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Tri-Valley Lions' October Dinner Meeting at Casa Mia



Tri-Valley Lions. Esta Jacobs and Hugh Delaney, Jr. were awarded the prestigious Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, for going above and beyond with their service to the Club and our Community.

On Monday, October 6, 2025, The Tri-Valley Lions were back to Casa Mia in Hurleyville, for our monthly dinner meeting. As usual, the dinner was delicious and the meeting very informative. We had the pleasure of hosting Samantha Pipolo from The Sullivan County Department of Public Health who did an informative presentation on the services available for children and adults alike providing that they are eligible for the services.

During this meeting, the Tri-Valley Lions approved a \$500 donation to the Curry family whose home burned and suffered major damage. Thank goodness that the burn victim and all animals made it out of the burning home thanks to Billy Curry's quick action. Please keep the Curry family in your prayers. (Contd. Pg. 11)

Big Sky Productions presents: Shorts & Sweets Honoring Veterans: "Dear Folks"



Carol Montana

SULLIVAN COUNTY -- As Veterans Day 2025 approaches, Big Sky Productions, a 29-year-old theatre company operating out of Grahamsville, NY, has announced a brand-new program called "Shorts & Sweets Honoring Veterans: Dear Folks."

Featuring actress and writer Margaret Bruetsch of Cohecton and Big Sky's Artistic Director, Carol Montana of Grahamsville, the program will include stories and anecdotes by and about Veterans, interspersed with letters to and from home. Sweet treats and drinks will be available for audience members to sample during and following the show. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Margaret Bruetsch

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On the Front Burner: I lift up my eyes to the mountains-
where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the
Maker of heaven and earth
Psalm 121:1-2

OBITUARIES

Violet I. Akerley, 82, of Grahamsville, passed away peacefully on



October 15, 2025, at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center. She was the daughter of the late Gilbert Hendrickson and Lillian Van Deuser,

born on April 28, 1943, in Livingston Manor, New York.

Violet loved country music, especially Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty. She was protective of her family and took great pride in her home and property, always working hard to keep things just right. Violet enjoyed doing word search books, taking rides in the car-especially to yard sales-and spending time with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who could do no wrong in her eyes.

She loved bird watching and had a special fondness for her black squirrels. Feisty, funny, and never afraid to speak her mind, Violet was known for her quick wit and sarcastic sense of humor. She enjoyed having company, watching her grandson's race and play sports, and always had a special dessert set aside-her "secret stash"-to share only with the grandkids.

Violet is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Robert Akerley; her children Robin (Thomas) DeMarmels, Denise (Robert Lewis) Smith, Janine Matthews, Laurie Paes, Donald Akerley, Susan Conrad, and Jessie Powell; 11 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild on the way who will be named in her honor. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law Maxine Buck, Kathy Akerley, and Hazel Akerley, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her siblings Robert, Gilbert, Ted, and Lewis.

Visitation was held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, New York 12788. A funeral service followed at the funeral home.

Violet will be remembered for her strong spirit, sense of humor, and unwavering love for her family. Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Violet Akerley, please visit our flower

John Jacob Hertle Jr. 81, of Napanoch, NY passed away on October 16, 2025, in Kingston, NY.



John ("Jack") born on March 3, 1944 in Jamaica Queens to John J. Hertle Sr and Rosemary Broschart. He graduated from John Adams H.S.

in Queens. He worked for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for 40 years finishing his career in Grahamsville. He worked his way up to a foreman and also did asbestos abatement for NYC DEP.

He is predeceased by the love of his life, his loving wife Barbara Young Hertle.

He is survived by his children, Annmarie (Brian) Huffman of Kerhonkson, his sons, John (Barbara) Hertle III of Kingston, and Michael (Laura Hertle of Kingston, His wife of the past 10 years Katherine Irwin. His grandchildren; Nicole Cooke, Chauncey Cooke, Andrew Huffman, Brittany (Michael) Borocco, John IV (Taylor) Hertle and Aislinn Hertle. His great grandchildren; Julani, Jaeliana and Aliana Clark, Brycen and Kyler Borocco and John (JJ) Hertle V., Thomas, Rearick, Robert, Chloe, Lilth Cooke. His brother Larry (Carol) of Texas, and Bob (Melanie) of Napanoch, and his nieces, great nieces' nephews and cousins. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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.

Over hill and over dale
When you hit the hunting trail
Laugh at snow, mud and sleet
With Ball Bands on your feet
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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.

Household Hint:

Get Rid of Embarrassing Static Cling

To remove static cling that plagues you after you're already dressed, rub a dryer sheet directly onto your legs, socks, or tights to remove static cling and stop skirts from riding up your legs.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

A Few Truths About the Arachnid Family

Do spiders make your skin crawl? Did you know there are over 35,000 species of spiders?

For centuries spiders have been synonymous with creepy and spooky. However, the worst of the Arachnids in the Catskills is a tiny little creature that all too quickly have proven their bad reputation - the deer tick. Deer tick are tiny brown, oval-shaped, and, like their spider cousins, have eight legs. They are a parasitic arachnid that attach themselves to the skin of a land vertebrate from which they suck blood, leaving the host when full. Deer tick are most responsible for transmitting Lyme disease an inflammatory disease characterized at first by a rash, headache, fever, and chills, and later by possible arthritis and neurological and cardiac disorders, caused by bacteria that are transmitted by ticks. Lyme disease is caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*.



And what we often call Daddy-Long-Legs spiders are not true spiders. Unlike spiders that have two segments, their bodies only have one. If you heard that Daddy-Long-Legs is the most venomous spider, that is a myth. The Daddy-Long-Legs of the Catskills do not have venomous glands or fangs. Their diet is comprised of decomposed vegetable and animal matter.

Now looking at 'real' spiders isn't all that bad considering there are only two spiders in North America that are poisonous and they do not make their homes in the Catskills.

A few common spiders in the Catskills are: Wolf spiders, orb weavers, sheetweb spiders, dwarf spiders and the cutest of spiders - jumping spiders.

Spiders, like most other arachnids, have bodies that are divided into two portions, the cephalothorax and the abdomen. The cephalothorax consists of the head and thorax fused together. Most spiders have four pairs of legs, activated by muscles inside an exoskeleton (the rigid external covering of their body). The top of the cephalothorax is covered by a convex hardened shield (carapace), with eyes that are simple and mounted at the front.

Many of the hunting spiders, e.g. Salticidae (jumping spiders) and Lycosidae (wolf spiders) have large, forward-facing eyes and keen vision required for their craft; many of these spiders have at the back of the eye a reflective membrane called a tapetum. It is this surface that aids in night vision and causes their eyes to reflect light and shine in the dark, like a cat's eyes. Most sedentary spiders have relied on their sense of touch for so long their vision is thought to be poor.

All spiders are predacious and carnivorous with fangs and a rounded abdomen. They feed by spitting digestive juices onto their meal, usually insects or other invertebrates, and lapping up the resulting soup. Their method of feeding is pretty much the same as ours, except their "teeth" and digestive processes are external.

Spiders have the ability to produce silk, and some are master artisans, weaving wondrous webs of intricate design. Their reputation is largely unjustified, as most species in this large group are both harmless, and an integral part of ecosystems while other members of the Arachnid family such as scorpions and ticks, are the real culprits who deserve to be called creepy and scary and that you should be wary of - especially ticks in the Catskills this time of the year!

OBITUARIES

John Jacob Hertle (From Pg. 2)

John or Jack as he was known, loved going to the casinos, old cars, NASCAR and doing jigsaw puzzles. For many years he worked as a mechanic and body repair/painter at his parent's garage Jack's Service station in Napanoch. He could fix anything with a motor.

His family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Tennbrock Nursing Facility in Lake Katrine and for the staff of 4 Spellman WCM Kingston, NY for their care of our dad. In lieu of flowers, you can make donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in his honor (<https://tinyurl.com/Jackhertle>).

Family will receive friends on Monday October 20, 2025, at Loucks Funeral Home in Ellenville, NY. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial followed at the Furman Cemetery in Yeagerville Rd, Napanoch, NY

Olga Avery of Neversink, New York passed away peacefully



in Virginia Beach, Virginia on October 5, 2025 at the age of 63. She was born on May 12, 1962, in Liberty, New York to the late Anne (née McGuire) Davis and Sonny Gildersleeve. Also preceding her in death was her brother, Patrick Gildersleeve.

Olga was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Surviving her are her children: Brandon, Anne, and Jordan; grandchildren, Christine and Emerson; sister, Carol; brothers, Howard and Mike; and many extended relatives and friends.

Her family and friends will miss her dearly and hold her memory in their hearts forever.

Big Sky Productions presents: Shorts & Sweets Honoring Veterans: "Dear Folks"

(From Pg. 1) "Shorts & Sweets Honoring Veterans: Dear Folks" will be performed at three different venues, beginning on Monday, November 3 at 6 p.m. at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library - Robert D. Norris Community Room, 479 Broadway, Monticello, NY.

The second performance will take place on Sunday, November 9 at 2 p.m. at the Sullivan County Historical Society and Sullivan County Museum located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, NY.

And the third and final performance will be held at the Tusten-Cochecton Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library at 198 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY on Friday, November 14 at 5 p.m.

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

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

LOOKING BACK

A Tribute to Old Neversink

by Beatrice Akerley
Published September 3, 1998

In the foothills of the Catskills
Neath its rugged rocks and rills,
Was the little village of Neversink
Its memories linger still.

And now far beneath a man made dam
With lots of pomp and pride,
Is the little village of Neversink
Where folks lived and loved and died.

Now this little village should never sink
And it seems quite a pity,
It came to pass it sank at last
Sending its waters to New York City

It seemed like only a night when Fraiser
& Davis moved in
With machines, tools water pipes
And many, many men

Healey not to be outdone
brought in trucks galore,
There was more activity in Tri-Valley
Then there had ever been before.

They sunk the shafts and laid the pipes
for many, many miles
They worked by day, they worked by night
And they courted many girls.

Our town of Neversink was voted dry
But men brought their dinner pails
Stacked with good things to eat
And plenty of beers and wines and ales.

Neversink Dam is now complete and
Machinery moved away
And the little village of Neversink
Is but a memory of yesterday.

Neversink and Denning History Afternoon: Cemeteries Through Time Sunday, November 2nd 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - *Neversink and Denning History Afternoon* will be held on Sunday, November 2nd at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.



Claryville Cemetery Gate

The afternoon includes a special program by archivist and Museum Trustee Lynn Priebe: **Cemeteries Through Time**. Learn about symbolism on stones, maintenance of burial grounds and stones and rules to follow when visiting a cemetery. Find out about the many cemeteries that have existed in the watershed area and some of the people who lie there. An updated guide to Neversink cemeteries, compiled by our beloved historian Carol Smythe, will be available.

During the afternoon, visitors can browse through Town of Neversink and Denning photos, records, stories and artifacts from



Jacobus Davenport grave in Davenport Cemetery Curry

our archives to learn about the history of both towns. Knowledgeable Museum archivists including Lynn Priebe, Beverly Muthig and more will be on hand to answer questions. Attendees are welcome to bring personal collections to share.

Admission to the program is free and also includes admission to the Museum's two floors of exhibitions. For questions or more information, please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day through September, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and from October to May by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free.



Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

- **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a **Blue Star Museum**, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America **to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members.** This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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The Man In Milan

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by John Dwaine McKenna

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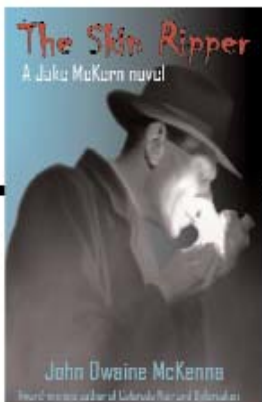
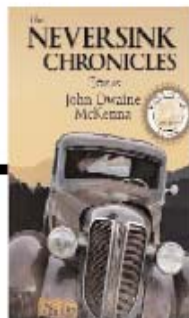
An execution-style murder of an Italian air force officer and diplomat on Sutton Place – in one of New York City's most expensive mid-Manhattan neighborhoods-begins author Vito Rancanelli's electrifying new thriller entitled, *The Man in Milan*, (Polis Books, \$26.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-951709-11-1).

As NYPD Detective Paul Rossi and his partner, Detective Hamilton P. Turner investigate however, they're pulled ever-deeper into an intriguing and sinister plot with political overtones and roots that go back decades . . . to the worst air disaster in Italian history. Eighty-one souls were lost when an airline crashed on the island of Ustica, between the shin of Italy and the island of Sicily, in June of 1980. The cause of the crash has never been determined, but foul play may have occurred, because Russian-backed Libyan MiG fighters, French Mirages, as well as NATO and Italian warplanes were all in the same airspace at the time. It's suspected that a crime may have been committed and covered up . . . but no one knows for certain . . . because the Italian Government continues to investigate but still hasn't determined a cause, more than twenty years after the crash. And the man who was assassinated in NYC? His name was Gaetano Muro, and he was flying an Italian fighter jet in the melee where the ill-fated airliner went down.

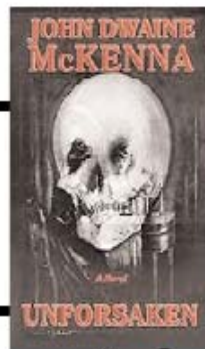
Trying to fit together the pieces of an insanely complex puzzle Rossi and Turner are thwarted by the NYPD bureaucracy and stonewalled, obfuscated and misled by the Italian Consulate in New York City. The two detectives are joined by Gaetano Muro's sister Laura, a policewoman from Italy who comes to America to claim her brother's body and return it to the old country for burial. And that's when another element known as the Gladio, a powerful and shadowy Italian political cabal whose tentacles extend all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to the innermost circles of New York's political, social and ruling classes steps in to try and prevent the Sutton Place murder from ever being solved.

Based in part on actual events, *The Man in Milan* is stuffed full of action, intrigue and enough plot twists to satisfy Niccolo Machiavelli himself, and announces the arrival of a major new talent in thriller fiction. Read it for yourself and see why the MBR is calling it one of the best first novels we've seen in quite some time!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Unanswered Questions

I had gotten home late from the outstanding performance of "Little Shop of Horrors" and headed right to bed. Tired and up later than usual, my mind just wouldn't shut down so I could sleep.

Instead of counting sheep, I pondered unanswered questions. Perhaps someone out there has the answers.

1. Why does our hair gray or go white as we grow older?
2. Where's Waldo?
3. Who is John Galt ("Atlas Shrugged")?
4. Why do females not have an Adam's Apple?
5. Why do males have nipples?
6. When you lose weight, where does it go?
7. Where do odors go when they go away?
8. Why can't we create a new color?
9. Why don't dogs purr like cats?
10. Does AI have morals?

I kept coming up with questions and found no answers. Finally sleep overcame my curious mind.

I fell asleep pondering if there was anyone I might feed to the Audrey 2 plant that Seymour had nurtured.

Go see "Little Shop of Horrors" and perhaps explore your own unanswered questions about life.

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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UC Executive's Recommendations Approved by Legislature to Fund Seven Housing Projects

\$3.15 Million in Projects Approved in Second Round of Funding through Housing Action Fund

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Legislature has approved County Executive Jen Metzger's recommendations to award \$3.15 million in funding through the Housing Action Fund for seven affordable and supportive housing projects in Ulster County. The awards mark the second round of funding through the \$15 million Fund, which was established in 2023 by the County Executive and Legislature to address the County's housing crisis.

The Legislature voted 13-8 in favor of the recommendations at the October 21 legislative session. The seven projects all meet the Fund's affordability and sustainability requirements:

- o Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. (\$300,000) for construction of Stone Creek Commons, a 47-unit mixed-use affordable housing project (60% AMI) in the Town of Saugerties, with integrated supportive services and 24 units reserved for individuals recovering from mental illness.
- o RUPCO (\$700,000) to create 10 affordable rental units (five 60% AMI units, five 80% AMI units) as part of the restoration of the historic Wellington Hotel in Pine Hill (Town of Shandaken).
- o Kingston Housing Authority (\$700,000) for 68 new ADA-adaptable 1-bedroom units (30% and 80% AMI) for seniors as part of the Penn Court Expansion Project in the City of Kingston.
- o TapRoot Community Land Trust (\$120,000) to preserve two affordable rental units (60% AMI) at 587 Abeel Street in Kingston, and place the property in the TapRoot Community Land Trust to ensure permanent affordability.
- o Kingston City Land Bank (\$700,000) for the development of 12 affordable condominium units (80% AMI) at 46 Grand Street in Kingston.
- o GBC Kingston LLC (\$380,000) for the Frog Alley Project, a new 46-unit development in Kingston that will include six affordable units (five at 60% AMI, one at 80% AMI).
- o Center for Creative Education (\$250,000) for Ubuntu Village, a redevelopment project to create youth emergency housing in Kingston, with seven beds.

"These seven projects represent a diverse and thoughtful mix of housing solutions - from senior housing and supportive units to youth emergency shelter and permanently affordable rentals - and reflect our commitment to meeting the diverse housing needs of Ulster County residents," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "With this \$3.15 million investment from the Housing Action Fund, we are paving the way for the creation of 185 new housing units and a youth emergency shelter, while also advancing our climate and energy affordability goals through highly efficient, all-electric design. By providing crucial gap funding, the Fund is enabling a combined housing investment in Ulster County exceeding \$157 million. I want to thank the Housing Policy and Oversight Committee for their rigorous review and recommendations, and I look forward to working with the Legislature to move these projects forward."

"This \$3.15 million investment will directly create and preserve 185 total housing units across Ulster County - from emergency beds at Ubuntu Village to family housing at Penn Court to restored historic units at the Wellington Hotel in Pine Hill. These seven projects represent real solutions for real people struggling to find affordable housing in our community," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "This is exactly the kind of targeted action our Housing Action Fund was designed to support, and I'm proud we're delivering results."

"This milestone truly cements Ulster County as a leader in affordable housing investment," said Majority Leader Abe Uchitelle, Chair of the Legislature's Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee. "These projects include the preservation and rehabilitation of affordable units, the creation of much needed new units, innovative new



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housing models, new emergency housing and more. I couldn't be more proud of the work our Planning office has done to advance this initiative on behalf of Ulster County residents."

"As the Chair of the Housing and Transportation Committee, I am excited to be the co-sponsor of Resolution 456 which will create 185 new residences in Ulster County with our Housing Action Fund (HAF). Working with our partners, we are able to leverage our \$3.15 million in grants to create these affordable residences at an average cost of just over \$20,000 per unit. The legislature, working with the County Executive, has made a commitment to continually renewing the HAF and using this fund to support projects through the county that create quality affordable housing for our residents," said Jeff Collins, Ulster County Legislator and Chair of the Housing Subcommittee. "This long-term commitment to affordable housing is necessary to support the needs of our residents and ensures that each year additional affordable housing will be created."

The Ulster County Housing Action Fund supports the creation of healthy, energy-efficient, and climate-responsible housing units that serve households at or below 80% of Ulster County Area Median Income, with an emphasis on housing that serves the County's most vulnerable populations. The Fund was seeded with \$15 million, and is sustained with an annual contribution of 25% of occupancy tax revenues. The first round of awards in 2024 provided funding for five projects, totaling 164 units, with both rental and homeownership opportunities.

The Housing Policy and Oversight Committee (HPOC) oversees the implementation of the Housing Action Fund, issuing the Notice of Opportunity for funding, reviewing applications, and making recommendations to the County Executive for consideration.

For more information on the Ulster County Housing Action Fund, visit the Participate Ulster website here: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/housing-action-fund>.



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Tri-Valley Lions' October Dinner Meeting at Casa Mia

(From Pg. 1) Also, during this meeting, the Tri-Valley Lions approved an \$800 donation to The Daniel Pierce Library with money earned from our Soda Booth during the Pumpkin Party on October 4, 2025, at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The Pumpkin Party was packed with vendors, children, and adults alike, probably due to the exquisitely perfect weather. It was so busy that the Volunteer Firefighter's booth across from the Tri-Valley Soda Booth, sold out of all their food, except for a few sausage & peppers heroes. The Lions Soda Booth ran out of all their sodas, seltzers, waters, and coffee due to the throngs of thirsty Pumpkin Party attendees.



Lion Hugh Delaney receiving Robert J Uplinger award



On Friday, October 10, 2025, Lions Ilene Wizwer and Patricia Menje set up a table in the Neversink General Store to provide brochures about Mental Health, County Services, and information regarding Lionism and The Tri-Valley Lions to customers coming into the store. Thanks to Mark McLewin, owner of the Neversink General Store, for always helping to support the Tri-Valley Lions mission.

On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Lion Leah Exner Chairperson for



the Peace Poster Contest and Lion Judges Lauree Novo-grotsky, Paula and Mike Ryan, Maryann Cosentino, Esta Jacob, Patricia Menje, Stephen and Susan Miller met at the Tri-Valley School to judge the Peace Posters done by students aged 11 to 13. This year, the Peace Poster contest's theme is "Together as One. Art teacher Maureen Winter presented several posters for the Lions to judge. All the posters were beautiful, but only one could be selected. We will announce the Tri-Valley winner in an upcoming Townsman Article, along with photos of the winner and all the posters. Peace Posters will be on display at the Daniel Pierce Library for all to see. The winning Tri-Valley Peace Poster will next be brought to the Lions International Convention at Resorts World on November 8, 2025, where the overall winning poster will be selected from all Lions districts.

Also, during the dinner meeting, three of Tri-Valley Lions were awarded the prestigious Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, for going above and beyond with their service to the Club and our Community. The Lions that received the Robert J Uplinger award are Lions Hugh Delaney Jr, Esta Jacob, and Stuart Wizwer. (see photos).

The Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award was established by the New York State and Bermuda Foundation in 1993. The award honors outstanding individuals (both Lions and non-Lions) or organizations who provide a significant service to their Club, District or Community. The award presentation included an engraved plaque and a letter of congratulations from the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation, Inc., along with a commemorative lapel pin.

Robert J. Uplinger became a member of the Syracuse Lions Club in 1946 where he served as Club president, Zone Chairman, and District Governor. He became a Lions International Director in 1964-66 and then he was elected to the prominent office as Lions International President in 1971-72. Uplinger was an industrial engineer and the owner/operator of Robert J. Uplinger, Inc., a distributor of power transmission equipment.

The Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award affirms the recipient's strong interest, dedication, and service to others through Lionism.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 48th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley Lions Club High School Community Service Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com



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The Town of Thompson Statement Regarding the Affiliation of Garnet Health Care with Montefiore Health System

October 17, 2025, Town of Thompson, NY;
Statement regarding the affiliation of Garnet
Health Care with Montefiore Health System:

The recent announcement of the affiliation between Garnet Health and Montefiore Health System is a tremendous benefit for the Town of Thompson and Sullivan County as a whole. The health and wellness of my constituents here in the Town of Thompson has always been a top priority of mine and that of the board, as evidenced by our collaborations with Sullivan 180 and our large investment into our parks. I am very excited to state that in my conversation with Jerry Dunleavy, CEO of Garnet Catskills, one of the key components of the deal was a commitment by Montefiore to both maintain and improve their presence in the two Thompson locations in Harris and Monticello and the Callicoon hospital.

With widespread cuts in our federal budget, rural health care services have been threatened and the very real threat of the closure of our main hospitals in Harris and Callicoon has us very concerned. Most recently I was with Sen. Schumer and Assemblywoman Paula Kay addressing this very issue. We will continue to monitor this affiliation and support it in any way possible.

Sullivan County has one of the poorest health ratings in NYS and The Town of Thompson has supported many efforts to improve these standings. This affiliation will go a long way toward preventing a giant step backward and, no doubt, save lives. I look forward to forging a similar relationship with Montefiore as I have had for years with Garnet to ensure that the residents of the Town of Thompson, as well as all of Sullivan County, have access to top quality healthcare here at home. On behalf of the Town of Thompson, we extend a warm welcome to Montefiore Health System.

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Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Announces

4th Annual HO&WL

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 Historian John Conway**

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

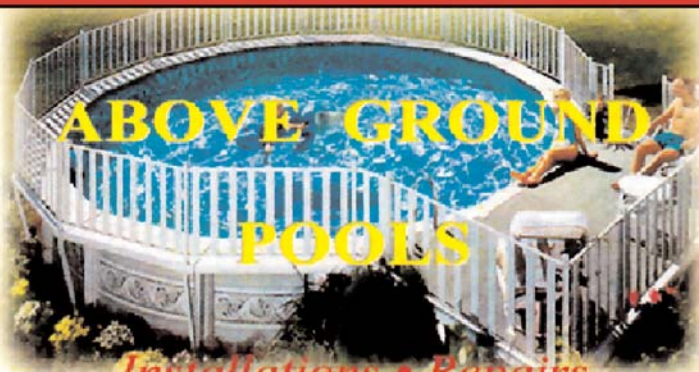
"This event is always fun, and John Conway can really tell a good ghost story" says Heather Jacksy, Director of Planning for Sullivan County's Division of Planning.

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

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

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

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Honoring Tri-Valley Softball Coach Pat Burke

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

Open Mic **Coming Up**

Every Sunday:

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

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

Every Wednesday:

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

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Shalom,

B"H the holiday season was truly amazing- Moving forward with "veyakov halach ledarcho" (and Yaakov continued on his way) is a perfect mindset, embracing the journey ahead with purpose and energy from the holiday season.

Since the Rabbi Sruli & Goldie could not join us over the holiday season they will be joining us for this Shabbos! We look forward to spending time together with them.

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

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

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

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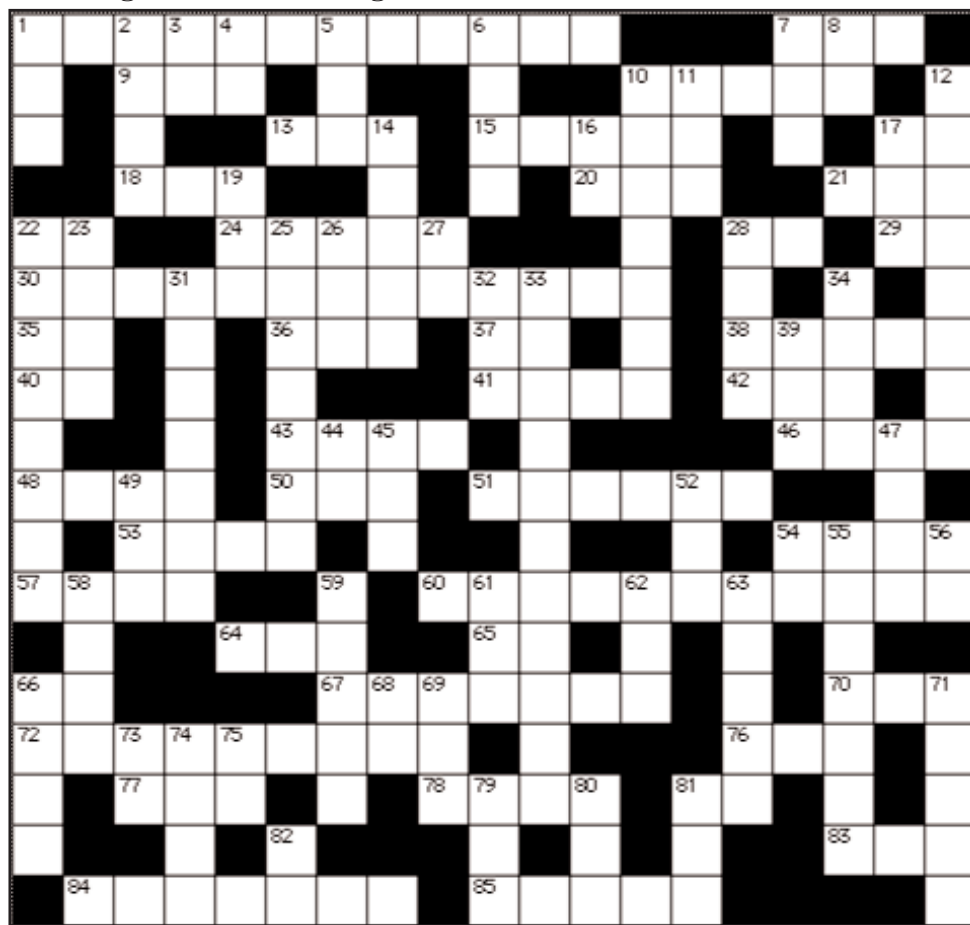
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ACROSS
 1 Relating to astronomy
 7 The sun personified
 9 Color of a sanguine moon
 10 Relating to the moon
 13 Precious stone
 15 Dishonest person
 17 Year (abbrev)
 18 Fruited pastry
 20 In the past
 21 Money paid for admission
 22 Printer's measure
 24 External form of something
 28 California
 29 Social Security (abbrev)
 30 A group of stars that form a particular pat-

tern and usually named for a mythological figure
 35 Archaic explanation
 36 Bitter beer
 37 Elevated railroad
 38 Distinct period in the process of change
 40 Not out
 41 Poetic exclamation
 42 A very long period of time
 43 Adam and Eve's garden
 46 Travel a specific distance
 48 A cover
 50 First phase of the moon
 51 Not wrinkled
 53 Lubricates
 54 Giant, troll

57 Roman statesman 234-149 BC who initiated reform and promoted Greek culture
 60 Act of joining
 64 Evergreen
 65 Bachelor of Arts
 66 Even though
 67 Potential pattern or curved path of a celestial object
 70 Knot tied with two loops
 72 A place east or west of the Greenwich meridian
 76 Member of indigenous people of Laos
 77 Not in
 78 Fight for breath
 81 Exist

DOWN
 1 Affix
 2 Snare
 3 Regarding
 4 Hypothetical power once thought to pervade nature
 5 Have an obligation to pay
 6 Enclosure
 7 Depressed
 8 Used to link alternatives
 10 Ion attached to metal atom by coordinate bonding
 11 Unidentified Flying Object
 12 The curved sickle shape of the waxing or waning moon
 14 Colorful autumn tree

popular in the TV area
 16 North America
 17 Affirmative response
 19 Eastern Standard Time
 22 A great circle on the celestial sphere representing the sun's apparent path
 23 Earth's natural satellite
 25 Abode of the moon, the planets and stars
 26 Entire
 27 Each (abbrev)
 28 Sleeveless cloak
 31 8th sign of the zodiac
 32 Hot brewed beverage
 33 Lights up
 34 Appearing to decrease in size
 39 In what manner
 44 Delaware

(abbrev)
 45 Female sheep
 47 1st century cruel Roman emperor
 49 Decay
 52 Product of 5 and 2

54 Old Testament
 55 When the observable part of the moon is greater than a semi circle but less than a circle
 56 Half an em
 58 Too
 59 Satisfaction resulting from one's own achieve-

ments
 61 Kimono's broad sash
 62 Uniform resource locator; IP address
 63 A series of events repeated in the same order
 66 Charity
 68 Road (abbrev)
 69 Seek alms
 71 The appar-

ent increase in size of an illuminated object
 73 Negative
 74 Long winged, web-footed sea bird
 75 Thing previously mentioned
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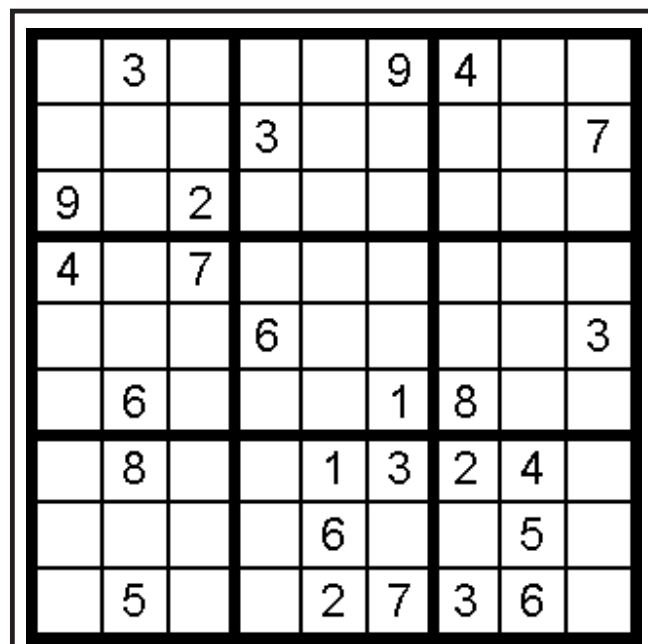
Grandma's Pumpkin Cookies

With Halloween just around the corner, why not bake up a batch of these yummy autumn spice cookies?

- 1 cup shortening
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- 1 cup Cooked, strained pumpkin
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Pre-heat oven to 375. Cream shortening and sugar. Mix in pumpkin, egg, and molasses. Stir in dry ingredients, spices and raisins. Drop cookie batter, by the spoonful, onto an ungreased baking sheet. Bake cookies 10 to 12 minutes.

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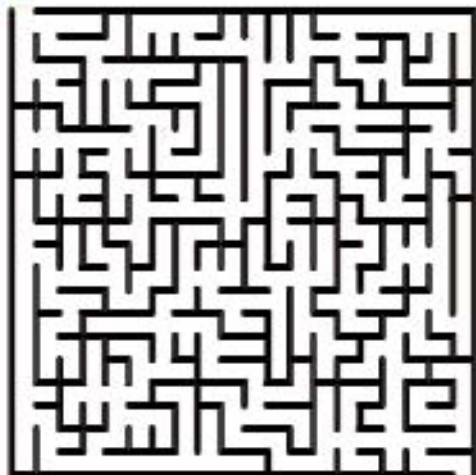
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RIFT	PECAN
CIDER	PLOW
FARM	RAKE



Can you find 5 differences between the 2 pictures?



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TOWN OF NEVERSINK PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, in the County of Sullivan, State of New York, on October 16, 2025, duly enacted Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025, entitled "A local law to override for fiscal year 2026 the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York," and entered it in its minutes. The aforesaid local law enables the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Section 3-c, to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2026 that exceeds the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c. Dated: October 20, 2025

HON. STACI CONJURA, Town Clerk

SC ROAD CLOSURE

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

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

The Sullivan County Ferndale Transfer Station will remain open during the road closure.

Sullivan County ROAD CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE REPAIR

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

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

SLAC MEETING AGENDA 10/31/25

The meeting will be held at 10AM in the Legislature Conference Room.

1. Update on the progress of the ACC's new management.
2. Update on the progress of the Homeless shelter situation, and how we can help decide where it should be placed.
3. Discussion regarding the merger of Garnet with Montefiore Hospitals, and how it will affect us in Sullivan County.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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

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(Spanish) 1:00 PM Sunday Afternoon
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**Sat., Nov. 1st
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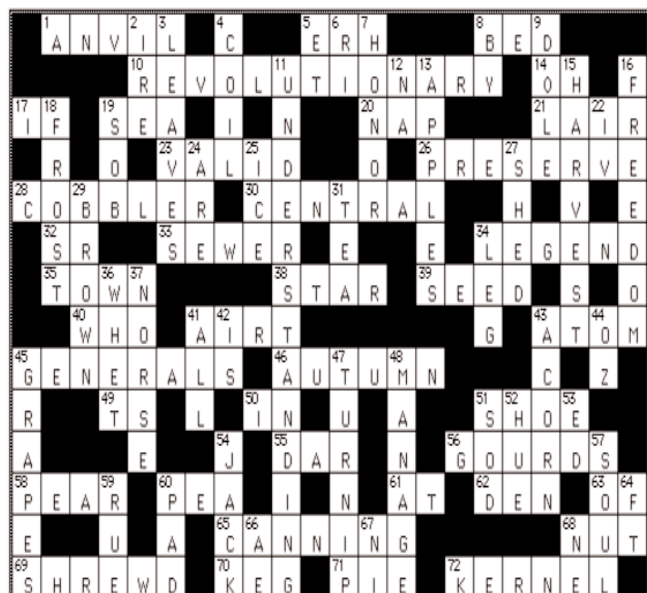
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/4/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
 11/1/25 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon (weather permitting)
 11/4/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
 11/4/25 Town of Neversink Holiday - **ELECTION DAY**
 11/8/25 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church
 11/12/25 Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
 11/12/25 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 11/19/25 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association** Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
 11/20/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
 11/20/25 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Weekly Update For The Week of

October 20 - October 24, 2025

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

Monday, October 20

4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 843 2710 7610 Passcode: 083029

5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston

6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, October 21

5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health, in the Director's Conference Room, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston

5:30 PM - Democratic Caucus, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

6:15 PM - Republican Caucus, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, Members of the Public May Also Attend at 663 Oregon Trail, Pine Bush, NY 12566 & Via Livestream at [youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature)

7:05 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 of 2025, A Local Law Amending § 312-4 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Increase The Income Range By Which Senior Land Owners With Limited Income Are Eligible For A Partial County Tax Exemption On Their Residence. Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session

Wednesday, October 22

9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District Board, in the Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, 5 Park Lane, Highland 12528

12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, 12419

7:30 PM - Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, October 23

No Meetings

Friday, October 24

No Meetings

Claryville Reformed Church
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Saturday, October 25th

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from 4:00 until 6:30

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

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 25th!

Sullivan 180 Scholarship Recognizes Volunteerism

Young leaders acknowledged for their dedication to building healthier places

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180, in partnership with The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, awarded two scholarships to volunteers who made a significant contribution to a 2025 Sullivan 180 project. These scholarships will be awarded for the spring 2026 semester to the following individuals:

William Cooper of Rock Hill brought his passion for leadership and service to his Eagle Scout project at Emma C.



William Cooper

Chase Elementary School, where he once attended. William led a team of volunteers in creating a lasting educational garden space for students by constructing a greenhouse, custom tool shed, trellises, and improved pathways. "It felt especially meaningful to give back to the school that helped shape me," William reflected. "Seeing the garden transform into a functional space for students and teachers was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life." William is a freshman at SUNY Brockport studying accounting, a field he chose for its mix of problem-solving, organization, and lifelong learning.



Aiden Tambascio of Jeffersonville dedicated his time to the Sullivan West Beautification Project. His work centered on transforming the high school campus by revitalizing the bulldog sign and flagpole area. Aiden personally removed old plants and sod, dug new planting holes, and mulched the refreshed spaces. Beyond the physical labor, he spearheaded the effort by advocating for the project for years and securing donations of mulch and plants from local stores. "This project has been a dream of mine since I was a freshman," Aiden said. "To finally see it completed and know I helped leave a lasting impact on the school community is something I'll always carry



with me." Aiden is a freshman at Delaware Valley University studying agriculture, horticulture, and crop production, with aspirations to provide fresh produce and help create a healthier generation.

For more information on the work and initiatives of Sullivan 180, visit www.Sullivan180.org or call (845) 295-2680.



Aiden Tambascio

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.

Ulster County Honors Former County Clerk Nina Postupack with Dedication Ceremony and Archives Gallery Naming

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck joined family, colleagues, and local



officials to honor the late Nina Postupack, former Ulster County Clerk, with a dedication ceremony at the Ulster County Office Building. The ceremony marked the official unveiling of the newly named Nina A. Postupack Archives Gallery, a permanent tribute to Postupack's 45 years of distinguished public service and her lifelong commitment to historical preservation.

Held on the second floor of the County Office Building –where Postupack spent the vast majority of her career – the ceremony featured remarks from County Executive Metzger, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Acting Clerk Bruck, and Nina's husband, Duane. The ceremony was followed by a ribbon cutting hosted by the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, and the space was then opened to the public for an open house, giving residents the opportunity to pay tribute to a beloved public servant whose legacy continues to inspire.

"Nina was a shining example of the very best qualities of a public servant, with an unflinching commitment to the highest standard of service and to treating every individual that walked through the doors of this building with compassion, kindness, fairness, and respect," said County Executive Metzger. "Dedicating the second floor archives gallery in Nina's name is a fitting tribute to her extraordinary career, her dedicated work to preserve our history, and the deep impact she had on our County."

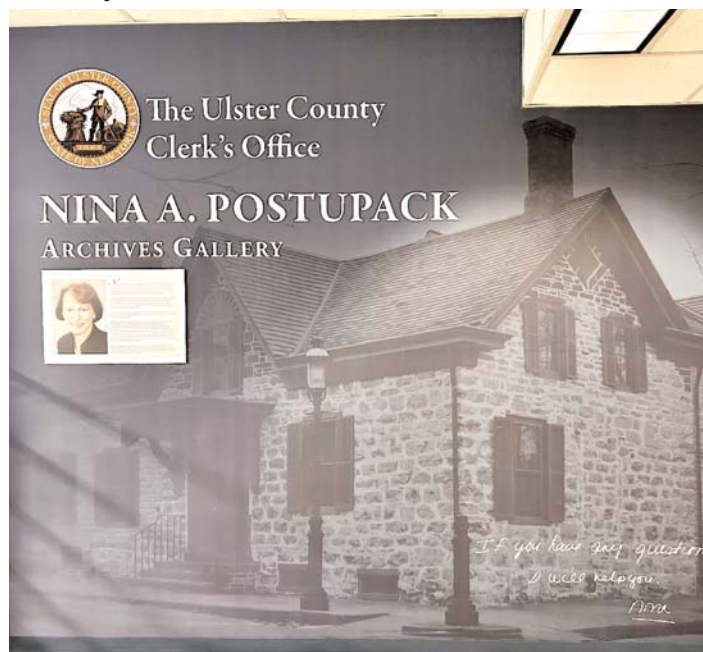
"The Nina Postupack Archives Gallery is a fitting tribute to a leader whose vision reshaped the County Clerk's Office," said Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck. "Nina's commitment to service, education, and preservation elevated the standard of county government. Her work continues to echo through every record preserved, every student inspired, and every resident served."



"Nina Postupack was a faithful, dedicated and compassionate leader whose unwavering service enriched the lives of the people of Ulster County," said Duane Postupack. "As the first female County Clerk in the county's history, she broke barriers with grace, integrity, and a deep commitment to public service. Her vision and tireless efforts ensured that Ulster County's rich history would be preserved and shared with pride. This second-floor archival dedication stands as a lasting tribute to Nina's strength, spirit, and devotion - a reflection of her legacy and her lifelong commitment to making our history accessible and meaningful to all generations."

Postupack began her career in the County Clerk's office in 1979, was appointed Deputy County Clerk of the Recording Department in 1982, Chief Deputy Clerk in 1990, and Acting Clerk in 2005. She made history in 2006 when she was elected Ulster County Clerk, becoming the first woman elected to a Countywide office in Ulster County. She retired in August 2024, leaving behind a legacy of excellence, integrity, and dedication.

The dedication of the Archives Gallery follows a unanimous resolution by the Ulster County Legislature earlier this year to rename the second floor of the County Office Building in honor of Nina Postupack. This action came in response to a resolution submitted by County Executive Jen Metzger proposing that the entire County



Office Building bear Postupack's name - a reflection of her extraordinary legacy and decades of service to Ulster County.

The gallery wall on the second floor of the County Office Building now stands as a lasting symbol of Postupack's contributions to public service and her tireless efforts to preserve Ulster County's rich history.

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UC Executive Jen Metzger Invited to Testify at State Senate Roundtable on New York's Climate Target

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger was asked to provide testimony and participate in a virtual roundtable on Monday convened by New York State Senators Liz Krueger and Pete Harckham, the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Environmental Conservation Committees, respectively, to discuss steps that need to be taken to meet the emissions reduction targets of the NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Senator Michelle Hinchey also participated in the roundtable discussion with local leaders.

County Executive Metzger emphasized the need for stronger state support to help communities meet emissions reduction targets affordably and equitably. "Ulster County is committed to doing its part - we're electrifying government fleets and buildings, improving energy efficiency, and investing in renewable energy to meet our electricity needs cleanly and locally, but to meet emissions reduction targets on a community- and economy-wide basis, the state is going to have to step up efforts to support the clean energy transition affordably and equitably."

County Executive Metzger's full testimony is attached to this press release.

For more info on the Roundtable:

www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2025/pete-harckham/harckham-krueger-host-climate-leadership-roundtable

Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Partners for First Round of Charm Mural Initiative

*Led by the New York State Council on the Arts,
Program Will Support the Creation of 56 Murals
Statewide*

Today, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the selection of 11 community partners across the state to create 56 new murals through the Cultivating Havens for the Arts through Regional Murals (CHARM) program. A new initiative of Governor Hochul, this inaugural phase of CHARM will support the creation of art across 21 counties, tapping into New York's unmatched artistic community to enhance existing community spaces, celebrate local culture, drive visitation and promote civic engagement. This public art program is administered by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA).

"Public art inspires and educates - it strengthens our

civic pride and brings us together," Governor Kathy Hochul said. "By supporting our innovative creative sector to work with communities all across the state, CHARM will reimagine everyday public spaces as vibrant destinations for visitors and residents alike."

The first round of CHARM is supported by \$1 million in state funding secured in Governor Hochul's FY25 Enacted Budget and will include murals from individual artists, community-based design and collaborative projects. Sites are outdoors, publicly accessible and include spaces such as library entrances, theatres and recreation centers. Program partners were chosen for their deep-rooted knowledge of their regions, experience managing mural projects, connections to regional artists and ability to listen to both creators and community needs. Mural designs range from scenic depictions, to portraits of notable residents, to dazzling abstract patterns, to expressions of community pride. All murals will be completed by November 2025.

Public art is a powerful vehicle for artistic expression and placemaking - and often the first interaction a person may have with the arts. Public art projects can transform communities into cultural centers, foster greater community pride, and bridge gaps between local communities, businesses, and government.

The community partners are:

- o Albany Center Gallery (Capital Region)
- o 2 murals in the city of Albany
- o Arts Center Lake Placid (North Country Region)
- o 3 murals in Lake Placid and Ausable Forks
- o The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (Southern Tier Region)
- o 10 murals in Elmira, Odessa, Owego, Canisteo, and Salamanca
- o Arts Mid-Hudson (Mid-Hudson Region)
- o 3 murals in Monroe, Millbrook, and Pine Hill
- o Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County and Ithaca Murals (Southern Tier Region)
- o 14 murals in Ithaca and across the Village of Brooktondale in the Town of Caroline, and the Town of Ithaca
- o Huntington Arts Council (Long Island Region)
- o 4 murals in Southold, Bay Shore, and Huntington
- o Roc Paint Division and WALL\THERAPY (Finger Lakes Region)
- o 3 murals in Rochester

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Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Partners for First Round of Charm Mural Initiative

(From Pg. 30)

- o Patchogue Arts Council (Long Island Region)
- o 3 murals in Patchogue
- o Saratoga Arts Council (Mohawk Valley Region)
- o 6 murals in Old Forge, Middleburgh, Gloversville, Oneonta, Canajoharie, Utica
- o Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board (Western NY Region)
- o 7 murals in Faulkner Village, Dunkirk City, Town of Sherman, Salamanca, Gowanda Village, and Alfred
- o Artist Chris Murray and the Syracuse Public Art Commission (Central NY Region)
- o 1 mural in Syracuse

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "We are so proud to work together with our program partners across the state to bring the Governor's initiative to life. Through this work, we will create magnetic destinations that energize communities, attract visitors, and foster connections. Creative placemaking works beyond the physical space, it invigorates the human connections that make our communities thrive."

About the New York State Council on the Arts

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 ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award over \$161 million in FY 2026, serving organizations and artists across all 10 state regions. 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. 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.

Casting Call: Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop

Come one, Come all? Get in early on the Holiday Spirit. Now is your chance to join your friends at your local community theatre to help usher in the holidays. Looking to cast actors (experienced or not) in three wonderful, short plays.

First, "The Big Little Jesus" based on a 1953 episode of

the radio show Dragnet

On Christmas Eve, two police officers investigate the theft of a statue of the infant Jesus from a Los Angeles church. It is imperative that the statue be found before the Midnight Mass service. Ultimately, the statue is returned in an unexpected and heartwarming turn of events.

Seeking 12 actors: 5 males, 2 young boys, 5 other roles non-gender specific

Second, "Our Miss Brooks - Christmas Gift Mix-up".

Working on a limited budget, Miss Brooks regifts a present given to her by her landlady to her colleague Mr. Bynton, who subsequently regifts the item to Principal Conklin. In turn, Conklin regifts the item to the Head of the Board of Education. As the characters unknowingly regift the same item, hilarious comedic confusion ensues. Seeking 7 actors' Miss Brooks, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Conklin, Mrs. Davis, Waler and Harriet (2 students & Mr. Stone.

Third, for the children, "A Gift for Molly".

With Christmas rapidly approaching, Molly, who is of the Jewish faith, grows increasingly upset that all school activities focus on Christmas rather than Hanukkah. In this heartwarming tale, Molly's classmates devise a plan to provide Molly with an unexpected holiday "Gift".

Looking to cast: an announcer, Molly, Teacher, Bubbe, Rabbi and 4 of Molly's classmates.

Open auditions for all three plays on Sunday, October 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 and Monday, October 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. For information: peternastasi1@verizon.net.

Liberty Museum to Host 31st Harvest Fest and Chili Cook-off

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center will host its 31st Harvest Fest and Great Chili Cook-off Saturday, October 25th, from noon until 4PM, at the Museum at 46 South Main Street in Liberty.

The festival opens with a poem presented by Liberty's own Poet Laureate Marilyn Laufer, followed immediately by the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Creation Station, a free art-exchange kiosk, where artists donate small artworks for the community to take and enjoy. Reminiscences of the Pursuit of Happiness cafe and music club will follow.

But the highlight of the festival is the Great Chili Cook-Off, beginning at 2 PM, with mouth-watering chilis from a slew of local restaurants and from home cooks as well, all vying for the best chili in their own categories. Meat, vegetarian and vegan chilis will be on hand. For a \$10 donation, visitors get to try all the chilis and vote for their favorites. No one leaves hungry.

The Museum's Fall hours are noon-until 4PM every Saturday and Sunday, or anytime by appointment. Admission is free. Check out our new website at www.libertymuseumandartscenter.org or for more information call (845) 807-6055.



Sundown
United
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Church



Nov 8, 2025
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
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Join Us to Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Anniversary!

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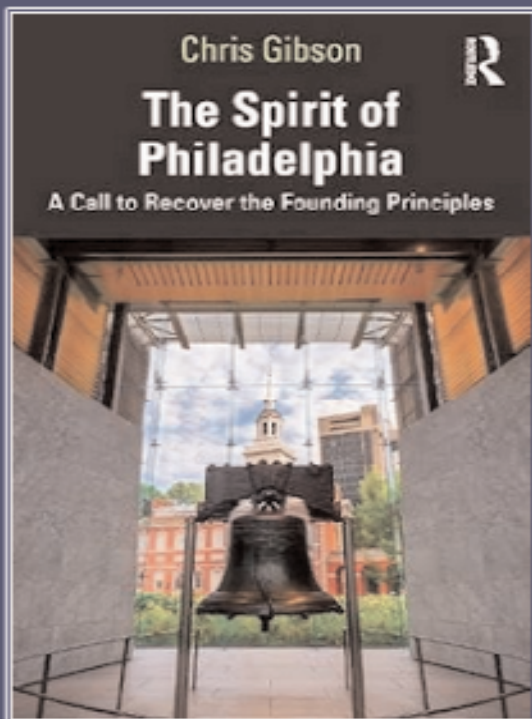
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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

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

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

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

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

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

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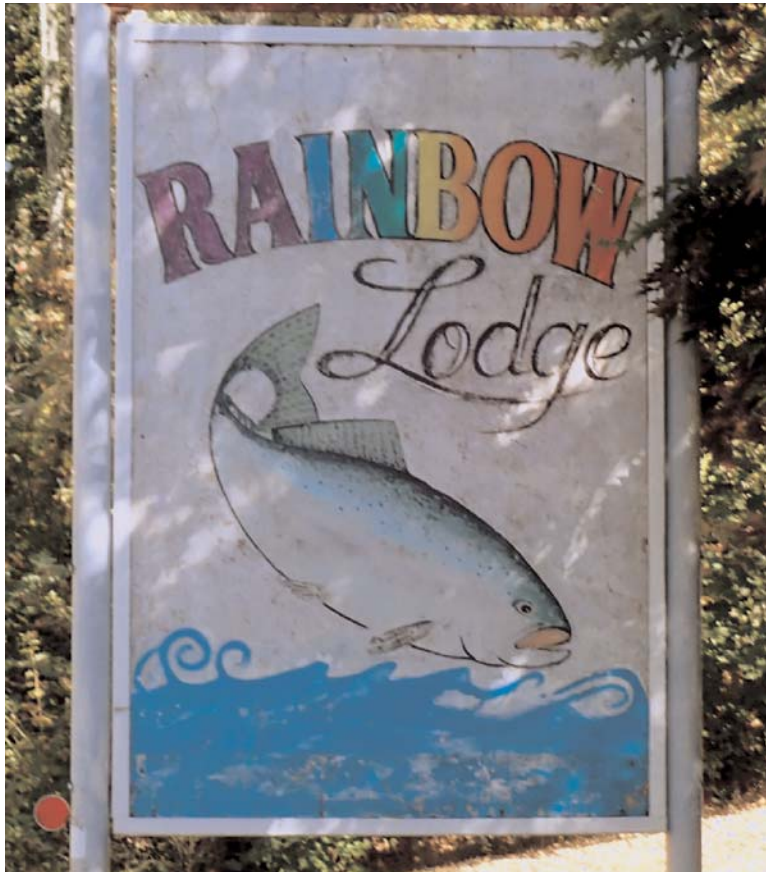
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BLUE MOUNTAINS TROUT NEWS



The photo above portrays an existing sign of the former Rainbow Lodge. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

October Meeting to feature the Historic Rainbow Lodge

Thursday, October 23 is our next chapter meeting - 7 PM at the Boiceville Inn on NY 28. After the business meeting we are excited to announce that Ed Kahil will be our special guest speaker telling tales and showing a PowerPoint of the golden age of Esopus Creek. You don't want to miss this, and we hope to whet your appetite a tad with the following.

Tales about Dick Kahil's storied Rainbow Lodge are cherished by old-time Esopus Creek anglers. Mac Francis included one in his Catskill Rivers magnum opus. Arnold Gingrich acknowledged this Esopus Creek landmark in three of his books: *The Joys of Trout*, *The Fishing in Printing*, and *The Well-Tempered Angler*. Gingrich described this anglers' hangout as a "typical Catskill boardinghouse" with "sort of Edwardian charm and a

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A young Ed Kahil with an impressive rainbow trout.
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shabby-genteel vestige of tone." In *The Fishing in Print*, Gingrich fondly included a Preston Jennings' article about the night Jennings learned of the 'Royal Coachman' hatch. The story went like this, "We're in a dimly lit room beclouded with pipe and cigarette smoke. In the far corner is a small bar where Dick Kahil, the genial host, is mixing the third round of vodka and tonic. It has been a long hot day, with no fish moving..." A flyfisher comes in late, and Kahil asks, "How did you make out?" The angler describes several large trout he caught at dark on a Fanwing Royal Coachman. The room was in utter disbelief, but now the secret was out...he fished a Royal Coachman dry fly when *Isonychia* mayflies abound. (Contd. Pg. 41)

Blue Mountain Trout News (From Pg. 40)



Judy and Ed Van Put in 2010.
(Photo by Lee Van Put)

Judy Van Put to Speak at the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection on Nov. 2

On Sunday, November 2, from 1 to 3 PM at the Phoenicia Library, Judy Van Put will present a program celebrating the life and career of her husband, Ed, as part of the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection's "Sporting Legends of the Catskills" series. Author Nick Lyons will join her in conversation.

Ed and Judy shared a passion for fishing and a love of the Catskills since they met in the late 1970's. Judy will share memories of their life together and will talk about his multifaceted career as a DEC Fisheries professional, conservationist, fly fisher and fly tyer par excellence, historian and author, and father and grandfather.

Copies of Ed's latest book, *A Flyfisher's Revelations: Practical Tips, Strategies, and Wisdom from Fifty Years Experience*, will be available for sale.

Download the event flyer for more details.

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Mark Loete on Broadstreet Hollow.
Photo by Mark McCarroll.

A Note From Your Former APWC-TU President, Mark Loete

For those who haven't yet heard the news about the election of new officers...due to pending health issues, I am resigning my position as President of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of

Trout Unlimited. Long-time Vice President Tony Coccozza will be assuming the role of President, and I will assume his former role as Vice-President. John Yanzek continues to fill the role of chapter Treasurer above and beyond anyone's expectations, and Forrest Hutchinson continues to do the heavy lifting as the Recording Secretary. So chapter members can rest assured that the same leadership team will remain in place, just with a shift in responsibilities.

Our APWC-TU has been around for 35 years and has become an influential and respected voice in the Catskills conservation community. The deep fly fishing experience, history, commitment and passion toward our sport, embodied in our members, is unparalleled. I joined the chapter in 2004 hoping to sharpen my fly fishing skills by co-mingling with some of the masters of the sport, i.e. some of the senior members of the chapter. I quickly found that one's fly fishing skills were the tip of an iceberg - an iceberg of water quality issues, land use practices, access disputes, climate change impact, flood mitigation...an onion being peeled.

Thanks to the best efforts of a committed, talented Board of Directors, our chapter has thrived despite challenges like the Covid 19 pandemic. Today, judging by the growing number of new faces at our events, TU's message of "CPR" - Conserve, Protect, and Restore our nation's cold-water fisheries (starting at home) - continues to resonate among a new generation of anglers who have discovered the pleasures of casting a fly.

It has been an honor, sometimes a joy, usually a pleasure, and a secret ego boost to serve in a leadership role to so many like-minded people who bring so much integrity and commitment to our table. So... deepest thanks and gratitude to all those who have helped me along in my leadership role, and to all those who have empowered the APWC-TU to be the voice of our beloved Catskill trout.

Tight lines and fair winds,

Mark Loete

Past President, APWC-TU

Looking back on our Fall Fundraiser

Details of the Fund Raiser/Stewardship evening, held on September 13, 2025, are now available. It was another very successful event, thanks to committee members John Yanzek, Yuki Asada, and George Holz. And special thanks to the leadership and tireless efforts of John and his wife Amanda. Also, thanks to all chapter members and friends, who assisted with this event, particularly the night of the dinner (you know who you are). You helped make this happen in many supporting ways. Seventy folks attended this year's event, which netted the chapter \$7,559.83!

This represents \$1000 more than the 2024 efforts and the largest net ever of a chapter dinner/fund raiser. Job well done!

We'd like to thank donors and supporters!

To start with, a few special acknowledgments:

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Special Fundraiser report from John Yanzek:

Our recent Trout Unlimited Fundraising & Stewardship Dinner, held on September 13 at the Phoenicia Diner, turned out to be a night to remember. Good food, great company, and a shared love for cold, clean Catskill waters made for the perfect mix of camaraderie, conservation, and fly-fishing history.

Among the guests were APW TU members Janice Robinson and Corey Escoto, both of whom serve on the board of the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers (TGF). As the evening rolled along and bids came in for the silent auctions, one item in particular caught Janice's attention—a vintage Orvis fly wallet filled with beautifully hand-tied streamer flies crafted by Catskill native, the late Roger Menard. The wallet was generously donated by Roger's wife, Lisa Menard.

Janice and Corey immediately recognized the name—and the artistry. Roger Menard was one of the founding directors of the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, a pioneering organization dedicated to protecting the very waters that shaped his craft. Seeing an opportunity to bring Roger's work “home,” Janice placed the winning bid and arranged for the flies to be preserved in TGF's historical archives, where they'll be shared, remembered, and appreciated by generations of anglers to come.

“We are deeply grateful to accept your generous donation of streamers tied by Roger Menard, which carry both personal artistry and historical significance,” wrote Kitty Stanton, Chair of the TGF Archives Committee. “Menard, listed among the original directors of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, made his home waters in the Eastern Catskills—the very rivers and streams that remain at the heart of TGF's mission today.”

These streamers now rest among TGF's documents, photographs, and artifacts that tell the story of American fly fishing's conservation roots—a story still being written by today's anglers and stewards.

Moments like this occasionally pop-up to remind us that what we do together—whether at a dinner, a cleanup, or on the water—is part of something much bigger. We're carrying forward a tradition that connects past and present

through the rivers we love and continue to protect. And thank you Lisa for helping this to happen.

Current Chapter Officers

Following our September 25 annual meeting/election, current chapter officers and directors are as follows:

Officers:

President - Tony Cocozza
Vice President - Mark Loete
Secretary - Forrest Hutchinson
Treasurer - John Yanzek

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- 2025-2026 Directors: Yuki Asada, Chris Hensley, Jody Hoyt, Chet Karwowski, Ed Ostapczuk
- 2025-2027 Directors: George Holz, BJ Leifeld, Jr, Russell Martin, Roy Meyerhoff

Past-president Director: Mark Loete, but Mark only has a single board vote.

Thanks to these chapter members for serving and leading this organization.



Each brook trout is measured as part of the survey process. Photo by Madeline Adams.

Heritage Brook Trout Study Update

Board member Yuki Asada sent 2024 brook trout fin clippings to the Hubbard Center for Genome Studies at the University of New Hampshire, and they acknowledged their safe receipt. It will probably take upwards of two months before sequencing results are available, at which time Dr. Spencer Bruce will analyze these results.

International Fly Tying Symposium

In case you're interested, and didn't know, this event will be held November 15 and 16, 2025. More information can be found on the event website at <https://internationalflytyingsymposium.com/>

Treasurer's Report

John Yanzek reported at the end of September the chapter's total cash assets were \$19,201.93. Of this, \$18,011.41 are in the general fund and \$1,190.52 are in the conservation fund, which can only be used for conservation purposes. Note, the end of September cash assets do not reflect the entire income of our September Fund Raiser event. More to come.

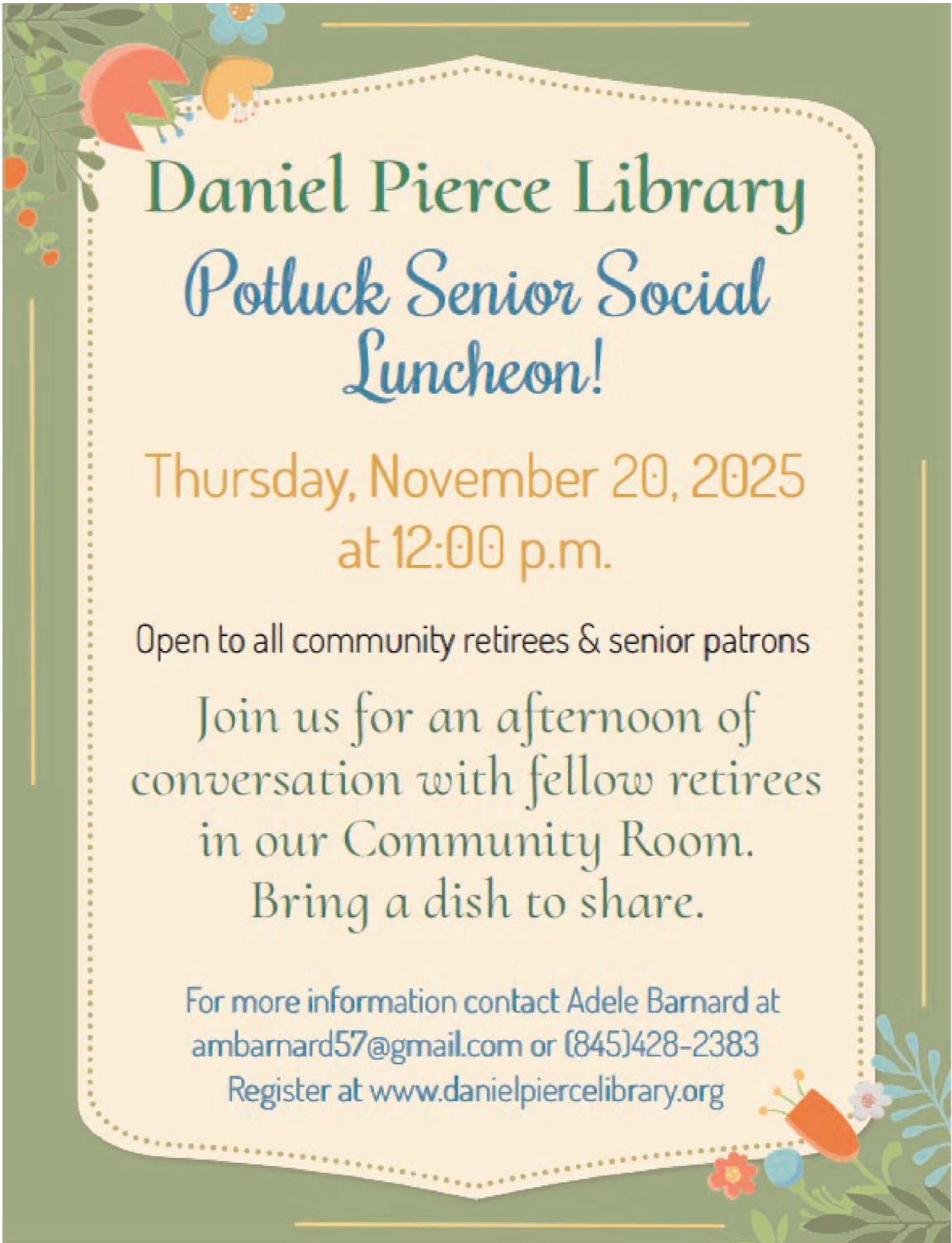
Precipitation Report

Jody Hoyt reported in September Boiceville experienced 2 rain events with 5.27 inches of rain having a weighted pH of 5.7. September of 2024 had 4 events but only 1.51 inches of rain with a 6.2 weighted pH.

Membership

If you have membership questions or concerns, or know someone who wants to join our chapter, please contact Russell Martin at <mailto:rmartintu@gmail.com>?subject=TU%20membership%20inquiry. You can also join the chapter online at <http://tu.org/join559>.

Until next time,
Ed Ostapczuk



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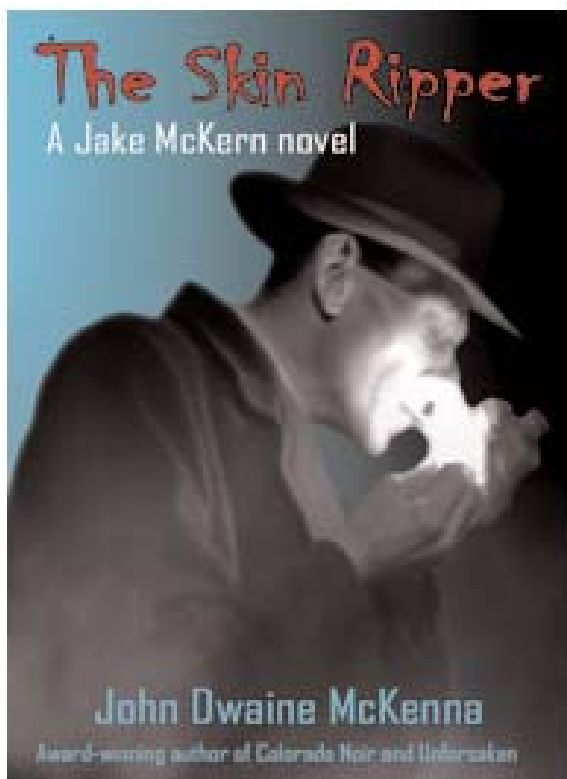
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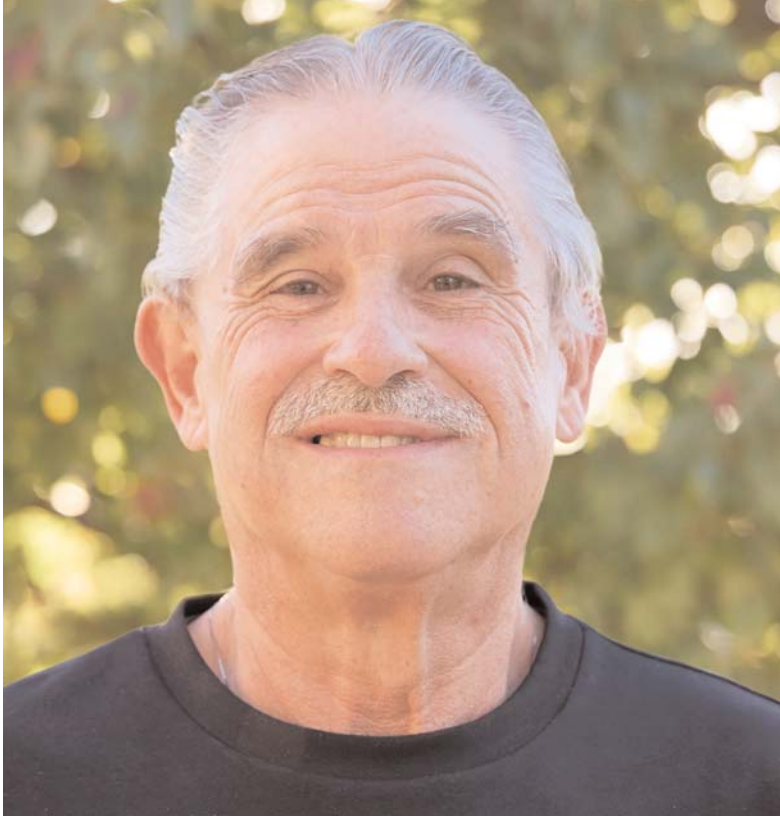
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Martin Colavito, Community Organizer, to Receive 2025 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award

Fallsburg, NY - October 21, 2025 - The SYDA Foundation has announced that Martin Colavito of Liberty, New York, has



Martin Colavito

been selected as the recipient of the 2025 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award. The SYDA Foundation sponsors this annual award to recognize and honor local citizens for outstanding and enduring service to the Sullivan County community. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the award.

The SYDA Foundation Community Service Award presentation will take place on Wednesday, November 19, at 1 p.m. at the Sullivan County Government Center's Legislative Meeting Room at 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This prestigious award includes a certificate of merit for outstanding service to the Sullivan County community and a monetary gift to be distributed by the recipient to the charities of their choice. In honor of the award's 40th anniversary, the SYDA Foundation has increased the monetary gift to \$7,500.

The Community Service Award selection committee, comprised of past award recipients and local civic leaders, chose Martin (Marty) Colavito to receive this year's award in recognition of his decades of service as a community organizer, improving his neighbors' access to food, health services, housing, educational services, and other vital services. In addition, Marty spent twelve years of his career providing substance abuse treatment and prevention in under-resourced neighborhoods.

Marty grew up in the Bronx and, in the 1970s, he became a community organizer working on tenant issues and counseling people dealing with substance use disorders.

In 1982, he moved to Sullivan County with his wife, Lynn, and continued his life of community service.

Marty was Director of Prevention and Adolescent Services for Catholic Charities from 2007 to 2019, where he served as a certified clinical alcohol and substance abuse counselor. Currently, he is the Prevention Programs Issue Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, continuing to serve the community with an emphasis on substance abuse treatment and prevention.

In 2010, Marty was instrumental in organizing Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT), a diverse partnership of community members, business owners, and agencies committed to compassionately guiding people in need to appropriate human services. SALT also supports harm reduction efforts through grassroots outreach and educational engagement and through supporting substance abuse prevention programs. Marty serves on SALT's Committee for Equity and Justice (CEJ), which advocates for equity and justice for all members of the Sullivan County community.

In collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Marty in 2020 created Sullivan Fresh Community Cupboard, a food pantry and emergency food delivery service to address the growing need for food security in the area. He is actively involved in the program, which serves more than 700 people each week.

"Marty's contributions are not just about what he does but how he does it with kindness, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to making the world a better place," a member of the selection committee shared about Marty. "His daily actions serve as a testament to his exceptional character and his profound impact on the community."

Upon learning he received this year's Community Service Award, Marty said, "There are so many good people in this community-it's incredibly humbling. Truth be told, I'm nothing without the people I serve."

Marty and his wife, Lynn, live in Liberty and have two daughters and three granddaughters.

The SYDA Foundation, located in the Town of Fallsburg since 1979, is a not-for-profit organization that makes Siddha Yoga meditation available to students around the world. In addition to sponsoring the Community Service Award, the SYDA Foundation contributes to the Sullivan County community through annual monetary donations to the four local volunteer fire departments, Fallsburg Police Department, Fallsburg Central School District, and Garnet Medical Center Catskills-Harris, and through its philanthropic expression-PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program-that has provided over 104,600 dental procedures for low-income children.

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Democrats' Blatant Shutdown Hypocrisy

Democrat leaders such as Senator Chuck Schumer and Representative Hakeem Jeffries are celebrating a government shutdown that is hurting working families, small businesses, and our national security. While they posture for the cameras, troops are preparing to miss paychecks, federal workers face furloughs, and local economies across Upstate New York are feeling the strain. Instead of backing the same clean, bipartisan funding bill they supported more than a dozen times under President Biden, Democrats are demanding \$1.5 trillion in new spending to fund their political agenda. Their proposal includes taxpayer-funded healthcare for illegal immigrants, climate programs overseas, and cuts to hospitals that serve rural communities. For years, Schumer and Jeffries called shutdowns reckless and harmful. Now, they're bragging that "every day gets better." Their hypocrisy is disgraceful.

House Republicans have already voted to reopen the government, pay our troops, and keep essential services running. Democrats blocked it multiple times. They claim to want negotiations, yet there's nothing to negotiate when our bill contains no partisan riders or new spending. What they truly want is a secret deal that forces taxpayers to bankroll their far-left wish list. They talk about transparency while pushing backroom deals, and they claim to care about families even as they left women and children without support until President Trump stepped in to restore nutrition programs. The double standard is glaring, and the American people see right through it. It's time to end the political games and get the government working for the people again.

Democrat Shutdown Freezes Small Business Funding and Threatens Jobs

The Democrat-led shutdown is strangling Main Street and hurting working families across Upstate New York. The Small Business Administration has now halted new loans and guarantees, leaving countless small businesses cut off from the funding they rely on to make payroll, buy equipment, and rebuild after disasters. Every day this continues, local employers lose millions, projects are delayed, and jobs are at risk. Federal contracts, exports, and mortgages are also frozen, compounding the damage to our economy. House Republicans passed a responsible plan to keep our government open and our economy strong, but Democrats are refusing to act. They could end this today, yet they continue to bow to the far-left activists controlling their party. It's shameful, un-American, and it's time to get the government working for hardworking Americans again.

Removing my Yellow Ribbon!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdRK2UEXgTA>

The yellow ribbon I wore was a constant reminder of the hostages' suffering and the unwavering courage of their families,

who refused to lose hope. I can finally take it off because our living hostages are home, and peace has been restored through American strength. President Trump's decisive leadership freed 20 hostages, returned 10 remains, and secured a historic Middle East peace deal that the world said was impossible. This moment is proof that peace is earned through strength, not rhetoric. When America leads with conviction, freedom advances and the world becomes a safer place.

ICYMI: Trump Peace and Prosperity Award

The Nobel Peace Prize once represented strength and moral clarity, but it has lost its way, rewarding politics over true achievement. President Donald J. Trump's record speaks for itself: he negotiated the historic Abraham Accords, brought Israel and Arab nations together in an unprecedented peace deal, crushed ISIS, deterred Iran, kept North Korea in check, and restored American credibility abroad. His steady leadership once again changed the course of history with the new peace agreement between Israel and Hamas, securing a comprehensive ceasefire and the release of hostages, building directly on the foundation he laid through strength and bold diplomacy. That is why I am calling for the creation of the Trump Peace and Prosperity Award, a new global honor that recognizes leaders who promote peace through strength, freedom, human rights, and economic progress. This award will restore integrity to the cause of peace and remind the world that lasting stability is achieved not through weakness or appeasement, but through American strength and resolve.

TO READ MORE, CLICK HERE

<https://www.newsmax.com/us/claudia-tenney-donald-trump-nobel-peace-prize/2025/10/11/id/1229968/>

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. 662, the Promoting Domestic Energy Production Act: This bill would amend the tax code to allow companies to deduct costs associated with domestic energy exploration. Affordable domestic energy is critical to American households and prevents reliance on foreign adversaries. This bipartisan bill helps to eliminate barriers for energy companies, ensuring that the U.S. becomes energy dominant again.

H.R. 4974, the DETECT Act of 2025: This bill would require the Comptroller General of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to submit a report to Congress on the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) to assist in detecting tax fraud. In Fiscal Year 2024, the IRS identified over \$9 billion in fraud related to tax and financial crimes. This bill will help the IRS further enhance its efforts to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse by evaluating how AI can safeguard taxpayer dollars.

H.R. 795, the Pregnancy Is Not An Illness Act: This bill would prohibit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from treating pregnancy as an illness for the purposes of approving any abortion drug. Additionally, this bill would nullify approval of any abortion drug that relied at all on the treatment of pregnancy as an illness. Children are not diseases, and any abortion drugs approved under the pretext of an illness should be immediately prohibited.



While Washington remains in budget battle chaos, I've remained hard at work and focused on my mission of serving you and your family.

I will never stop fighting for a more affordable, more safe, and more free Hudson Valley. Here's some of how I fought for you this past week:

HELPING SENIORS SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE

Attention Hudson Valley seniors: Medicare open enrollment started this past Wednesday, October 15, and runs until December 7!

You can sign up and change plans at Medicare.gov.

My team is here to help guide you through the process and access the care that's right for you, please reach out at 845-443-2930 if we can assist you.

COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

Our Hispanic community's contributions to the Hudson Valley are invaluable and truly cherished.

Last Saturday's Hispanic Heritage Month Flag Raising in Newburgh was a perfect celebration of that.

I want to give a big thank you to the City of Newburgh - especially Councilmember Giselle Martinez - for organizing a spectacular day!

CELEBRATING ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Ulster County Italian Festival's organizers always do a phenomenal job of bringing the community together.

This year's festival will hold a special place in our hearts, having honored the festival's founders, Tony Marmo and the late Nina Postupack - true champions of Ulster County.

HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES

Our fallen firefighters and first responders are absolute heroes - we owe them a debt we can never repay.

I'm grateful that my team could join for Dutchess County's truly moving ceremony to honor them.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Do you need help signing up for Medicare, getting your IRS tax return, or applying for federal student aid?

My team is bringing one-on-one assistance with federal programs right to you in your own community with the CARES Van - hope you can join one of the upcoming events!

If you can't make an event, please reach out to my team at (845) 443-2930.

GIVING THANKS THAT THE HOSTAGES ARE HOME

As of this past Tuesday, every living hostage kidnapped by Hamas is back in their loved ones' arms. It is truly beautiful to watch families reunited in joy and relief after over two years of anguish.

A lasting peace is within reach - I am more hopeful than ever we can get there.

THANKING OUR DISABILITY COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

Wraparound Services of the Hudson Valley provides invaluable support and resources that uplift and empower our disabili-

ty community.

I'm grateful that my team was able to join for their annual Accessibility Awareness Day to present them with a Congressional Certificate honoring and thanking them for their service to our community.

MAKING BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS ACCESSIBLE

Breast cancer is the most common cancer and everyone deserves access to life-saving screenings.

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, find out if you or a loved one may qualify for free or low-cost screenings by calling 1-866-442-CANCER (1-866-442-2262) or visiting the New York State Department of Health's Cancer Services Program's website here. <https://health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/services/>

BRINGING AWARENESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES

I want to give a huge thank you to the organizers of last weekend's Community Day for Domestic Violence Awareness in Wappinger's Falls - a crucially important event to provide resources and support for survivors and information for the entire community.

I'm grateful that my team could join with the CARES Van.

If you or someone you know is a survivor of domestic violence and needs support, help is always here - find resources at the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence's New York State Program Directory here. <https://www.nyscadv.org/find-help/program-directory.html>

During this Domestic Violence Awareness Month and always, let's do our part to support survivors and work towards ending domestic violence by spreading the word about these resources.

SHOUTING OUT OUR FARMERS AND FOOD BANKS

This past Thursday, we celebrated World Food Day. I want to thank our Hudson Valley farmers, food banks, and everyone who helps keep our families fed and fueled up.

This summer, I rallied with Hudson Valley leaders, including our farmers and food banks, against funding cuts and growing harms from tariffs. Watch here <https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1978868821516505175>

and read more here. <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-hudson-valley-farming-community-speak-out-against>

I'll always stand up and fight for our community.

PROMOTING PUBLIC SERVICE

Do you know a college student passionate about public service and government?

Encourage them to apply for an internship with my office!

Applications for spring internships for my Washington, DC office are due by November 1 and the deadline for applications for my Hudson Valley offices is November 14.

Apply here!

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(Conatd. Pg. 57)

Pat Ryan (From PG. 56)

CHEERING ON A PORT JERVIS STAR SINGER

It was a tough end of the season for us Yankees fans, but the Hudson Valley did have something to cheer about - huge congrats to Port Jervis' very own Patrick Dunn on a phenomenal job singing the National Anthem at a playoff game! Read more [here](#).

https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/10/08/265569/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNeFL9leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHg8zFw_vd7oLQNSmuoH2_vJm4tYzP0r2gR_9UN3cULy0wvLaBjFgeTpSqSHu_aem_6gTdcPMHk02gWWM7EmUiFwhhttps://midhudsonnews.com/2025/10/08/265569/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNeFL9leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHg8zFw_vd7oLQNSmuoH2_vJm4tYzP0r2gR_9UN3cULy0wvLaBjFgeTpSqSHu_aem_6gTdcPMHk02gWWM7EmUiFw

Way to represent the Hudson Valley - we're all proud of you!

WISHING THE NAVY A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 250th Birthday to the U.S. Navy that we celebrated this past Monday!

Cheers to 250 years of being able to say Go Army, Beat Navy - and here's to many more!

GRANTS CORNER

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

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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

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

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

Brownfields 101 with the EPA: The U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency's Region 2 Office recorded its "Brownfields 101" briefing for New York communities to provide an overview of the EPA's Brownfield Program. To view the recording, please contact Natalie Lincoln at natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov 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 NYSBIP, the funds support electric bus purchases, charging infrastructure, and fleet planning to improve air quality and reduce pollution in communities across the state. The funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis with incentive amounts covering up to 100 percent of the incremental cost of a new or repowered electric school bus. This helps offset some or all of the difference in purchase price between zero-emission buses and comparable diesel or gasoline buses. All school bus fleet operators in New York State can also qualify for funding for fleet electrification plans, which provide a customized roadmap for electric bus adoption.

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

RESOURCES:

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



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

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

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for subscribing to The Riley Report - my newsletter to keep you informed about the work I'm doing on behalf of Upstate New York.

From opposing utility rate hikes to fighting for rural healthcare, here's what I've been up to:

I URGED REGULATORS TO BLOCK NYSEG'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AT HEARINGS IN BINGHAMTON, ITHACA AND ONEONTA

NYSEG is hiking our utility bills by over 30% to pad the profits of their billionaire parent corporation in Spain. It's robbery in broad daylight. That's why I took the fight directly to the Public Service Commission and rallied our neighbors to stand against the proposed rate hike.

In Binghamton, I called out NYSEG for sending \$450 million overseas to their parent corporation in Spain and then turning around and demanding \$465 million in rate increases from Upstate New Yorkers.

At the Ithaca hearing, I stood with neighbors who packed the room to say enough is enough - we shouldn't have to beg a foreign corporation for fair rates and reliable service in our own community. Read more.

<https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2025/10/upstate-new-yorkers-speak-out-against-proposed-39-percent-electricity-hikes-during-nyseg-public-hearing>

And in Oneonta I shared some of the stories I've heard all across our district about working people falling behind because of rising utility costs.

I HOSTED A TOWN HALL TO TALK ABOUT THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND MORE

In Sullivan County, I brought together doctors, nurses, and community leaders to talk about what's at stake for rural healthcare.

Hospitals across Upstate New York are fighting to stay open while Washington politicians push cuts that would gut care and close clinics.

I'm fighting back with my Rural Hospital Stabilization Act to deliver \$500 million in emergency funding to rural hospitals, and by standing up to anyone who treats healthcare like a profit center instead of a basic right.

Read More

<https://wjffradio.org/rep-josh-riley-discusses-healthcare-gaza-nyseg-at-sullivan-county-town-hall/>

MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS MARGARETVILLE HOSPITAL

It was my privilege to join local leaders for the groundbreaking of the new heliport at Margaretville Hospital - a major investment in rural healthcare that will provide 24/7 emergency air transport and save lives across Upstate New York.

HEAD START

Head Start gives kids a fair shot, and supportive housing helps folks get back on their feet.

Thanks to Tompkins Community Action for showing me how these programs change lives, and why Congress needs to keep investing in them.

TOMPKINS YMCA

I was honored to visit the YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County to discuss how we can combat food insecurity and expand childcare in Upstate New York.

SUNY SULLIVAN Q & A

I had a blast meeting with students at SUNY Sullivan to discuss rural healthcare, public service, and most importantly, their futures.

Upstate is in good hands!

COLUMBUS DAY

A little rain couldn't slow Binghamton down. The 66th annual Columbus Day Parade was a hit!

BINGHAMTON CLAMBAKE

Firefighters across Upstate New York answer the call when we need them most. They've got our backs, and I'll always have theirs. It was great to be at the annual Binghamton Fire Clambake to say thank you.

UNIVERSAL INSTRUMENTS

Universal Instruments in Conklin is helping power America's semiconductor and electronics supply chain, and providing good-paying jobs right here in Broome County. Great to visit during Manufacturing Month to celebrate Upstate innovation.

NEW ENERGY NEW YORK

Here in Upstate New York, we build the things the world needs, from cutting-edge batteries to the good-paying clean energy jobs that will power America's future.

Proud to join Binghamton University and New Energy New York for Battery Week to see their great work firsthand, and meet some of the future innovators driving this revolution.

GREATER GOOD GROCERY

Upstate New Yorkers know what it's like when corporations put profits ahead of people: supermarkets close, and families drive miles just to get the basics.

Greater Good Grocery in Binghamton is flipping the script, keeping food local, affordable, and accessible for everyone. Great to stop by and see their work in action.

UHS DELAWARE VALLEY

It was great to tour UHS Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton, a true lifeline for our community. Their expansion will help families keep getting great care close to home, and I'll keep fighting to make sure every Upstate community has the doctors, nurses, and hospitals they deserve.

IOXUS

While some companies ship jobs overseas, Ioxus in Oneonta is doing the opposite: building America's clean energy future right here at home.

Proud to meet with Co-Founder and President Chad Hall and see Upstate innovation in action.

DUNHAM RESERVOIR

Dunham Reservoir isn't just water behind a dam-it's family picnics, fishing trips, and a piece of Grafton's soul. When a 100-year-old reservoir still serves the people, it's worth protecting. (Contd. Pg. 59)

Josh Riley (From Pg. 58)

Thank you to David Buckley, Herb Hasbrouck, and Town Supervisor Ingrid Gundrum for showing me what's at stake. I'll keep pushing for solutions that preserve Dunham Reservoir's structure, beauty, and role in our community.

ERIC OOMS

Family farms are the backbone of Upstate New York.

Great to visit with Eric Ooms and his kids Noah and Grace at their dairy farm in Valatie to talk about the future of farm technology and how to keep it affordable for everyone.

LET'S EAT WEEK

Proud to take part in Let's Eat Week in Oneonta - a volunteer effort led by Chobani to fight hunger.

Together, we packed pantry boxes that will help thousands of our neighbors in need keep food on the table and make ends meet.

UHS BINGHAMTON

I visited UHS in Binghamton to talk about how federal drug pricing programs help patients afford their prescriptions and keep rural hospitals strong.

We can't let new rules make it harder for families to get care close to home.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!

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

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

Share <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV4uk6sGiXYMsTCK9yDrEW7jQDEFQ9F4wlBolPFah1n52XNA/viewform> Here

IN THE NEWS

Rep. Josh Riley proposes legislation to ban foreign ownership of American utility companies

Community members speak out against proposed NYSEG rate increases

Residents react to NYSEG's rate hikes, office closure proposal at public hearing

Riley introduces Faster Labor Contracts Act

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

With gratitude and high hopes,
Josh Riley Signature



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting for families' health care

If Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies are allowed to expire at the end of the year, New York families could see their annual health insurance premium costs increase by thousands of dollars. This is simply more than most middle-class families can afford, and it will have devastating consequences for the hardworking families that are the backbone of our economy.

That's why Kirsten is demanding that her Republican colleagues work with Democrats to negotiate a deal to extend these subsidies and end the government shutdown.

Read more.

<https://oswegocountytoday.com/politics/gillibrand/with-new-yorkers-set-to-pay-thousands-more-for-health-insurance-gillibrand-details-impact-of-rising-premiums-on-new-york-families/>

A county-by-county breakdown of expected ACA premium increases for families of four making \$130,000 per year in each of New York's 62 counties can be found at gillibrand.senate.gov/trumphealthcareincrease.

2. Helping New Yorkers navigate the government shutdown

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

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

For information about how the shutdown may impact you and your benefits, click here . <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/shutdown/>

3. Protecting students from loan defaults

Nearly 280,000 New Yorkers are at risk of student loan default if the federal government does not intervene.

This week, Kirsten pressed the Trump administration to provide relief for the borrowers at risk of defaulting on their student loans. A student loan system that pushes people into delinquency instead of helping them build stable futures is broken and unsustainable, and Kirsten will continue fighting for swift federal action to provide relief and ensure borrowers have a fair chance to get back on their feet.

Read more. <https://www.cnn.com/2025/10/15/more-student-loan-borrowers-risk-default-as-late-payments-rise.html>

4. Safeguarding Social Security beneficiaries

Representative payees are individuals or organizations that are entrusted with sensitive information to help the most vulnerable Social Security beneficiaries manage their benefits. However, there is evidence that Trump administration cuts and reassignments at the Social Security Administration (SSA) have significantly delayed the approval process for representative payee reviews, undermining vital efforts to protect beneficiaries from fraud.

This week, Kirsten demanded answers about how the cuts and reorganizations at SSA could be putting beneficiaries at risk for fraud and abuse. As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, Kirsten is committed to making sure Social Security beneficiaries are protected.

5. Assisting New Yorkers

When a Westchester County-based medical supplies company needed to urgently appeal its Medicare certification revocation or risk months of delays and impacts to thousands of local patients, the company contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the Medicare Departmental Appeals Board, and within 30 days, the company's Medicare certification was reinstated.

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

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



LIFE AFTER LOSS

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Sundays October 12th to November 16th

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This is a free event. Registration required.



Brick by Brick: Autumn Adventures

Let's build with **LEGO** the

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Fall 2025

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

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

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.

BIG INDIAN-OLIVERIA AUXILIARY



**Holiday
Fundraiser
and Bazaar**

Enjoy hot
cocoa and
cookies with
Santa at noon!



**December 6th
11am-3pm**

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD
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@ 6:30 PM





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**1st Wednesday
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Feb 5

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2025 Caregiver Resource Center Monthly Virtual Support Groups

For family caregivers caring for an individual with any illness, chronic disease or disability (including seniors or someone with early-stage dementia).

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Forestburgh Playhouse Announces Its 80th Anniversary Season – A Celebration of Music, Magic and Milestones

Forestburgh, NY - [October 20, 2025] - The Forestburgh Playhouse, one of the longest-running professional summer theatres in the nation, proudly announces its 80th Anniversary Season, featuring a spectacular lineup of award-winning musicals, beloved classics, and unforgettable theatrical experiences. Since 1947, the Playhouse has been entertaining audiences in the heart of the Sullivan Catskills, and this milestone year promises to be one of its most exciting seasons yet. The season lineup includes *Murder for Two* (June 23-28), *The Bridges of Madison County* (June 30-July 12), *Dear Evan Hansen* (July 14-26), *Hairspray* (July 28-August 9), *Million Dollar Quartet* (August 11-23), *Mystery Broadway Blockbuster* to be announced in the Spring! (August 25-September 6), and *Once* (September 8-13).

"Eighty seasons of live theatre is an extraordinary achievement," says Franklin Trapp, Producing Artistic Director. "Our 2026 productions will celebrate the legacy of The Forestburgh Playhouse with a collection of shows that honor our past while embracing the dynamic spirit of today's musical theatre."

Subscriptions and packages offering discounted tickets and premium seating are available now. For more information about the Playhouse, visit www.fbplayhouse.org.

2026 SEASON LINEUP

MURDER FOR TWO

June 23-28, 2026

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Part murder mystery, part musical comedy-and 100% entertainment! *Murder for Two* is a hilarious whodunit where two actors play thirteen roles (and the piano!) in a madcap race to solve a crime. Equal parts Agatha Christie and Vaudeville, this high-energy musical keeps audiences guessing (and giggling) until the final note. A fabulous opener for our 80th Anniversary Season!

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

June 30-July 12, 2026

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DEAR EVAN HANSEN

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HAIRSPRAY

July 28-August 9, 2026

You Can't Stop the Beat!

Bursting with big hair, big dreams, and even bigger heart, *Hairspray* is a joyful, high-energy celebration of love, acceptance, and standing up for what's right. Featuring hit songs like "Good Morning, Baltimore" and "You Can't Stop the Beat."

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

August 11-23, 2026

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MYSTERY BROADWAY BLOCKBUSTER (to be announced March 2nd!)

August 25-September 6, 2026

What could be more exciting than a surprise? The Forestburgh Playhouse has obtained the rights to one of the most powerful, exciting, moving and impactful musicals in recent Broadway history-winner of multiple Tony Awards and a show that has toured the USA and the World. Preparations are already underway and the excitement is brewing. Stay tuned until March 2nd!

ONCE

September 8-13, 2026

A heartfelt love story powered by the magic of music. Winner of eight Tony Awards®, *Once* follows a Dublin street musician and the woman who changes his life. Featuring the Academy Award-winning song "Falling Slowly," it's a touching and beautifully performed finale to our milestone season.

About the Forestburgh Playhouse

Founded in 1947, The Forestburgh Playhouse is the oldest continuously operating professional summer theatre in New York State. Known for its vibrant mix of Broadway musicals, plays, cabaret performances, and educational programming, the Playhouse continues to be a cornerstone of arts and culture in the Catskills.

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Parkinson's Support Group

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2025 READING CHALLENGE

Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

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

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

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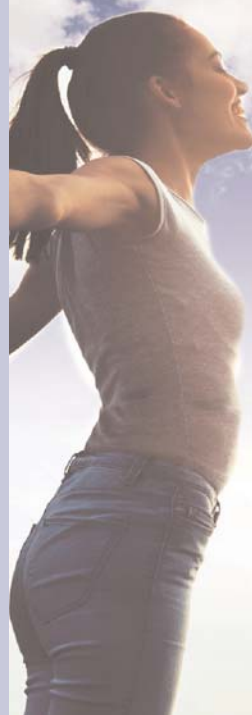
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Beetlejuice

Comedy/ Fantasy (1988 | PG | CC / 4.8 stars)

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return home, Adam decides to retrace their steps as they can't remember how they got home. Upon stepping outside, he's taken to a desert world with monstrous sandworms before being pulled back in by Barbara. Beetlejuice hangs out in the desert trying to encourage the couple to say his name three times, which would allow him back into reality. The recently deceased couple become ghosts haunting their former home. Beetlejuice, an obnoxious, devious poltergeist in turn, haunts the married couple

Directed by: Tim Burton, and starring: Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, and Jeffrey Jones



Answer to last week's Trivia Question: False - Brooklyn

This weeks' Trivia question: Who directed *The Godfather*?