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Cider Making on a 1930s Farm Sunday, October 12th 1 to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - **Cider Making on the 1930s Catskill Farm** will be held Sunday, October 12th 1 to 3 p.m. at the **Time and the Valleys Museum** on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

Turn the crank of an old-time grinder used to grind up the local apples and then help make apple cider with a hand-operated cider press - a great old fashioned fall activity! **Tours of the Catskill Family Farm** with a house, barn, sap house, sawmill and over 10 other historic outbuildings and a display of canning and food preservation is included.

Held rain or shine, admission to the program is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children, Members free. The afternoon includes the cider making demonstration, light refreshments of cider and cookies, tours of the 1930s

Lost Catskill Farm, two floors of interactive exhibitions and a well-stocked museum shop with historical toys and games, gifts and books.

More about cider making: A fall activity on any farm that had an apple orchard, cider making has a long history. Since the safety of drinking water was a concern in early America, cider was a better choice. Early settlers also believed drinking cider aided in the prevention of many illnesses and helped them live a long life.

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On the Front Burner:

The spirit of God hath made me,
and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Job 33:4

OBITUARY

Janie Mae Wilson Tippins passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025, at age 95 surrounded by her loving family in her home in Viroqua, Wisconsin.



Janie was born on April 17, 1930, to Sumae DeLoach Wilson and Rembert Wilson in West Palm Beach, Florida. She attended Florida State University, where she earned a teaching degree. While there, she met Robert Meredith Tippins and they were married in 1952. While he pursued a career in the Air Force, Janie became an elementary school teacher in San Antonio, Texas, where she encouraged many first-graders to become lifelong readers and advocated for bilingual education for the children of Mexican migrant parents. She was also a passionate supporter of the effort to pass the Equal Rights Amendment for women. She later went on to earn a master's degree in library science, and after moving to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, worked for many years as an elementary school librarian. During their life together, Janie and Robert had three children: Rankin, Sherill, and Prudence Tippins.

Following her retirement, Janie lived in Viroqua, WI for many years where she volunteered as a librarian for Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School sharing her love of books with many children. In 2016, she moved to Claryville, New York, where she enjoyed gardening, kayaking, bird and bear watching, hiking and generally being in nature, as well as reading and writing. Janie always had an adventurous spirit, repelling down 200 foot waterfalls, noodling in alligator infested waters, diving, snorkeling, and sailing to many exotic locales with her son Rankin and

daughter-in-law Sandy. Her lovely, kind and adventurous spirit will be missed by all.

Janie was predeceased by both parents, her three brothers, and her former husband. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Rankin Tippins and Sandy Hollis; her daughter and son-in-law Sherill Tippins and Bob Mecoy; and her daughter and son-in-law Prudence and Steve Tippins. She is also survived by her grandchildren Vincent Polidoro and his wife Betty Yang; Dash Mecoy; Nicholas Tippins and his wife Victoria, and their children, Sequoia, Thomas Sage, and Wren.

A graveside service was held at the green burial section of the Viroqua Cemetery on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Reading Is Fundamental, an organization that shares her mission of opening worlds of opportunity to children through books.

Paul Miles Schoonmaker was born on September 1, 1942, in Middletown, New York, to Madoline and Roland Schoonmaker. Paul passed away peacefully on September 30th, 2025.



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He grew up with his parents and two brothers on Walnut Street in Montgomery, New York, where he spent his entire childhood.

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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.

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.

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.

Household Hint:

Prevent Dirty Smelly Shoes

Shoes, especially sneakers, can get dirty and smelly. Add a scented dryer sheet to shoes and boots that have gotten too ripe. Cut each sheet in half for kids' shoes or ladies' pumps and still get great results.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Want to know what winter is going to be like? Find a woolly bear!

Our granddaughter flinched when she first realized there was a woolly bear clinging to her jacket. After learning from her mother that it was a harmless woolly bear, that little creature quickly became her pet for the next few days. In fact, she found a second woolly bear. The pair of caterpillars became a center of discovery for her classmates as she took them to school for a few days.



Our granddaughter learned those furry little black and



rusty-colored caterpillars with bristly hairs that looked like they were wearing too much hair gel to keep their predators thinking it would hurt to eat one were actually the larva stage of an Isabella Tiger Moth.

The main reason for the Woolly Bear's popularity among caterpillars is its knack for predicting the weather. Lore says this little fuzzy critter can tell us what kind of winter it's going to be. It is so celebrated that several woolly bear festivals are held each year in the fall when the caterpillars pop up all over the place.

Winter lasts about 13 weeks and the Woolly Bear has 13 segments to its body. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, if more of the 13 segments are the rusty orange color, winter will be mild. If more of the segments are black, it's will be a nasty season of cold, wind and snow.

As soon as winter begins, we usually forget about what's happening to the Woolly Bear caterpillar. But, for those who would like to know, they go into hibernation, usually in a sheltered spot in a fallen log, under a stone, or another good winter hiding place where they will produce a kind of antifreeze that protects their organs and other soft tissues while the rest of the caterpillar freezes solid over the winter. Because of this, they can survive temperatures as low as -90 degrees Fahrenheit!

Knowing this, our granddaughter built a winter home for her furry little friends and guided them there as she bid them farewell until spring when temperatures once again will approach 50 degrees during the daytime. The woolly bear caterpillars will thaw and start moving around again, ravenously eating greens like dandelions. When they have eaten enough, they will spin a fuzzy cocoon, using their own fur, and begin the transformation into their adult stage. Once a woolly bear has made its cocoon, which it will normally attach to grass or a twig, it will stay inside for somewhere between 10 to 15 days before emerging as an adult Isabella Tiger moth.

Our granddaughter reports that both Woolly Bear Caterpillars had more of the rusty color segments - 8 to be exact and only 5 black - predicting a mild winter. I hope she is right!

Perhaps you will see a Woolly Bear, count the segments and see if you come up with the same numbers.



Paul Miles Schoonmaker (From Pg. 2)

During his senior year of high school, Paul's school district merged with another nearby—a twist of fate that led him to cross paths with Carol Stevens in a hallway. He asked her out—perhaps to a dance or a movie; neither could quite recall—but what mattered was that it began a lifelong love story. They soon married and raised four children together.

After high school, Paul served in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. When his service ended, he and Carol returned to their hometown, where Paul began a long and dedicated career as a lineman for the New York State Gas and Electric Company.

Paul's life revolved around family, church, hard work, and the simple joys of creating and fixing things. He loved spending time with his children—wrestling in the living room after supper, coaching their teams, or planning one-on-one adventures to connect with each of them and their dreams. His grandchildren made him unspeakably proud.

He had an enduring passion for cars and hands-on projects of every kind, none greater than his 1953 Allard J2X race car, which he rescued from a local junkyard and painstakingly restored to mint condition.

More than anything, Paul cherished his life with Carol. The two were inseparable—rarely seen apart and never walking anywhere without holding hands.

After raising their family, Paul and Carol began new adventures together. Inspired by their travels and road rallies throughout Europe, they built their dream home in the Catskill Mountains, surrounded by trees and clear streams reminiscent of the landscapes they loved abroad.

In the years that followed, Paul served his community as a councilman for the Town of Denning, NY. He and Carol filled their days with home projects, design, woodcutting, and the thrill of showing their cars—Paul's beloved Allard and Carol's elegant Jaguar—winning numerous trophies at local and regional events.

Paul was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose warmth, humor, and enduring kindness, grace, and faith touched everyone who knew him.

On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, Paul entered eternal rest. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol; their youngest son, Mark Douglas Schoonmaker; his parents; and his brother, Gerald Schoonmaker.

Paul is survived by his brother, Glenn Schoonmaker; his three loving children, Michael S. Schoonmaker (Sharon), Allen P. Schoonmaker (Nance), and Amanda L. Grey (Tom); his daughter-in-law, Christine Pennes (Vic); eight grandchildren—Vaughn Trudeau, Logan M. Schoonmaker, Elan M. Schoonmaker (Daniela), Erin Grey Kachur (Sergey), Ryan T. Grey, Mark D. Schoonmaker Jr., Riley L. Schoonmaker, and Roland S. Schoonmaker; two great-grandchildren, Miles Henley Schoonmaker and Stella June Schoonmaker; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visitation at Millspaugh Funeral Home in Walden, NY, on Friday, October 10, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Station Road, Rock Tavern, NY 12575.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors. For directions or condolences please visit

millspaughfuneralhome.com

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.

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

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

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

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



It's already October! That means that Halloween is just around the corner and the NRAMA 25th Anniversary Antique Tractor Show is over. But what an incredible tractor show it was! The weather was beautiful! The events were fantastic! We had over 1500 folks attending! And the number of tractors participating out did the past three years!

Before we began the show festivities we had the raising of the flag by our Eagle Scouts and the singing of the national anthem by Lou Setren. Thank you to Lou, Bill Richardson and his scouts for reminding us of what a beautiful country we live in.

There were over 100 tractors at the show, all primed and ready for the folks to look over. Many were all shiny and pristine while others proudly showed their wear from work on the farm. We had so many different tractors. We had Massey Harris and Massey Ferguson's. We had Oliver's and John Deeres. There were Farmall's and Fords. There were garden tractors. And many more make and models! Thunder View Farms brought the tractors and farm equipment needed to harvest the hay from cutting to baling. It was a sight to see all these tractors lined up in the fairgrounds field.

We had numerous hit & miss engines, many of them working and demonstrating how they were used. Big thanks go out to Mark Terwilliger for demonstrating the sawmill and Gary Tetz for cranking up the steam engine to run the shingle mill. Timmy the Train never stopped running, taking the kids all around the fairgrounds. And the NRAMA wagon gave families rides all day long.

Vendors with all kinds of new and used items were there at the show. And it was our first year with the Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club sponsoring the Sportsmen Flea Market. A big thank you to them for joining us this year and we hope they continue to be part of our shows each year. Also a big thank you to the Catskill Region AACA Car Club for sponsoring the Car Cruise-In. Their sponsorship brought in quite a few vehicles for folks to enjoy. We look forward to working with them at our future shows. It wouldn't be a show without the Buley Family there sharpening knives at no charge and supporting the tractor club. Thank you.

The food, as always, was incredible. Our Tri-Valley Little League cooked up some of our favorite "delicacies". The Grahamsville Fire Department provided a delicious breakfast, their famous sausage and peppers for lunch, and their chicken barbeque for dinner which is always a big hit. Our Lions club was there with the beverages, the Terwilliger family had their "always scrumptious" funnel cakes and Nate Gilmore was there with his sweet watermelons. Thank you to Rich from Bridge & Tunnel Brewery in Liberty for hosting our beer garden. Folks were able to enjoy some of his special brews while listening to Jon Zanger and DJ Mark Hyzer.

This year's tractor parade was amazing. We had lots of tractors in the parade, which was led by Kimberly Markel and her horse, Rocky followed by our Tri-Valley FFA "farm animals". Thanks to Walt Zeitschel and Peter Petersen for getting all those tractors lined up in order. And thank you to Chris Mathews announcing the tractors as they paraded by.

And what would a tractor show be without awards! Trophies were given to: Lisa Motluck, Best Featured Tractor/Best of Show for her 1951 Massey Harris Pony; Bruce Arwe, Best Restored Antique Tractor for his 1966 Oliver; John McHugh, Best Original Antique Tractor for his Ferguson T030; Bill Clayton, Best Garden Tractor for his 1992 Wheelhouse; Cayden McQuillen for the Best Young Adult Tractor; John Williams for Furthest Travelled Tractor coming all the way from Howell, NJ.; Ken Dolan for the Smallest Working Hit & Miss Engine; Russ Turner for the Largest Working Hit & Miss Engine; and Lisa Motluck for the Most Creative Use of a Hit & Miss Engine. Congratulations to all the show winners!

While we are talking about winners, we need to recognize our 50/50 raffle. This was the first year that NRAMA did a 50/50 raffle, with funds used to support our scholarships. What a success the raffle was with the winner taking home \$2,159.00!!!! Be on the lookout for next year's 50/50 as you could win some big \$\$.

The Tri-Valley FFA not only helped to lead our parade, but they also took care of overseeing our "kids corner" which had pedal tractors, milking cow and a sandbox. Our Tri-Valley FBLA took on the task of managing the gate, which was constant throughout the day. A BIG thank you to both these organizations for their help. We couldn't have done this without them!

If you attended the show, I hope you had a chance to visit the Antique Museum, sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum. Dot Muthig, NRAMA club member and Time and the Valleys Museum board member created an incredible trip back in time for the show. You stepped through the doors, and you were transported to life on the farm in the 1900's. Dot, with her amazing historical knowledge, guided visitors thru each "room of the house". Walt Zeitschel even built a "mini" outhouse for display! This year's antique museum really made us give thanks for all we have in today's world. And this year's antique museum was also very special as it was dedicated to our dear friend and former town historian, Carol Smythe, who passed earlier in the year!

There are so many other people to thank who helped make this year's tractor show such a success. The show wouldn't have existed without those club members who came to help set up, who worked hard during show day, and who helped with the clean-up.

A very BIG thank you goes to Linda Comando and the Townsman for all their support to NRAMA and assistance with advertising the tractor show. The Townsman is a key contributor to our success.

Putting on a show like the one we just had takes a lot of work and commitment. And it takes a team to brainstorm the ideas and make them happen. That team is the NRAMA Show Committee, Paul & Kathy Kelly; Lloyd Greer; Eloise McKeon; Seymour Streigold; Walt Zeitschel and committee chair, Cher Woehl. We're excited to see what they have planned for next year's show! And if you have any suggestions or ideas please send them to Cher at cherwoehl@gmail.com.

And check us out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/399517618394690> (please use the complete URL to get to the correct Facebook page). We are continually posting information about the club; other club shows and our show on Facebook.

Have a wonderful FALL everyone. And keep reading your Townsman as NRAMA will continue to share information on the club. (Contd. Pg. 4 a)

NRAMA - (From Pg. 5)



A hit & miss engine working hard at the tractor show

Club President Paul Kelly with Best of Show winner Lisa Motluck



Dot Muthig stepping back in time with Dawn Altomari in the antique museum



Lee Ellmayer taking Timmy the Train and his passengers on their ride



Barbara Lubeck sharing the art of spinning with the crowd



One of the "Big Boys" used at Thunder View Farms to harvest hay from Thunder View Farms



Our Parade Crew: Peter Petersen (from Oregon!), Walt Zeitschel & Chris Mathews

Bruce Arwe with his trophy winning Oliver



Tractors Lining up for the show

Tim Rexford & his Farmall taking folks on a fun ride on the NRAMA Wagon



Let the Parade begin! Led by Kimberly Markel on Rocky & the FFA "Farm Animals"



Cider Making on a 1930s Farm Sunday, October 12th 1 to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum



(From Pg. 1) About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a \$10 children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free.

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

- o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

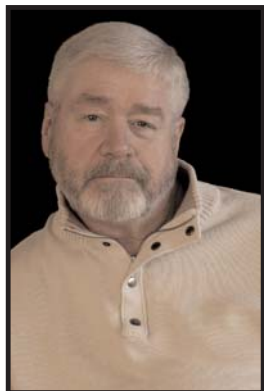
- o **The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting**, old and new quilts from three local quilt guilds and a history of quilt making - closing October 26th!

- o **1930s Catskill Family Farm**, farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house, working waterwheel

and other historical farm outbuildings help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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by John Dwaine McKenna

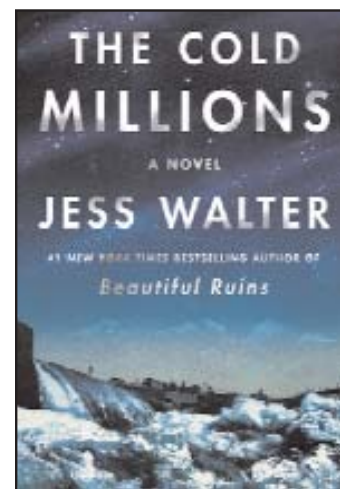
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Spokane,, Washington, just after the turn of the 20th century is the setting for Edgar Award-winning author Jess Walter's stunningly well-timed new novel entitled *The Cold Millions* (Harper, \$28.99, 352 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-286808-4), which tells the story of the

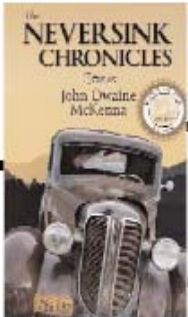
International Workers of the World, or IWW – also known as the Wobblies – beginning their fight for free speech . . . as defined by the right to meet, solicit, form and ultimately organize a union . . . among the laborers of the timber and mining companies who were so prolific in the area at that time. It's a classic tale of the struggle between the haves and the have-nots to see who's going to get a little bit bigger slice of the economic pie, during a time, like today, of extreme income disparity.

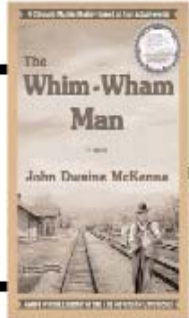
The novel, which is told from several different first and third-person points-of-view, begins in the year 1909 with a so-called peaceful demonstration, which soon turns into a full-on riot when police arrive to disperse the crowd of IWW unionists and organizers. The cops, tools of the timber and mining magnates who control the city government, wade in with billyclubs, fists and blackjacks . . . busting heads and hauling the battered and bleeding working stiff off to jail. There, they're packed into a jail cell so tightly that they can't sit.

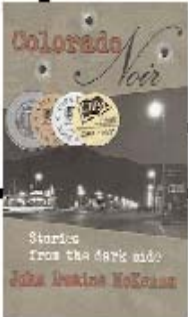
Their crime? Sedition. Speaking against the government. It's a travesty, narrated at first by sixteen year-old Rye Dolan, a train-hopping drifter and hobo, who's followed his older brother Gig into the labor wars of the early 20th century. Gig is a proud union man, an IWW organizer and the second narrator. Then there's Ursula the Great, who sings in a steel cage to a mountain lion in her nightly vaudeville act, who's a love interest of Gigs and a narrator to boot. And other narrators abound: there's Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a nineteen year-old progressive rabble-rouser; Sheriff Bill Sullivan; and oligarch Lem Brand, who owns much of the city. They're all trying to use the young man nick-named Rye for their own ambitious purposes, but in the end it's he who lives to tell this epic tale of ordinary people during such an extraordinary moment in time and history . . . a period that's eerily like today. This novel is momentous, timely and beautifully rendered in lyrical prose that sings on each and every page. Read it for yourself and see why the Mysterious Book Report predicts *Cold Millions* will be a monster and a smash hit . . . Yeah. It's that good!



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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

"I Don't Care"

There is a woman on social media named Melani who founded the "We Do Not Care" Club. In her videos, she daily announces the list of "We do not care..." and crosses off the things she does not care about with a yellow magic marker in her notebook. She has 783K followers and many mimics. She encourages her readers and members to post their own in comments. Thousands do.

In this chaotic world of not-funny events, these videos have me chuckling and sometimes laughing out loud. Laughing, by the way, was something i haven't been doing lately.

So here are some of mine:

She starts out by saying, she is putting the world on notice that she simply does not care much and then goes to a list. So, here I am, telling the world that I simply do not care much about these:

I am sure that someone can fold a fitted sheet into a nice rectangular bundle. I do not care. Mine is bunched into a ball and stuffed in the linen closet. It is clean and will smooth itself out on the bed.



You may desire salted caramel ice cream, but if I am scooping from the vanilla bean container, I do not care. We are all having vanilla.

If I dress for yoga at 10:30, I am not changing outfits. I do not care. I will be wearing yoga pants shopping and into the rest of the day. Also into the night.

It is five thirty and I should be cooking a dinner. I do not care. I want to get this column written so we will eat the left-over Manicotti.

I do not care that it is still

light out when I go to bed. If I am tired because the kittens get me up at 5:30 a.m., I am going to bed.

I do not care if my bra strap shows. it is proof I am wearing one when I prefer not to.

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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If I haven't finished emptying the dishwasher and now have breakfast dishes to add. I do not care. The whole contents can enjoy another wash.

If you do not like kittens who will jump on your lap, I do not care. They live here and you should be flattered they chose you.

If there are cobwebs in the corners, I do not care. Halloween is around the corner.

I don't care if the potato chip bag lists the serving sizes. Once the bag is open, the whole bag is the serving size.

I do not care if there are catnip toys, feathers, and ping pong balls under the sofa, you should not be looking there anyway.

Not every question or comment deserves a verbal answer when you can read my facial expression. I do not care. I do not repeat myself.

If the item is not on sale, I do not care to pay full price. I will wait until it goes on sale or find a substitute.

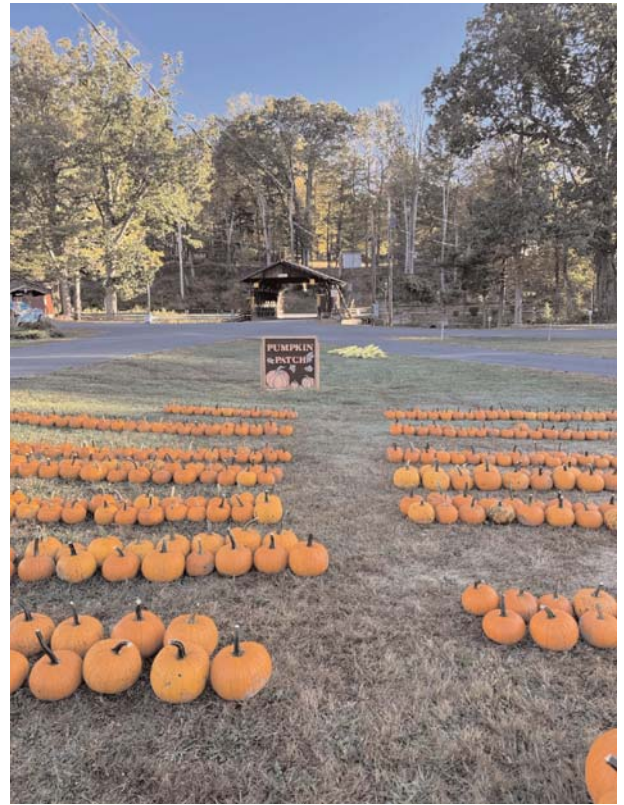
I don't care if I talk to strangers. If the lady ahead of me has great hair or darling earrings, I will her so.

Please tell me some of your "I do not care.." statements. I really could use a laugh.



Pictures from this Year's Pumpkin Party!

By Lisa Carroll



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Ponies, petting zoo, hay wagon, costume march, games, amusements, delicious food, talented crafters and vendors, fabulous entertainment, book bargains, giant pumpkins and dedicated volunteers created a memorable day for children and adults alike. Smiles were everywhere as our warm and generous community opened its giant heart to our cheerful and enthusiastic guests.

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Claryville Reformed Church to Host Their Famous Roast Pork Dinner

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

We are excited to be raising funds to build a canopy to protect our original, 175 years old original doors which are too fragile for another refinishing. More about these plans next week.

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 25th!

Sullivan County Historical Society's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

Each Year, the Sullivan County Historical Society presents deserving individuals or groups the History Maker and History Preserver awards. The honorees for these awards symbolize the stated mission of the Society: preservation of Sullivan County history for the enlightenment of future generations. These awards will be presented at the Society's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Sunday, October 19 at Casa Mia, Hurleyville NY. We are pleased to announce this year's History Maker and History Preserver recipients.

The principal role of town historian is to be a primary resource for gathering and preserving local historical information. Equally as important, though, is the town historian's outreach into the community and sharing this information with local residents and fostering a community's pride in its historical heritage. During her twenty-eight years as Town Historian for the Town of Neversink, Carol Smythe facilitated this sharing of historical information through means of her "Searching For Our Roots" articles in The Townsman newspaper, initiated local historically-themed events where residents come to share genealogical and historical records, and, along with like-minded fellow residents, helped bring to fruition a local, modern museum that celebrates the area's unique history. Through her dedication in the preservation of local history, The Sullivan County Historical Society posthumously honors Carol Smythe as its history preserver for the year 2025.



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Each year we ask you to advertise in our SCHS Annual Dinner's Journal, a publication produced to honor the year's award recipients. In years past, your generosity has been the Society's crucial source for operating funds. With interest in our County's history now at an all-time high, work here at the Museum has expanded, including an increase in Museum visits, inquiries for research and Society events. This work, along with the storage of archival material, maintaining the displays and day to day upkeep of the building is all done by dedicated, unpaid volunteers. They give their time, effort and even personal funds to make genealogical and historical archival records available to the public for research and exhibits. However, the continual increase in operational expenses strains our limited resources. Therefore, we again ask for your much needed support. To place an ad in this year's journal, or to make a dinner reservation, please email info@scnyhistory.org.

We urgently need your financial support to continue our mission of preserving Sullivan County's remarkable history and making it available to the public. As always, we thank you for your support, The Sullivan County Historical Society's Dinner Journal Committee Sullivan County Historical Society Museum at Hurleyville PO Box 247 Hurleyville, New York 12747(845) 434-8044 .

Edible Gardens Seed Farm-to-School Efforts Advocates celebrate a season of growing & prepare for Farm-to-School month

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 along with educators, farmers, and advocates for hands-on garden education gathered for the annual fall Catskill Edible Garden Project (CEGP) Garden Coordinator Meeting on September 30th at Gael Roots Community Farm in Livingston Manor, NY.

The Catskill Edible Garden Project, a collaboration between Sullivan 180, Catskill Mountainkeeper, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, works with schools, daycares, and youth-focused non-profits to design edible gardens as outdoor educational and gathering spaces. Through the Project, youth gain hands-on experience growing their own food while working as a team outdoors.

Garden Coordinators gathered with representatives from Sullivan 180, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Catskill Mountainkeeper to celebrate the accomplishments of the season and to look forward to future opportunities. Iris Fen Gillingham of Gael Roots Community Farm focuses on offering educational farm opportunities for community members of all ages. This includes youth field trips and high school internships on the farm.

Nicole Rasnick, one of the Garden Coordinators for Rockland Elementary School, said, "It's little moments like these-a gathering of gardeners at a beautiful farm discussing ways to teach kids to garden, a gaggle of 3rd graders picking garden soup-moments that make me love the opportunity to work with Sullivan 180."

The next Catskill Edible Garden Project grant cycle opens on November 15th and applications can be found at sullivan180.org. Each site that participates in CEGP, including 13 schools, one daycare, and one community garden, has a Garden Coordinator as a point person to lead activities.

October is National Farm-to-School Month. Many activities are planned, including installing new edible school gardens and coordinating local chefs as guests for interactive cooking lessons with local produce in classrooms. Several schools, such as Sullivan West Elementary, celebrate a Farm-to-School Day or the Big Apple Crunch (coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension) where students take a bite at a set time together of a New York-grown apple.

For more information about how to get involved with the Catskill Edible Garden Project contact Eva Bednar at eva@sullivan180.org



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Liberty Museum to Present Exhibition of Indigenous Brazilian Art

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center will present an exhibition of native Brazilian art objects, opening on Saturday, October 4, running through Sunday, November 16th. The objects, collected by Edward Ziff of Swan Lake, which were made by members of the Guarani-Kaiowá tribe, an indigenous community in the Brazilian of State of Mato Grosso do Sul, in the Central West region of Brazil, include traditional clay ceramics and ceremonial rattles. The ceramics are depictions of local animals, as well as jugs and a decorative panel. The ceremonial rattles are painted gourds decorated with feathers that are used in indigenous religious ceremonies. The exhibition will be accompanied by photographs showing the making of the ceramics and a video showing the use of the rattles in a tribal ceremony dedicating a new thatched prayer house (Casa de Reza) in the Jaguapiru aldeia (village or reservation), near Dourados, MS.

Saturday, November 11th at 1 PM, Ed Ziff will present a talk about his time in Brazil, discussing the artifacts, play the rattles, and discuss the tribe with a video of their dedication after the rebuilding of their burnt ceremonial structure. The Liberty Museum & Arts Center is located at 46 South Main Street in Liberty, across from the Key Bank. The Museum is open Fridays and Saturdays, from noon until 4 PM or anytime by appointment. Call the Museum at (845) 807-6055 or show curator Naomi Frumess at (845) 807-6656 for additional information.

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UCAT Listening Session October 8 to Gather Rider Feedback on Route Changes

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) will host a virtual Listening Session on Wednesday, October 8, from 6 PM - 7:30 PM, to hear directly from riders about recent route changes implemented in September. The session will provide an opportunity for community members to share feedback, raise concerns, and help inform future adjustments to improve service and accessibility.

Date: Wednesday, October 8

Time: 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Virtual - register at
tinyurl.com/UCATListeningSession

Accessibility: Spanish/ASL interpretation available

Riders unable to attend the virtual listening session can share their feedback by completing a print survey available on UCAT buses, or by filling out the online form at <https://ulster-countyny.gov/ucat/customer-survey>.

Ulster County is committed to ensuring that public transit meets the evolving needs of our residents. Rider input is essential to shaping a system that is responsive, equitable, and easy to navigate.

For more information on UCAT route changes, visit <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/sept-15-ucat-changes-faq-and-q-a>. For more information on the listening session, call (845) 340-3800, or email exec@co.ulster.ny.us.

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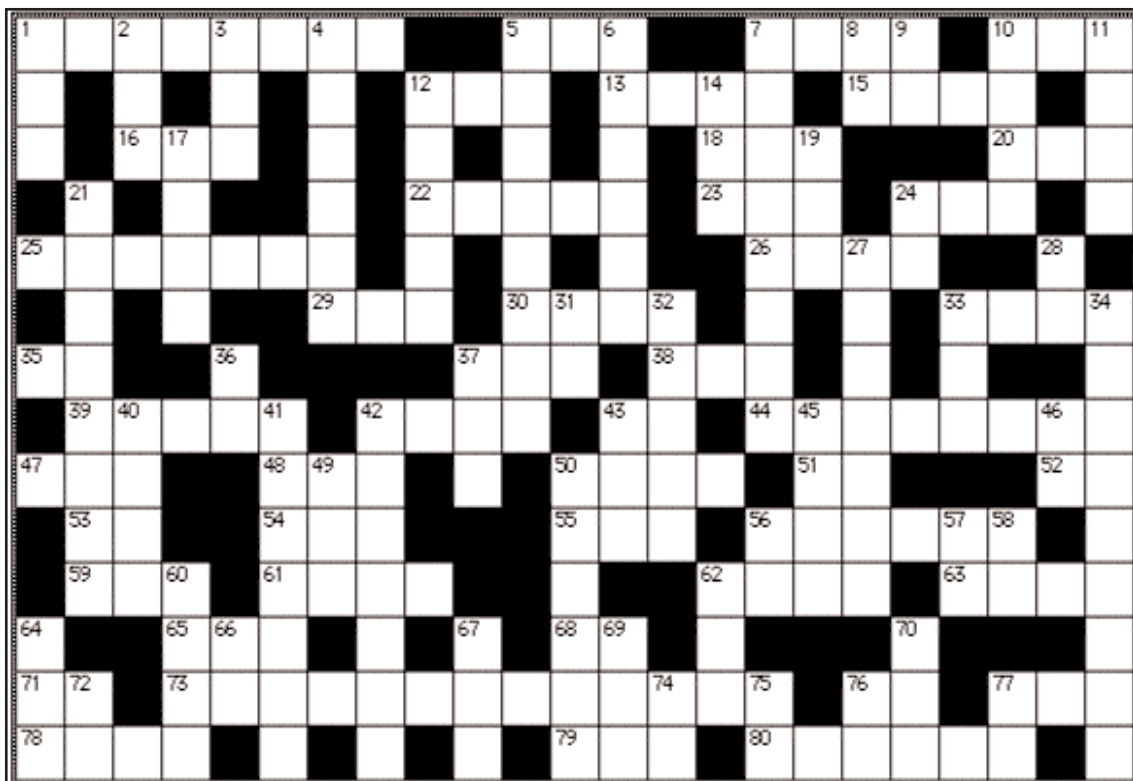
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Norse explorer who sailed west from Greenland and landed in the New World (Canada)
 6 Country in Western Europe whose capital is Paris
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 9 Associate of Arts
 10 To mark a position of course on a map
 11 Expression
 12 Spore-producing under-surface of a mushroom
 14 Used to express the negative of other words
 17 My mother's sister
 19 Person's sense of self-importance
 21 Legislative body of our country
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Erikson's destination
 28 North America (abbrev)
 31 United Nations
 32 Country that supported Columbus's voyage to the New World
 33 Untruth
 34 Fungal growth that typically takes the form of a domed cap on a stem
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 40 To and upon
 41 A level of importance in an organization
 42 Mental images
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 45 Popular double layered filled chocolate cookie
 46 Expression of motion in the direction of

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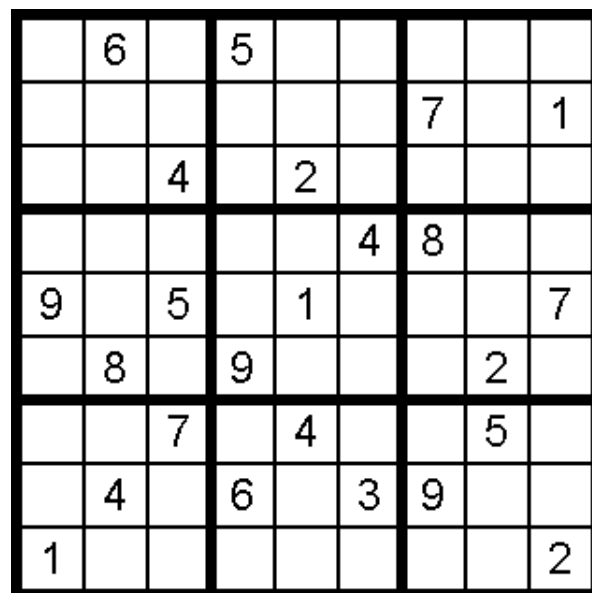
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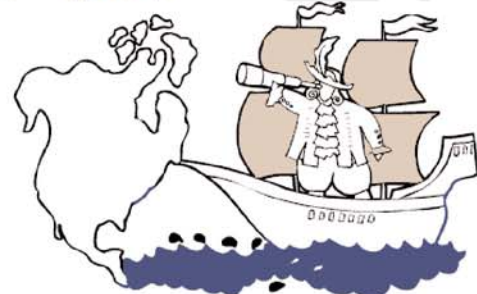
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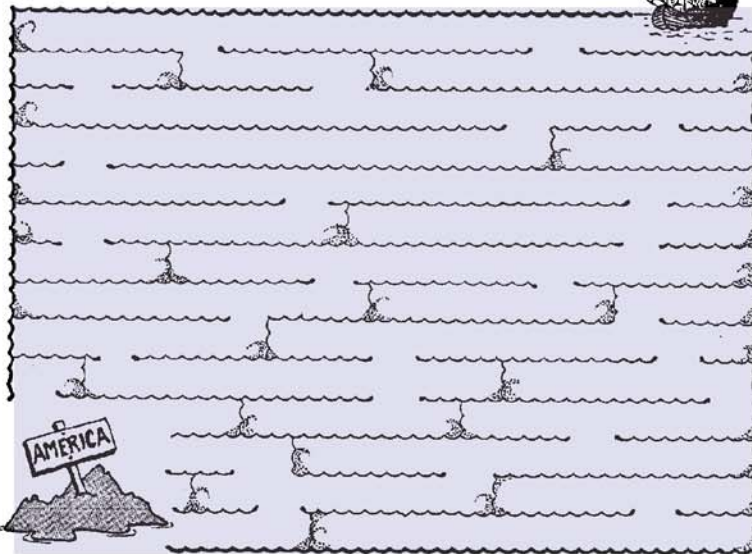
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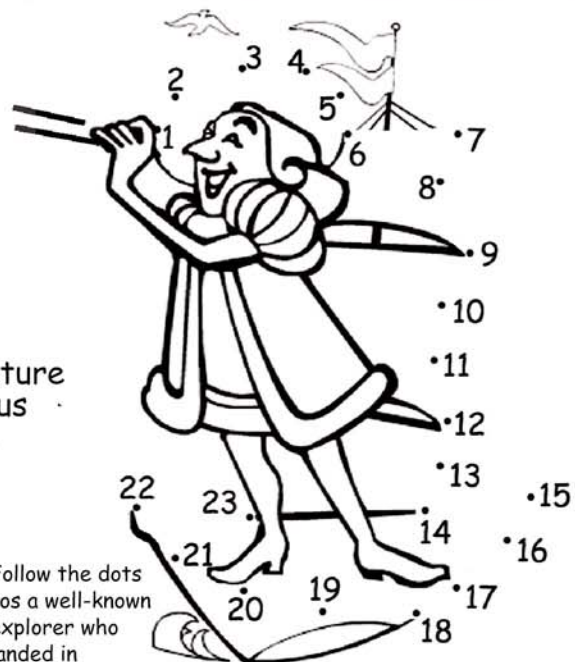
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at the Daniel Pierce Library
Wednesdays from 9:30 - 12:30
Come paint with us!

Join this collaborative group as we create and inspire
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The first
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Denning Residents, Please Take Notice:

2026 Budget Workshop;

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

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

10/2; 10/9

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF 2026 BUDGET HEARING

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

Dated: October 1st, 2025

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

10/2; 10/9; 10/16

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET Claryville Fire District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Claryville Fire District of the Towns of Denning and Neversink, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, for its consideration.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 PM at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall, 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, in the Town of Denning, State of New York on the 21st day of October, 2025.

The Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning the same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerks of the towns of Denning, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY12725; and Neversink, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 and Fire District Secretary , Claryville, NY 12725.

Dated: October 1, 2025

Board of Fire Commissioners
Claryville Fire District
1500 Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725

10/9

LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School's District Office.

Samantha Damms
District Clerk
10/03/2025

Neversink River Craft Co-op Last 2025 Event!

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



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

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

See our Youtube.com Neversink River Craft Co-Op for a video tour!

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





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First Annual Chili Cook-Off & Mechanical Bull Riding Competition **October 11, 2025**

Tickets include
One Hot Dog or Burger,
Other Food & Drink
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Starting @ 12pm

Prizes and Bragging Rights
to the Winners!

PRICING
\$50 for Teams of 3
for each Competition
\$20 for Spectators

We Need Your Support

This year's fundraiser is more important than ever. Not only are we raising money for vital equipment & training, but we are also rallying together to help one of our own members whose husband was seriously injured in an accident while she is 8 months pregnant.



How You Can Help:

- Make a monetary donation
- Become an event sponsor
- Attend the event and spread the word!

We Proudly Serve Woodbourne
& Surrounding Areas!

Your Generosity Will:

- Keep our team equipped & trained
- Provide aid to a member in crisis
- Help us to continue answering every call for help

October 11, 2025
Woodbourne Firemen's Park
Contact Heidi @ 845-798-2073 for tickets
Please Help Us Help Others!

PROOF

Performances start October 10th

Catherine's recent life has been spent caring for her father, a mathematician whose genius ultimately turned to madness in his final years. On the weekend of his funeral, she becomes undone by the visit of her estranged sister, a budding romance with a graduate student, and the mystery of what, exactly, she inherited from her father.

MEET THE CAST



Eilis Cahill appeared in *Make Believe* (NJ Rep), *Safe Home*, and *The Road to Jerusalem* (Shadowland Stages). Favorite roles include Emily in *Our Town*, Helen in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, Girleen in *The Lonesome West* and Molly in *Love Song*. Eilis stars in the indie film *Mind-set*. Eilis is honored to be here and is thankful to Brendan for the opportunity. Eilis is happy to help you with math problems @eiliscahill

Steve Brady has worked at Shadowland several times over the years including *YANKEE TAVERN*, *THE SEAFARER*, *BILL W. AND DR. BOB*, and most recently *OFF-PEAK* in the Studio. He's appeared on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and at regional theatres around the country and the world. TV credits include *SEINFELD*, *LAW & ORDER*, *DIFF'RENT STROKES* and *BEVERLY HILLS 90210*.

Carolyn Holding is thrilled to be back at Shadowland Stages, where she previously appeared in *'Cry It Out.'* Other recent theater credits include *'Billie Jean'* (Chicago Shakespeare Theater), *'The Cake'* (Manhattan Theater Club), *'Zurich'* (New York Theater Workshop), *'Rubicon,' 'As You Like It'* (Denver Center for the Performing Arts), *'Comedy of Errors,' 'Troilus and Cressida,' 'Henry VI Part II,' 'Cymbeline'* (Colorado Shakespeare Festival), *'The Scene'* (Dorset Theater), *'Hunter John and Jane'* (JACK Brooklyn), *'Spiked Heels'* (VetRep). TV: *'The Gilded Age,' 'High Maintenance'* (HBO); *'Heels'* (Netflix/STARZ); *'FBI,' 'Bull.'* (CBS); *'The Blacklist'* (NBC). MFA: NYU Graduate Acting, BA: Harvard University

Rudy Galvan makes his Shadowland Stages debut. Rudy is a NYC-based actor originally from Chicago, Illinois. Regional credits include *Lord of the Flies*, 1984 (Steppenwolf Theatre), *Almost, Maine*, *The Mousetrap* (Next Act Theatre), *The 39 Steps* (Third Avenue Playworks), *Comfort* (New Jersey Repertory Company), *Private Lives*, *The Gentleman Caller* (Raven Theatre), *A Life Extra Ordinary* (The Gift Theatre), *Sweat* (Asolo Rep), *American Buffalo* (Mary-Arrchie Theater Co.), *United Flight 232* (The House Theatre of Chicago). Film:

His *Three Daughters* (Netflix, Robert Altman Award Best Ensemble), *Slice* (A24), *Megan is Missing* (Trio Pictures). TV: *Chicago PD*, *Chicago Fire* (NBC), *Shameless* (Showtime), *Search Party* (Max). Representation: DDO Artists Agency. Management: We Group Talent.

PROOF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRI, 10/10/25 at 8 pm (PREVIEW*) - AVAILABILITY
SAT, 10/11/25 at 2 pm (PREVIEW*) - AVAILABILITY
SAT, 10/11/25 at 8 pm (OPENING NIGHT) - AVAILABILITY
SUN, 10/12/25 at 8 pm - AVAILABILITY
*Pay What You Can

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc_cid=51f00e3248&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

SIGN UP TODAY!

We are delighted to announce our Fall/Winter Performance Session! This season, we will be stepping into an exciting, new play inspired by Rod Serling's *Twilight Zone* Episode, "Five Characters in Search of an Exit." Imagine a cowboy, ballerina, doctor, astronaut, superhero, and many more characters working together to escape 'the room' and save the holidays! With creative inspiration from the students and puzzles to solve, this show promises to be a delightful, theatrical experience for all. Please join us. Registration is now open!

<https://shadowlandstages.org/youth-theatre-classes/>

Rehearsals are on Saturdays, from October 11 through December 20.

With performances (times TBD, early evening) on Sunday, December 21.

There will be two groups.

Ages 6-11 from 10 am-12 pm.

Ages 12-18 from 12:15 pm-2:15 pm.

Rehearsals are held at the Studio, located at 14 Market Street. The registration fee is \$150, plus a \$25 costume fee. \$175 total. Scholarships are available. Please reach out to ben@shadowlandstages.org if you're interested.

<https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/classes>

Ages 6-11, 10 am-12 pm

Step into a mysterious holiday adventure inspired by Rod Serling's classic *Twilight Zone* tale, *Five Characters in Search of an Exit*. In this immersive play experience, kids ages 6-11 become part of a curious group of holiday characters who suddenly find themselves trapped in a strange room with no doors, no windows, and no clear way out. Working together, they must solve puzzles, uncover hidden clues, and unlock the secrets of their unusual surroundings. Will teamwork, creativity, and holiday spirit be enough to escape? A mix of mystery, problem-solving, and festive fun, *Escape Room: Holiday Edition* invites young adventurers to step into the story, use their imaginations, and discover that the greatest gift might just be what they learn along the way.

Ages 12 - 18, 12:15 pm - 2:15 pm

Nothing is as it seems in this holiday twist on Rod Serling's *Twilight Zone* classic, *Five Characters in Search of an Exit*. A group of unlikely characters find themselves in a room with no way out! Or is there? Who put them here? Why? And most importantly, how do they get out? In this immersive play experience for teens, actors step into the story themselves, piecing together cryptic clues, solving puzzles under pressure, and unraveling the unsettling truth of their strange confinement. With mystery, suspense, and just the right dash of holiday spirit, *Escape Room: Holiday Edition* challenges these characters to think critically, work as a team, and question what's real just in time for the holidays.

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**Covered Dish
Supper
5:30 pm
Nov 1, 2025**

*Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall*

St. Mary's and St. Andrews Church
139 S Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12740

Mass Times

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

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

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink,
Sundown and Ulster Heights)

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

*The Church with
a friendly welcome*

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

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

Thrift Sale

**Sat., Oct. 18th
9 am - 12 noon**



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches

Come and Join us for
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin
845-985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:15 am

Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

Loucks Funeral Home

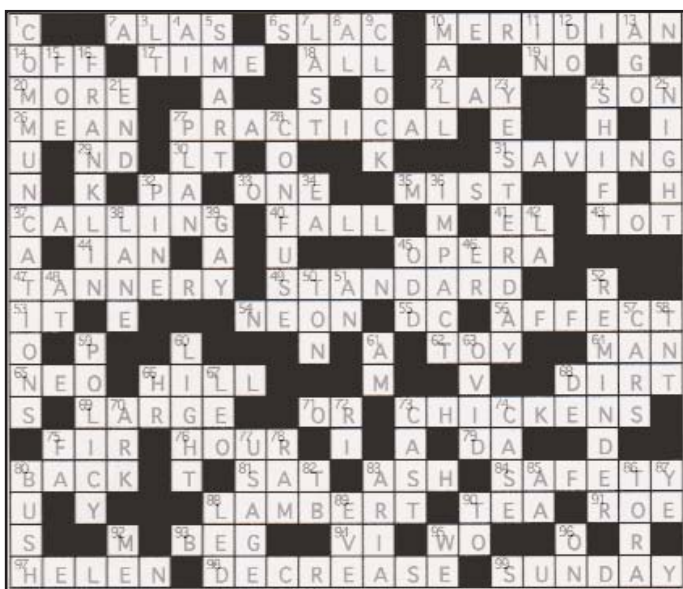
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St. Augustine's Chapel
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also
WANTED
 People to
 play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

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

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 email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
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<http://gnomehomeinc.com>



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

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

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

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

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

\$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

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

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

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

Temple Shalom Fundraiser Cruise to Nassau

Leave January 11 and return to Miami on January 18, 2026.
 Single cabin -\$2155; Couples-pay between \$3275 and \$4463 for a dou-
 ble balcony cabin with drinks and WiFi included. The higher price
 includes a dedicated restaurant and a cruise long pass to the spa for two.
 A \$500 deposit is refundable. Each cabin will receive \$100 in on-board
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For further information, contact Barry Gleen at
barry.gleen@cruiseplanners.com
 or (516) 281-5905

All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Shalom.

Check the air quality where you are at:

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

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/8/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
10/13/25	Town of Neversink Holiday - COLUMBUS DAY
10/15/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/15/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
10/16/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
10/16/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
10/18/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
10/21/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
10/25/25	Claryville Roast Pork Dinner 4 - 6:30 pm
11/1/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church

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

or The Week Of

October 6 - October 10, 2025

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>**Monday, October 6**

- o CANCELLED - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

Tuesday, October 7

No Meetings

Wednesday, October 8

- o **5:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, October 9

- o **4:00 PM - Housing & Transportation Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM** (or immediately following Housing & Transportation Committee) - **Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:15 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & Via livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:15 PM** (or immediately following UCRRA Zero Waste Committee) - **Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>

Friday, October 10

No Meetings

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

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

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

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

Limitations:

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

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

Claryville Reformed Church
Famous Roast Pork Dinner
with seven sides
and homemade desserts

Saturday, October 25th

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

Takeouts will also be available

Adults \$16
Children Five thru 10 –\$10

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

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 25th!

DVAA Presents Urbano's Circus

On Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th, DVAA will present Urbano's Circus at Tusten Theatre, a bilingual puppet performance in Italian and English created by actor, artist, puppeteer and educator Richard Grunn.

This whimsical and wildly inventive show features a cast of unique puppets, made from a mix of recycled and non-recycled materials, and follows the story of Urbano Urbani, the once-great ringmaster of Urbano's Circus, and his loyal assistant, Vincenzo Pompei.

Inspired by Alexander Calder's "Circus of Wire," adults and children alike will be amazed and entertained by these hilarious trash-constructed puppets as they perform their death-defying and suspenseful acts!

ABOUT RICHARD GRUNN



Richard Grunn is an actor, artist, puppeteer, and teaching artist, who has performed and toured original shows at many festivals in the U.S., Ireland and the U. K. including the West Cork Literary Festival, Schull Arts Festival, Arundel Festival, and Edinburgh Fringe. In 2019 he received a Creative Engagement Grant from the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) to perform his trash-constructed puppet circus Urbano's Circus and the Monster of Garbage at the University Settlement in New York City. Some of his original solo shows include Father Joiner's Purgative Poetry Project, a poetry reading of several winsome, yet unlikely poets, and his most recent show, Good Medicine (performed at Tusten Theatre in 2023), a satirical history of America's great anti-satanic, scientific, and spiritual salesmen. He received a 2015 BRIO award for experimental film from the Bronx Council on the Arts, and in 2003 was awarded the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship in Theatre. Richard Grunn is a teaching artist for Sundog Theatre where he designed a drama-based literacy program, 3-D Literacy, which serves elementary and middle school students in the NYC schools. He has taught radio theater to visually

impaired students at the Lighthouse Guild, and seniors for the past ten years.



ABOUT DVAA

DVAA is your artistic home in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan Catskills Region. We give artists platforms to share their voice, whether it's in our galleries, on our stages, or at our festivals. We fund local creatives and cultural organizations through our role as the Arts Council of Sullivan County. And we welcome all, from near or far who seek a supportive place to be creative, be connected, and be inspired.

TICKETS & LOCATION

Performances take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

Advance tickets: \$25 adults (\$20 DVAA Members)

Door tickets: \$30 adults (\$25 DVAA Members)

Children under 12: free

Box office/concession opens 30 minutes before showtime. Tickets may be purchased by calling (845) 252-7576 or online at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

SUPPORT

DVAA's programs are made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund, the Upstate Theater Coalition for a Fair Game Grant Program, DVAA members, Business Sponsors, and individuals like you!

CONTACT:

Naomi Scott, Communications Manager

(845) 252-7576

communications@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org

Due to Increased Fire Risk, Governor Hochul Implements Temporary Statewide Burn Ban

- New Yorkers Urged to Conserve Water During Ongoing Dry Conditions

- View Map of New York State Fire Danger...

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/fire-danger-map>

- ...and Map of New York State Drought Conditions

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/drought/current-drought-conditions>

- New York State Firefighting Crews Return from Western Wildland Fire Deployment, Photos from Idaho Fire Are Available Here

- Read Proclamation Here

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-10/20251001211620922_0001.pdf

Governor Kathy Hochul, with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, today announced a statewide burn ban in effect starting today, October 2 due to increased fire risk and continued dry conditions. The ban will be in effect for 14 days from Oct. 2 to Oct. 15 and will be reevaluated prior to expiration. New Yorkers can help prevent fires in communities and in the backcountry by complying with the prohibition on most outdoor fires and protect water supplies by continuing to conserve water whenever possible.

"The ongoing nice weather is great for watching fall foliage or gathering with friends, but it also presents a higher risk for fires that put homes, businesses and our brave first responders at risk," Governor Hochul said. "Many regions are already in a drought watch or warning due to the dry conditions, and with the fire risk rising in some parts of the state, it is important to keep everyone safe by implementing this temporary burn ban."

The statewide burn ban now in effect prohibits the starting of outdoor fires for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as all uncontained fires, including campfires, and open fires used for cooking. Backyard fire pits and contained campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width or diameter are allowed, as are small, contained cooking fires. Burning garbage or leaves is already prohibited year-round in New York State and several municipalities have burn bans currently in effect.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton said, "New York State is fortunate to have some of the most qualified wildland firefighters in the country protecting our forests and communities. New Yorkers can help keep them and our resources safe by working to prevent fires in the first place. We fully support Governor Hochul's decision to ban outdoor fires until conditions return to safer levels and continue to encourage New Yorkers to help conserve water so that we have an abundant supply for firefighting and other essential uses."

Fire Danger

Recent dry conditions are resulting in a "High" fire danger for the Southern Tier, Lake Ontario Plains, St. Lawrence, Adirondack, High Peaks and Upper Hudson Champlain Fire Danger Rating Areas. A high fire danger means all fine, dead fuels ignite readily and fires start easily from most causes, including

unattended brush and campfires. The rest of the state remains in "Moderate" fire danger, which means fires can start from most accidental causes.

The current fire danger map is available on the DEC website.

The high fire danger is due in part to gusty winds and lower relative humidities forecasted during an existing prolonged dry spell. Any notable rainfall from last week was not areawide and while wind gusts are expected to calm down, dry conditions are expected to continue for at least another week.

Since the beginning of August, Forest Rangers have responded to 64 wildland fires across the state. Fires may become serious and controlling them difficult unless attacked successfully while still small.

Out-of-State Assistance

Governor Kathy Hochul today also announced the safe return of 14 wildland firefighters led by DEC Forest Rangers after two-week assignments in Idaho, Montana and Washington. A 10-person crew made up from DEC's Division of Lands and Forests and Forest Rangers assisted with firefighting efforts on East and Mire fires in northern Idaho. An additional Forest Ranger was assigned to the Rattlesnake fire in Inchelium, Washington and three Forest Rangers were assigned to the area of Helena, Montana. (Contd. Pg. 28)



Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

LGC

Due to Increased Fire Risk, Governor Hochul Implements Temporary Statewide Burn Ban (From Pg. 27)

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Drought Warnings and Watches

The dry weather also factors into the drought warning in effect for 12 counties in the Adirondack and Southern Tier regions. A drought watch remains in effect for the rest of the state except for New York City and Westchester County. View a map of New York State Drought Conditions by visiting DEC's website.

New York State is encouraging all residents, including those dependent on private groundwater wells, to conserve water whenever possible during the coming weeks.

There are four levels of State drought advisories: watch, warning, emergency, and disaster. There are no mandatory State restrictions under a drought watch or warning. A warning declaration is a notice of impending and imminent severe drought conditions and includes increasing public awareness and voluntary water conservation. Public water supply purveyors and industries are urged to continue to implement local drought contingency plans.

Water Conservation Tips

To protect water resources, water users are encouraged to voluntarily reduce outdoor water use and follow these tips:—

- o Water lawns only when necessary, choose watering methods that avoid waste, and water in the early morning to reduce evaporation and maximize soil hydration;
- o Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers or air conditioners to water plants;
- o Raise lawn mower cutting heights. Longer grass is healthier

with stronger roots and needs less water;

- o Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks;
- o Fix leaking pipes, hoses and faucets;
- o Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry;
- o Take shorter showers or fill the bathtub partly;
- o Install water saving plumbing fixtures;
- o Don't run the tap to make water hot or cold; and
- o Wash cars less frequently.

Know Your Water

The public can contact their local water system for information about drought preparedness, impacts and response notices and activities. Additional tips for the public on water conservation can also be found in each water system's Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR).

Water system contact information and AWQRs can be accessed using the Know Your NY Water website or water systems own websites.

Support for Farmers

It is recommended that on-farm water supplies are monitored regularly, and concerns are communicated with county emergency management and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The Cornell Cooperative Extension Disaster Education Network and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets offer additional resources and local support.

Ecosystems

Drought conditions can impact aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Reduced stream flows can impact the health of aquatic life. Decreased precipitation impacts terrestrial plants and animals through reduced plant growth. Drought conditions may be a contributing factor to Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) formation. Additional factors, including calm, sunny and warm days and changing mixing dynamics can create conditions conducive to HAB formation. DEC maintains a HABs Reporting and Notifications page of waterbodies that currently have blooms.

Wildfire Prevention

When wildfire risk is elevated, fire departments should check that their water sources have adequate supply and that the intakes for dry hydrants are sufficiently submerged.

Private Water Well Assistance

For assistance with water wells that may be affected by drought:

- o Contact a registered water well contractor to discuss appropriate options for individual needs.
- o Check that the well is dry due to drought and no other issues. Sometimes the solution is quite simple, like a broken valve or electrical issue. The only way to definitively tell if a well is dry is to measure the water level in the well.
- o Conserve water year-round to help prevent the effects of drought on water wells.
- o Consider adding a water storage tank to help get through dry periods.
- o Clean or redevelop existing wells.
- o Deepen existing wells or drill a new well. If drilling a new well, properly decommission the old well to protect groundwater quality.

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Gillibrand Presses Trump on Possible Plans to Raise Social Security Retirement Age

Gillibrand: "Americans deserve to retire with dignity - not spend their retirement struggling to make ends meet."

There are approximately 3.8 million current Social Security beneficiaries in NY

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, is leading the charge to press President Donald Trump directly on his administration's threats to raise the Social Security retirement age, which would amount to a benefit cut for millions of Americans. This week, she sent two letters to Social Security Commissioner Frank Bisignano to sound the alarm about the dangerous ramifications if this change were to come to fruition.

"Increasing the Social Security retirement age would be devastating for millions of older Americans and for working-age adults nearing retirement, and it would amount to yet another broken promise by the Trump administration," said Senator Gillibrand. "Americans deserve to retire with dignity, not spend their golden years worrying that this administration will keep raising the bar on retirement. As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, I'm demanding answers on whether the White House plans to raise the retirement age, and I'll fight these efforts if they persist."

The letters come shortly after Social Security Commissioner Frank Bisignano signaled he would be open to raising the retirement age during a Fox Business appearance. Even before Bisignano's latest comments, Republican policymakers, including the authors of Project 2025, have sought to raise the retirement age. Bisignano's comments raise new concerns about whether the administration will enact these proposals, putting retirement benefits at risk.

Senator Gillibrand warned that raising the retirement age would put many low and middle-income workers at risk of economic insecurity. If the retirement age is raised to 69, as some proposals have suggested, a median-age retiree turning 62 in 2034 would ultimately lose nearly \$100,000 over a decade of receiving benefits. Even worse, raising the retirement age to 69 would not change the Congressional Budget Office's projection that Social Security funds would be exhausted around 2034. Actually making Social Security solvent will require the wealthy paying their fair share.

The first letter, co-signed by Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Jacky Rosen (D-NV), seeks answers by October 13th on whether the White House is seeking to raise the retirement age. Senator Gillibrand's solo letter, which also raises concern about his comments on raising the retirement age, additionally asks Commissioner Bisignano to join her at a Social Security field office in New York to discuss the impacts DOGE cuts are having on Social Security Administration operations and his new leadership team's strategic plans for customer service and workflows.

Senator Gillibrand is part of Senate Democrats' Social Security War Room, a coordinated effort to fight back against the Trump administration's attack on Americans' Social Security. The War Room coordinates messaging across the Senate Democratic Caucus and external stakeholders; encourages grassroots engagement by providing opportunities for Americans to share what Social Security means to them; and educates Senate staff, the American public, and stakeholders about Republicans' agenda and their continued cuts to Americans' Social Security services and benefits.

The text of the joint letter can be found below:

Dear President Trump:

We write today regarding our concerns that your administration has plans to raise the Social Security retirement age, cutting essential benefits that tens of millions of Americans have earned and need in order to enjoy a secure retirement.

Last week, Social Security Administration (SSA) Commissioner Frank Bisignano indicated in a Fox Business interview that the administration is considering raising the retirement age-only to walk back his comments a few hours later. Commissioner Bisignano's comments-and

immediate about-face-left millions of Americans alarmed and confused about the status of their Social Security benefits.

Specifically, on September 19, 2025, when asked whether he would consider raising the age for full retirement benefits during an interview with Fox Business, Commissioner Bisignano stated "everything's being considered and will be considered." His comments quickly made headlines, and shortly after, the Commissioner retracted his statement, saying "raising the retirement age is not under consideration." Commissioner Bisignano's wavering comments reflect a lingering question over how your administration will treat retirement benefits. Long before Commissioner Bisignano's recent comments, Republican policymakers have suggested raising the retirement age. Such policy proposals have also been endorsed by the authors of Project 2025-the policy roadmap that has been highly influential in your decision-making in your second administration. That these proposals have found support in the Republican party is especially concerning given Senate Republicans' recent willingness to abandon longstanding procedural requirements to push through their unpopular agenda with just 50 votes. This-combined with the Commissioner's comments-raises fresh alarm that these ideas to cut Social Security benefits could become reality. If the Social Security retirement age is increased under your watch, you would be breaking your repeated promises to protect and preserve Americans' benefits.

Raising Social Security's full retirement age would force Americans to work longer, "cut[ting] benefits for nearly three-quarters of Americans" and putting many low- and middle-income workers at risk of economic insecurity "once they leave the workforce." For example, if the full retirement age was raised to 69-as some proposals have suggested-a "median-wage retiree turning 62 in 2034" would see "their monthly benefit cut between \$345 and \$741"-and would ultimately "lose between \$46,104 and \$99,252 after 10 years of receiving Social Security." These cuts would have the biggest impact on low- and middle-income retirees, who are more likely to rely on Social Security as their retirement income.

Further, these changes would provide little long-term benefits for program stability. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that increasing the retirement age to 69 "would not change CBO's projection that the balance of Social Security's [Old-Age and Survivors Insurance] and [Disability Insurance] trust funds, were they combined, would be exhausted" around 2034. Social Security is low- and middle-income older Americans' lifeline during retirement. If you raise the retirement age, you will be cutting these critical benefits-without a guaranteed solution to Social Security's insolvency. And you will be ignoring other options, including raising the payroll tax income cap so that the wealthy pay their fair share to Social Security, that would protect benefits. Americans deserve to retire with dignity-not spend their retirement struggling to make ends meet.

Following Commissioner Bisignano's comments, Americans deserve clarity over what will happen to their hard-earned retirement benefits. To help us understand your plans regarding the retirement age, we request answers to the following questions no later than October 13, 2025:

1. Were Commissioner Bisignano's comments on Fox Business consistent with the White House's stance on raising the retirement age?
 2. Will you commit to vetoing any legislation passed by Congress that increases the age of eligibility for Social Security?
 3. Has your administration conducted any analysis on the impact raising the retirement age would have on Americans' benefits? a. If so, how many people would see their Social Security benefits cut as a result of this increase, and which groups would be the most impacted by this decision?
 4. Have you considered other ways to address Social Security's insolvency that do not result in large-scale benefit cuts for millions of Americans?
 5. Have you or anyone in the White House discussed raising the retirement age with Commissioner Bisignano or other leaders at SSA?
 - a. Did you or anyone in the White House discuss your administration's stance on raising the retirement age with the Commissioner after the issue was raised during his Fox Business interview?
 - b. Did you or anyone in the White House urge SSA to retract the Commissioner's comments on raising the retirement age? Thank you for your attention to this matter.
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Fallsburg Staff and Community Partner Honored by SCSBA

FALLSBURG - On October 6, 2025, The Sullivan County School Boards Association honored two members of the Fallsburg Central School District community, Mr. Peter Dworetsky and Dr. Robert DuFour, for their tireless commitment to education. Mr. Dworetsky, the district's math Content Area Coordinator, was named the recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award. Dr. DuFour, who is the current superintendent of Sullivan BOCES, was awarded the Outstanding Friend of the District Award.



(From left to right) Mr. Peter Dworetsky, Dr. Ivan Katz, and Board Vice President Ms. Regina McKenny-Snead

Throughout his 24-year career at Fallsburg, Mr. Dworetsky served as a substitute teacher, elementary math teacher, and instructional coach. He has been described by colleagues as a true educational advocate who will do whatever it takes to ensure that students can succeed, regardless of the challenges ahead. He is credited for founding the before-school program Buddies, which provides social and emotional well-being programs for students. He also serves as the advisor for Benjamin Cosor Elementary School's Student Government Association and has kick-started various charitable projects with students for

the school community.

"He is always available to lend support or guidance to anyone who needs it and has a kind, friendly approach making him a go-to person for students and staff alike," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz. "The students of Fallsburg continue to benefit from the efforts, creativity and dedication put forward by Peter Dworetsky and the opportunities he makes sure that they have."

As superintendent of Sullivan BOCES, Dr. Robert Dufour is truly the wind beneath our collective wings as he works behind the scenes to get our school districts necessary information, at all levels. Additionally, he provides us the guidance we need to resolve multifarious issues as quickly as humanly possible. Whether it is at night, weekends, holidays or even when he's on vacation, Dr. Dufour responds to questions and concerns at the blink of an eye because he understands the ongoing needs that school districts have in terms of timeliness.

"I am proud to have the honor of working with Dr. Dufour and I believe that the schools of Sullivan County have benefited because of Bob's above and beyond leadership," said Dr. Katz. "Fallsburg has been most fortunate to have Dr. Robert Dufour as our friend in education because he absolutely embodies what it means to be that kind of friend."



Dr. Robert Dufour and Dr. Ivan Katz

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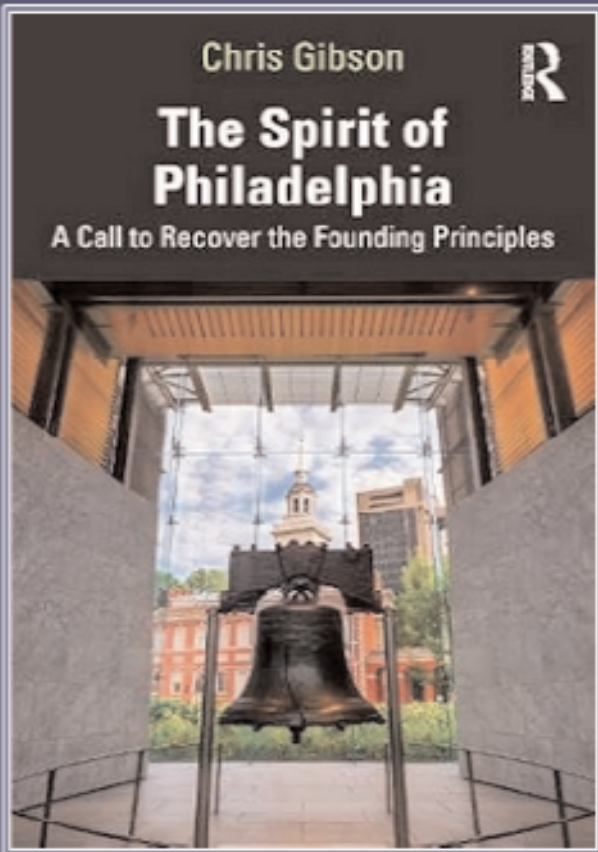
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DEC Adopts Electronic Hunting Tags and Other Deer Hunting Enhancements New Regulations Make it Easier for Hunters to Report Harvests and Create More Opportunities for Youth Hunters

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced the adoption of several changes to streamline use and reporting of hunting tags and provide new deer hunting opportunities. Hunters can now use DEC's online app for their licenses and tags as an alternative to paper license and tag options. Youth hunters will also have increased opportunities to earn a new season tag.

"Hunting is an affordable, accessible, and valued tradition for many New Yorkers and a critically important conservation measure," said Commissioner Lefton. "DEC is committed to improving user experience for all hunters and these changes will provide new options to improve harvest reporting and success for years to come."

Updated Reporting Tag Options

Hunters can choose to use a paper license and tags or the HuntFishNY mobile app as electronic proof of licensure and possession of tags for deer, bear, or turkey. Users of electronic tags (e-tags) will be able to immediately report their harvest with the mobile app whether they have cell service or not. Users also won't need to attach a physical tag to their harvested deer, bear, or turkey while they remain in possession of the carcass, including in their vehicle and at their home.

If e-tag users leave the carcass somewhere other than their home or vehicle, such as at a taxidermist or processor, they would need to affix a tag of their making to the carcass that includes the hunter's name, identification number, and reporting confirmation number.

Hunters will still have the option to use paper licenses and tags for deer, bear, and turkey, but to encourage prompt reporting and facilitate greater law enforcement oversight, hunters using paper tags are now required to report their harvest within 48 hours rather than seven days.

New Opportunity for Youth Hunters

DEC also created a new opportunity for youth hunters. DEC will issue a bonus regular season tag to youth hunters (ages 12-15) who successfully take and report a deer taken during a Youth Big Game Hunt weekend with their regular season tag and who do not possess a Deer Management Permit (DMP) for the regular firearms sea-

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Deer Management Assistance Program Enhancements

DEC also enhanced the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) by extending the permit renewal cycle from three years to five years and rescinding the limit on number of DMAP tags that may be used per hunter. DEC will still determine the number of tags available with each DMAP permit based on property size and management need, but hunters will no longer be limited by the number of DMAP tags they can fill on that property. These changes increase flexibility for landowners, improving their ability to use DMAP to meet land management objectives.

The full text of the adopted regulations and a summary of the public comment DEC received on the proposals are available on DEC's website.

Also new for fall 2025, hunters in New York State may use a crossbow in the same seasons, places, and manner as a vertical bow for hunting deer and bear. More information on expanded use of crossbows for hunting is available on DEC's website.

Visit DEC's website to learn more about hunting licenses.

Sullivan County School Boards Association's Annual Meeting Honors Local Educators

Callicoon: On October 6, the Sullivan County School Boards Association (SCSBA) held its Annual Dinner Meeting at Villa Roma, where it recognized outstanding educators, friends of education, district employees, and retiring members of the Board of Education. The event was attended by school board members, superintendents, administrators, teachers, district staff, and family members of the honorees.

The evening began with a reception, followed by opening remarks from SCSBA President Wendy Galligan-Weiner, who welcomed attendees and set a tone of appreciation for the evening's honorees.

The focus of the night was on recognizing those who have made a lasting impact on education in Sullivan County. Wendy Galligan-Weiner paid tribute to the school board members who completed their service in June: Carol Park and Carol Bliefernich from Sullivan BOCES; Nancie Davis from Eldred CSD; Arlene Hussey from Fallsburg CSD; Jennifer Holmes and Adrianna Mayson Greco from Monticello CSD; and Timothy Dymond from Tri-Valley CSD. Their dedication and years of service have made a positive difference in the schools and communities they served.

The School Boards Association also recognized eight individuals with the prestigious Outstanding Educator Award for their remarkable contributions to education in Sullivan County. Each recipient has influenced countless students and colleagues through their commitment and excellence.

The 2025 Outstanding Educator Award recipients are:

- **Michelle Gallo**, Guidance Counselor, Eldred CSD
- **Peter Dworetzky**, Math Content Area Coordinator, Fallsburg CSD
- **Edward Lare**, High School Teacher, Liberty CSD
- **Ryan Jasper**, Physical Education Teacher/Coach, Monticello CSD
- **Tyler Emory**, Math Teacher, Roscoe CSD
- **Darryl Emmett**, Construction Technology Instructor, Career & Technical Education, Sullivan BOCES
- **Jason Clark**, Science Teacher, Sullivan West CSD
- **Keri Smith**, Teacher, Tri-Valley CSD

In addition, SCSBA presented five individuals with the Outstanding Friends to Education Award, which honors those who have made significant contributions to promoting and supporting education in Sullivan County.

The 2025 Outstanding Friends to Education Award recipients are:

- **Lou Monteleone**, active community member of Eldred CSD - recognized for his extraordinary commitment to our community and, in particular, to fostering a positive and supportive environment for our students and staff.
- **Dr. Robert Dufour**, District Superintendent, Sullivan BOCES - commended by Fallsburg CSD for his unwavering support and leadership to all districts in Sullivan County.
- **Dr. Heather Fassell**, active community member of Monticello CSD - awarded for her countless contributions to the students and staff of Monticello.
- **Ed Park**, Retired Board Member from Roscoe CSD - honored for the many years of service to the district and school community.
- **Ron Littke**, active community member of Sullivan West CSD - paid tribute to for introducing students to the art of filmmaking and bringing the arts into the lives of students.

Each of these individuals is a dedicated member of their school community and is always willing to lend their time and talents to support education.

This year's ceremony also recognized three individuals as

Outstanding District Employees. Liberty CSD honored Mary Chanov, who consistently demonstrates an unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of students, staff, and the entire school community. The Rockland CSD recognized Nikki Rasnick, whose contributions extend beyond her role in the Buildings and Grounds Department. She also co-coordinates the Adopt-a-Plant Program and the School Playground Garden Project, helping to create a more engaging and welcoming school environment. The Tri-Valley CSD honored Heather Bonnell, Administrative Assistant, for the positive impact she has made within the district and her efforts that connects the school and its community.

SCSBA extends its gratitude to all of this year's honorees for their dedication, service, and lasting impact on education throughout Sullivan County.

2025 Outstanding Educator Recipients:



Keri Smith, Ryan Jasper, Michelle Gallo, Tyler Emory, Peter Dworetzky, Edward Lare, Jason Clark, and Darryl Emmett.

2025 Outstanding Friend to Education & Outstanding District Employee Recipients:



Lou Monteleone, Heather Bonnell, Ron Littke, Heather Fassell, and Nikki Rasnick.

Missing from photo: Dr. Robert Dufour, Ed Park, and Mary Chanov.



Retired Board Member - Ann-Marie Foss, Executive Director of the SCSBA, and Carol Park, Retired Board Member from Sullivan BOCES

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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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Ensure Iran's Nuclear Sites Are Destroyed

Hopefully, the U.S. airstrikes on the Iranian nuclear development sites were highly successful and destroyed Iran's capability to develop nuclear weapons. Our military performed well to complete a complex operation.

Some members of the Administration said the U.S. strike destroyed the Iranian nuclear sites, which I hope is accurate. The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) initial damage assessment report said the sites were partially destroyed, entrances were blocked, and Iran's nuclear development program was pushed back a few months. Also, the UN nuclear watchdog chief said Iran could be enriching Uranium again in a few months.

It will be interesting to see the DIA final damage assessment report.

An Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson said the sites were destroyed. Since Iran tends to distort the truth, it lends credence to the DIA report of lighter damage to the sites. Iran wants the U.S. and Israel to believe their nuclear weapons development program was put out of action to avoid follow-up attacks. It is hoping to be able to continue its nuclear weapons development program unhindered by outside intervention.

If Iran is able to continue its nuclear weapons development program, we might have to conduct a follow-up attack. However, it might take an Israeli sophisticated fly-in air and ground operation to destroy the Iranian sites. Additionally, the Iranian drone manufacturing facilities should be destroyed. They provide drones to Russia to attack Ukraine.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul

"Donald Trump has been clear: he is intent on using his reckless government shutdown to hurt the American people. In just 24 hours, his administration has defunded New York's law enforcement and counterterrorism efforts and halted \$18 billion in funding from critical infrastructure projects in New York City. This is political payback and an attack on New York and its residents, and it puts every family across our state in harm's way.

"Every New Yorker should be outraged. From the construction worker who could lose their job, to the commuter stuck on a delayed train, to the families who rely on brave law enforcement officers to keep them safe. I will not sit idly by while Donald Trump defunds public safety and lets our infrastructure crumble. We will use every tool available to us to restore this funding and ensure that these critical infrastructure projects get built and keep every New Yorker safe."

Statement on Bombshell News of Kathy Hochul Issuing New York State CDL Licenses to Illegal Immigrants under 'No Name Given'

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik released the following statement:

"The Worst Governor in America Kathy Hochul has certainly fallen a long way from her start in Buffalo when she opposed drivers licenses for illegals as Erie County Clerk.

At every opportunity, Kathy Hochul has turned her back on New Yorkers to bend the knee to the radical Far Left of the Democrat Party that puts illegals and criminals first and hard-working law abiding New Yorkers last.

The latest bombshell discovery is that Kathy Hochul's dangerous and irresponsible 'Green Light Law,' allows criminal illegal immigrants to be issued commercial drivers licenses in some cases shockingly labeled 'No Name Given,' allowing them to operate 80,000-pound commercial vehicles across the country.

Oklahoma's Governor Stitt and law enforcement confirmed that multiple criminal illegals holding New York State CDLs were apprehended driving commercial trucks across state lines during a targeted ICE operation. This is exactly the danger that happens when Far Left Democrats like Kathy Hochul turn their states into sanctuary havens for illegals.

Kathy Hochul's sanctuary state Green Light Law is not only a threat to New Yorkers; it is endangering families across America."

Stefanik Voted to Fund the Government and Opposes Shutdown

Stefanik released the following statement:

Throughout my time in Congress, I have consistently voted to fund the government and opposed government shutdowns. At the end of this month, I voted for a clean, bipartisan bill to keep the government open, continue our appropriations work, protect pay for our troops, and ensure essential services for the American people continue. In fact, it's the same bill that Democrats previously voted for just months ago!

The disgraceful reality is that Democrats are forcing a shutdown by voting NO on government funding because Chuck Schumer got absolutely walloped earlier this year by the radical Far Left because he voted to fund the government. Once again, New York Democrats, cheered on by Kathy Hochul, are putting hardworking New Yorkers and Americans LAST because they are forcing a government shutdown by concocting an unrelated policy issue that doesn't even come up legislatively until the end of the year.

Until Democrats end their hypocritical and damaging shutdown hurting American families and workers, I have directed that my pay be withheld and have cosponsored legislation to ensure our servicemembers and law enforcement receive their pay. Democrats own this shutdown lock, stock, and barrel.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Appoints CJ Rioux as Commissioner of Finance



KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today announced the appointment of CJ Rioux, CPA, as the County's new Commissioner of Finance. Rioux brings nearly two decades of experience in public finance, accounting, and administration, including extensive service in Ulster County government and the State University of New York system.

"There are few people with the years of experience and depth of County finance and accounting expertise than CJ Rioux, and I could-

n't be more thrilled to appoint him to this leadership position," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "He will be a careful steward of County finances, bringing a thoughtful, detail-oriented approach to financial management that will serve Ulster County well. I want to thank Deputy Commissioner Max Cordella for serving as Acting Commissioner in this transitional time, and I am confident the County is in good hands with this dream team of finance professionals."

Rioux most recently served as Assistant Vice President for Administration/Controller at SUNY New Paltz, where he oversaw departments including Accounting Services, Purchasing, Internal Controls, and Facilities Contract Management. Prior to that, he held multiple leadership roles at SUNY Ulster, including Dean for Administration and Acting Vice President for Administrative Services, where he managed budget development, capital projects, labor negotiations, and campus operations.

From 2012 to 2021, Rioux served as Deputy Commissioner of Finance for Ulster County, where he was responsible for accounting and financial reporting for the County and its component units, prepared the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and supervised a staff of more than 25 employees. He also served as Acting Commissioner of Finance during his tenure.

Rioux began his career in public accounting at Sedore & Company, CPA's, PC, specializing in municipal and nonprofit auditing and consulting. He holds both a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Public Accountancy from SUNY New Paltz, and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in New York State.

"It is an honor to serve as Ulster County's Commissioner of Finance," said Rioux. "I am committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility while working to protect taxpayers' dollars and strengthen the financial foundation for our County for years to come. I look forward to working with County Executive Metzger, the Legislature, and our dedicated staff to ensure strong financial stewardship and transparency for the residents of Ulster County."

Rioux lives in Hurley and is an active member of several professional organizations, including the New York State Government Finance Officers Association and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

SC Sheriff Mike Schiff has introduced a new K-9 program in the Jail Division of the Sheriff's Office



Deputy John Wagner, Jr. and K-9 Lea with Sheriff Mike Schiff at the Ulster County Sheriff K-9 Academy Graduation.

Sheriff Mike Schiff has introduced a new K-9 program in the Jail Division of the Sheriff's Office. K-9 "Lea" and her handler, Deputy John Wagner, Jr., attended 8 weeks of training at the Ulster County Sheriff's K-9 Academy before becoming certified in narcotics detection. "We are excited about this new program," said Schiff. "It will be a game changer as we try to prevent contraband from entering our jail facility."

The dog, which is a German Short Hair Pointer, and the associated K-9 equipment was purchased on a grant and has become a welcome addition to the staff in the county jail. When the Sheriff's Office was initially considering whether to start a K-9 program in the jail, they had a deputy from Ulster County come down and give a demonstration to the jail administration.

"While conducting the demonstration, the Ulster County K-9 actually found contraband on one of our incarcerated individuals," said the Sheriff. "At that point we were convinced". The Sheriff said that "Lea" and Deputy Wagner will receive additional training in the spring to be able to perform tracking of missing and wanted individuals.

The Sheriff stressed that because of "Lea's" primary assignment in the jail, she will not be trained in aggression or handler protection.



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Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Presents 2026 Budget with Targeted Investments and Flat Property Tax Amid Federal Uncertainty

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger delivered her 2026 Executive Budget Address today in Legislative Chambers, before County Legislators, department heads, local elected officials, union leaders, and community partners.

"We face challenging and uncertain times ahead as a result of federal budget cuts, but Ulster County remains steadfast in our commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of our residents," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "The 2026 Executive Budget reflects this commitment, with targeted and fiscally responsible investments to address food and housing insecurity, strengthen emergency medical response, improve public transit and infrastructure, and protect the environment - while keeping taxes flat. At the same time, as the federal government shifts more costs to states and counties, we are closely monitoring long-term fiscal impacts and have limited new expenditures in this budget to responsibly balance current needs with future obligations."

"County Executive Metzger's presentation made clear why we need to be prepared for uncertain times ahead," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "We appreciate her leadership in developing a budget that anticipates federal cost shifts, and we're ready to engage in the collaborative process of review, amendment, and adoption."

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Democrat-led Government Shutdown

House Republicans did our job. We passed a clean, bipartisan continuing resolution to keep the government open, protect paychecks for our troops, Border Patrol agents, TSA officers, and air traffic controllers, while ensuring essential services continue for the American people. Democrats chose political theater over the people they represent and voted to shut the government down.

By voting no, Democrats turned their backs on our service members, veterans, and all our federal law enforcement officers. Instead, they are demanding a reckless \$1.5 trillion partisan spending spree, slashing rural hospital funding, forcing taxpayers to bankroll healthcare for illegal immigrants, funneling billions into foreign DEI programs, and handing \$500 million to liberal media outlets. This is irresponsible and dangerous.

A short-term clean CR simply extends funding for seven weeks to give Congress time to finish Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations. Democrats voted for this same kind of measure 13 times under Joe Biden without a single shutdown. The only difference now is President Trump. To oppose him and advance their radical agenda, they are holding the government hostage.

House Republicans remain committed to governing responsibly. We voted to keep the lights on, safeguard essential services, and protect taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. Democrats must explain to the American people why they chose chaos over common sense.

For more information and resources, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/services/Government-Shutdown-Resources>

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Begins October 15

Medicare's annual Open Enrollment Period begins on October 15 and runs through December 7, 2025. This is the best time for seniors and eligible constituents to review their coverage, compare options, and make any changes for the year ahead. Medicare offers two main paths for coverage: Original Medicare (Part A and Part B) and Medicare Advantage (Part C). Those on Original Medicare may also add prescription drug coverage under Part D. If you are already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, there is a separate window from January 1 through March 31 to switch to a different Advantage Plan, with changes taking effect the first of the following month. This enrollment period, however, does not allow individuals to move from Original Medicare into a new Advantage Plan.

Even if you're already enrolled, it's important to review your options each year since both your health needs and available plans can change. Comparing plans could save you money or give you access to new benefits. Any

changes made during open enrollment will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Compare health and drug plans at [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

President Trump's 20-point Gaza Peace Plan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-baiqZ8KCo>

Joining Evening Edit to Discuss Trump's Plan to Bring Peace to the Middle East

President Trump has put forward a bold and comprehensive 20-point plan to bring peace to Gaza and end Hamas' reign of terror. The plan makes the return of every hostage, including Americans, a top priority and requires the full demilitarization of Gaza so it can never again serve as a base for attacks on Israel or the region. It links reconstruction with security, ensuring that aid, infrastructure, and investment are delivered only with strict verification and international oversight. A Trump-led "Board of Peace" and an International Stabilization Force will oversee governance and security, giving civilians a future of opportunity while protecting Israel's right to defend itself. President Trump made clear that Hamas has until October 5 at 6 PM to accept this deal or face the consequences. This is a real path forward that secures Israel, restores stability, and proves once again why Trump is the President of Peace the world needs.

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. 1932, Pay Our Troops Act of 2025: This bill would ensure that members of the Armed Services, including active-duty members of the reserves and the civilian personnel and contractors of the Department of Defense, receive pay during a lapse in federal funding. Our troops are critical to our nation's security and defense, and we must ensure that they and their families are supported during their active service. This bill ensures that any future government shutdown does not affect our servicemembers.

H.R. 1916, Pay Our Border Patrol and Customs Agents Act of 2025: This bill would provide appropriations to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the salaries and expenses of agents and officers who are required to continue working during a lapse in federal funding. CBP employees put their lives on the line every day to protect our borders, and their work is necessary to maintain our national security. It is imperative that CBP personnel and their families are well cared for during their essential service protecting our communities.

H.R. 5398, Pay Our Homeland Defenders Act of 2026: This bill would ensure that Department of Homeland Security (DHS) personnel receive pay during a lapse in federal funding. Additionally, this bill recognizes that law enforcement personnel at DHS shouldn't have to worry about their next paycheck and are paid according to their normal salary schedule. It is vital that DHS personnel, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), are paid while securing our borders and stopping illegal drug trafficking.



Amid the chaos in Washington, my mission remains clear: serving you and your family.

I've heard directly from so many of you and our neighbors across the Hudson Valley about how this Administration's actions are inflicting direct harm on our families.

Healthcare prices are skyrocketing, tariffs are driving up costs across the board, and the deployment of U.S. troops against U.S. citizens is unconstitutional and dangerous.

I cannot in good conscience vote to continue this damage. As always, I'm willing to work with anyone and everyone who actually wants to deliver for the American people. During the uncertainty of this shutdown, I will not be accepting a paycheck, and my team and I are here to serve you in any way we can. My offices are open and the C.A.R.E.S. Van events will continue in communities across the Hudson Valley to bring one-on-one assistance with federal programs directly to you.

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

STANDING AGAINST THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL ABUSE OF POWER

Last week, President Trump delivered an alarming speech to a room full of military officers at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia. During that speech, he encouraged the use of U.S. cities as "training grounds" for our military forces. His speech was wrong on every level.

Deploying U.S. military troops against U.S. citizens in American cities is unprecedented, unconstitutional, and un-American.

I led 25 colleagues, most of them fellow veterans, in an urgent message to Trump condemning his appalling rhetoric for what it was: completely against our country's founding values, principles, and laws. Read about my letter here. <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-25-house-democrats-rejecting-trumps-message-flag>

I hope that every freedom-loving Patriot will join me in standing up for our men and women in uniform.

PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security field offices provide crucial services to seniors across the Hudson Valley and nationwide.

That's why I rallied our community to save the Poughkeepsie Social Security Office from the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)'s chopping block and am now fighting for a permanent Social Security presence for our Orange County seniors following the Newburgh office's closure.

The cuts to the Social Security Administration are direct attacks on Americans who worked hard their whole lives to earn their retirement.

My "Protecting Social Security Act" will make sure every senior gets the access they need by requiring every county to have a functional Social Security office. I'll keep pushing to get the bill passed and will ALWAYS fight to protect Social Security.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED YOM KIPPUR

I hope that everyone who observed Yom Kippur across the Hudson Valley last week had a meaningful day of reflection and an easy fast.

G'Mar Chatima Tovah.

DEMANDING BETTER FOR OUR VETERANS

Our veterans should never go without a roof over their heads in the country they risked their lives to protect.

But Trump's budget would kick 1,500 formerly homeless New York veterans back on the street in New York State alone. It would undo years of progress the state has made in reducing veteran homelessness. His budget plan is un-American and we must stand against it.

I joined with Pascale Leone of The Supportive Housing Network of New York in an op-ed to call for lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to put aside partisan politics, stand up for our veterans, and reject Trump's budget proposal. Read the op-ed here.

https://www.lohud.com/story/opinion/2025/09/26/trump-stops-nys-progress-on-veteran-homelessness-opinion/86309450007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=false&gca-epti=z114305p000850c000850u117305e006500v114305&gca-ft=32&gca-ds=sophi&taid=68d66432eccc900012e746e&utm_campaign=tr ueanthem&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter

IMPROVING YOUR COMMUTE

I'm proud that on Monday, October 6th, the first 'super-express' Metro North train rolled out of the station in Poughkeepsie and arrive in Grand Central Station less than 90 minutes later - shaving nearly a half-hour off the current time.

I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for completing this project ahead of schedule.

I'll keep pushing for more investments in Metro North service and to bring innovative transit options home to the Hudson Valley. Read more about the new train service here. <https://www.thedailycatch.org/articles/super-express-metro-north-trains-between-poughkeepsie-and-city-to-start-monday-ahead-of-schedule/>

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

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

My team will be in every corner of the Hudson Valley answering questions about how federal programs are impacted and assisting you access your benefits at October's CARES Van events.

If you need help with Social Security, Medicare, VA benefits, passports, and more, but can't join an event, please reach out to my team at (845) 443-2930.

WORKING TO LOWER THE COST OF GROCERIES

Hudson Valley families are hurting from the skyrocketing cost of kitchen staples - with beef and coffee at record highs and Trump's tariffs continuing to pile on.

My Lower Grocery Prices Act would help develop real solutions to the specific causes for price increases. Read more about the bill here <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-introduces-affordability-agenda-lower-costs>

I'll keep fighting every day to lower the cost of living for Hudson Valley families.

(Contd. Pg. 57)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

HONORING OUR GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND FAMILIES

Last Sunday, we marked Gold Star Mothers and Families Day - I want to recognize their sacrifices, courage, and resilience.

We owe the families of our fallen servicemembers a debt we can never repay.

Let us honor their loved ones by ensuring that their legacies are never lost to time.

GETTING OUTDOORS FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Last Saturday, we celebrated National Public Lands Day.

From the Appalachian Trail to the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the Hudson Valley has no shortage of natural wonders to explore to celebrate our Public Lands.

Hope you were able to get outside and enjoy it!

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!

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.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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

Brownfields 101 with the EPA : The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 Office recorded its "Brownfields 101" briefing for New York communities to provide an overview of the EPA's Brownfield Program. To view the recording, please contact Natalie

Lincoln at natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov or (518) 465-0700.

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!



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting for affordable health care

President Trump and congressional Republicans have proven that they would rather shut down the government than make Americans' health care more affordable.

20 million Americans are on the brink of seeing their premiums skyrocket. If we don't extend the health care assistance that families rely on, many Americans will have to make impossible choices: pay rent or see a doctor; put food on the table or buy their child's medication; keep their small business afloat or offer their employees health insurance.

Kirsten and her Democratic colleagues stand ready to work on a commonsense, bipartisan solution to reopen the government and make sure that Americans don't see their health care costs skyrocket.

Read more.

<https://www.observertoday.com/news/top-stories/2025/10/gillibrand-says-shutdown-is-gops-fault/>

2. Helping New Yorkers navigate the government shutdown

As of October 1st, the federal government has shut down. Kirsten's office will remain 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/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>

3. Protecting Social Security

As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, Kirsten is leading the fight against the Trump administration's threats to raise the Social Security retirement age, which would amount to a benefit cut for millions of Americans.

This week, she sent two letters to Social Security Commissioner Frank Bisignano to sound the alarm about the dangerous ramifications if this change were to be implemented. Americans deserve to be able to retire with dignity and not be worried that this administration will keep raising the bar on retirement.

Read more.

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4. Combating the politicization of the military

This week, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth expressed his desire to return the military to the early 1990s - a time when victims of sexual misconduct were deterred from reporting, women could not serve in combat roles, and sexual orientation was grounds for discharge. Justice for survivors of sexual assault in the military should not be up for debate.

This week, Kirsten spoke with NPR's Here & Now to discuss her commitment to supporting all of the men and women in our military and fighting to preserve the military justice system.

Listen here.

<https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2025/10/03/kirsten-gillibrand>

5. Helping New Yorkers get their benefits

A Nassau County constituent contacted Kirsten's office for help after her Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits were mistakenly suspended. The Social Security Administration (SSA) stated she was earning too much from her work for a named employer for which the constituent had never worked before.

After Kirsten's team contacted SSA, the erroneous work earnings were removed and the agency released over \$12,000 in benefits to the constituent.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Presents 2026 Budget with Targeted Investments and Flat Property Tax Amid Federal Uncertainty



KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger delivered her 2026 Executive Budget Address today in Legislative Chambers, before County Legislators, department heads, local elected officials, union leaders, and community partners.

"We face challenging and uncertain times ahead as a result of federal budget cuts, but Ulster County remains steadfast in our commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of our residents," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "The 2026 Executive Budget reflects this commitment, with targeted and fiscally responsible investments to address food and housing insecurity, strengthen emergency medical response, improve public transit and infrastructure, and protect the environment - while keeping taxes flat. At the same time, as the federal government shifts more costs to states and counties, we are closely monitoring long-term fiscal impacts and have limited new expenditures in this budget to responsibly balance current needs with future obligations."

"County Executive Metzger's presentation made clear why we need to be prepared for uncertain times ahead," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "We appreciate her leadership in developing a budget that anticipates federal cost shifts, and we're ready to engage in the collaborative process of review, amendment, and adoption."

For a detailed overview of the budget presentation, see the attached 2026 Executive Budget Summary document.

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Family Friendly!**Register Now!**

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Root to Rise

Saturday, October 18, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Please join us with special guest Kelsey Riley who will take us through the principles of Yoga, Reiki, and Ayurveda. The class includes an hour of lecture with active learning. You will gain knowledge to take home on the practices of hearing your body speak, move energy for optimal vitality, meditation and breathwork to ground the mind as well as your body and spirit.



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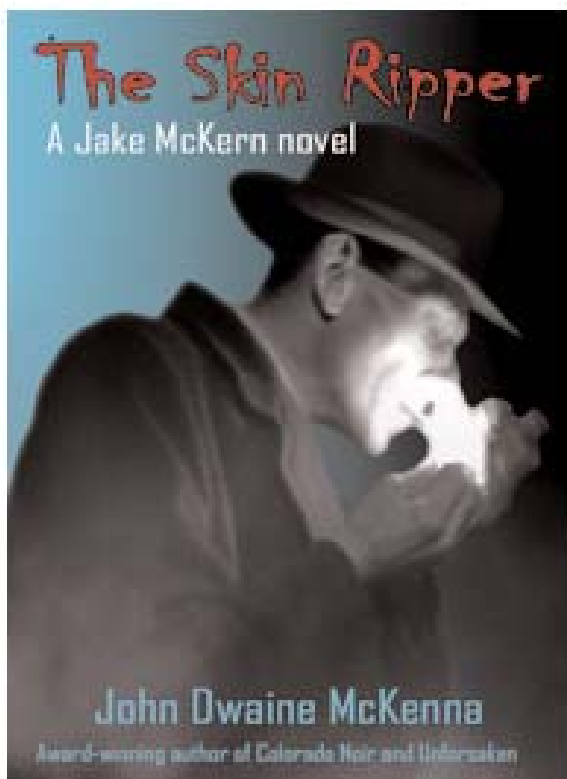
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Watercolor Painting with Chris Parrow

Friday, October 17, 2025

1:00-2:30 p.m.

\$5 Supply Fee

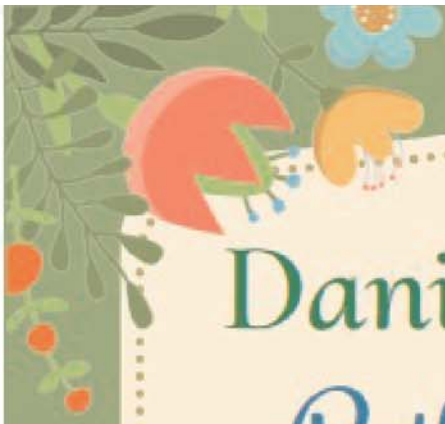
Join local artist Chris Parrow as she explores the world of floral still life for fall. Learn about brushwork, composition, color, color mixing and the spontaneous nature of watercolor paint.

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



Program made possible by Central Hudson

Open to Tri-Valley adult residents. Advanced registration required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org



Daniel Pierce Library Potluck Senior Social Luncheon!

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

Open to all community retirees & senior patrons

Join us for an afternoon of
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in our Community Room.
Bring a dish to share.

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November 11, 2025

6pm - 8pm

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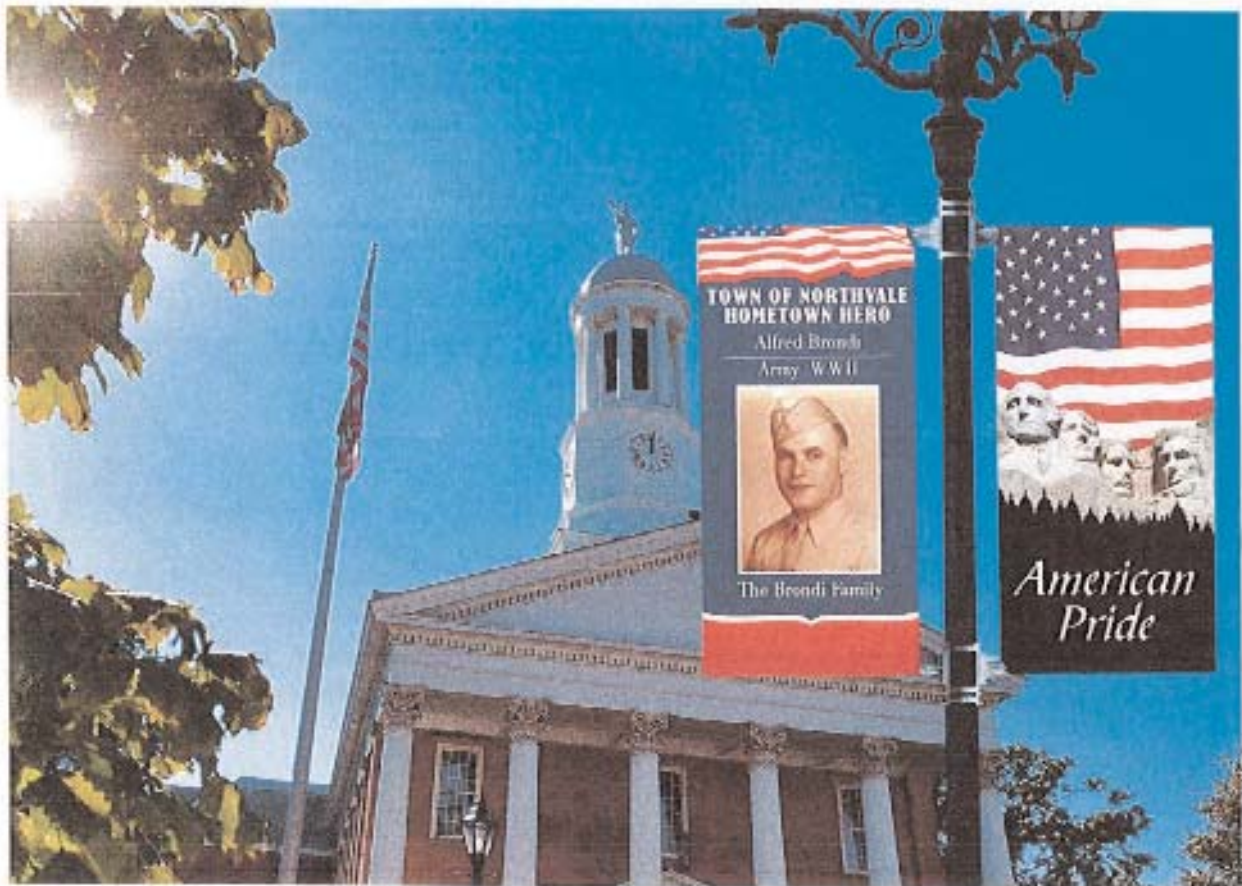
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LIVE BAND

PLEASE RSVP BY November 4, 2025

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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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Jenna Carmody
845-866-2213

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Saturday , November 1, 2025

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS

**1st Wednesday
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Feb 5

Mar 5	Apr 2
May 7	June 4
July 2	Aug 6
Sept 3	Oct 1
Nov 5	Dec 3

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An estimated 80% of veterans will have some need for long-term services and supports in their lifetime. Supporting caregivers helps reduce stress and caregiver burnout and improves wellness.

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Grahamsville, NY 12740
townclerk@townofneversink.org
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2025 Caregiver Resource Center Monthly Virtual Support Groups

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

To register:

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**3rd Wednesday
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6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Jan 15 Feb 19

Mar 19 Apr 16

May 21 June 18

July 16 Aug 20

Sept 17 Oct 15

Nov 19 Dec 17

Via Zoom or Phone



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A program for DPL Patrons

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

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

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Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar

Live

Saturday, October 18, 2025
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent

Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this free live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including: When to join, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you! This is an educational event.

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

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

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

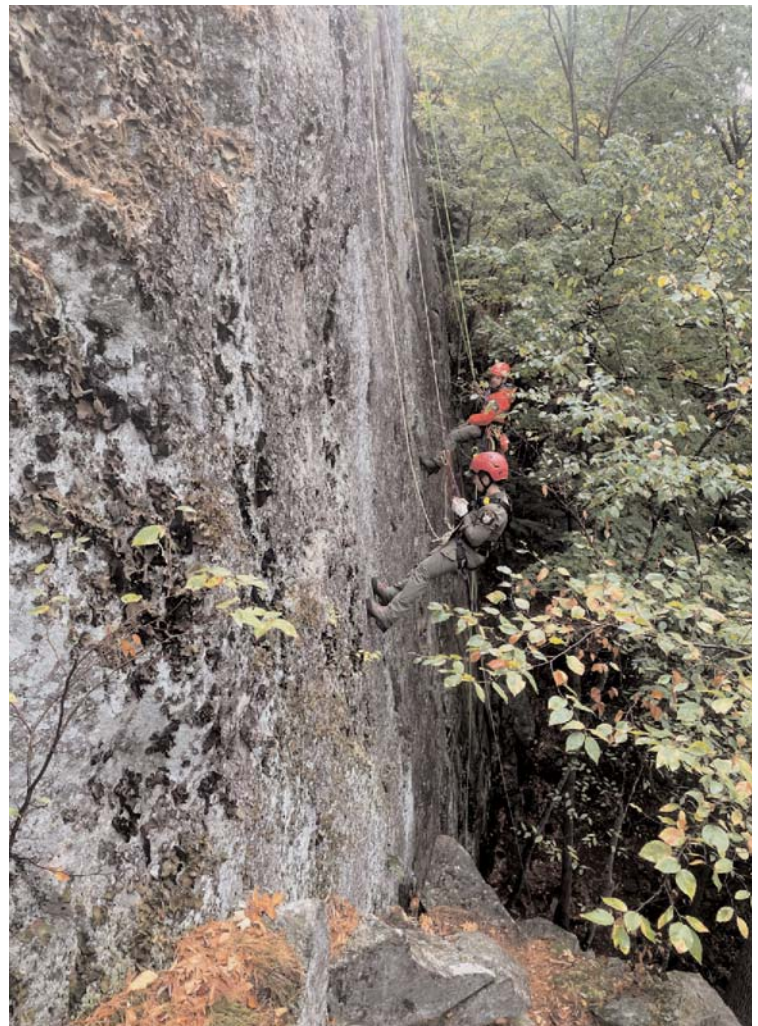
"DEC's Forest Rangers bravely protect State-owned and managed lands, as well as the people who use them. Whether conducting a search and rescue call or responding to a wildfire burning out of control, Rangers are always ready when emergencies strike," DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "Every day and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

Towns of Fort Ann and Lake George Warren and Washington Counties

Training: Over the last two weeks, Forest Ranger Donegan led technical rope rescue training for 22 Rangers at Buck Mountain and the West Brook area. The technician-level training covers advanced rigging techniques to safely conduct rope rescues in complex terrain



Rope rescue training



Rope rescue training

Town of Hunter Greene County

Wilderness Rescue: On Sept. 26 at 2 p.m., six Forest Rangers responded to a call for a hiker with an ankle injury on Devil's Path at Jimmy Dolan Notch between Indian Head and Twin Mountain in the Indian Head Wilderness Area. At 4:30 p.m., Rangers, a Greene County Paramedic, and Hunter EMT reached the subject and determined it was an unstable ankle injury. Due to the terrain



and location, Rangers requested a New York State Police (NYSP) helicopter for a hoist rescue. NYSP Pilots Engle and Mayscrink, Ranger Lieutenant Gullen, and Ranger Thompson flew to the location and executed a successful hoist.

Hunter EMS transported the 29-year-old to the hospital. Resources were clear at 7:15 p.m.

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

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June 11 July 9

Aug 13 Sept 10

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Live
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for
Adults

Free Live Zoom Webinar

Saturday, December 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: James Farnham, MS, MBA, Licensed Agent

This webinar is designed for beginners, entrepreneurs, commission-only employees, account executives, brokers, sales and business development professionals, agents, independent contractors, stay at home parents, or even retirees who want to start building recurring income.

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30 PM





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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *True*

This weeks' Trivia question: Who played the original coach of *The Bad News Bears*?