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Tri-Valley Lions 2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest



TV Art Teacher Maureen Winter holding winning poster done by TV Student Aubrey DeMondo, and TV HS Principal Amanda Eberly

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. The 2025-2026 Lions International Peace Poster contest topic is Together As One. Lions International states "When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we're inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one."

For the last several years The Tri-Valley Lions have partnered with the Tri-Valley School in Grahamsville, NY. Tri-Valley Lion Leah Exner has chaired the Peace Poster Contest working

closely with Tri-Valley Art Teacher, Maureen Winter. Leah provides Maureen with a "peace poster kit" which contains information on the current year's theme and other details that participating students need to follow to create their peace posters.

On October 14, 2025, Lion Chair Leah and her peace poster committee consisting of Lions Stephen & Susan Miller, Maryann Cosentino, Paula & Mike Ryan, Patricia Menje, Lauree Novogrodsky, and Esta Jacob met with Art Teacher Maureen Winter at the School and judged multiple peace posters for one winning student's poster. All the peace posters were amazing, and you can see photos of all posters submitted as well as the one selected as the winner. Additionally, all peace posters will be on display at the Daniel Pierce Library for all to view.

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Back row: Judges Susan Miller, Pat Menje, Stephen Miller, Mike Ryan, Paula Ryan, Maureen Winte and Leah Exner.

Front row: Maryann Cosentino, Esta Jacob, and Lauree Novogrodsky

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On the Front Burner: Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute.
St. Luke 11:49

OBITUARIES

Rita Gale of Grahamsville, NY a retired social worker died Sunday, October 19, 2025 at home. She was 77.

The daughter of the late Henry and Anne Yohay Gale, she was born October 29, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York.

Rita is survived by one brother Fred Gale of Brooklyn, NY; a dear friend Patricia Menje of Grahamsville, NY and two nephews.

At this time the family will celebrate her life privately.

Dignified cremation is being provided by Harris Crematorium, LLC.

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Maria Jucha of Grahamsville, NY a retired cafeteria worker at SUNY Sullivan and a long time area resident, died Monday, October 13, 2025 at her home. She was 87.

The daughter of the late Piotr and Jozefa Klekawka Uciechowski, she was born August 15, 1938 in Kalusz, Poland.

Maria was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church. She enjoyed reading, putting puzzles together and cooking.

Survivors include her sons, Peter Jucha of Grahamsville, NY and Theodore Jucha and his wife Cassandra of Grahamsville, NY; her daughter, Elizabeth Loarca and her husband Cesar of Hurleyville, NY; five grandchildren, Violeta, Elizabeth, Tadeusz, Nicholas, and Noah.

She was predeceased by her husband, Tadeusz "Teddy" Jucha in 2021; and her brother, Boleslaw Uciechowski.

A memorial mass will be celebrated Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 1 PM in Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Woodbourne, NY. Burial will follow in the Woodbourne Cemetery. Father Thomas will officiate.

Memorial contributions in Maria's name may be made to Hospice of

Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Ct., Newburgh, NY 12550.

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

October 19, 1955

Mr. Floyd Van Aken, 59, of Claryville died Friday, October 14th at his home. Mr. Van Aken, husband of Leora Lewis Van Aken, was born July 21, 1896 in Liberty, the son of Sanford and Emma Barbara Van Aken. He was a farmer and a member of the Farmers Union of the New York Milk Shed. Survivors include his wife, at home; a son, Harold of Claryville; a brother, Theodore of Wilmington, Del.; two sisters: Myrtle Brown and Bertha Lewis, both of Claryville and two grandchildren.

The torrential rains and widespread flooding added a staggering billion gallons of water to the New York City Water Supply System. All of the city's reservoirs except Pepacton and Merriman Dam were reported full and spilling over.

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THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thanks to all who ventured to Claryville on Saturday for our roast pork dinner. We had a wonderful turnout to enjoy the meal prepared by Chef Dennis Deyo, his able assistant Shawn Markel and many helpers from our congregation.

Please watch for your invitation to our **3rd annual Gingerbread Bash** for families to be held on December 14th from 1:30 to 3:30 in our Fellowship Hall!

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

October 20, 1965

John F. McMahon died on October 14, 1965 at Liberty Loomis Hospital after a short illness. He was 64. He was born August 3, 1901 in Limerick, Ireland, the son of Thomas and Anne Kiely McMahon. He was married on February 20, 1943 in Brooklyn to Beatrice Anderson who survives him. Mr. McMahon was a retired Senior Clerk for the Dept. of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity of N.Y.C. The McMahons made their home in Neversink for the past 10 years. Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Quentin of San Francisco, Calif. And Martin, at home; a daughter, Patricia, of Columbus, Ohio and two grandchildren.

October 29, 1975

This has been a great apple year in this area, and to celebrate the bounty (and so the apples would not go to waste) on Sunday, Oct. 26th a good number of friends and family gathered up at Penny and Dick Coombe's for a cider pressing and donut eating event. Youngsters of all ages took turns turning the crusher and squeezing the pulp to juice. They alternated between the "turning" and throwing a football around.

October 31, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. John Sauchuk Sr. of Big Hollow Rd., Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann Sauchuk to Thomas William McKenna, son of Mrs. Catherine McKenna and the late John McKenna of McKenna Rd., Grahamsville. Miss Sauchuk is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, earned B.A. from Flagler College, St. Augustine, Fla. and a Masters Degree in Education from the Univ. of North Florida. She is employed by St. John's Country School in St. Augustine as a teacher. Mr. McKenna is self-employed by Miller Tree Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Denman of Star Route, Liberty announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann to Dale Keith Van Denberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Denberg of Kaempfer Lane, Liberty. Miss Denman is a 1978 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville. Her fiancé is a 1975 graduate of Liberty Central School and a 1978 graduate of SUNY at Cobleskill. A June 1986 wedding is planned

Household Hint:

Tame Flyaway Hair

Keep a few dryer sheets in your desk or purse to calm flyaway hair. Just rub the sheet over your hair to smooth it out. Opt for an unscented variety if you don't want it to compete with your perfume.

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

Witch's Broom - Hexenbesen!

During medieval times, mysterious and unexplainable occurrences were often blamed on witchcraft. For example back in that day when brooms were made from bundles of



twigs, to find a ready made broom in the woods was mysterious and considered to be the product of witchery, thus the name Witch's Broom that originated from the German word Hexenbesen came about, which translated meant to bewitch a bundle of twigs.

Today, after many years of research and study scientists say that a number of stresses, both biological and environ-

mental, can lead to the formation of natural Witch's brooms.

They occur on many different woody plant species, including deciduous trees such as hackberry, maple, willow, and conifers such as pine and spruce. There may be only one broom in a tree, or they may be many scattered throughout the tree. In some cases, the brooms are quite large in size and are easily spotted. In others, they are small and well-hidden.

A number of stresses, both biological and environmental, can lead to the formation of brooms. Organisms such as fungi, phytoplasmas (bacterial-like organisms), mites, aphids, and mistletoe plants can cause abnormal growth when they attack a host tree. Environmental stresses that injure the growing points of branches can also trigger the formation of brooms. Some brooms appear to be caused by genetic mutations in the buds of the branches. Unlike brooms caused by living organisms, there is usually just one broom per tree when the cause is a genetic mutation.

Pinpointing the cause of a Witch's Broom can be difficult, especially if the formation is related to an environmental factor. Knowing the type of host plant can help determine the cause of the Witch's Broom. Analyzing the plant tissue for infectious agents such as phytoplasmas requires specialized testing. The cause of the Witch's Broom on the willow sample sent to the Plant Disease Clinic was not identified and remains a mystery.

Witch's Brooms are common in the Catskills. They can be found near or at ground level. That's great for the crafter! I keep a collection of these little treasures and use them for my Kitchen Witch creations.

If you are out walking in the woods this week, keep your eyes open and maybe you will be lucky enough to find a precious little Witch's Broom just in time for Halloween.

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

Tri-Valley Lions 2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest

(From Pg. 1) It is amazing how talented these young artists are, but one student's poster rose to the top and was selected to go to The District 20-O Lions Convention being held at Resorts World on November 1, 2025. The winning peace poster was created by 12-year-old Tri-Valley Student Aubrey DeMondo. When you look at her poster you can certainly see how it embodied the "Together As One" theme. Aubrey received an award certificate for her poster, and we are hoping that she will join us at one of our monthly dinner meetings. We will update you on the International Peace Poster winner once one is selected.

We would like to thank Art Teacher Maureen Winter for her time and dedication to this year's peace poster contest, as well as Secondary Principal Amanda Eberly, and all the students at Tri-Valley who participated in the Peace Poster Contest. We would like to acknowledge Lion Leah for her impeccable organizational skills that made this year's peace poster contest run so smoothly.

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 sgreccords@hvc.rr.com

Wishing one and all a happy, healthy and safe Fall Season.



Left is Tri-Valley Art Teacher Maureen Winter and Tri-Valley Lion Leah Exner, Peace Poster Chair.



Winning Peace Poster by Tri-Valley Student Aubrey DeMondo.



Other Peace Posters that were judged



LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published July 30, 1998

There's something special about mornings as the sun rises to take its first peak over the trees and the air smells so sweet. I look out of my bedroom window and say good morning to two beautiful sunflowers nodding and smiling in my front lawn, gifts from a friend. This morning as I stood gazing out of my bedroom window, a thought came to mind. What do you suppose God thinks as he looks down on this once beautiful world he created, knowing what mankind has done to it?

The dispenser was square and boxy and just a bit rusty. The bottles were immersed in ice cold water, held in place by a long metal channel that suspended them by the neck, just below the cap. We had to reach down until we could grasp the bottle top and slide it along the metal channel to the end of the row. Here the bottle swung free from the channel. Then you placed a nickel in the coin tray and slid it in until it clicked. Somewhere inside that wonderful machine a "ping" sounded, then a loud click and the soda was free, ice cold and delicious. As the kids, Dan and I had our sodas, we usually stood there a minute just holding the wet, chilled glass between our hands. Then we place it in the opener on the side of the box, carefully positioned it then pushed down until the cap came off.

Nothing I've tasted since has ever come close to that refreshing cold soda that I enjoyed with my family on those hot summer afternoons so long ago.

When I go for a ride with one of my daughters or son, with just that putt-putt of the engine, I just can't help recall that noisy sound of "Old Warner" so many years ago-those were the good old days.

Eldred and Fallsburg Schools Launch Hope Squad Programs to Support Youth Mental Health



[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 is proud to announce the official launch of Hope Squads in the Eldred Central School District and Fallsburg Central School District, marking an important step in expanding peer-based mental health support across Sullivan County schools.

Hope Squad is an evidence-based, peer-to-peer suicide prevention program designed to build a culture of connection, empathy, and help-seeking among youth. Students are nominated by their peers to serve as Hope Squad members and receive specialized training from trusted school advisors. These students work to identify struggling peers, promote kindness, and connect classmates to the help they need.

"Hope squad allowed me to connect, understand and help people on a deeper level", said a Fallsburg Hope Squad member.

The launch of Hope Squads in Eldred and Fallsburg is part of a three-year pilot program supported by the New York State Office of Mental Health and led by Sullivan 180's Youth Mental Health Program Manager. Both districts have established active Hope Squads at the middle and high school levels, with trained staff and student members ready to begin outreach this fall.

"It has been inspiring to see how much effort both staff and students are putting into the implementation of this program." Mylene Ortiz, Youth Mental Health Program Manager at Sullivan 180 "I truly believe these students will have a huge impact on their school communities and I cannot wait to see what is in store for the future."

Beyond their work in schools, Hope Squad members have taken an active role in community outreach, participating in events such as National Night Out and the Out of the Darkness Walk sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). These efforts highlight the commitment of local youth to reducing stigma, promoting hope, and extending mental health awareness beyond the classroom.

To learn more about Hope Squad and SHAPE, email Mylene@sullivan180.org.

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

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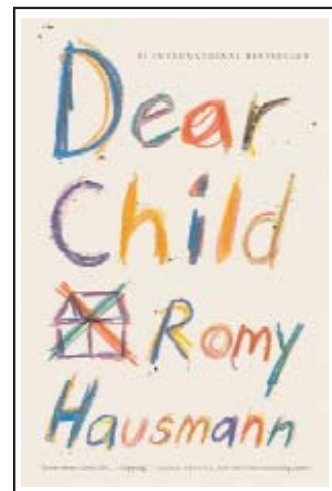


Dear Child

Mysterious Book Report No. 423

by John Dwaine McKenna

Published October 29, 2020



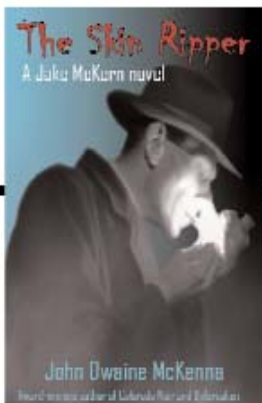
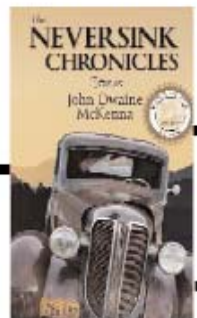
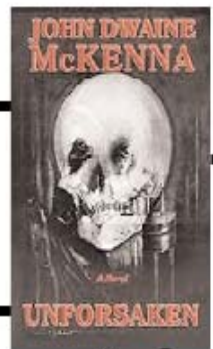
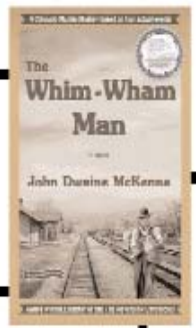
A woman – who's been kidnapped and held in a boarded-up hovel deep in some remote woods, while being forced to act as a wife to a strange and brutal man and a mother to his two small children – manages to overcome her captor and escape . . . “*But the end of her ordeal is only the beginning of her nightmare,*” in a searing debut entitled, *Dear Child*, (Flatiron Books, \$26.99, 349 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-76853-7) by author Romy Hausmann. The novel, which is already a runaway best-seller in Europe, has just been translated and published in English, and what a wrenching tale it is.

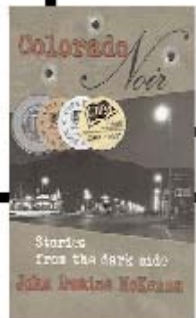
Told in three first person points-of-view by: a young girl, whose entire life has been spent living in the windowless, dank and cramped cabin . . . the abducted woman, who's been trying to stay alive and escape from the monster who's abusing her mentally, physically, and sexually . . . and the missing woman's elderly father, who's losing his mind from rage, grief and the strain of a thirteen year quest to find his beloved daughter.

As each narrator speaks, small details are revealed on every page, which tell the story drop by drop by drop-but as each new clue appears – so do new plot twists that show how the narrator has held something out, some character detail, or flaw, which then points the reader in an altogether new direction. Therefore, as each new AHA! moment comes to the reader, so does another different revelation, which makes *Dear Child* one of the most compelling, engaging page-turning psychological thrillers to cross the MBR's desk this year. It will keep readers enthralled and riveted to the end!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Peeved

Switching insurances on a truck, car, and two houses left me in a "-no-good, frustrated, unhappy, peeved" mood after spending hours on automated phones and computers requiring the two-step identification process. I began to realize that when you are in this kind of mood, lots of things bother you.

So here is a list of the things peeving me at the moment:



1. Automated telephone systems with looping menus that bring you to a computerized assistant.

2. Insurance premiums that always go up and never down.

3. Small print on medicine bottles.

4. Pay Pal, Apple Pay, Venmo, Zelle, linked bank accounts, and debit cards. It was easier to send a check or use a credit card.

5. People who use "UM" and "LIKE" in sentences.

6. Men who wear hats indoors.

7. New, ripped jeans. Silly. Wear them until they rip.

8. Codes and coupons. Just post the regular or sale price.

9. Huge two-foot square delivery cartons that contain something that fits in my hand.

10. People who do not bother to return bottles and cans and throw them in the garbage.

Writing these pet peeves down is called bracketing, which is supposed to remove them from your mind to paper. Gee, I feel better already. Try it!

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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Fall Happenings at the DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE- Some things never change.

Our Fall Children's Programs have gone off without a hitch. Our youngest patrons are living it up; shaking their sillies out with Ms. Deirdre, participating in felt stories and story times and finding their inner artist with Ms. Nicole. It's been a great start to our eight-week programs, and we're looking forward to watching the littles further develop their social skills, confidence and love of reading as the programs continue.

Our calendar is full. On Thursday, October 30 we're holding a Halloween event for Tri-Valley residents in grades 1-3. It's going to be a great afternoon of frightful fun and delightful good times as the children decorate their trick-or-treat bags in preparation of Halloween. While that event is full, Tri-Valley children in grades 2-3 can still register for the Wednesday, November 5 LEGO program, Autumn Architects. For this event, from 3:00-4:30PM, participants will be tasked with designing a LEGO city, harvest festival, spooky haunted house, or anything fall related. It's a great opportunity to get a little play time in after a long day at school, meet with friends and have the opportunity to be creative. Sportsmen's Bingo is coming up, Saturday November 1, and hopefully you've purchased your tickets earlier because it's also sold out! But, on Thursday, November 6 at 6PM we're hosting 'More Than Just Kegels' with Rachel Brazell of Brazell Physical Therapy & Wellness. Brazell will be sharing information on the importance of the pelvic floor and why it matters to your overall health. Some topics to be discussed include common pelvic floor issues (leakage, urgency, prolapse, pain, postpartum changes), how PT can restore strength, reduce pain and improve confidence, and the everyday habits and movements that support pelvic floor health. There will be active demonstrations on how to engage deep core and pelvic floor muscles, so please bring a floor mat if you'd like to participate. To register, please visit our website. Then, on Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-7:00PM, Kaylee Wagner, Grahamsville branch manager of Hudson Valley Credit Union, will be providing a free seminar on strategies for debt repayment. For anyone interested in learning about debt repayment, this is the program for you. Some methods discussed during the seminar include: the snowball method (paying off smaller debts first), the avalanche method (tackling high-interest debt first to save money),



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and consolidation. Register online if this program interests you-and let's be real-who wouldn't want to learn strategies to save money! Then, on Thursday, November 20 at 12PM Adele Bernard is hosting a Potluck Senior Social Luncheon for community retirees and senior patrons. Please join the group, with a dish to share, in the library community room and engage in lively conversation. Any questions, please contact Adele at (845) 428-2383. And finally, the much awaited fall 5-hour Pre-Licensing Class will be on Saturday, November 22 from 10AM to 3PM. This class is for unlicensed students 16 and up looking to get their license. It's a DMV approved class (mandatory to get your license), and attendees need to have a NYS photo permit to attend. Brought to you by J & J Driving School, this class offers a one-year certificate and is \$45 per student. To secure registration, please submit payment to DPL prior to class-checks payable to J & J Driving School prior to class date.

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**SULLIVAN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
CANCELS MONTHLY MEETING AT ALBELLA'S
RESTAURANT, BUT NOT THE DINNER**

On Thursday, October 16th, the Sullivan County Bar Association cancelled its monthly 6 p.m. meeting, at Albella's Restaurant and Pizzeria in Monticello, but virtually nobody knew about the cancellation. Since Treasurer Michael Davidoff asks lawyers to call to confirm their attendance for a head count, the few callers were told to cancel.

But lawyers traditionally don't call in advance and, depending on their work schedule, just show up late for pot luck.

However, at 6 p.m. lawyers are hungry, very hungry, so when the lawyers straggle in, the two young, cheerful, enterprising hostesses/waitresses, Hannah and Lucja, said "Have a seat at our candle lit table and check out "Albella's Dinner Specials."

The Italian dinners were reasonably priced starting with meatballs and spaghetti at \$20.00, including large, warm Italian bread and fresh salad and the variety and diversity increased from veal parmigiana to twin lobster tails, and there was plenty to take home.

A quick note. An additional brightly lit room, facing the road at Albella's, was a busy take out pizzeria with a large kitchen in the back.

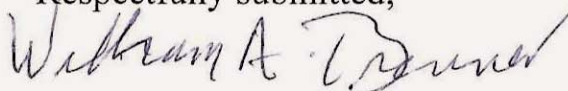
Throughout the building low sounds of violins, guitars and accordions playing beautiful folk melodies and traditional songs from Italy could be heard.

In prior years, the Bar Association would meet monthly in fine restaurants throughout Sullivan County. The attractiveness and the fine food would attract over 50 members including Supreme Court, County Court, Family Court Judges and Town and Village Magistrates, plus prominent guest speakers. Occasionally, before the meeting, there would be legal seminars for CLE credits.

This writer highly recommends at the next Bar Association meeting at Albella's, before the start of the monthly meeting, each member be given a menu to select their fine dinner of their choice.

In addition, we can proudly invite local members of the Delaware, Orange and Ulster County Bar to join us to discuss and question complex issues and update proposals.

Respectfully submitted,



William A. Brenner, Esq.

Member Sullivan County Bar Association

New York University School of Law-Class of 1965

Governor Hochul Announces Increased State Police and Local Law Enforcement Patrols to Combat Impaired and Reckless Driving through Halloween

- Traffic Enforcement and Patrol Period Begins Today and Will Run Through Friday, Oct. 31

Governor Urges New Yorkers To Stay Vigilant and Not Drive Impaired; Halloween Is the Deadliest Day for Pedestrians Under the Age of 18 . 46,212 Citations Were Issued This Time Last Year During the 2024 Halloween Enforcement Period

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that State Police and local law enforcement will increase patrols through Halloween, targeting impaired and reckless drivers. The enforcement period, which is funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, runs from Saturday, October 25 through Friday, October 31.

"Halloween should be fun and safe for everyone, regardless of how you choose to celebrate," Governor Hochul said. "Unfortunately, poor choices behind the wheel can lead to deadly consequences. There is no excuse to drive impaired, drive distracted or speed. The New York State Police and our local law enforcement officers will be out and looking for anyone who makes the decision to jeopardize the safety of others this Halloween."

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner and Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Chair Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "We want everyone to be safe and enjoy Halloween festivities. If your celebration includes consuming alcohol or drugs, plan to have a sober ride. Nothing will haunt you like a DWI. We all play a part in ensuring children and parents get home safely when they are out trick-or-treating. Look for pedestrians, lower your speed, put away the distractions and make sure everyone gets home safely."

New York State Police Superintendent Steven G. James said, "Keeping our roadways safe is a shared responsibility, and that begins with making smart choices before you get behind the wheel. Our Troopers will be out in full force this Halloween to protect the public from impaired, distracted, and reckless drivers. We want everyone to enjoy the holiday, but safety must come first. Plan ahead, drive sober, and help us make sure every child and family makes it home safely."

New York State Sheriffs' Association President and Chautauque County Sheriff James Quattrone said, "Law enforcement will be out to make sure everyone is safe this spooky time of year. As families are enjoying Halloween, and sometimes the days before and after, drivers need to be on the lookout for pedestrians. It is hard to see little ghouls and goblins if you are speeding or driving impaired. The Sheriffs of New York State want you to enjoy your tricks and treats safely, so obey the speed limit and drive sober."

During last year's initiative, law enforcement officers issued 46,212 citations, arrested 1,260 drivers for impaired driving and ticketed 9,029 drivers for speeding.

Motorists can expect several sobriety checkpoints and additional DWI patrols during the enforcement period. In addition to targeting impaired drivers, law enforcement officers will also be looking for drivers that are distracted or speeding.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports Halloween is a particularly deadly night due to the high number of impaired drivers on the roads and a significant increase in pedestrians. In 2023, 29 percent of fatal car crashes on Halloween involved impaired drivers. Studies also show that pedestrian deaths increase by 43% on Halloween compared to other nights. NHTSA data also shows that the impaired driving crisis killed more than 13,000 people for the second year in a row. Drunk driving deaths have increased 22 percent since 2019 with someone killed or injured in a drunk driving crash every 85 seconds.



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Here's what's new at Frost Valley!

As we reflect on the summer, we're proud to share that we provided more than 3,000 overnight experiences and awarded over \$1.5 million in financial assistance to families. These numbers represent thousands of life-changing moments made possible by our community's support.

This season also brought exciting growth. We welcomed two new Camp Directors, Jen in Adventure & Specialty Camping and Peach at Camp Wawayanda. We launched a new intern program for rising 12th graders to gain meaningful work experience across Frost Valley. We also celebrated our largest trips program to date, with more than 150 teens exploring the Northeast, including our new Vermont Bike and Hike trip.

Now that camp has quieted down, our year-round team is taking time to debrief, review feedback, and plan for the future. We recently held a mini-retreat focused on professional development and goal setting as we continue to implement our latest strategic plan. You can expect to hear more about this work in the months ahead.

We're also thrilled to announce new program options for 2025. Families can now choose one-week sessions in Session 1 and Session 4 at Wawayanda (Sugarloaf Mountain Village) and Farm Camp (Seedlings). These sessions offer all the magic of camp in a perfect one-week introduction for first-time campers. We are also offering Fillies Week 9, an introduction to EVR, and a new 1000 Island Paddle and Raft trip. Thank you for being part of our Frost Valley community. We can't wait to see what the next season brings.

Keep reading for more information on upcoming events and ways to reconnect with the beauty and community of Frost Valley.

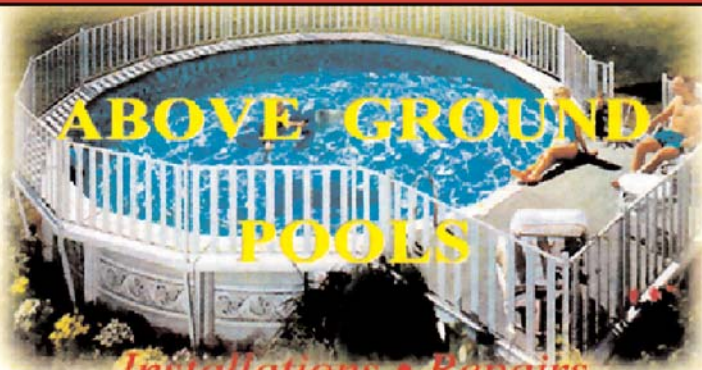
If you have questions or want to start planning your visit please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at 845-985-2291 ext. 203 or campregistration@frostvalley.org.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director of Camping Services

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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.

Party with us for Halloween!

Callicoon Station at Arts Nest
Friday October 31, 2025 at 7pm - 9pm
Doors open 6:00pm

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Callicoon Station was voted Best Local Band by *The River Reporter Readers* in 2021.

Brewster Smith, singer/songwriter/guitarist/percussionist extraordinaire has written songs that rock and beautiful ballads that may open hearts. Former co-owner of Rafter's Tavern in Callicoon, when he's not penning his witty & sensitive tunes, he's coaching clients from all over the map in power & presence.

Elizabeth Rose, singer/songwriter/guitarist/keyboards, is a serial performer. Her one woman musical comedy, "Relative Pitch," was produced Off Broadway by the iconic Cherry Lane Theatre. (It previewed first at The Tusten Theatre). Her music video, "The Set Aside Song," was screened at last year's Big Eddy Film Festival. Her songs have been featured in various media. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Society of Composers & Lyricists (SCL). Also, she co-hosts the popular Songwriters Night: NYC @ The Bitter End 4x a year. She needs a lot of attention.

Jim Lownes, can bow, pluck, slap and groove on a variety of basses. His groove drives the band forward. A retired middle school music teacher (i.e.: "survivor"), Jim has built and is running a first class recording studio. He plays, writes, produces, engineers, mixes & masters beautiful songs by music creators on both coasts.

Don Castellow, plays baritone sax, clarinet, contra-bass clarinet and low Irish whistle (that he fabricated), wearing the moniker "low horn" that blues legend Pinetop Perkins gave him while on tour. He's also toured with Boz Scaggs and played on The Rosie O'Donnell Show.

Please join us on All Hallows Eve for a night of mostly original tunes, harmonies, great grooves and joy.

Many thanks to Kathy Geary & The Arts Nest for inviting us to perform on Halloween. Oh yeah...we're going all Halloween-y!!

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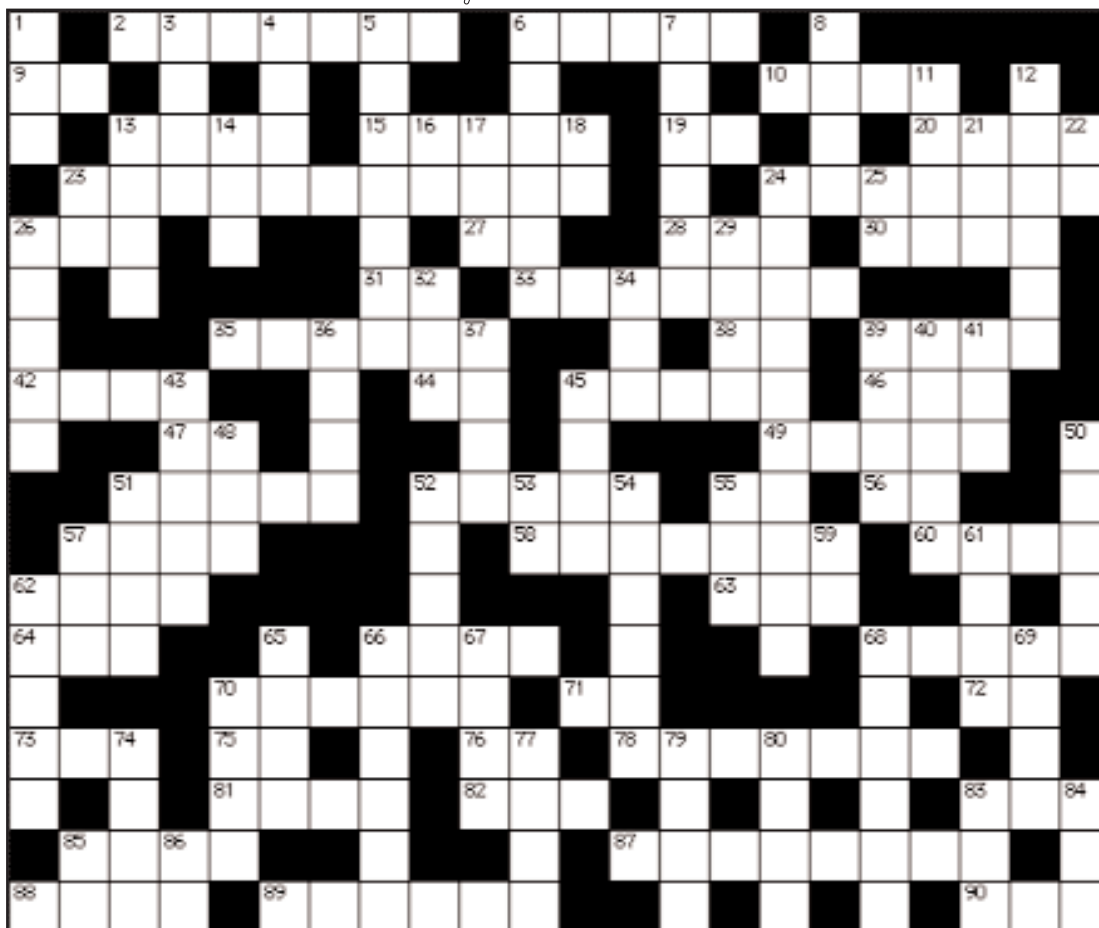
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Old-Fashioned Candy

Apples

Ingredients:

Cooking spray

- 6 medium Granny Smith apples
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 16 drops red food coloring

Equipment Needed

- 6 long wooden craft and a candy thermometer

Grease a baking sheet with cooking spray. Line with parch-
ment; grease parchment with cook-
ing spray.

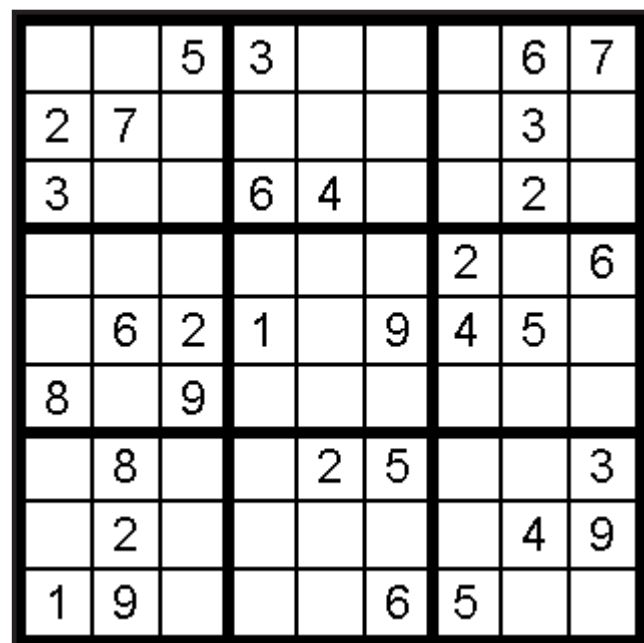
Insert a wooden stick into top of
each apple, pushing about halfway
through.

In a medium heavy pot over
medium-high heat, bring sugar,
corn syrup, food coloring, and
3/4 c. water to a boil. Continue to
boil until candy thermometer reg-
isters between 300° and 310°, 15
to 20 minutes. Immediately remove
from heat.

Wait until bubbles mostly sub-
side (30 seconds to 1 minute).
Working quickly and carefully-
coating will be extremely hot -coat
apples in candy mixture. Transfer to
prepared sheet.

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

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

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

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Nancy Parrow
 Town Clerk
 October 27, 2025

10/30; 11/6

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!

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.

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.

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Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

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United
Methodist
Church**

Thrift Sale

**Sat., Nov. 1st
9 am - 12 noon**



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Come and Join us for
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Sundown UMC 8:30 am
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845-985-2041



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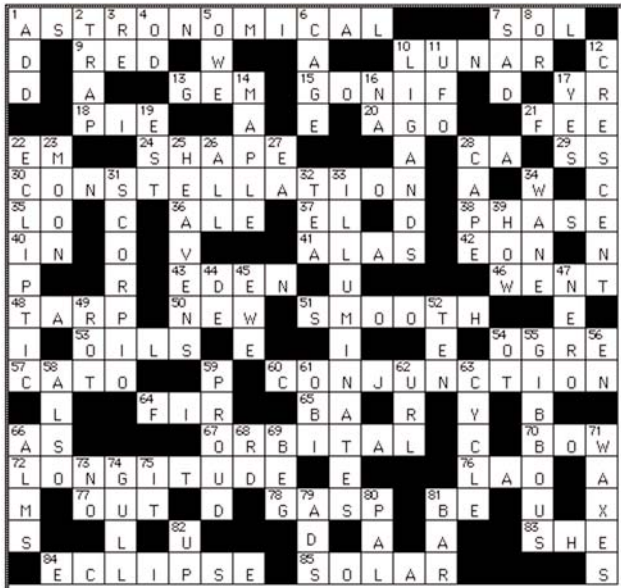
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Holy Days 5:30 pm
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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

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answer

9	4	5	3	8	2	1	6	7
2	7	6	5	9	1	8	3	4
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Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

November 1st, 2025 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall

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

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

Clip & Save



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

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

Nov - 1st and 15th
(weather permitting)

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays,
starting March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appoint-
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grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

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For information call 845-434-8044.

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 27 - October 31, 2025

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

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Transit Riders & Intermodal Advisory Committee**, Via Zoom Meeting ID: 862 5272 1551

Wednesday, October 29

o **8:45 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 o **9:00 AM** - (or immediately following UCIDA Finance Committee) **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 o **9:15 AM** (or immediately following UCCRC Finance Committee) **Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 o **10:00 AM** (or immediately following UCIDA Regular Board Meeting) **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 o **3:00 PM Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 o **3:05 PM** (or immediately following UCHDC Audit Committee) **Ulster County Housing Development Board of Director's Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 o **3:30 PM Special Meeting of the Public Works & Capital Projects Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
 o **4:00 PM** (or immediately following Special Meeting of the Public Works & Projects Committee) **Joint Meeting of the Ways & Means and Public Works & Capital Projects Committees**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream

CANCELLED - Ulster County Environmental Management Council

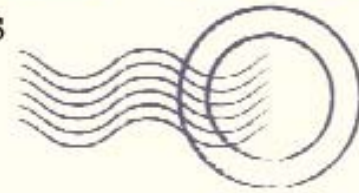
Thursday, October 30

o **5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, October 31

o No Meetings

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featuring Carol Montana
& Margaret Bruetsch



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

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

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

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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
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HEAP Season Delayed Until Mid-November

Federal Shutdown Pushes Start Date to November 17th

Liberty, NY - The 2025-2026 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season is now slated to start November 17 instead of the original date of November 3, according to the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

“This change is a result of the ongoing Federal government shutdown, as HEAP funds are provided to the State and ultimately counties via the Federal budget,” notes Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle. “We were already made aware that the Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement (HERR) and the Heating Equipment Clean & Tune (C&T) components would not be available this winter season, but that was due to funding reductions. Now that no money is flowing from the Federal government for HEAP at all, the State has delayed the start of the season.”

“We hope this delay is only temporary, as the cold weather has just begun,” says Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek. “If the shutdown continues much longer, we will be unable to provide assistance to those who need it most - and not just with HEAP.”



Sullivan County's HEAP Office is staffed by (from the left) Mardette Wilcox, Amanda Wood, Tracy Peterson, Dawn Anglin, Rosemary Wolff, Jaime Vetere, Ashley Boyd and Nicole Morris.

What to Do if You're Seeking HEAP Benefits

Sullivan County's HEAP Office continues to be available to answer questions and help applicants (845-807-0142, heap@sullivan-ny.gov). Any recipient who has received an early outreach application in the mail can still submit it for processing, so that they will be ready to receive the benefit when HEAP reopens.

In the meantime, individuals or families with a heat emergency are encouraged to apply for emergency Public Assistance, either by applying online at www.mybenefits.ny.gov or in person at the Sullivan County Department of Social Services, 15 Community Lane, Liberty. Applications cannot be taken over the phone.

Who Is Eligible for HEAP

HEAP this year, when reopened, will provide a one-time benefit of between \$400 and \$996 for a delivery of home heating fuel, dependent on the type of system used at the residence. (An Emergency HEAP benefit, offering another fuel payment, is anticipated to become available in January.)

Eligibility is based on income, household size, and whether or not the household has a member who is under age 6, over age 60 or permanently disabled.

Applications will not start being accepted until November 17, but income thresholds have already been established by New York State:

Household Size	Monthly Income Maximum
1	\$3,473
2	\$4,542
3	\$5,611
4	\$6,680
5	\$7,749
6	\$8,818

The Sullivan County HEAP Office can be reached at 845-807-0142 (hit option #2) or heap@sullivan-ny.gov. The fax number is 845-292-4651.

Sullivan County Auctioning Surplus Vehicles & Equipment

Monticello, NY - Bidders are welcome from now through October 28 on nearly 40 items - including assorted heavy equipment, trucks, containers, even a commercial refrigerator - up for auction by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works (DPW).

“There's something to interest any bargain-hunter,” says District 7 Legislator and Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello. “I invite everyone to take a look and make a bid.”

Bidding on all lots includes a 10% buyer's premium. Some items may be lightly used or in operable condition, but all are being sold as-is through Absolute Auctions and Realty, with a full catalog, including photos, at <https://aarauctions.com/servlet/Search.do?auctionId=8009>.

Individuals are also welcome to stop by the DPW's Maplewood station, 745 Route 17B, Monticello, to preview any of the items on Monday, October 27 or Tuesday, October 28 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The auction closes on October 28, and payment is due by Friday, October 31 at 1 p.m. All lots are subject to seller approval. Invoices will be sent following approval of sale. Pickup will be by appointment only and must be completed by Wednesday, November 5 at 2 p.m.



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Oct. 24,25,26*

Oct. 31, Nov. 1,2*

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PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program

October 23, 2025

Dear Family and Friends,

Twenty-seven years ago, I was attending the presentation of an award for outstanding community service to the Honorable Lawrence Cooke, Retired Chief Judge of New York State Appellate Court. During the course of program, the PRASAD Project invited attendees to go outside the venue where the newly arrived Mobile Dental Clinic was parked.

One of the van visitors was a mother of three young children and a former dental hygienist. I watched her exit the PRASAD Van in tears. She said that it was an incredible experience to realize that this organization was treating the children's dental needs right in their schools. During the past 27 years, this first Mobile Clinic and its successor would serve the needs of 1000's of children in Sullivan County's school districts with state-of-the-art equipment.

Upon return to the award ceremonies, Judge Cooke thanked all that were present and who toured the Mobile Clinic along with the Judge. When he was presented a check by the organization honoring him, he immediately signed the check over to the PRASAD Executive Director in support of the County's children.

On November 12 this year, PRASAD is thanking the community's donors for their ongoing support to keep the Mobile Dental Clinic on the Sullivan County roads and in the parking lots of the schools meeting the children and taking care of their oral health needs.

PRASAD is inviting supporters of the Dental Program to attend an annual gathering at the PRASAD Office in Liberty, New York. If you would like to attend, please let the Executive Director Dr. Cecilia Escarra know. If you would like to support children's oral health in Sullivan County, I am attaching a letter from Dr. Escarra about the event and sponsorship opportunities for services provided by PRASAD. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Larry Schafman

PRASAD Community Advisory Committee Member

cc: Dr. Cecilia Escarra

**PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program
Event Sponsorship Opportunities**

On **Wednesday, November 12**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., we will host our Annual Event at our office in Liberty, NY. We warmly welcome our sponsors to join us and encourage you to bring a guest to share in this special occasion.

Sponsor Level & Benefits	Logo on event signage	Company name linked on our website	Social media spotlight
Gold \$700	x	x	x
Silver \$500	x	x	
Bronze \$200	x		

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Organization Contact Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

To be an official Sponsor, we must receive your signed sponsorship form & payment by October 30, 2025, to fulfill promised benefits.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____



You may also use the QR code or visit www.prasadcdhp.org to make your payment.

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Sundown
United
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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
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household items and more
that will be available for sale

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

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

This July is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Time and the Valleys Museum is honoring our area's contribution to the struggles for independence by creating two new interactive exhibitions on the Revolution in 2026.

Celebrate With Us ~ Become a Museum Member ~ It's Easy!

Membership is only \$25 for a FULL YEAR

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- ♦ FREE ADMISSION to over 30 New York State Museums, and more!



Join now by going to timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership, or send a check (\$25 for Individual, \$40 for Double and \$50 for Family) to the Museum at the address below. You will receive membership cards, a newsletter and special gift by return mail.

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



Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740
845 985-7700 timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership

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

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 2025, 1 – 4 P.M.

(Doors open at Noon)

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**Proceeds will benefit children throughout the
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of the Towns of Fallsburg, Liberty, Neversink, and Thompson.**

**For questions or further info, please contact:
Deb Jacobsen, 845-798-8795 or Diane Garritt, 845-866-3204.**

**Please mail payment, to be received no later than
October 20, 2025, payable to: Kiwanis of Woodridge,
PO Box 722, Woodridge, NY 12789.**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK:

Name(s) attending:

Attending: _____ @ \$30.00 Each TOTAL DUE: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____



Sportsmen's Bingo

Saturday , November 1, 2025

To Benefit The Grahamsville Fire Department & The Daniel Pierce Library

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. • First calling 6:30 p.m.

7 Games Played

\$35 per Ticket

*Includes 7 games & all BINGO Supplies

More chances to win with tricky
tray baskets & extra game cards

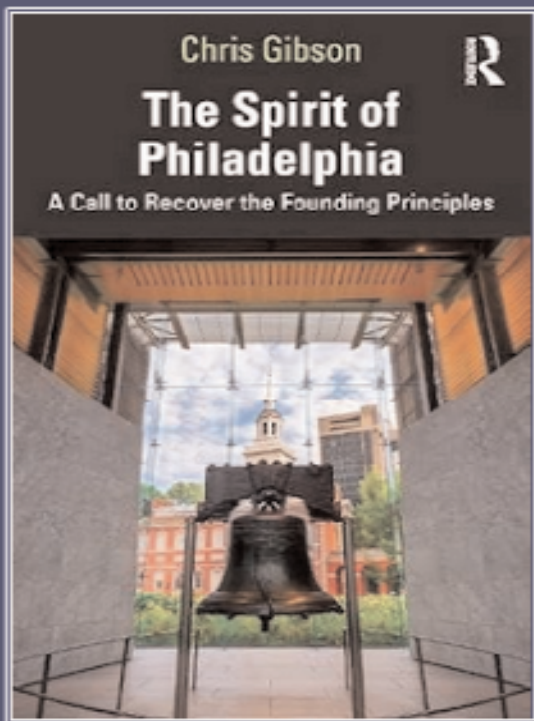
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Event location, Grahamsville Fire Department



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By Chris Gibson

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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,
Chris Gibson

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November 11, 2025

6pm - 8pm

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The telephone number of the museum is 845 - 254 - 4460.

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 16th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

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DEC Encourages New Yorkers to Help Protect Bats During 'Bat Week'

Outdoor Enthusiasts Encouraged to Refrain from Visiting Caves and Mines During the Fall and Winter Months Celebrate Bat Week from Oct. 24-31

In observance of Bat Week and to raise awareness about the critical role of bats in the environment, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) encourages outdoor enthusiasts to refrain from visiting caves and mines during the fall and winter months to reduce human disturbance to endangered and threatened bats. Bat Week is observed Oct. 24-31 annually and is organized by representatives from conservation groups and government agencies in the United States and Canada to build support for the conservation of bats - a frequently misunderstood species.

"During Bat Week, DEC is highlighting the important role bats play in our environment and natural ecosystem and that we all should do what we can to help protect New York's at-risk bat populations while they're hibernating in caves and mines," said DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton. "Disturbing bats from their hibernation patterns can cause unnecessary harm to their systems and recovery. When outdoors this time of year, please do not venture into caves and move away quietly to ensure bats can remain in their natural hibernation patterns."

These nocturnal flying mammals are more helpful to people than harmful, with most species having absolutely no interest in biting other mammals. There are nine species of bats in New York, all of which are insectivores that help control pest populations across the state. Their voracious appetites for insects help limit the amount of pesticides used for crops and gardens, reduce mosquitoes, and may help limit the spread of invasive insects in New York.

Of the nine bat species found in New York, six are cave bats that hibernate in caves and mines throughout the winter. Three tree bat species migrate to warmer areas. All these bats need to build up fat stores in the fall to make sure they have enough energy to carry them through their long hibernation or migration. They do this by consuming up to their bodyweight in insects each night. During this time, known as the fall swarm, bats are also congregating in large numbers to mate. For cave bats, this means they are using their hibernation sites to find potential mates before hunkering down inside for the upcoming winter, making these sites even more valuable to them.

Bats spend the winter hibernating in caves and mines where relatively constant, warm temperatures protect these mammals from harsh winter temperatures above ground. The health of bats is particularly vulnerable to human visitation to winter "hibernacula," and especially harmful since the arrival of white-nose syndrome (WNS) in 2007, a fungus that has killed more than 90 percent of bats at hibernation sites in the state.

If bats are disturbed during hibernation, they raise their body temperature, depleting crucial fat reserves. This stored fat is the only source of energy available to the bats until the weather warms in spring and insects become readily available. The more frequently bats are disturbed, the less likely they are to survive the long winter months underground without eating.

In recent years, scientists have found evidence of recovery of the once-common little brown bat throughout New York State. While this seeming stabilization provides a hopeful outlook after more than a decade of devastating population declines, similar evidence of sta-

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← Turn LEFT onto NY-213	1.1 Miles
→ Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A	0.8 Miles
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Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge	
-Going Towards Olivebridge	7.5 Miles
← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A	0.8 Miles
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Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

Every Tuesday at 7 PM

46 North Street in Monticello

For information

contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell

at (845) 701-0695

bilization has not been seen for other severely affected bat species.

DEC reminds the public to follow all posted notices restricting access to caves and mines. If bats are discovered hibernating in a cave, DEC urges visitors to leave quickly and quietly to minimize disturbance. Anyone entering a listed bat hibernation site from Oct. 1 through April 30, the typical hibernation period for bats, may be subject to prosecution. Other ways to help protect bats in New York include:

- o Limiting tree removal to the winter months (Dec 1. - Feb. 28 in Suffolk County or Nov 1. - Mar 31. elsewhere) to protect bats from harm. During the active season (spring through early fall), bats roost in trees and form maternity colonies to rear their pups, so tree removal during this season can potentially harm bats using trees for these behaviors. Plant a pollinator garden to increase prey availability for bats, who feed on insects;

- o Putting up a bat box on your property to offer bats a summer roost safe from predators and human activity (see options for bat box designs and DIY instructions); and

- o Contacting a bat-certified Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) when looking to remove bats safely from your home (find a list of NWCOs in your area).

For more information on bats, including state and federally listed species like Indiana bat and Northern long-eared bat, visit DEC's website.

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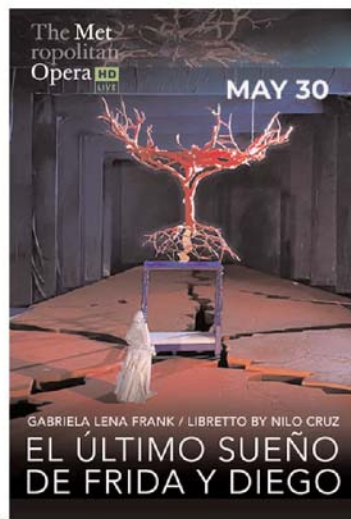
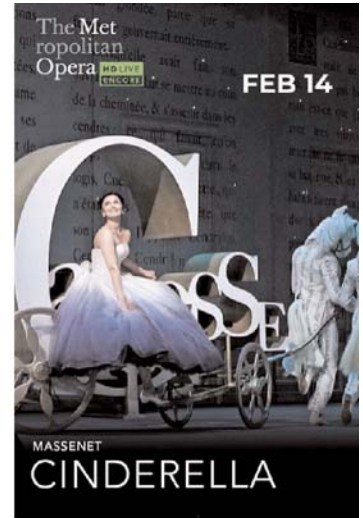
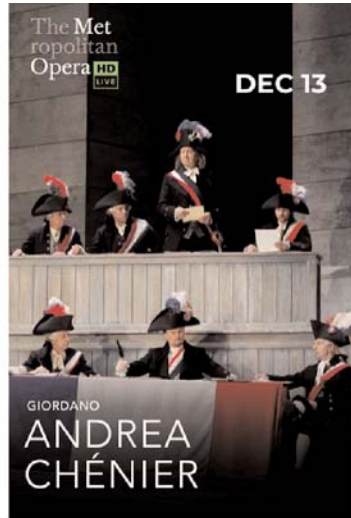
SUNY Sullivan Foundation presents The Met: Live in HD at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theatre

The Metropolitan Opera's award-winning series of live high-definition cinema simulcasts returns to SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theatre for The Met: Live In HD 2025-26 season on Saturday, November 8, 2025 with a live simulcast of Puccini's timeless and popular masterpiece *La Bohème*, directed by Franco Zeffirelli and starring soprano Juliana Grigoryan and tenor Freddie De Tommaso; followed by Strauss's elegant and lovely romance, *Arabella*, on Saturday, November 22, 2025 helmed by legendary director Otto Schenk and starring soprano Rachel Willis-Sørensen as the title heroine; SUNY Sullivan is also thrilled to once again present a special encore transmission of the December 30, 2006, performance of Mozart's iconic holiday classic, *The*

Magic Flute, playing on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

The 2025-26 Live in HD season also features a revival of Giordano's passionate tragedy, *Andrea Chénier*, with tenor Piotr Becza—a playing the titular character, accompanied by soprano Sonya Yoncheva; the first new Met production of Bellini's final masterpiece—*I Puritani*—in nearly 50

years, directed by Charles Edwards and conducted by Marco Armiliato; a special, family-friendly Valentine's Day encore of the 2022 production of Massenet's *Cinderella*, featuring Isabel Leonard; a new production of Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*, starring the iconic soprano Lise Davidsen in the role of Isolde, accompanied by tenor Michael Spyres in the role of



Tristan; a riveting revival of Tchaikovsky's lyrical romance, *Eugene Onegin*, with soprano Asmik Grigorian as the young lovestruck heroine, Tatiana; and lastly, a live transmission of the premiere of American composer Gabriela Lena Frank's first opera, *El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego*, with libretto by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz.

Catskill Fly Fishing Museum

A message from our President...

Now that the leaves have turned and the last colors of autumn line the banks of the Willowemoc, I am pleased to share that the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum continues to move forward with great strength and purpose. Thanks to your support, our dedicated staff, and an engaged Board of Trustees, the Center remains on solid footing and well positioned for the future.

Our 60K/60 Days HVAC Fundraiser was an outstanding success. We met our goal, the equipment is now on order, and installation will begin shortly. The new system will provide full air conditioning, heating, humidity control, and dehumidification throughout the Museum and Archives Building. This represents a major investment in preserving our priceless collections and providing a comfortable and climate-stable environment for visitors and staff alike.

Another major accomplishment this season was the complete reconstruction of the bridge deck. The project has been fully completed and now ensures safe and lasting access to our grounds for many years to come. This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of our volunteers and the members of the Heritage Committee. Their teamwork, skill, and perseverance turned a critical need into a completed project that strengthens our entire campus.

On behalf of the Center, I extend heartfelt thanks to the following individuals for their time and dedication:

John Francis, John Maddox, Joe Rist, Seth Cavarretta, Evan Colangelo, Jim Conroy, Mark Williams, Mark Schwartz, Anthony Magardino, Joe Cauvel, Eric Loverich, Bill Heim, Walter Toomer, Tim McCausland, Laura Colangelo, and Johnene Loverich. Your efforts reflect the very best of our community's spirit and shared commitment to the CFFCM.

This year's Catch & Conserve Dinner, held on the CFFCM campus, was a huge success. With over 160 attendees, the event was an inspiring evening dedicated to honoring the Wulff School of Fly Fishing—a cornerstone of our region's rich angling heritage. The gathering brought together members, friends, and supporters in a wonderful celebration of community, tradition, and the shared mission of conservation.

Our Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was also a highlight of the year, drawing over 100 attendees to honor those who have shaped the heritage of our sport. The 2025 Hall of Fame Class includes Walt Carpenter, Bud Lilly, Adriano Manocchia, Izaak Walton, and Paul Weamer—each representing the artistry, conservation, and craftsmanship that define the Catskill tradition.

Following this year's induction, I have made a few changes to the Hall of Fame Committee to ensure its continued strength and engagement. After many years of dedicated leadership, Ted Patlen has stepped down as Chair but will remain an active member of the committee. Ted's long service and steady guidance have kept the Hall of Fame process organized, fair, and deeply meaningful. I also wish to thank Tim McCausland for his years of valued service and thoughtful participation on the committee. Moving forward, Peter Leitner will serve as Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, bringing a renewed sense of direction and focus to the process. We also welcome George Colclough of West Point, whose deep appreciation of angling history will be a valuable addition to the committee's work. I am confident that under their guidance, the Hall of Fame will continue to flourish.

Looking ahead, the 2026 Legends of the Catskills will honor Ted Patlen, Jim Krul, John Apgar, Seth Cavarretta, and Joe Rist—five individuals whose commitment, leadership, and contributions exemplify the best of our community and its ongoing story.

Our educational programming continues to thrive. Fall classes have been booked to capacity, and beginning October 27, we will launch

an eight-week fly tying series covering the fundamentals of fly tying, key patterns, and the entomology behind the bugs they imitate. I extend special thanks to Samantha for her ongoing grant work and collaboration with the Sullivan County Youth Bureau, which continues to support our youth education initiatives.

We are also pleased to announce that our adult fly tying program will begin January 10, held in conjunction with our open tying sessions—details will be announced soon. These programs continue to embody the Center's mission of fostering education, community, and appreciation of the art and science of fly fishing.

Another exciting educational opportunity is our Bamboo Rod Building Program with John Apgar. The 2026 class schedule will be announced soon. This six-day intensive class (Friday through Wednesday) guides students through the complete process of building a 7-foot, 5-weight bamboo rod—from the culm to the finished product. Participants will split, flame, and plane their own rods, with all materials, hardware, and lunch included. The class is limited to five students per session, with tuition set at \$1,300 for members and \$1,500 for non-members. A 50% deposit holds your spot, and graduates are encouraged to “pass the test” by sending us a photo of a fish caught on their finished rod. Students may return to build a second tip at no additional charge. The Winter 2025-2026 session is full, and we are currently taking reservations for the Winter 2026-2027 weekly Saturday class. Those interested should email office@cffcm.com to join the waitlist.

The relaunch of the Beamoc Trout Unlimited Chapter, under the leadership of Judy Van Put, has been another exciting development this year. Membership continues to grow, and our collaboration with regional partners remains vital to our conservation and educational mission.

To close out the year, we invite all members, along with the Beamoc Trout Unlimited Chapter and the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, to our Annual Holiday Party and Potluck on Friday, December 6 at 12:00 PM. This gathering is a wonderful way to celebrate the season together and recognize all we've accomplished.

As we approach the winter season, please note that the Center will be closed from December 9 through January 9 for the holidays. We will reopen on January 10, operating weekends only (Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM) until Opening Day, weather permitting. Schedule updates will be posted on our website and social media by 9 AM daily. For questions, please contact icolangelo@cffcm.com.

Finally, the Semi-Annual Board Meeting will be scheduled for a Saturday in November. More information will follow once the date is confirmed. I look forward to gathering with our trustees to review our progress and set the course for the months ahead.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous work our Board of Trustees has done in recent months to shape the future of the Center through the completion of our strategic plan and presentation deck. This effort reflects thoughtful collaboration and a shared vision for the Center's continued growth and sustainability. The plan defines clear priorities for fundraising, operations, education, and member engagement, and provides a roadmap that will guide the CFFCM into its next phase of strength and stability. With the strategy deck now finalized, we are ready to move forward with renewed focus and purpose.

With major projects completed, successful programs behind us, and new initiatives ahead, the Center is well positioned for the months to come. Our focus now turns to strategic planning, continued facility improvements, and deepening our stewardship of fly-fishing history and heritage for generations to come.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our staff, I thank you for your ongoing trust, enthusiasm, and support. Together, we are preserving the legacy of fly fishing in the Catskills and building a bright future for the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum.

With gratitude and optimism,
Anthony J. Magardino, Board President



Daniel Pierce Library Potluck Senior Social Luncheon!

Thursday, November 20, 2025
at 12:00 p.m.

Open to all community retirees & senior patrons

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ambarnard57@gmail.com or (845)428-2383

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More than just kegels: understanding your pelvic floor



Daniel Pierce Library

More Than Just Kegels....

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

in the Adult Reading Room

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

There will be time for Q & A.

Topics Discussed:

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

Advanced registration required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Final Draft of Route Optimization Plan to be Presented to the Public on November 6

Public Invited to Review and Comment on Proposed Bus Routes and Schedules

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) and Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) are inviting the public to review and comment on a new set of proposed bus routes and schedules as part of the Route Optimization Plan. The final draft scenario outlining how transit service could evolve in Ulster County will be introduced at two public sessions on Thursday, November 6, offering residents an opportunity to learn more, review the proposed routes and schedules, ask questions, and provide feedback.

The Route Optimization Plan aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of UCAT's bus service by identifying the best way to arrange routes so that riders can get where they need to go with fewer transfers and delays. The Plan also supports the County's goal of fully electrifying its bus fleet by 2035.

Route Optimization Plan - Final Draft Route and Schedule Public Sessions

- o Thursday, November 6 - Two sessions: 4 PM and 6 PM (Doors open at 3 PM for browsing maps and materials)

- o In person at The Kirkland/RUPCO Offices (2 Main Street, Kingston) or remotely via Zoom (meeting will be recorded and posted)

- o Language Access: Real-time Spanish translation available via Zoom

- o To view the proposed routes and schedules, learn more about the meetings, and register for Zoom access, visit: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/ucat-route-plan>

The final draft proposals were developed based on extensive public input gathered throughout 2024, along with technical findings and field testing conducted over the summer. They mark the culmination of a year and a half of planning, public engagement, and analysis aimed at improving transit service across Ulster County.

The final draft proposals are unrelated to the UCAT service changes enacted in September. In response to public concerns about those changes, Ulster County and UCAT held a dedicated listening session on October 8 to hear directly from riders and community members. Based on that feedback, as well as feedback received from both online and paper surveys, County officials are actively evaluating what adjustments can be made in the short term and are working diligently to implement improvements where feasible. The County remains committed to ensuring that rider feedback informs both immediate service decisions and long-term planning through the Route Optimization Plan.

The Route Optimization routes will be available for public review and comment through the month of November. There is no set timeline for phased-in implementation; the proposals will be submitted to UCAT and Ulster County Government for consideration following

the public comment period.

"This is an exciting milestone for the Route Optimization Plan, and we're eager to hear from residents as we move into the final phase," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Public input has shaped this process from the beginning, and we want to ensure the final recommendations reflect the needs and priorities of our community."

For more information, visit: <https://participate.ulster-countyny.gov/ucat-route-plan>

Renowned Puppeteer to Perform Saturday, at Liberty Museum

Saturday, November 1st, at 7PM, the Liberty Museum & Arts Center will present CALLE ALLENDE, an adult puppet theater show, inspired by Frida Kahlo. The show is directed, created, designed and performed by Anatar M. Gagne, an award-winning puppeteer and actor.

Shackled by restraints of reality, Frida finds herself unable to paint. In a moment of desperation, she re-discovers her life source- the other Frida. "Calle Allende" is inspired by an entry in Frida Kahlo's Diary "The Two Fridas". "Calle Allende", a puppet theatre production, brings to life Frida's struggle to reconcile her broken self and dying inspiration. Frida's pain has clouded her, but in a moment of clarity soon realizes that without her imagination, she will lose her lifeline.

Anatar Gagne, originally from Caracas, Venezuela, holds a MFA in Puppet Arts from the University of Connecticut, and a BA in English/ Creative Writing from Hunter College. Her strong background in art, dance, writing, fiber and fabrication all come together seamlessly with her love for puppetry.

Due to the adult subject matter, the show is recommended for adults and children over 14. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and \$15 for museum members.

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center is located at 46 South Main Street in Liberty, across from the Liberty Theater. For more information call (845) 807-6055 or go to www.libertymuseumandartscenter.org. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/pinned-sewured/calle-allende-2134146738> or at the door.

Trivia Nights at the Rivoli

Are you bored staying home every night? Do you crave some fun and mental exercise? The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has the solution for you! On Tuesdays - October 28, November 18, and December 9, at 7PM, your inimitable host, Peter Nastasi, will conduct an evening of fun and cerebral calisthenics - at the Rivoli Theatre on October 28 and at the Fallsburg Senior Center on Nov. 18 and Dec. 9, in South Fallsburg. Come alone, come with friends, join a group, make new friends, test your knowledge, learn something new. And have fun!! Admission is free - donations always welcome.

Halloween Event

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Grades 1 – 3

Thursday, October 30th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join the Halloween fun and design your own DIY trick-or-treat bag and have a frightfully good time!

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



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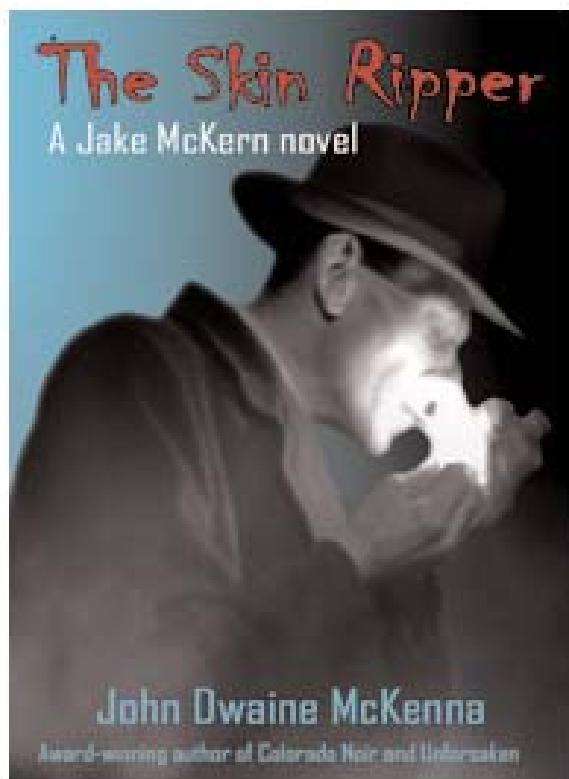
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UC Offers Free 'Be Safe, Be Seen' Reflective Vests During Pedestrian Safety Month

KINGSTON, NY - As part of Ulster County Government's continued traffic safety efforts, County Executive Jen Metzger, in cooperation with the Ulster County Transportation Council and Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, are giving out 1,000 yellow reflective vests at different locations across the County - more than triple the number distributed last year. The vests will aid in pedestrian visibility and are available to the public free of charge as part of the County's 'Be Safe, Be Seen' initiative. The program was first launched in 2024, and the inventory of 300 vests was quickly depleted due to high demand.

October is Pedestrian Safety Month, and Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2, meaning longer nights and sunsets before 5 p.m. The extended duration of low light in the afternoons means that pedestrians are less visible to drivers, increasing risks to walkers. It's also a time when deer activity rises sharply due to hunting and mating season, with wildlife collisions increasing by as much as 16% in the week following the time change. Sunrise and sunset - when visibility is already reduced - are peak times for both pedestrian and wildlife-related crashes. It's important for drivers to remain alert, and for pedestrians and bicyclists to take extra measures to be safe and be seen.

Beginning today, the free reflective vests are available at the front desks of the following locations:

- o Rondout Municipal Center (at both the Marbletown and Rosendale Town Clerk offices), 1921 Lucas Ave Ext, Cottekill
- o Trudy Center, 50 Center Street, Ellenville
- o Ulster County DMV Office, 244 Fair Street, Kingston
- o New Paltz Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Ave, New Paltz
- o Phoenicia Library, 48 Main St, Phoenicia
- o Saugerties Town Hall, 4 High Street, Saugerties
- o Town of Ulster Library, 860 Ulster Avenue, Ulster
- o Veteran Services entrance / Development Court Building #2, 2 Development Ct, Ulster
- o Shawangunk Town Hall, 14 Central Ave, Wallkill

For questions or for more information, email: UlsterTSB@ulstercountyny.gov

"With shorter days and low afternoon light, we want to make sure that pedestrians, runners, and cyclists are clearly visible to drivers," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I always wear reflective gear when I ride my bike, and I can tell you it makes a big difference, safety-wise. The 300 safety vests we gave away last year went fast, so we are more than tripling the supply for this year's distribution. As always, we urge drivers to stay alert, slow down, and keep a safe distance from pedestrians and cyclists."

Adhering to traffic safety laws and focusing on pedestrian safety is essential. In 2024, there were a total of 4,267 crashes on Ulster County roadways; 745 of those crashes involved serious injuries and 17 were fatal. In that same year, there were 82 crashes involving motorcycles, 50 crashes involving pedestrians and 36 involving bicycles.

More information on crashes can be found on the Ulster County Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Dashboard at: bit.ly/3BXcLqL

For more information on the Be Safe, Be Seen traffic safety initiative, as well as previous Ulster County road safety campaigns, visit: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/road-safety>

ArtUnder\$100+ Artwork Priced under \$100 and More Seasonal/Holiday Art Sale Wayne County Arts Alliance

The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) announces their 9th annual seasonal/holiday art sale, Art Under \$100+. This year's ArtUnder\$100+ is a month-long seasonal pop-up event that takes place at WCAA Headquarters throughout both floors, located at 959 Main Street in Honesdale. The sale opens November 29 on Small Business Saturday and winds up on Sunday, December 28th. Hours of operation are Wednesdays through Sundays from 11-4 and open until 6 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. We are closed Mondays and Tuesdays and December 25 & 26, reopening for post-shopping on December 27 & 28 (SA & SU). The sale will be open December 22 & 23 from 11-4 (Monday/Tuesday) for added shopping.

This year, ArtUnder\$100+ showcases artworks by over 35 Wayne County Arts Alliance's member artists. As a benefit of membership in the organization, the project provides retail opportunities and support for member artists. The organization aims to make ArtUnder\$100+ a month-long holiday shopping event-destination for the coming years in Wayne County!

We all need ART in our lives!! This year, 75% of the artwork is priced up to \$99 and 25% priced over \$100; hence, ArtUnder\$100+ -- offering a perfect opportunity to choose original and unique artwork for holiday and year-round gift-giving and enjoyment. The event provides a varied shopping experience for buyers as well as a broader selling opportunity for the artists. Choosing art for holiday gifts this year is a win-win-win: selecting unique and one-of-a-kind gifts, shopping local, and supporting talented artists and the Wayne County Arts Alliance. This shopping opportunity makes it easy to check someone off your list, and give the gift of Art this holiday season!

ArtUnder\$100+ includes a wide variety of choices in painting, ceramics, collage, fiber and felted works, jewelry, mixed media, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and more. Participating artists include Rita Argiros, Trish Blauth, Liz Borowski, Barbara Briden, Elizabeth Castellano, Rachel Caudell, Phyllis Chekenian, Joseph Colucci, Dale Emmart, Janet Gaglione, Jeff George, Pauline Glykokokalos, George Haas, Cynthia Hanson, Heather Hogan-Spencer, Bozena Janiszewski, Beth Johnson, Glenn Lieberman, Buff McAllister, Barbara Morcerf, Erica Mozdzen, Victor Polanco, Joan Polishook, Deborah Pollak, Matt Povse, Kathy Santen, Bob Schoenholtz, Sandy Schoenholtz, Mike Sergi, Nan Siegmund, Pam Sloan, James Spencer, Diane Stout, Naomi Teppich, Heather Teter, Elizabeth Tilley, Nathalie Warriner, and Bill Westmoreland.

When and Where:

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Wayne County Arts Alliance is located at 959 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431.

Admission to the sale is free.

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization governed by volunteer members of artists and people interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. WCAA is committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens. ArtUnder\$100+ is one of many events and programs that WCAA hosts, promotes, and sponsors throughout the year including the popular "Artists' Studio Tour" in July, and the year-round "Great Wall of Honesdale." In 2023, WCAA purchased and established a permanent home for the organization in downtown Honesdale at 959 Main Street, made possible through grant support from the Wayne County Community Foundation - Florence Longmire Treat Fund, and matching support derived from members, patrons, community businesses, and friends. For further information visit: waynecountyartsalliance.org

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The Catskill Center is partnering with Dr. Marco Tedesco of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory on X-Snow, a NASA-supported research project studying snow properties across the region. The data collected by volunteers helps improve our understanding of how snow changes over space and time and supports the accuracy of NASA's satellite observations.

Join us on Saturday, November 8, at the Catskills Visitor Center for an introductory training with the X-Snow research team. Participants will learn how to collect and record snow data, receive field tools, and view drone footage-both live and from previous field sessions.

New and returning volunteers are encouraged to attend. The more data collected, the better our collective insight into the Catskills' snowpack and its role in regional climate systems.

Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and snacks will be provided, along with an opportunity to fly Dr. Tedesco's research drone. We hope to see you there

Semi-Annual Open Public Meeting of the Sullivan County Drug Task Force

November 7th, 2025

2pm

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Brick by Brick: Autumn Adventures

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Fall 2025

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

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

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

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Visiting Local Hospitals Amid Democrat Shutdown Threats to Health Care

I visited Noyes Hospital in Dansville and Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua to meet with leaders and providers about the urgent need to protect rural health care access during the ongoing Democrat-led shutdown. These facilities are lifelines for our communities, providing emergency care, cancer treatment, maternity services, and long-term care. Their teams shared firsthand how the shutdown and Democrats' proposed funding cuts are creating serious uncertainty for patients, providers, and local families.

To fund their far-left agenda, Democrats are pushing to slash \$50 billion from the Rural Health Transformation Program, created in President Trump's Working Families Tax Cuts, to modernize and sustain rural hospitals over the next five years. This critical investment helps small hospitals recruit staff, expand care, and keep lifesaving programs running. I will continue fighting to protect these resources and ensure our local hospitals have the support they need to serve families and strengthen communities across Upstate New York.

President Trump is Ensuring Our Troops Are Paid and Women and Children Are Supported During the Democrat Shutdown

President Trump once again demonstrated that real leadership means putting the American people first. During the ongoing Democrat-led shutdown, he acted decisively to ensure our troops are paid and our most vulnerable families are protected. Through National Security Presidential Memorandum 8, President Trump directed the Department of War to use available funds to guarantee full pay and benefits for active duty and reserve service members, preventing a devastating lapse in military readiness. At the same time, he authorized a \$300 million emergency boost to the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, using tariff revenues to ensure mothers and children across the country can continue to access nutritious food and infant formula. While Democrats play politics with people's lives, President Trump is showing true leadership by standing up for our troops, supporting our families, and keeping America strong.

Discussing Government Shutdown Impact on NASA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTRRXxa2VHQ>

The ongoing Democrat-led shutdown is grounding NASA and America's future in space. Over 15,000 of the agency's 18,000 employees have been furloughed, leaving only a small fraction of the workforce to protect life, property, and essential missions such as the International Space Station and Artemis. Nearly all other NASA operations, including climate monitoring, spacecraft testing, public education, and research, have come to a halt. The Office of Science and Technology Policy, which coordinates federal research priorities, has also furloughed 14 of its 23 staff, relying on nine employees to maintain basic interagency coordination. This shutdown does not just pause paychecks; it stalls innovation, weakens national security, and cedes ground to adversaries like China and Russia in the global space race. America's scientists and engineers should be advancing discovery, not waiting on political games in Washington.

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. 4398, the Veteran Burial Timeliness and Death Certificate Accountability Act: This bill would mandate that Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) clinicians certify the death of a veteran within 48 hours of notification or permit local coroners, medical examiners, and nurse practitioners to sign the veteran's death certificate if the VA misses the deadline. Under current VA policies, it can take up to eight weeks to certify a veteran's death when a veteran passes away from natural causes, delaying military funerals and making it harder for families to receive earned benefits. America's veterans have risked everything to defend our great nation and protect our freedoms, and this bill ensures that their families can honor them and receive the benefits they deserve.

H.R. 174, the Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act: This bill would add additional penalties to criminal noncitizens who defraud the Social Security Administration (SSA). Specifically, a noncitizen who has been convicted of, or admits to committing Social Security fraud or identification document fraud, is inadmissible or deportable. Social Security is a lifeline for many hardworking families and seniors, and it is vital that Social Security remains stable and reliable for those who have contributed to it throughout their working lives.

H.R. 1037, the Voter Eligibility Verification Act of 2025: This bill would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to assist States in verifying the citizenship status of potential voters. Furthermore, DHS would be required to respond to state officials' inquiries regarding an individual's immigration status within 15 days. Protecting elections from fraud is crucial to preserving our democracy and ensuring that governance remains in the hands of the people.



With Washington still caught in budget gridlock, I'm remaining laser-focused on our Hudson Valley priorities: bringing down the cost of living, standing up for our Constitutional rights, and protecting our communities from harm.

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

PROTECTING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR ALL

Armed with a budget bigger than most militaries, Trump and ICE are declaring war on communities across the country, often without communication or identification - and in many cases using unconstitutionally deployed troops to do it.

That's not what the Hudson Valley is all about - my office has received an outpouring of support from community members that speak highly of Ali's character, kindness, and impact in their lives.

It is my understanding that Ali has no criminal record, arrived in the United States after fleeing the Taliban, and was legally following the asylum process. Despite this, he continues to be held in inhumane conditions at an ICE detention facility, unable to see his family or have his basic needs met. Continued detention at this facility will not only have devastating impacts on his health and wellbeing, but it will also create great hardship to his family since he is the provider and caretaker.

My team and I have been in constant communication with Ali's family - we'll keep pushing for him to be able to continue his lawful pursuit of asylum with ALL the rights afforded to him by our Constitution.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

It was truly a privilege to join last Saturday's send off of the 37th Honor Flight at Stewart Airport. Watch here!
<https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1979574506953003216>

Our veterans are heroes and I'm grateful that the Honor Flight Network helps us remind them how indebted our nation is to them for their sacrifices by providing trips for them to Washington, D.C.

Thank you to everyone from our Hudson Valley community who joined for the send off - and thank you to Sheriff Arteta for sharing some great photos of the send off!

<https://www.facebook.com/RepPatRyan/posts/pfbid02mGxrmiQNEWiWYRAkPRMHKnva66SpQ28cKjsGfHDVeDn2Q6PA451V1xdbHdeZYLcGl?rddid=qas8uZBIYJ6IE42i>

FIGHTING TO LOWER THE COST OF HEALTH CARE

The Hudson Valley is feeling the pain of Trump's health care cuts.

Already, we have 17,000 of our neighbors - veterans, single parents, disabled people - losing coverage entirely. If Republicans allow the ACA tax credits to expire, premiums for folks across our community will shoot up by 185%. An average 60-year-old couple on ACA insurance in our community could face a \$1,000/month increase to their health care bill.

Hardworking Hudson Valley families can't afford that burden - and they shouldn't have to. It's completely wrong and deeply un-American, I'll keep fighting to protect our community.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

This week, my team will be in every corner of the Hudson Valley to assist you with federal programs like Social Security, Medicare, VA benefits, and more!

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

CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES

A huge congrats to Gardner for checking out the 50,000th book of the year at the Red Hook Library! My team had a great time joining the celebration - watch here!

<https://www.facebook.com/RepPatRyan/posts/pfbid02rNV9Cu5QZbXCjzhbeZw1hLkADwCQPhvneDKvRXeXBXrpAkdqFeBTc9j7LteVSg3cl?rddid=uiqbZlhI5jTCZrdp>

This was the earliest the Library has hit the 50,000 checkouts mark in five years - way to go to the library and all our Red Hook readers for this stellar accomplishment.

During this National Book Month, I want to shout out all of our Hudson Valley libraries for being staples of our community, for their vital work promoting literacy and a love for learning, and for making books and resources available to every one of our neighbors.

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Newburgh Free Library is exhibiting artworks depicting key moments of the war by the prolific Hudson Valley artist, the late John F. Gould.

So glad my team could join for the exhibit's opening!

I want to give a huge thank you to the Gould family for generously loaning John's awe-inspiring works to make the exhibit possible!

CONGRATULATING THE HUDSON VALLEY'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

It was an absolute privilege to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for the Hudson Valley's newest Eagle Scout, Micah Randy Copeman.

Micah has spearheaded works of service for our community and advanced through leadership positions during his time in the Scouts.

Micah, the entire Hudson Valley is proud of you and you have a bright future ahead!

HELPING SENIORS SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE

Medicare open enrollment started October 15 and runs through December 7.

Just like my team helped Deborah, we're here to help you navigate the process and get the coverage that's right for you, too.

Please reach out to my team at 845-443-2930 or send us a message here on my website.

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

HONORING ICONS OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

The Woodstock Film Festival has grown into a hallmark event in the Hudson Valley and has boosted our region's standing as a hotspot for our nation's filmmaking, arts, and culture.

I was grateful to attend the iconic festival this year to celebrate another Hudson Valley icon - Riverkeeper legend John Lipscomb's career protecting our Hudson River was told in the film "The Keeper" by director Jon Bowermaster.

Congratulations, John, on this well-deserved recognition!

ENJOYING FALL IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Thank you to the organizers of Amenia's Harvest Festival for a perfect day of celebrating the fall in the Hudson Valley!

My team was out with the CARES Van to assist some folks with federal programs (and hand out coloring books to some others!) (Contd. Pg. 57)

Pat Ran (From Pg. 56)

WISHING YOU A HAPPY DIWALI

I want to wish a Happy Diwali to everyone who celebrated the Festival of Lights in the Hudson Valley and around the world last Monday!

NOMINATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS TO U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

At West Point I learned how to live a life grounded in duty, honor, and country.

Nominating the next generation of leaders to service academies is an incredible privilege.

Applications for nominations for the class of 2030 are due FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31! Learn more and apply here!

<https://patryan.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>

FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

Last weekend, we celebrated 53 years of the Clean Water Act.

From pushing to ban barges from anchoring in and polluting our Hudson River with my Hudson River Protection Act, to tackling PFAS exposures and GE's PCB pollution, to getting rid of every last lead pipe in our communities, I will never stop fighting for clean water for us all.

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.

NEW!

Are you part of a nonprofit, school, local government, place of worship, or other tax-exempt group that completed a clean energy project like installing solar panels, battery storage, or EV chargers and are eligible for the associated federal tax credits?

On October 29 at 2:00PM ET, Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG) is hosting an office hour session to guide organizations on how to file for their earned tax credits. Register for the free information session here!

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 Mid-sized 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!



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1. Working to lower health care costs

As the top Democrat on the Senate Aging Committee, Kirsten held a hearing this week to discuss how Americans' ability to shop for health plans and services can cut costs and increase the quality of care for families.

Kirsten spoke with expert witnesses about how to boost families' access to health plans, medical services, and drugs at a cost they can afford. She also emphasized the need to extend enhanced Affordable Care Act (ACA) tax credits to help keep health care costs down and give Americans more options for lower-cost insurance plans.

Watch the hearing here .

<https://www.c-span.org/program/senate-committee/health-care-executives-and-mark-cuban-testify-on-drug-pricing-and-health-care-modernization/667536>

2. Fighting to keep older adults' premiums down

If ACA enhanced premium tax credits are allowed to expire at the end of the year, at least 1.6 million New Yorkers could see a massive hike in their health care costs. This includes hundreds of thousands of older New Yorkers who have worked hard for decades to save for retirement and who will see their premiums skyrocket right before they hit retirement age. We owe it to older adults to extend the lifesaving tax credits that help keep them afloat.

That's why Kirsten is demanding that Republicans work with Democrats to extend these tax credits and end the government shutdown.

Read more.

<https://oswegocountytoday.com/politics/gillibrand/gillibrand-sounds-the-alarm-about-rising-health-insurance-premiums-for-older-adults/>

3. 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/news/press/release/gillibrand-demands-immediate-reversal-of-trump-administration-firing-of-workers-who-support-students-with-disabilities/>

4. Supporting students with disabilities

Every student in America deserves a high-quality education with the services, support, and resources they need to learn and thrive in the classroom.

This week, Kirsten blasted the Trump administration for gutting the workforce within the Department of Education (ED) that supports students with disabilities. She is demanding that the administration immediately restore staffing at ED to previously held levels to help make sure all students can get the education they deserve.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-demands-immediate-reversal-of-trump-administration-firing-of-workers-who-support-students-with-disabilities/>

5. Helping avert a Broadway strike

Broadway workers are the heartbeat of New York's culture and economy, keeping the city's arts and entertainment sector thriving.

Following the expiration of the contract between the union that represents Broadway musicians and the trade association for the commercial theatre industry, Kirsten joined New Jersey senators in encouraging all parties to negotiate in good faith to renew their contract and guarantee that musicians get the pay and benefits they deserve. Following her advocacy, the union reached a tentative agreement with The Broadway League to avert a strike.

Read more.

<https://apnews.com/article/broadway-labor-deal-musicians-a34c8886f4279b9aed7242262f5c0a6d>

6. Assisting New York veterans

A Saratoga County veteran contacted Kirsten's office for help with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) after his children's benefits were paused suddenly.

Kirsten's team contacted the VA on his behalf, and, as a result, the children's benefits were quickly reinstated at a rate of \$4,000 per month going forward. The constituent was also issued over \$40,000 in retroactive payments, allowing him to catch up on his child support obligations.

In response to Governor Hochul's recent announcement that Metro-North is extending service to Albany - below please find State Senator Peter Oberacker (SD-51), ranking Member of the Transportation Committee's letter of concern - sent to Governor Hochul October 24, 2025.

October 24, 2025

Governor Kathy Hochul
Executive Chamber
New York State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Governor Hochul,

New Yorkers deserve reliable, affordable rail. On paper, extending Metro-North service to Albany and capping Amtrak fares sounds like a win for commuters, students, and small businesses across the Hudson Valley and Capital Region. Promising ideas too often turn into costly letdowns once the MTA gets involved, leaving taxpayers to clean up the mess.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Transportation Committee and representative of upstate communities, I support better rail options done right: transparent budgeting, ironclad protections for taxpayers, and clear lines of accountability. What I will not support is yet another Albany "trust us" announcement that morphs into stealth tax hikes, shifting goalposts, or subsidies without oversight.

You have said this expansion won't raise the commuter tax. Upstate families have heard promises like that before. If this plan is truly about service, and not revenue, then you should be willing to make concrete, written commitments and answer the basic questions posed below:

Funding & Costs

1. What is the total capital cost to extend Metro-North service past Poughkeepsie (stations, yards, power, signals, platforms, ADA upgrades, crew bases, rolling stock)?
2. What are the projected annual operating and maintenance costs for the Albany round trip(s) in FY26-FY28 and who pays the shortfall if fares don't cover expenses?
3. Which funding sources will be used (state budget lines, MTA capital program, federal grants, congestion pricing revenue, one-time revenues), and what is the size/timing of each?
4. Will any state funds designated for upstate or upstate county dollars be tapped, directly or indirectly, for start-up or ongoing costs?

Fares & Subsidies

5. You've floated approximately \$40 one-way fares pegged to Amtrak's lowest rate. What is the per-rider subsidy at launch and at scale?
6. If costs exceed plan, will fares be raised or will taxpayers be asked to backfill? How much and from where?

Payroll Mobility Tax / "Commuter Tax"

7. You've said there will be no increase in the payroll mobility tax (PMT), known as the "commuter tax" for newly served counties.

Will you commit in writing to:

- a) No PMT (commuter tax) rate increases tied to this project, and
 - b) No geographic expansion of the PMT (commuter tax) into additional upstate counties, now or in future phases?
8. Will you support statutory guardrails to prevent PMT (commuter tax) expansion north of today's boundary for this project absent a stand-alone law with home-rule messages?

Governance, Representation & Oversight

9. With service north of Poughkeepsie, will newly served upstate communities get voting representation on the MTA Board? If not, why?
10. Will you publish a simple quarterly one-page scorecard with ridership, fare-box recovery, subsidy per passenger, on-time performance, cancellations, and net taxpayer cost?

Service Pattern & Coordination

11. Will Year 1 service include both morning and evening round trips and will origination be in New York City or Albany?
12. Have final operating agreements with Amtrak been executed for slots, dispatching priority, and access fees, and will you release those MOUs?

New Yorkers don't need glossy announcements. They need guarantees. If you cannot make these commitments, it will confirm what too many already suspect: this is a money grab to prop up a mismanaged MTA, not a serious plan to serve upstate commuters.

Respectfully,

Peter Oberacker
New York State Senator
Ranking Member, Senate Transportation Committee

CC:

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
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- o Music throughout campus
- o Academic Program Showcases and opportunities to meet faculty & staff
- o Alumni Table: reconnect and share your story

Also Happening November 1...

SUNY Sullivan Open House | Saturday, November 1, 2025 - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Meet with our admissions team to learn all that the college has to offer and how to take the next step in your educational journey.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Admissions Presentations: 11:00 a.m. | 12:30 p.m.

Campus Tours: To follow after the Admissions Presentations

Academic Program Showcases

LEARN MORE

**Generals basketball game
Come Cheer on the Generals!**

Enjoy an exciting basketball game during our first-ever FallFest, right at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse! The SUNY Sullivan Men's Basketball Team will be taking on the BMCC Panthers starting at 1 p.m.

Be sure to grab a seat and cheer on our Generals as they kick off the season!

For more information on news and events at SUNY Sullivan, please visit the Newsroom page at sunysullivan.edu/newsroom.

Read the latest updates from SUNY Sullivan on our social media feeds: Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.



Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

Town Of Neversink is launching a Hometown Heroes Banner Program as a living tribute for our community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces and their family members.

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Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

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Ready to dive into new adventures, explore fresh ideas and discover exciting worlds? The 2025 Book Challenge is here and it's open to readers of all ages! Whether you're a child just learning to read, a teen devouring every novel in sight or an adult looking for your next great read, this challenge is for you!

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.
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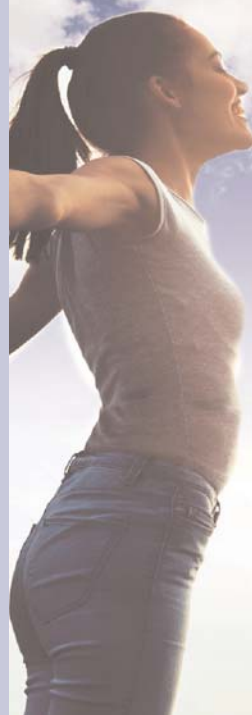
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Wednesday, November 5 -
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High Spirits

Fantasy/Romance/Comedy

High Spirits a fantasy comedy film writ-

ten and directed by Neil Jordan stars Steve Guttenberg, Daryl Hannah, Beverly D'Angelo, Liam Neeson and Peter O'Toole.

The storyline features a neat twist on a haunted castle tale.

Peter Plunkett (Peter O'toole) inherits his family's castle. In his last effort attempt to fill vacancies at the castle he launches an advertising campaign that falsely portrays the property as haunted. He fails to scare a single American tourist with his corny and dreadfully unconvincing scheme.

In a twist of fun events, two actual ghosts, Mary (Daryl Hannah) and Martin (Liam Neeson), show up and end up falling for two guests, Sharon (Beverly D'Angelo) and Jack (Steve Guttenberg). The 'spooky' fun begins!

Peter O'Toole's high-spirited performance certainly highlights, the movie, *High Spirits*.

High Spirits is definitely a Halloween movie! Enjoy the phenomenal actors and their hilarious adventure to save Castle Plunket!



Happy Halloween!

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Francis Ford Coppola

This weeks' Trivia question: What is the profession of *Lone Wolf McQuade*?