability and battery storage
- o A requirement that utilities **maintain and modernize** the power grid with independent audits
- o Empowering local **governments and communities** to have a voice in utility project siting and expansions

The Ratepayer Bill of Rights is designed to put customers first ahead of special interests, foreign investors, or unaccountable utility executives.

"Over the last year, I have heard from hundreds of constituents telling horror stories of their experiences with utility companies," Oberacker said. "Families in my district have been hit with \$3,000 bills and unauthorized withdrawals of nearly \$1,000 without warning. It's time New Yorkers are treated as the ones who are footing the bill and not just treated like a bottom line."

Senator Oberacker will introduce the Ratepayer Bill of Rights as a package of bills in the upcoming legislative session and is calling for broad bipartisan support to restore trust, fairness, and transparency in how utilities serve New York's homes and businesses.

SCCC Successful Student Activities Event

Student Activities had 46 people sign in to make flower arrangements and enjoy some delicious cheeses and snacks at its "Create a Garden Bouquet" event. Thank you to Chef Faye, who made scrumptious grazing boards for our students, and Carly Pitt, who is the manager of the Hope Community Farm and helped guide the students in their floral arrangements.

Please follow SUNY Sullivan Student Activities on Instagram at @sullivanstudentlife so you don't miss any of their adventures!



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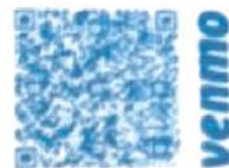


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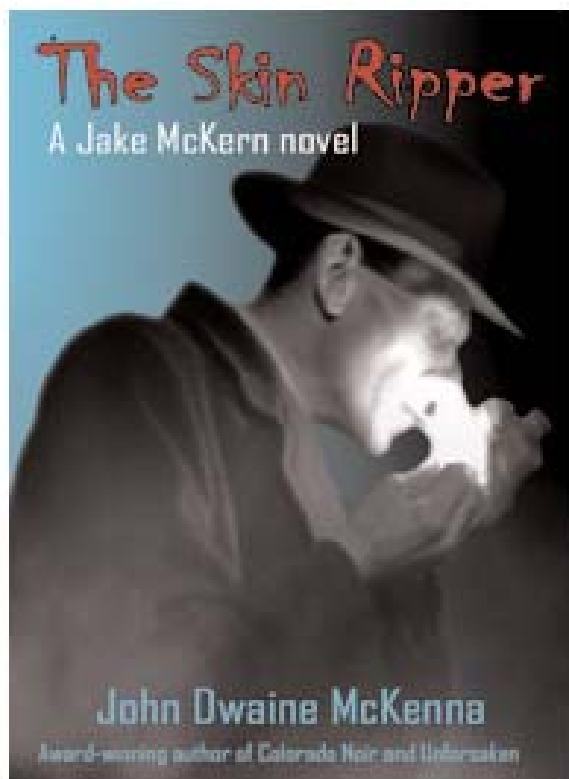
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Office of
Mental Health

Disaster Mental Health Responder Training

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

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

Part 1: Psychological First Aid (PFA)

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

Prerequisites: Professional mental health background.

Program Objectives

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

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

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

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

Program Objectives

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

TO APPLY

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

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

Latifa.Williams@omh.ny.gov

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

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

GreenNY Council Issues Annual Sustainability Report Highlighting State's Environmental Achievements and Energy Efficiency Milestones

The GreenNY Council today announced the release of the 13th Greening New York State report (PDF) highlighting actions that State agencies and authorities are taking to reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency, decrease waste generation, increase the purchasing of green products and services, and other related initiatives. The report documents progress toward meeting the requirements in Executive Order 22, "Leading by Example: Directing State Agencies to Adopt a Sustainability and Decarbonization Program," signed by Governor Kathy Hochul in September 2022.

The sustainability highlights in fiscal year 2023-24 include:

- o 1.5 trillion BTUs of energy savings at State facilities through energy-efficiency projects documented in BuildSmart 2025;
- o 50 percent reduction in waste produced compared to FY 2022-23;
- o Initiating a comprehensive project to improve the use of GreenNY purchasing specifications;
- o Achieving an 89 percent overall recycling rate, including construction and demolition waste;
- o 16.9 tons of material composted;
- o 67,818 trees planted; and
- o \$228 million invested in the economy to support environmentally preferred products and services.

Through the Executive Order, the GreenNY Council supports New York State's sustainability efforts. The Council, co-chaired by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), New York Power Authority (NYPA), Office of General Services (OGS), Division of Budget (DOB), and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), collected data from 75 agencies and authorities covered under the Executive Order.

Governor Hochul has demonstrated her commitment to Executive Order 22 by appropriating \$100 million in capital funding during her tenure. The funding supports State projects to reduce emissions and mitigate and adapt to climate change. More specifically, it is enabling energy-efficiency enhancements such as electrification projects upgrading building systems from fossil fuels; smart building automation and controls; new high-efficiency HVAC systems; and other energy conservation measures. Funding also supports renewable energy infrastructure projects including photovoltaic technologies, including rooftop and parking canopy photovoltaic systems; geothermal HVAC systems; onsite battery storage; and other renewable energy infrastructure.

DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said, "Governor Hochul's leadership is delivering real progress to accelerate New York State's transition to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future. The progress outlined in the annual GreenNY Council report shows that NY is walking the walk and leading by example in sustainability and climate actions that will improve the health and lives of all New Yorkers."

NYSERDA President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said, "Governor Hochul's leadership has provided the vision for how New York State collectively undertakes actions that embrace cleaner, more sustainable business operations. The Greening New York State report highlights key data and accomplishments, transparently showing progress, and how we are persistently pursuing results that make a difference."

OGS Commissioner Jeanette Moy said, "OGS is proud to co-lead the GreenNY Council and work closely with our state government partners in delivering Governor Hochul's ambitious commitments to advancing sustainability and climate resiliency in New York State. This report showcases the power of this partnership. Whether we're decarbonizing our buildings, supporting the transition of the state's fleet to zero-emission vehicles, or helping the state buy green products, we are dedicated to creating a better future for all New Yorkers."

NYPA President and CEO Justin Driscoll said, "The Power Authority is proud to support Governor Hochul's vision for a greener New York powered by clean energy, and the latest Greening New York State report illustrates the impact we are making in communities across the state in line with Executive Order 22. From NYPA's BuildSmart and Tree Power programs, to collaborative efforts with state facilities, the Power Authority is helping New York reduce emissions, enhance energy efficiency, and support renewable energy infrastructure."

New York State Division of Budget Director Blake G. Washington said: "Under Governor Hochul's direction, New York State continues to set the bar nationally by investing in targeted initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint of our State agencies. Through these efforts, we are making great strides towards creating a cleaner, more sustainable environment for all New Yorkers."

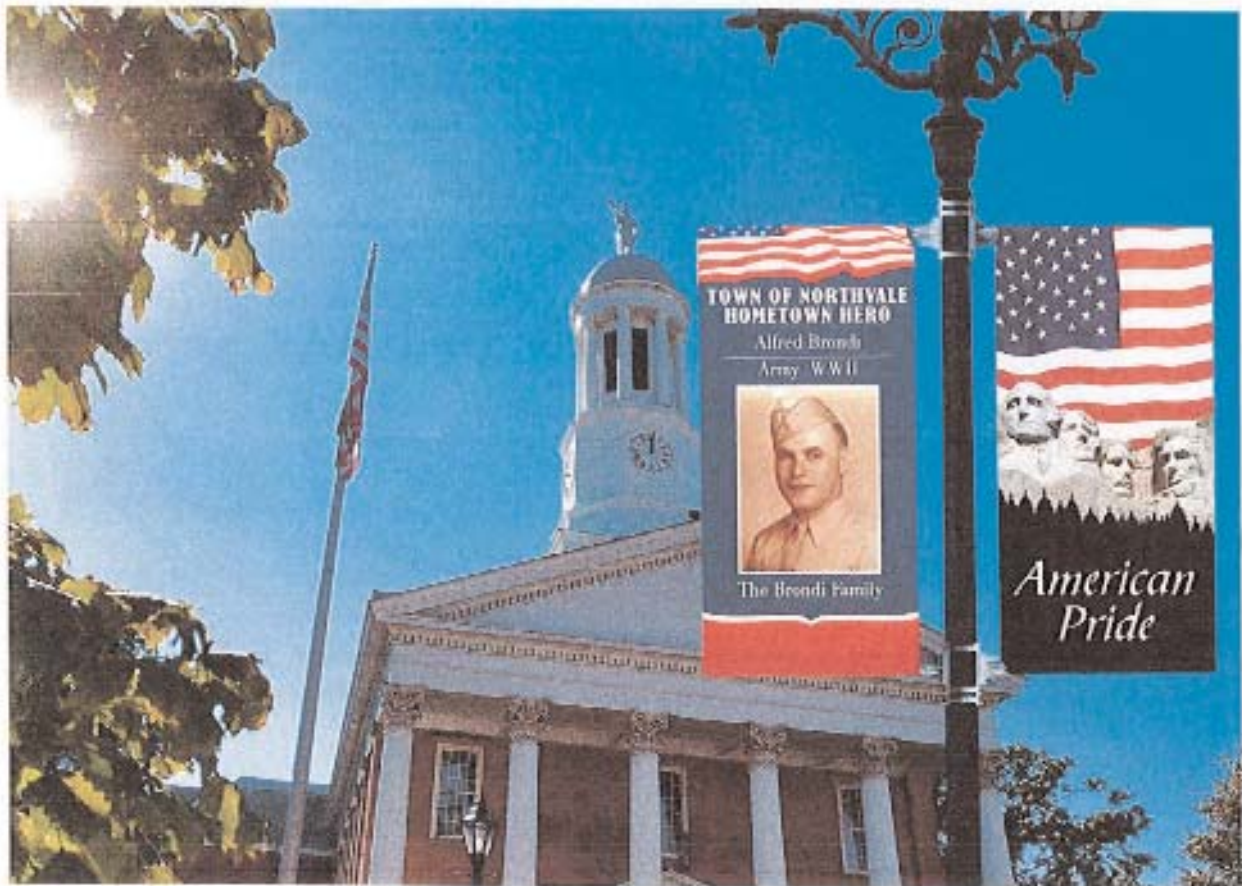
Supporting Agencies to Meet Sustainability Goals

The GreenNY Council is taking steps to leverage resources, create guidance, streamline sustainability reporting, update green procurement specifications and make it easier for affected entities to achieve the State's ambitious climate and sustainability goals. Additional information, including progress reports, links to resources on energy efficiency, reducing emissions and waste, reuse, recycling, composting, green cleaning, conserving natural resources, and general sustainable operations and purchasing is available on the GreenNY Council website.

New York State's Climate Agenda

New York State's climate agenda calls for an affordable and just transition to a clean energy economy that creates family-sustaining jobs, promotes economic growth through green investments, and directs a minimum of 35 percent of the benefits to disadvantaged communities. New York is advancing a suite of efforts to achieve an emissions-free economy by 2050, including in the energy, buildings, transportation, and waste sectors.

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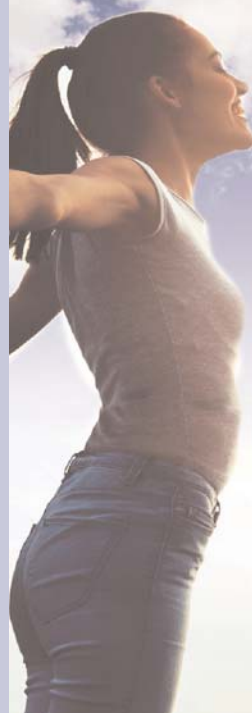
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Border Incident is a 1949 American film noir
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and Howard Da Silva. Directed by Anthony
Mann.



In this topical film noir, a gang smuggles illegal Mexican farm-workers across the California border and kills the immigrants then steals their hard-earned money before they can return home. Federal agents –one Mexican –pose as a poor migrants, Pablo Rodriguez (Ricardo Montalban) and one American, Jack Bearnese (George Murphy) go undercover to overturn the organization. They find themselves face-to-face with its leader, Owen Parkson (Howard da Silva). The agents quickly realize that what began as a routine murder case has become a struggle for survival.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question *Rear Window*

This weeks' Trivia question: True or false? Finding
Neverland is based on a book by J.M. Barrie.