



## Lots of Sun! Lots of Fun! Lots of Tractors!



Just when we thought it was the end of the Tractor Parade, another tractor came around the Agriculture Barn. Also marching in the parade were huge cows, chickens and other farm animals. Thank you to Tri-Valley FFA for adding a little extra humor to the pageantry.

The Tractor Parade showed many of the tractors that were on display this past weekend at the 25th Annual Neversink Roundout Antique Machinery Association (NRAMA) Show. (Contd. Pg. 19)



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

## OBITUARY

### Diane Kay (Oldenburg) Nyhof



passed quietly into heaven's light on Friday, September 19, 2025, surrendering to the long-term effects of dementia and physical failings of her mortal shell.

Being born to Harry and Grace Oldenburg on October 13, 1937, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and after graduating from Alger High School, she attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan where she met her life-long love, Rev. Harlan P. Nyhof. After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Minor in Music from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, they married on June 22, 1960, and moved to Monroe, South Dakota. Harlan was then serving as pastor to the local Reformed Church, and Diane began her career not just as A teacher, but rather as THE teacher, serving the rural prairie community in a 1-room schoolhouse for pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade.

As they moved between calls to different churches in the mid-west, Rev. and Mrs. Nyhof had three sons: Scott Harlan, born in South Dakota, Paul Jeffrey born in Wilmar, Minnesota and David Alan, born in Waterloo, Iowa. After moving the family from the mid-west to the Catskill Mountains in New York State in February 1976, Rev. Nyhof served three rural parish churches (Claryville, Grahamsville, and Woodbourne) simultaneously. Mrs. Nyhof resumed her teaching career in the late 1970's, working initially as a substitute teacher in Sullivan County, New York, eventually returning as a full-time teacher in 1980 at Tri-Valley Central Schools. After earning her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from SUNY New Paltz, she taught 5th grade at TVCS through Spring 2000. After retirement, she and Rev. Nyhof moved from Grahamsville to Warwick, New York, where they would live in peace

the remainder of their days.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry George Oldenburg and Grace Katherine (Lyon) Oldenburg, brother Garry Alan Oldenburg (b. 1-Apr-1943, d. 28-Sep-1997) and his wife Cherie Nan (Kleinschmidt, d. 8-Dec-2008), and her husband Rev. Harlan P. Nyhof (b. 24-Oct-1933, d. January 21, 2021). She was also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Rosemary (Kuszek) Nyhof, late wife of Paul Jeffrey.

Neither of Diane's parents, Harry, nor her mother Grace, had siblings. Similarly, there were no children in the marriage between Garry and Cherie Oldenburg. As such, while growing up Diane never knew the first-hand experience of a larger extended family that would include cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews, or nieces. Only through her marriage to Harlan would blessings of a larger family join her life.

Even though she suspended her teaching career from 1963 until the late 1970's to raise her family, she dutifully served her husband's churches as the minister's wife. These duties included being the backup church pianist, record keeper for 311 baptisms, too many funerals, and 213 weddings, serving as interim coordinator for many. Her professional career as an educator spanned 25 years, positively affecting the lives of more than 500 pupils while in her charge.

Later in life her hobbies and interests included genealogical research into her and her husband's families, gardening and "puttering" in the flowers, several trips abroad, such as cruises and land tours throughout Europe and North America, and spending January and February in central Florida to avoid deep winter in the northeast. Her true hobby, along with that of her husband Harlan, was their grandchildren, Adam Paul and Megan Courtney. There was precious little that Harlan and Diane would not do if the grandchildren could be included in the plans. Diane and Meghan were like "two peas in a pod", like Harlan and Adam before.

Diane is survived by all three of her sons: Scott H. and Susan L. Gardner-Nyhof, Paul J. Nyhof, and David A. and Elizabeth H. Abbott.

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## DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

### October 5, 1955

Congratulations to Mrs. Cora Smith and Mrs. Andrew George who celebrated their 80th birthdays this week.

Manville Wakefield, free-lance illustrator and art instructor at the Tri Valley Central School in Grahamsville, has completed a tape-recorded lecture to accompany a series of slides on the Delaware and Hudson Canal. The Sullivan County Historical Society has been approached to set a date for the initial program. No decision has been made to date.

And hunting season's near.

Come in and see our hunting clothes

Be ready when it's here.

Everything for the hunter - KUM TO KRUM'S

### September 29, 1964

Sullivan County became the center of operations over the weekend for a Civil Air Patrol exercise covering New York State and north eastern Pennsylvania. So successful was the exercise that plans are being formulated for a second similar drill.

Clinton E. Ackerley, a Grahamsville farmer, died at his home on Thunder Hill after a short illness. He was 43. Mr. Ackerley was born April 4, 1922, the son of Archie E. and Bertha E. Slater Ackerley. He was a member of the Grahamsville Fire Company and the Sheep Hill Rod and Gun Club. He is survived by his parents; one brother, Roger; and one sister, Mrs. Virginia Fuller, all of Grahamsville; four nephews, four nieces and three great-nieces.

### October 15, 1975

The 17th Cross Family Reunion was held at the First Aid Building in Grahamsville on Sept. 28, 1975. Those at the meeting are the descendants of the marriage of Noah Cross and Rachel Osterhout in the year 1775. Many former Cross families helped to settle the Tri-Valley area, especially the Neversink and Sundown valleys.

### October 17, 1985

Bridget Matthews of Claryville Road, Neversink is one of sixteen students at the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Delhi recently awarded a \$500 Louis and Mildred Resnick Scholarship for study during the 1985-86 academic year. The Louis and Mildred Resnick Scholarships are granted to selected Delhi College students from Sullivan, Ulster and Delaware Counties. Awards are based on each student's academic achievement. Bridget is a freshman majoring in Liberal Arts.

The Senior Citizens of Sundown have received a \$400 grant from IBM to cover the printing costs of their publication, "A Short History of Sundown." The contribution was obtained by Cliff Warren, a retired employee of IBM Kingston who applied for the grant through IBM's Fund for Community Service

## Household Hint:

### Don't Let Deer Eat the Last of Your Harvest

I have learned from some of our readers if you cut scented dryer sheets into 1-inch strips and tie them on greenery tips or in trees the scent repels plant-munching deer. Choose a polyester non-woven base to avoid melting during wet weather.

## 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*

## The Big Apple

Delicious, crunchy, juicy, and sweet are all adjectives used to describe apples. They travel well, making them a popular lunchbox food and snack. Apples are extremely versatile.

Around 2,500 apple varieties are grown in the U.S., and 7,500 grown worldwide

The weather patterns this year had some affects on the local apple crop this year. You may also have noticed the size of apples this year is a bit smaller, too. They are smaller than normal this fall, but tend to be sweeter due to the effects of the summer-long drought that affected many of the state's orchards. Drought makes apples crunchier and sweeter. With less water content, the concentration of sugars in each apple is higher.



Although they are often thought of as distinctly American, they actually originated in Mesopotamia. People have been eating apples from very ancient times. Greek legends tell how Hercules recovered the golden apples. Ancient Celts dipped for apples to predict the future. This custom survives today as our Halloween game of bobbing for apples. The ancestor of modern apples came from the Black Sea region of Europe and where it still grows there today. The apples are golf-ball size and more sour than our modern varieties.

Apples were brought to America by the earliest settlers. As the frontier moved westward, so did apple trees. One of the first things a pioneer did after clearing his homestead and building a log cabin was to plant some apple trees in his yard.

Pioneer families relied on apples for cider, vinegar to keep food from spoiling and dried apple rings for winter eating.

Did you know that George Washington is not only the father of our country but may also be the father of apple pie? In a 1779 letter he invited dinner guests to feast on "pyes". One was beefsteak 'pyes' and the other one of apples since his cook had discovered that they made fine fruit 'pye'.

Before the Revolutionary War pies were traditionally made with meat. However, after the war, American kitchens were so bare, including the one at Mount Vernon, that colonial cooks improvised recipes using apples and other native fruit.

The apple (*Malus domestica*) is a deciduous tree in the rose family. Blossoms are produced in spring simultaneously with the budding of the leaves, and are produced on spurs and some long shoots. The 1.2 to 1.6 in flowers are white with a pink tinge that gradually fades, five petaled, with an arrangement of flowers consisting of a cyme with 4-6 flowers. The central flower of the flowerhead is called the "king bloom"; it opens first, and can develop a larger fruit.

Apple trees don't "breed true" meaning that new young trees don't produce apples that are exactly like the parent tree's fruit. Most of today's favorite varieties came from chance seedlings, enhanced over the last fifty years by scientific breeding.

American orchardists have perfected and upgraded apples by grafting a budding twig from a favorite variety onto a small size tree so that the twig becomes the top of the new tree producing apples. These small stocky grafted trees called dwarfs are easier to care for and harvest more crops than from the usual bigger trees.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away!" still applies today. Studies have shown many health benefits of eating apples.

Our state is the second-largest apple-producing state in the country! At the heart of New York State - the "Big Apple"!

## OBITUARY

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**Diane Kay (Oldenburg) Nyhof** —She is most proudly survived by her grandson, Adam Paul Nyhof, son of Paul Jeffrey and Rosemary Nyhof, and granddaughter Meghan Courtney Nyhof, daughter of David Alan. She is also survived by several in-laws through her late husband, Harlan, along with 11 nieces and nephews.

Visitation for family and friends is set for Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home, 17 Oakland Avenue, Warwick, NY. The family will also receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025, at the Warwick Reformed Church, 16 Maple Avenue, Warwick, prior to the 10:00 a.m. service there. Interment will follow in Warwick Cemetery, 50 Oakland Avenue, Warwick. Diane will be interred next to her husband Harlan Paul for their eternal rest. A livestream feed of the funeral service will be available on the funeral home website for those who cannot attend the service in-person.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home, 17 Oakland Avenue, Warwick, NY 10990. To send an online condolence, visit [www.lsvpmemorialhome.com](http://www.lsvpmemorialhome.com)

## LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley  
Published September 17, 1998

The goldenrod is yellow,  
The corn is turning brown  
The trees in apple orchards,  
with fruit are bending down

A few lines from a poem I learned in fifth grade in the early 1900's. I don't recall the name of the poet. Each Friday we recited a poem in our English class.

September where has the summer gone? The children are back in school and it seems like only a few years ago and I too was a little child looking forward to the first day of school. In the little one room school house in Grooville, my dad was a trustee. Us kids were always looking forward to meeting our new teacher. In the good old days, the teacher did more than teach us knowledge, she bandaged our cuts, dried our tears, settled fights, defended those who were being picked on, reasoned with bullies, sewed on "popped" buttons, braided hair and many other necessary things.

Can you imagine what it was like teaching eight grades in one room? All in one day? That's how it was back then. Each grade had a particular lesson to recite. The teacher would call each class to the recitation bench while the rest of us remained in our seats to work on our lessons.

Literature lessons were usually given to all students at the same time. We all sat engrossed—at times in tears or shaking in fear—as our teacher read from a library book. We always enjoyed recess, fifteen minutes in the morning and 15 minutes in the afternoon.

I'll always remember Miss Warren, one of our teachers. She loved baseball and when we played ball, she always gave a couple of snaps to her garter belt or girdle, got a grip on the

bat and then hit a homer!! She loved to play "cops and robbers" and "cowboys and Indians" with us too.

For nature study, trips were taken to some farmer's pasture near a creek where we would shoo away the cows and study insects, butterflies and plants.

The little white school house still stands in the same spot as it did 100 years ago. It's not used anymore but for those of us who attended, we were given a rich beginning in that much loved school and the guidance of unique teachers will always be treasured.

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

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

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

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

In order to Participate, you will need your GREEN 2025 Permit Card, cards will be punched for each load. The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (have their household and generate their waste material) in the Town of Neversink. **OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.** Limitations:

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

# 39th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade

The 39th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party will be held on Saturday, October 4th, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville. This traditional fall festival has always focused on the children and their love for reading



books! It's a family day out in the country with something for everyone - from the costume parade to pony rides, giant pumpkin growing contest, craft fair, hay rides, hay maze, a Book Sale, live music from the Jesse Noren and the Tri-Valley Central School bank, amazing food and other amusements! There will be an Adventure Zone, with a rock-climbing wall and various games and challenges. And of course- there will be pumpkins and gourds available for purchase!

Enjoy wonderful food from the Grahamsville Fire Department, Cousin's Maine Lobster, Buffalo on Wheels, and the Neversink General Store. And the highlight- the Daniel Pierce Library's delicious homemade cider donuts!

The children's costume parade and contest (open to children of all ages) starts the day's activities in the pavillion at the Fairground with registration at 10:00AM.

The Tri-Valley School Band, under the direction of Matthew Weyant, will follow the

Costume contest at 11:30 AM. The Giant Pumpkin Party is thrilled to welcome Jesse Noren this year, who will perform on the main stage for the afternoon.

Visitors to the Giant Pumpkin Party will also enjoy children's games, craft activities, handmade crafts, and raffle featuring more than forty prizes.

Every library benefit needs a book sale and the Giant Pumpkin Party is no exception. A collection of gently used books, the best of the best donated to the library over the course of the year, will be featured in the Giant Pumpkin Party Better Book Sale. Find a book and take a refreshment break in between the fun with sumptuous treats of homemade donuts, strawberry shortcakes, chili, hot dogs, hamburgers, hot apple cider and drinks available for purchase.

Remember, the event is held rain or shine! And admission and parking are free! Funds raised will be used to benefit the Daniel Pierce Library Children's Program and to purchase needed books for all age groups. For entry forms, contest rules, a schedule of the day's events, or additional information, please call the Daniel Pierce Library at (845) 985-7233 or visit the Giant Pumpkin Party page on the library website [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).





## Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 147 **Blood World**

**Mysterious Book Report No. 419**

**by John Dwaine McKenna**

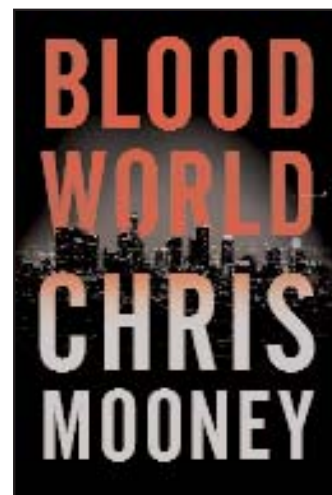
**Published September 24, 2020**

By combining sci-fi and crime-fiction, thriller writer Chris Mooney has come up with an irresistibly striking story that's as thought-provoking as it is entertaining and explosive to read. In his recently released *Blood World*, (Berkley Books, \$27.00, 436 pages, ISBN 978-0-593-19763-9) Mooney posits a world in which near-immortality is attainable for a wealthy and privileged few . . . but only at the expense of the most innocent and vulnerable among us . . . our children. The younger the better.

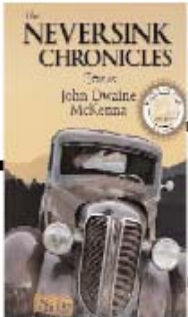
The novel begins in a near-future United States, where scientists have discovered a new wonder drug that makes the blood of certain "carriers" into a virtual fountain of youth. It means that those who have the means and connections – the elites – to obtain this precious blood can have their ailments and diseases cured as well as their power and strength amped up until they are almost superhuman. All of that, and all of the money involved makes carriers of the exotic blood into targets for criminals. So-called "blood farms" spring up around the country, where kidnapped children are held and routinely bled, so that their blood can be sold to the unscrupulous, self-centered and wealthy . . . with its epicenter in Los Angeles, California . . . where youth and beauty are Hollywood's stock-in-trade.

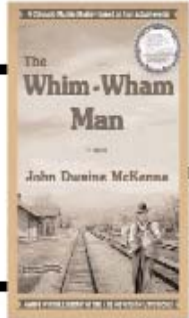
The problem is so pervasive that the LAPD has formed an elite 'Blood Unit' to combat the problem. It's an exclusive and highly sought-after assignment that accepts only the highest quality candidates, which is why a young officer named Ellie Bautista joined the police department. But she's been consistently denied a transfer to the Blood Squad, until she and her partner are ambushed during a routine stop. What happens next gains her an undercover assignment that plunges the dedicated young police officer into a seamy and depraved underworld where life is cheap and death comes often in an environment more treacherous and deadly than she could ever have imagined.

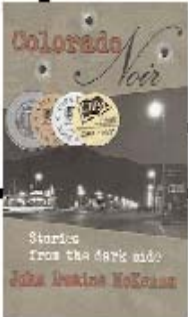
Then, a terrifying psychopath comes up with a disgusting new way to increase the potency of carrier blood by a thousand-fold . . . and only Ellie Bautista stands in his way.



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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## STAY AT HOME VACATION

I am a seasoned traveler. I have been to Spain, Hungary, Austria, Germany, England,, Orkney, Oaxaca, Mexico, Aruba, Italy, St. Lucia, Barbados, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Wales, Monaco, Greece, Turkey, Cayman Islands, Canada, Tobago, Belgium, St. John, St. Thomas, Grand Turk, St..Martin, Bermuda, Algeria, Haiti, Peru, Iquitos, Dominican Republic, and Bahamas. I'm sure there are some I have forgotten. However, I always want to click my ruby slippers and head home because truly there is no place like home, especially if home is in the Catskills during the fall.



So I am going to give you some good reasons to stay home and vacation like a pro. First of all, you are saving, for two travelers, around ten thousand dollars because you do not need airfare, transfers to resort, insurance, suitcases, souvenir money, and splurge money. You can enjoy the same or better amenities right here.

The thing I like best about traveling is eating out at specialty restaurants. Well, one can do that around here for, again for two figuring a week's vacation has two days of airport food and five dinners out, for \$500-\$600.

### 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.

Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!

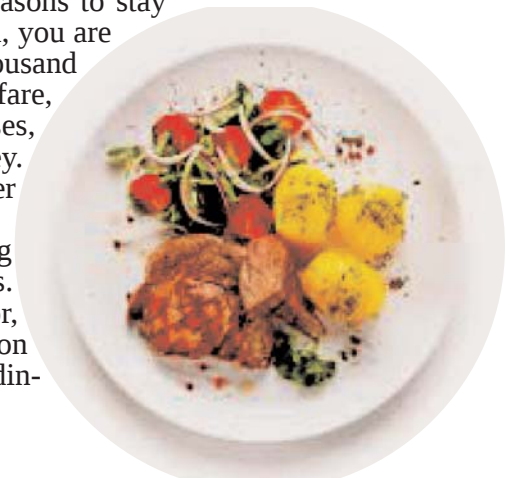
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The next thing I enjoy doing is seeing the sights. Instead of \$1500 airfare, I can get six hundred miles on my hybrid car for \$35. There is so much to see in our area. Be a tourist here.

The last thing I look forward to doing is sitting in the sun reading a book. The lounge chair on my deck beckons me.

I also might feel an obligation to houseclean while I am vacationing at home, so hire a housekeeper for a few days. It is cheaper than the pet sitter I need to hire to fly away someplace.

Another bonus of being home is not dealing with airport hassles that are so common that they are expected. Also, the dirty laundry goes right in the washer and not bunched up in a suitcase.

Your favorite pillow is here; your friends are here; and you speak the language. You do not need to pause your mail. if you feel compelled to shop for souvenirs, try the Amazon app with free delivery.

Believe me, when the days are sunny and in the seventies and the nights cool enough to sleep comfortably, there is no place better than the Hudson Valley this time of year.



# The Digital Information Age and the DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-There's no doubt about it, we're smack-dab in the middle of the digital age. Also known as the Information Age, it's the current time period characterized by the widespread use of computers and the internet thus changing how we communicate, access information, develop social bonds and work.

I know; everyone is already aware of this. However, I'm bringing it up for a good reason. Not all of our patrons are registered to receive our "email blasts." Those random electronically sent notes from us that share vital information; such as: upcoming programs, new books, deadlines for registration, etc. And it's so simple to do. If you aren't receiving our emails, and you know who you are, just drop us a line. Share your name, email address and phone number and we'll set you up lickety-split. You can do this by stopping in and filling out a short form at either circulation desk or via our website (just scroll to the bottom of the home page) at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).

Speaking of our website, it's updated continually, thanks to Michelle Gorman, our resident IT guru (she is many, many things here including the go-to person for internet/tech hiccups. Check it on Monday and it's bound to have new information by Tuesday. That's the first stop anyone interested in knowing what's going on at the library should make. It's also where registration for all of our programs; such as: volunteering for our 39th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party on Saturday, October 4, our fall Children's Programs starting the week of October 15, and this really cool new program Root to Rise, happens. It's also where new information, like how our summer book tent season is coming to a close, therefore bags of books are now \$3.00, can be found. Programs are constantly being added to our offerings and checking the website is a great start to become more informed.

Now, our website is just one avenue for up-to-date information (and of course, calling us or stopping by is ALWAYS an option. We love chatting!) Another opportunity is logging in to Facebook and/or Instagram. Our Community Programs Associate, Nicole Richardson, has those platforms spinning with new information constantly. And, there are a lot of different things that you wouldn't find on our more formal website. Our Facebook and Instagram (two very popular social media platforms) pages are filled with things like thank-you's to all the donors and sponsors for GPP raffles or our Bingo games, plugs for our new book displays, fabulous pictures of programs and a great video of Pierce, our beloved rock python. There's more flexibility with timing and material and Nicole really knows her way around it all. To gain access to either social media platform, you just have to download the app and log in. (And if you need help with that, we can show you. We're a library after all; a fount of information!) Once you're on, don't be afraid to comment, we love to hear what an amazing job we're doing!

And, of course, you are reading this column right now. I always make sure it's chock-full of timely info so you're always in the know.



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Now back to all our goings-on. I've spoken at great lengths regarding our upcoming GPP and the fall Children's Programs, for more info regarding those try out the aforementioned avenues. We're also in need of volunteers for GPP, so sign up through our website if you're interested in sharing your time and experience.

There are a host of interesting programs coming up in October, including one that I haven't talked about yet: Root to Rise. On Saturday, October 18 from 10AM to 11AM join us and special guest, Kelsey Riley, who will share the principles of Yoga, Reiki and Ayurveds. The one-hour class will include a lecture period with active learning. You'll leave the program with the knowledge and skills to hear your body speak, how to move energy for optimal vitality and how to practice meditation and breath work for grounding the mind as well as the body and spirit. It will be such a worthwhile experience, especially as we enter the busier seasons. Advanced registration is required (through our website). A special shout out to Central Hudson too, for making this program possible.

While I'd love to share a great book recommendation with you all, I haven't been reading much as of recently. I'm hoping to get back to it as soon as things settle down again, but you know how life can be. Instead, we've come up with some really great book displays, both in adult fiction and non-fiction, with interesting books to check out and we've got great fall inspired books displayed on the children's floor to get everyone ready for pumpkin season. Come check them out!

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

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The Kiwanis Club of Monticello is once more making their Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner available at a time of one's choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. Tickets are \$30 each, which entitles the buyer to dinner choices of Roast Beef or Hot Turkey Platter, Grilled Tilapia Filet, Grilled Chicken Platter, Gyro or Falafel Platter or Vegetarian Platter. Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes. Dinners can be socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window by ordering ahead at 845-794-2044.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are valid currently until December 31, 2025. They are available by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701.

All proceeds benefit local charitable projects helping the Kiwanis Club fulfill their mission of "serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time", including aiding foster children, working with United Way to collect food baskets for holiday distribution, providing books for second graders and sponsoring scholarships for Monticello High School seniors.

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## Did You Know? Ellenville Regional Hospital Is a Teaching Hospital

Ellenville, NY \_ 8/12/2025 \_ Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) is best known for delivering compassionate, high-quality care close to home. But it's also a teaching hospital, helping shape the future of healthcare.

ERH maintains more than 30 affiliation agreements with colleges and training programs across the eastern United States. So far in 2025, ERH has hosted 61 students in nursing, medicine, pharmacy, therapy, and other allied health fields. These trainees work alongside ERH's experienced doctors, nurses, and staff, gaining real-world clinical experience while bringing fresh ideas and energy into patient care.

As a teaching hospital, ERH partners with universities, colleges, and training programs to host healthcare students and residents. It offers a learning environment where seasoned professionals share their expertise, bringing the latest best practices and new energy into patient care. This role also helps attract and retain talented healthcare workers in our rural community, ensuring that patients receive the benefits of both innovation and compassionate care.

"Being a teaching hospital is part of our commitment to both excellent care and the future of healthcare," said Steven Kelley, President & CEO of ERH. "Our patients benefit from the extra attention of caring, knowledgeable providers, and our community benefits from a strong pipeline of dedicated healthcare professionals."

Patients may notice students or residents working alongside their care teams. These trainees are always supervised by licensed professionals, ensuring the highest quality care while contributing to the education of tomorrow's providers.

For more information about Ellenville Regional Hospital and its role as a teaching hospital, visit [www.erhny.org](http://www.erhny.org) or call (845) 647-6400.



*: Nursing students Frankie N. and Mark L. gain hands-on experience under the guidance of Registered Nurse Daryl Jackson.*



Picture by Sam Kalda

Story by Dan Gartrell

September 2025

## McQuillan Park on an Autumn Night under a Crescent Moon

In Saint Paul Minnesota just south of the Gnome Restaurant lies a neighborhood park much used and loved. Kids noisily play "your it" on the climbing equipment and in the adjacent grassy area. Teens and young adults hang out at the metal table and benches or on the swings. Adults play net games or exercise their dogs on the secluded court. Few notice the two memorial trees with small plaques at the northeast and southwest corners. A scraggly blue spruce stands tall in the corner near the Gnome. The plaque tells of a girl who died way too young, sadly unable to grow up in the park. A gingko tree grows near the tall rose bushes in the southwest. The tree was planted for a man who passed in that still creative time of early old age, a long-time park volunteer and flute player in an Irish band.

Ordinary and not often noticed. But for a while now this story has been passed from one retiring park volunteer (they know the park best) to the one who will next retire. And this volunteer shares the story with you. Each year, on a chill October night, a night of the crescent moon, stillness in the park gives way to the distant sounds of an Irish flute. Eventually, misty figures emerge, from one tree a man playing a flute and from the other the figure of a little girl. The music starts off softly in sad ballads, for the will-o-the-wist player emerges first. Then, as the misty image of the girl leaves the tree and approaches a swing, the music becomes more lively. For the time that the girl plays—she explores every swing, climber, bridge and slide—sounds of reels and jigs waft through the air. And then, perhaps as a cloud covers the moon, the will-o-the-wist girl returns slowly to the tree. The flute music becomes slower and sadder and gradually fades away—as does the flute player—for another year.

This original story is in tribute to the new book *Haunted USA* written by Heather Alexander and illustrated by Sam Kalda. Sam lives in the Ramsey Hill neighborhood and is a volunteer at McQuillan Park.

Dan Gartrell  
Retiring Park Volunteer  
September 2, 2025

*Haunted USA* is available at Barnes & Noble  
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/haunted-usa-heather-alexander/1146847699>

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## Free of Fiscal Stress, as Analyzed by the NY State Comptroller's Office Maintains Best-Ever Scores in Annual Fiscal Stress Rankings

Monticello, NY - The NYS Comptroller's Office has designated Sullivan County free of fiscal stress, with the County's finances continuing to be in the best shape since reporting began.

### 'No Designation' Is the Best Designation

The Comptroller's Office just released its 2024 Fiscal Stress rankings for municipalities Statewide, based on the annual financial reports submitted to the Office. Sullivan County scored as good as ever, once again earning the best rank of "No Designation" (meaning there are no indications of the County being susceptible to fiscal stress at this time).

Municipalities receive a fiscal score and an environmental score. Based on the fiscal score, the system assigns a municipality to one of three categories of stress or to the "No Designation" category if its score doesn't meet the threshold of stress. (The three categories of stress are "Significant Fiscal Stress," "Moderate Fiscal Stress" and "Susceptible to Fiscal Stress.")

"This latest report shows our commitment to maintaining County government's fiscal stability," Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek said. "And for the fifth year in a row, we also received 'No Designation' for environmental stress."

### A Perfect Score

The past years have seen ongoing improvement in Sullivan's fiscal situation. In 2020, the County earned a Fiscal Stress score of 35.8 points. That improved dramatically to 13.3 in 2021 (a lower score indicating better finances), then to 3.3 in 2022, dropping to the lowest (and best) score possible of 0 in 2023, which carried on into 2024.

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Meanwhile, the Environmental Stress score dropped from 23.3 in 2020 to 20 points in 2021, then a best-ever 13.3 for 2022, where it remained for both 2023 and 2024. Unlike Fiscal Stress, the data used to create the Environmental Stress score - population changes, poverty levels, tax base, unemployment rates, state/federal aid and other items - represents issues that are not fully within the County's control.

"Sullivan County continues to rank among the best fiscal performers in all of New York State's municipalities," noted County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "We once again achieved a perfect score of 0 for Fiscal Stress, based on how we managed our fund balance and cash flow, the state of our cash ratios, our complete lack of short-term debt, and rising revenues. Taxpayers should be assured we are handling their monies in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner."

To access the Comptroller's reports for the County and other municipalities and school districts, visit [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/index.htm).

## Coming Up

### Open Mic

#### Every Sunday:

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

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

#### Every Wednesday:

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

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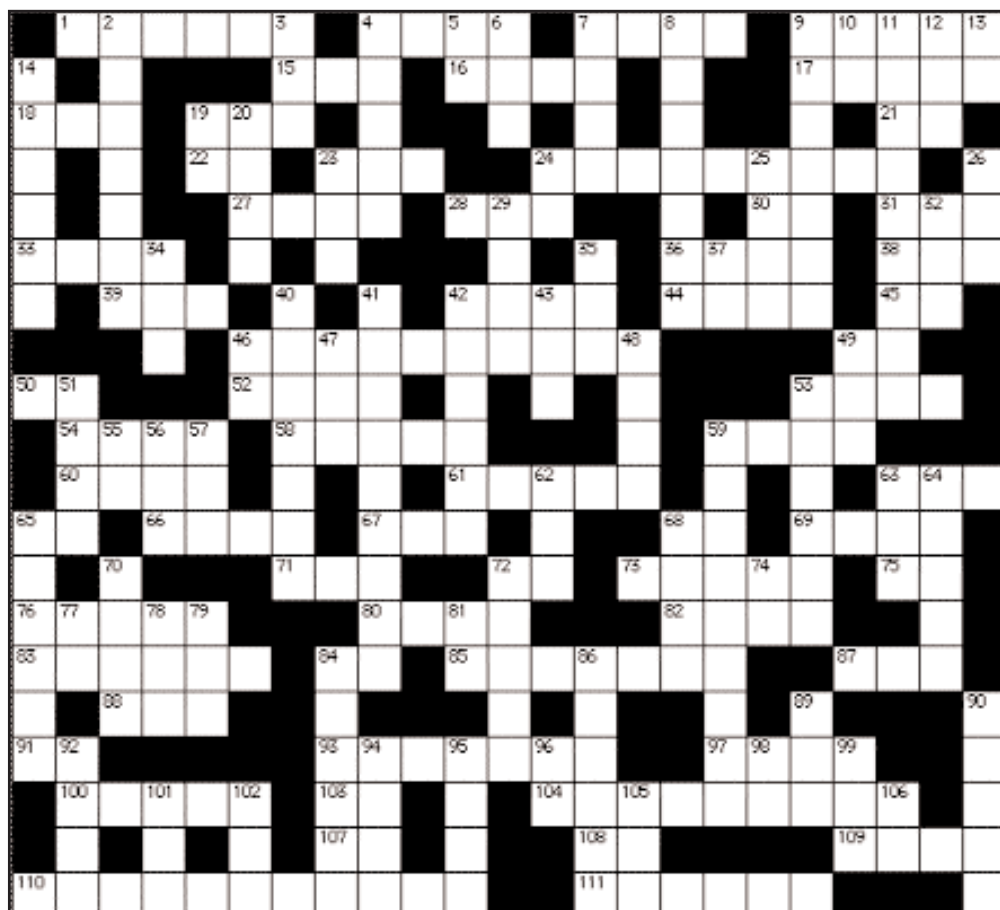
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## Ode to Autumn - L. Comando

**ACROSS**

1 Pumpkin color  
4 In a short time  
7 Spouse  
9 Recommend  
15 By way of  
16 Star that shows sudden increased brightness  
17 Progeny  
18 Uniform  
Resource Locator  
19 Consumed food  
21 Registered Nurse  
22 Perform  
23 Order of St. Ursula  
24 A place for domestic fire  
27 Genteel woman  
28 In the past  
30 Utah  
31 Hot brewed drink  
33 Aura  
36 Make food in small cubes  
38 Eastern Standard Time

39 Grassy ground  
42 Stare openly in a rude manner  
44 Fifth Avenue clothing store  
45 Loss Angeles  
46 Profitability  
49 Alabama  
50 Printer's measure  
52 Half a quart  
53 Angle  
54 Adam and Even's son  
58 Used to remove the central part of fruit  
59 Pellets of frozen rain  
60 Clarified butter  
61 Cool color  
63 Unit of energy  
65 Maine  
66 Legend  
67 Untruth  
68 Public Relations

69 Instead  
71 Pair  
72 Expressing the relationship between a part and the whole  
73 Raised a question  
75 Rhode Island  
76 Woody perennial plants  
80 Courage  
82 Adjusts the hands of a clock  
83 Floor of a fireplace  
84 Belonging to the speaker  
85 Lack of liquid to sustain life  
87 Past tense  
88 Inquire impertinently  
91 Common Era  
93 Chart  
97 Portent  
100 Method to find water  
103 Part of the human psyche  
104 Flower

that is covering our landscape with yellow  
107 \_\_ dai, part of the Vietnamese dress  
108 Egyptian sun god  
109 Soft mineral used for powder  
110 Butterfly or moth larva  
111 Arachnid

**DOWN**

2 Assemble in mass meetings  
3 Night before an event  
4 Bold  
5 Resting atop  
6 Bob; dip  
7 Valley or ravine  
8 Pals  
9 Persons dedicated to religious lives  
10 French (abbrev)

11 Predicts  
12 Indefinite period of time  
13 Road  
14 Season that is now upon us  
19 Advertisement  
20 Type of painting used to decorate domestic items  
23 Lyric poem  
24 Field Officer  
25 Fortune  
26 Feline  
29 Regalia  
32 European Space Agency  
34 Present time  
35 Suitable  
37 Iowa  
40 On the hearth of your fireplace he will bring you good luck!  
41 Horoscope  
42 First U.S. President  
43 Mental

sharpness  
46 Past participle  
47 John Lennon's wife  
48 Spun thread used for knitting  
49 Afflict  
51 Learned

person  
53 Pastures  
55 Chemical element  
Bohrium  
56 Snake-like fish  
57 August sun sign  
59 A good luck shoe  
62 Gnome-like creature  
63 Energy Efficient Ratio  
64 In a state of complete disintegration

65 Relating to a legend  
68 Enter in a ledger  
70 Pile  
72 Alternative  
74 Extraterrestrial  
77 Regarding  
78 Make a mistake  
79 Pigpen  
81 Used to identify something  
84 In the middle  
86 Gossip  
89 Feminine pronoun

90 Wares  
92 Collection of Norse poems  
94 Effigy  
95 Wild ox  
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98 Minnesota  
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101 Little  
102 Extra-sensory perception  
105 A round  
106 District Attorney

**Impossible Bisquick Pumpkin Pie**

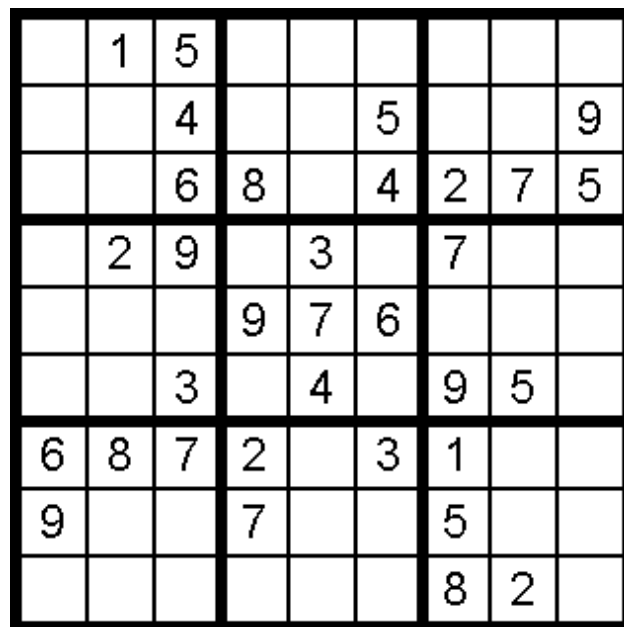
16 ounces pumpkin  
12 ounces evaporated milk  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 eggs  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup Bisquick  
2 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate.

Place the pumpkin, evaporated milk, butter, eggs, sugar, Bisquick, pumpkin pie spice, and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl. Beat on medium speed for about 2 minutes or until the Bisquick mixture is smooth.

Pour into pie plate. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

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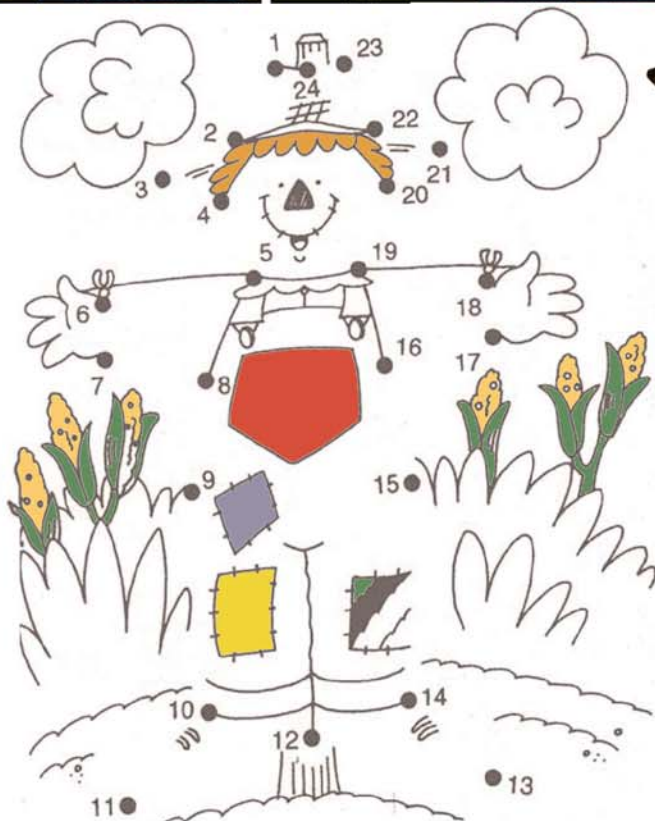
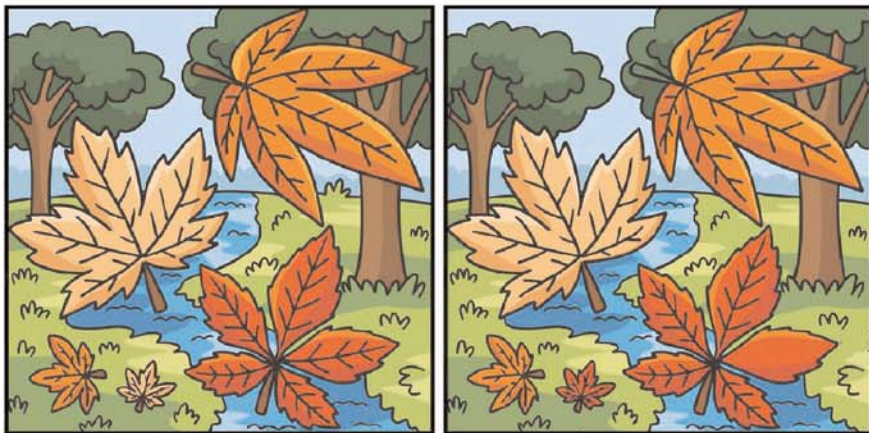
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# Kids' Autumn Fun Page

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### **SC ROAD CLOSURE**

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

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

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

## **SLAC Meeting Sept. 26, 2025**

The meeting will be held in the Legislator's Conference Room at 10AM. Our agenda is as follows:

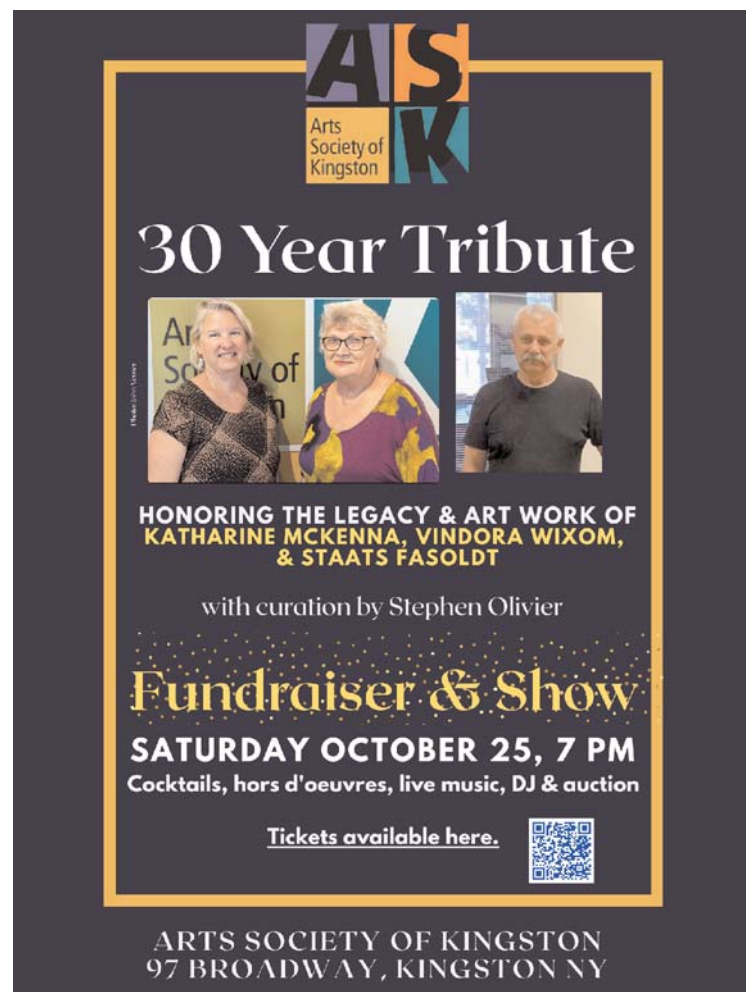
Update on the excellent progress being made in the ACC facility.

Update on the work still needed to bring Garnet to another Town Meeting to explain why so many necessary services have been cancelled, and how they can justify these cancellations.

Update on the status of the Homeless Transfer Shelter which is still in limbo, since the place, the cost, and the amount of people to be served is still contested by some in the Legislature.

We still want any and all ideas brought to us, so that we can make as forceful and effective a presentation as possible, regarding both Garnet Hospital Systems and the Homeless Shelter.

We won with the ACC situation, and will attempt to do the same with the Hospital and Homeless situations.



**Arts Society of Kingston**

# 30 Year Tribute



**HONORING THE LEGACY & ART WORK OF  
KATHARINE MCKENNA, VINDORA WIXOM,  
& STAATS FASOLDT**

with curation by Stephen Olivier

## Fundraiser & Show

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 7 PM**  
Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music, DJ & auction

Tickets available here. 

**ARTS SOCIETY OF KINGSTON  
97 BROADWAY, KINGSTON NY**

## Lots of Sun! Lots of Fun! Lots of Tractors!

(From Pg. 1) The tractors ranged from little tiny ones in a sandbox that kept many of the kiddies entertained. Other children drove around the stage area on pedal powered tractors. There were the very old tractors -all makes and models. Some were small and some were huge.



This year's show also featured a car show, sawmills, hit & miss engines, shingle mills; an Antique Museum displaying antique household items and small farm equipment. It also had an outhouse, complete with corn cobs and an old magazine!

The antique/vintage car and truck show was a big attraction. Children enjoyed hayrides, face painting and a favorite -Timmy the Train rides.

Numerous vendors provided something for everyone!

Entertainment with Jon Zanger and DJ Mark Hyser on the main stage gave guests a chance to sit, relax and enjoy the music and show. Nearby, the beer garden featured the local Bridge & Tunnel Brewery. There was food galore including the well recognized Grahamsville Fire Department's booth serving hot dogs, burgers, sausages and more. Later in the afternoon, the Grahamsville Fire Department's served a chicken barbeque. Tri-Valley Little League had delicious slushies and finger foods. For all the thirsty guests, the Tri-Valley Lions were very busy at their very popular Lion's Soda Booth.



Part of the proceeds from the show went to the Tri-Valley Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Some of the members of the local chapter were busy at the gate, collecting fees and greeting guests. The balance of the proceeds will go toward the annual NRAMA scholarship.

The Tri-Valley Lions at their Soda Booth or the Grahamsville Fire Department cooking burgers, sausages, and hot dogs were a familiar site for decades. While many

things have been added or changed over the years, at the heart of every Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Show for the past 25 years, the most important point continues, "to educate, demonstrate, and preserve" farm equipment and antique machinery.

It was a great day. Many guests claimed, "It was the best Tractor Show yet!"





# WOODBOURNE FD FIRST AID SQUAD



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

**Tickets include**  
One Hot Dog or Burger,  
Other Food & Drink  
Available for Purchase

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!

# Becoming Dr. Ruth

## in the STUDIO THEATRE

Everyone knows Dr. Ruth Westheimer from her career as a pioneering radio and television sex therapist. Few, however, know the incredible journey that preceded it. From fleeing the Nazis and joining the Haganah in Jerusalem as a sniper, to her struggle to succeed as a single mother newly arrived in America, Mark St. Germain deftly illuminates this remarkable journey. This incredibly moving play is filled with the humor, honesty, and life-affirming spirit of Karola Ruth Siegel, the girl who found a way to give back to the world by BECOMING DR. RUTH.

SHADOWLAND STAGES is thrilled to welcome back Director Stephen Nachamie (Ken Ludwig's DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE Off-Broadway) to The Studio Theatre, where he will reunite with renowned Stage and TV/FILM actress, Anne O'Sullivan (Broadway: Blithe Spirit, HBO: The Deuce), who has starred in BECOMING DR. RUTH all over the country. You won't want to miss this intimate and passionate play about finding home, creating family, and becoming who you are meant to be.

### BECOMING DR. RUTH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRI, 9/19/25 at 8 pm - 1st PREVIEW\*  
SAT, 9/20/25 at 2 pm - 2nd PREVIEW - SOLD OUT  
SAT, 9/20/25 at 8 pm - OPENING NIGHT - LIMITED AVAILABILITY  
SUN, 9/21/25 at 2 pm - SOLD OUT

\*Pay What You Can Performance  
CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS



[https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc\\_cid=d7f5a59f62&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc_cid=d7f5a59f62&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

Hear what the real-life Dr. Ruth thought about  
BECOMING DR. RUTH!

A message for the Shadowland Stages' audience from the late Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer!

### WE'RE ALMOST THERE! Celebrate SHADOWLAND STAGES' 40th Birthday with a 40 for 40

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we are asking our community to help us raise \$40,000 to ensure that we can continue to bring exceptional live theatre to the Hudson Valley for another 40 years.

Every donation, big or small, makes a huge difference and will honor the legacy of SHADOWLAND STAGES and the community that built and sustains it.

DONATIONS OF \$40 or more will be acknowledged with a commemorative 40th Anniversary T-shirt that can be picked up at the lobby bar.

Make a difference! Support live theatre!

DONATE HERE!

[https://shadowlandstages.org/donate/?mc\\_cid=d7f5a59f62&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.org/donate/?mc_cid=d7f5a59f62&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT  
SHADOWLANDSTAGES.ORG

PHONE OR VISIT THE BOX OFFICE: 845.647.5511  
157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

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Sundown United  
Methodist Church

**Covered Dish  
Supper  
5:30 pm  
Oct 4, 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. 4th  
9 am - 12 noon**



## Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches

Come and Join us for  
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am  
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin  
845-985-2283

## Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



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

## Loucks Funeral Home

**Geoff and Heather Hazzard**  
*"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"*

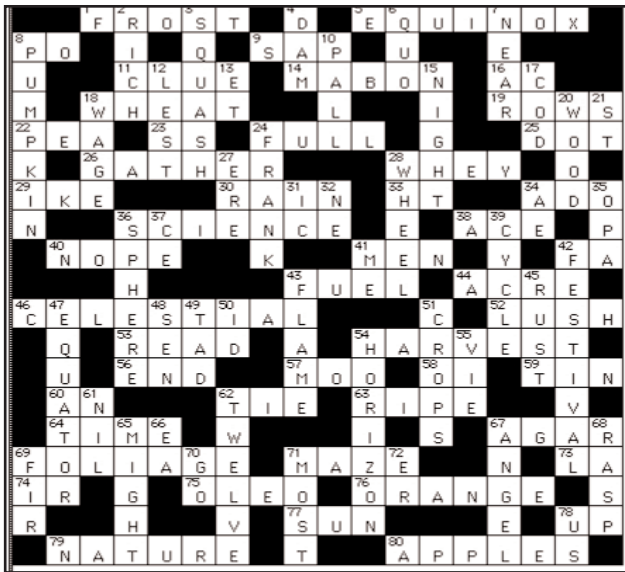
79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

## St. Augustine's Chapel

*Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY*

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



Please save **Saturday, September 27th** for the return of the **Claryville Roast Pork Dinner!!**



## Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

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

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

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

Clip & Save



### Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

#### Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

October 4th and 18th  
All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Nov - 1st and 15th  
(weather permitting)

#### Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

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

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

**Harriet Wilkin, Pastor**

**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**  
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## \$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

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

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

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

## Temple Sholom Fundraiser Cruise to Nassau

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

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

All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Sholom.

**Check the air quality where you are at:**

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

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

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Need a place to show and sell your crafts?  
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## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/4/25 **39th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party Oct 4th 10 am - 4 pm** at the **Grahamsville Fairgrounds**  
 10/4/25 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon  
 10/4/25 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church  
 10/8/25 Town of Neversink - Board Meeting  
 10/13/25 Town of Neversink Holiday - **COLUMBUS DAY**  
 10/15/25 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 10/15/25 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association** Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm  
 10/16/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall  
 10/16/25 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm  
 10/21/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

## SAVE THE DATE!

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

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

## Weekly Update For The Week of

September 22 - September 26, 2025

**Monday, September 22**

- o No Meetings

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 24

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District Board**, in the Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, 5 Park Lane, Highland 12528
- o **12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**
- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, 12419
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, Room 104, Kingston, Via Zoom Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615 Passcode: 278571
- o **7:30 PM - Ulster County Fire Advisory Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, September 25

- o **5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, September 26

- o No Meetings

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 September 27th for the return of  
 the Claryville Roast Pork Dinner!!**

## 2025 FALL CLEAN-UP OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**In order to Participate, you will need your GREEN 2025 Permit Card, cards will be punched for each land.**

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."**

## Senator Gillibrand Announces New Bill to Ban Stock Holding for Trading by Senior Government Officials

**• From 2019-2021, one in three members of Congress traded stocks or other financial assets, many of which posed potential conflicts of interest with their legislative responsibilities**

**• 86% of Americans support passing a bill to ban members of Congress from trading individual stocks**

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to introduce the No Stock Act. This critical legislation would ban senior government officials—including members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, the president, the vice President, and their immediate families—from holding or trading stocks and certain other financial assets.

Despite the passage of Senator Gillibrand's STOCK Act in 2012—which bars congressmembers from using insider information to buy and sell stocks—recent data indicates that one in three members of Congress traded stocks or other financial assets from 2019-2021, and over 3,700 of those trades posed potential conflicts of interest with their legislative responsibilities. Senator Gillibrand's new legislation would help eliminate these conflicts of interest by banning stock trading for high-ranking government officials altogether.

“Government officials are entrusted with privileged and often confidential information to carry out important work and serve the American people. It is absolutely unacceptable that so many of them seem to be using their power to advance their own financial interests,” said Senator Gillibrand. “The American people deserve to know that their elected officials are working in their best interest, not watching their stock portfolios grow. By banning stock holding and trading, the No Stock Act will solve this problem once and for all. I am determined to get it across the finish line.”

Senator Gillibrand has been a champion for transparency and good government throughout her career. Gillibrand led Senate passage of the STOCK Act in 2012, and she was the first member of Congress to post a daily report listing her official meetings, personal financial disclosures, earmark requests, and taxes online. In 2023, she also introduced the bipartisan Ban Stock Trading for Government Officials Act, legislation that aimed to create stringent stock trading bans and disclosure requirements for Congress, senior executive branch officials, and their spouses and dependents.

The full text of the bill can be found here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WAL25759.pdf>

## Trivia Showdown at Casa Mia

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge invites you to join in on the fun at “The Great Autumn Brain-off” (A Pre-Holiday Trivia Showdown) Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 1 - 4 P.M. at Casa Mia Restaurant, 205 Main St., Hurleyville, NY (doors open at Noon).

Come enjoy an afternoon of trivia, fun, laughter, raffles, prizes, and a delicious lunch. Advance Reservations Required! Seating is limited. \$30.00 per person includes food and beverages as well as entry for a fabulous Door Prize. Raffles and 50/50 tickets are extra.

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

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

To be sure you have a seat, please mail payment, to be received no later than October 20, 2025, payable to: Kiwanis of Woodridge, PO Box 722, Woodridge, NY 12789. Please include the name(s) attending, phone #, email, and total amount enclosed.

Hope to see you at Casa Mia on November 8th!

## Child Care Providers Needed

If you have considered working with or teaching young children, there is no better time to start! Sullivan County needs childcare throughout the county!

According to The U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2023, is 79,920 people in Sullivan County. 6.1% of the county's population are children under the age of 5 (US Census Bureau, 2010). Making the under 5 population in Sullivan County, 4795 children. The current number of infant / toddler childcare spots available in Sullivan County is 1129. The bottom line is Sullivan County children and current providers NEED your assistance as childcare is filled with waiting lists.

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

If you're worried about start-up cost, we may be able to assist in supply costs through our Infant/Toddler program. Most training courses through our agency are FREE for Sullivan County providers!!! Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council for step-by-step assistance with the application process, business aspect of your program, as well as the programs and resources available when your program is established.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has determined an immediate need for Infant and Toddler childcare based on our referral services:

- o County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
- o Requests for Infant and Toddler care through our agency have been made mainly for Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello
- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

For more information please visit our website: [scchildcare.com](https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp), The Office of Children and Family Services at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp>, or give our office a call at (845) 292-7166.

US Census Bureau, 2010.

Retrieved on 5/07/2019:

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/sullivancountynewyork/AGE135217#AGE135217>

## Fallsburg JSHS Hosts SGA and National Honor Society Ceremonies

FALLSBURG - On September 18, 2025, Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School hosted its annual induction ceremony



for the National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), along with the swearing-in of the newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) officers.

The newly elected SGA Executive Officers are: President Jaecob Espinoza, Vice President Carmen Montes, Treasurer Jaxon Ingber, Secretary Sophia Jacobs, and Chief Justice Andrew Bensimon.

**Class Officers for 2025-2026 are as follows:**

**Class of 2026:**

President Azon Laurel, Vice President Brian Ingber, Treasurer Angelina Alvarado, Secretary Jaxon Ingber.

Class of 2027: President Nahomy Castro Moreno, Vice President Nataly Reyes, Treasurer Abigail Toledo, Secretary Fatoumata Gai.

Class of 2028: President Shiv Patel, Vice President Layla Hermann, Treasurer Dayana Mendoza Gallo, Secretary Camdyn Hoefling.

Class of 2029: President Jack Bensimon, Vice President Maria Nardi, Treasurer Katherine Juarez Cadena, Secretary Samuel Vega Rosales.

Class of 2030: President Holly Surerus, Vice President Khloe Jordy, Treasurer Claudia Smith, Secretary Ervin Ponce Hernandez.

Class of 2031: President Arayaah-Laurice Irby, Vice President Annabella Vence-Urquiza, Treasurer Hayden Atkins, Secretary Awa Gai.

The 2025 National Junior Honor Society inductees: Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Yasmina Bache-Seraphin, Jack Bensimon, Nyona Bolding, Franco DiCostanzo, George Di Napoli, Niylah Emptage, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Leily Garcia Menjivar, Charlie Giron Saravia, Genesis Gonzales Alvarez, Sonja Henry, David Hernandez Martinez, Carsyn Hoefling, Khloe Jordy, Emily Mackerley, Margie Madrid Castro, Carlos Mazariago Pena, Reja Meer, Nelcy Orellana Mejia, Ariel Payne, Alexandra Reyes Lopez, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Malika Rivers, Leon Rodriguez-Morales, Leonardo Rojas, Jessica Saciolo, Anthony Santos Morales, Daylin Sierra Lizama, Claudia Smith, Zhara Snead, Holly Surerus, Ambar Vasquez, Joshua Velazquez, Jaylisa Williams, Heaven Wilson, and Allison Yautentzi Reyes.

The 2025 National Honor Society inductees: Juliana Barreto, Edison Bastidas Avendano, Emina Cenovic, Jordyn Cerone, Carissa Ciorciari, Jonathan Dias Paredes, Ashleigh Fuentes Ardon, Fatoumata Gai, Riley Gorr, Alison Granados-Fuentes, Hennis Gutierrez-Padilla, Chanel Han, Adryana Kozachuk, John Landaverde Rodriguez, Tiffany Maccagli, Conner McManus, Jozyr McNeil, Heysel Mejia Corcio, Eric Moocz, Alisson Moreno Rocha, Dayana Murillo Madrid, Robert Perrera, Efrain Rodriguez, Allison Rojas, Abigail Toledo, Alisha Tremper, and Peyton Varner.

## Village of Monticello Takes 45 Kids to Dorney Park - More Youth Activities Planned for 2026



Monticello, NY - Mayor Rochelle Massey and Village Trustee Gordon Jenkins proudly led a group of 45 local children on a free trip to Dorney Park, providing a full day of fun, learning, and community building. The trip was made possible in part by funding from the Sullivan County Legislature Youth Bureau, highlighting a strong collaboration between the Village and County to create opportunities for Monticello youth.

"This trip was more than just a day at an amusement park - it was about giving our kids new experiences, building relationships, and showing them that their community cares about them," said Mayor Rochelle

Massey. "We are committed to continuing this tradition and making sure that Monticello youth have access to enriching and exciting opportunities."

The Village of Monticello has already made plans to return to Dorney Park in 2026. Additionally, Mayor Massey announced that the Village is planning an expanded slate of youth-focused activities for next year, including trips to Monster Jam, SplashDown Beach, and the legendary Ringling Brothers Circus.



Trustee Gordon Jenkins shared, "We believe in investing in our young people. When we create positive experiences for kids, we strengthen families and our entire community."

The Village of Monticello remains committed to engaging youth, supporting parents, and creating safe, fun, and educational programs that encourage growth and community pride.

*Daniel Pierce Library's*  
39TH ANNUAL  
**GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY**

**SAT | OCT 4 | 10AM-4PM**

*Grahamsville Fairgrounds*  
*Rain or Shine / Free Admission*



**NO PETS  
ALLOWED**

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS  
GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
**PUMPKIN PAINTING**  
PRIZE WINNING CONTESTS  
CRAFT FAIR • BOOK SALE  
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**CASH ONLY EVENT**

# GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

## CONTEST INFORMATION

### *Win Great Prizes!*



Enter our contests at the Giant Pumpkin Party for both children and adults for a chance to win great prizes! For entry forms and complete contest rules and information, please refer to the **Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet**, which is available throughout the community, call the **Daniel Pierce Library** at 985-7233, or visit our website at [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org) and click on the “Giant Pumpkin Party” link.



**Costume March:** (pg. 4) All participants receive a special book prize and a sweet treat. There is also a separate raffle in all of the age groups. Registration will begin at the fairgrounds at 9:30 a.m. The Costume March begins at 10:00 a.m.



**Giant Pumpkin Contest:** (pg. 6) Cash Prizes awarded to all winners! Enter your Giant Pumpkin into our adult or children’s categories.



**Hay Bale Throw Contest:** (pg. 9) Trophies awarded to the furthest throw in each category! Test your strength and give this contest a try. Categories for men, women and children.

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

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# Gillibrand, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Expand Working Families' Access to Child Care

- **Legislation reauthorizes the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) for the first time in over a decade**
- **In New York, a family of four is eligible for child care services under CCDBG if they make less than \$113,567**

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Deb Fischer (R-NE), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced the Child Care Modernization Act, which will help provide quality, affordable child care to America's working families by reauthorizing and improving the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).

"Affordable, quality child care is a necessity - not a luxury. Unfortunately, that is not the reality, especially in rural areas," said the senators. "With the Child Care Modernization Act, we will reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant to provide significant, positive change in child care access and quality. The CCDBG has provided working families with child care services for 30 years; we will continue to work to fund the program to ensure these changes can be implemented and continue to serve families who need child care assistance. It's time to reauthorize this important program to extend child care to more hardworking American families."

For over three decades, the CCDBG has been the primary federal program to help provide families with access to quality child care. Despite bipartisan support, the program has not been reauthorized since 2014. Senator Gillibrand is steadfastly committed to working in a bipartisan fashion to get these grants reauthorized and to secure funding for them.

## The Child Care Modernization Act will:

- o Strengthen child care services by moving states to use cost estimation models for setting provider rates, which will adequately compensate child care providers.
- o Ensure parental choice by allowing states to develop a mixed delivery system of child care and preschool for children 0-5 and before-school, after-school, and summer care for school-age children.
- o Increase child care supply by introducing a new grant program within the CCDBG framework to assist providers in creating and expanding the supply.
- o Improve state child care plans by improving support for families and communities, reducing barriers to the program, and increasing access and affordability to serve more families.
- o Assist in-home and rural child care providers by providing technical assistance, including strategies to support best business practices, and the development and use of shared services initiatives such as family child care home provider networks.
- o Reduce duplicative regulatory burdens on child care providers by ensuring states review their state and local health and safety requirements to determine redundancies and oversights that may exist.

The bill is endorsed by Afterschool Alliance, Alliance of New York State YMCAs, Bipartisan Policy Center Action, Buffett Early Childhood Institute, Child Care Aware of America, Early Care and Education Consortium (ECEC), Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC), First Five Years Fund, Independent Restaurant Coalition, KinderCare Learning Companies (KLC), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Low Income Investment Fund, Moms First, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), National Association of Counties (NACo), National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), National Child Care Association, National Children's Facilities Network, Save the Children, Start Early, Tootris, and YMCA of the USA.

"Access to affordable, reliable child care is one of the biggest challenges facing working families. The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) is a vital part of facing that challenge head on. We're grateful to Senators Deb Fischer (R-NE), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), and Susan Collins (R-ME) for their bipartisan leadership in introducing the Child Care Modernization Act. This legislation offers an important opportunity to strengthen and sustain CCDBG while also addressing child care needs in real time. This will help serve more families both now and in the future," said First Five Years Fund Executive Director Sarah Rittling.

"BPC Action is proud to endorse the Child Care Modernization Act, which reauthorizes and modernizes the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). CCDBG has long been a bipartisan program that delivers for families, and this legislation strengthens that legacy by helping parents better access affordable, high-quality care while supporting the workforce that provides it. Child care is essential economic infrastructure for working families, and we commend Sens. Fischer (R-NE) and Gillibrand (D-NY) for their bipartisan leadership in advancing solutions that strengthen children, families, and the economy," said Michele Stockwell, president of Bipartisan Policy Center Action.

"For decades, America has treated child care like a personal problem instead of what it really is, an economic imperative. That's why it matters that Senators Fischer and Gillibrand are reaching across the aisle with the Child Care Modernization Act. Families everywhere are drowning in child care costs, and businesses are losing talent because parents can't find or afford care. No parent should have to choose between feeding their babies and funding their daycare. This bill takes a critical step by funding the supply of child care we desperately need. This is what real pro-family policy looks like," said Reshma Saujani, CEO of Moms First.

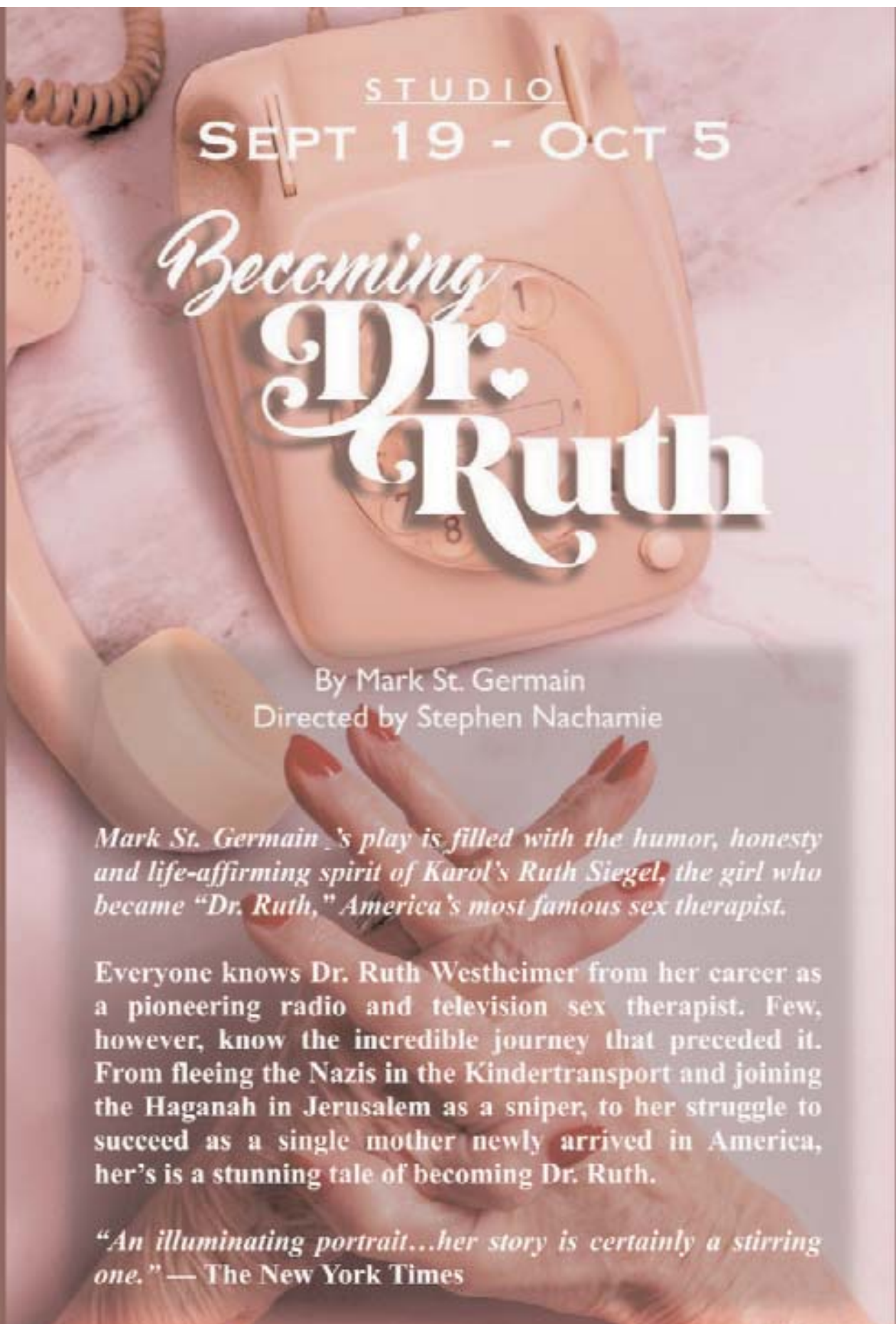
"Facilities are an essential program feature often omitted from the discussions about increasing access to affordable, quality care. This legislation is particularly impactful because it incorporates resources for states to address facilities obstacles that inhibit the ability child care operators to provide affordable, quality care. Many child care providers lack the ability to address facilities needs because razor-thin operating margins, unpredictable operating streams, and lack of consistent and effective capital subsidies make it difficult to access to mainstream financial products. This bill will make it possible to better serve children, families, child care professionals and local communities." - Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

"The Low Income Investment Fund applauds Senators Gillibrand (D-NY) and Fischer (R-NE) for their bipartisan leadership in addressing the needs of families, child care providers, and communities through the Child Care Modernization Act," said Dan Nissenbaum, CEO of the Low Income Investment Fund. "By recognizing the critical importance of federal investment in child care facilities, this legislation will help modernize infrastructure, strengthen quality, and ensure the health and safety of our nation's children while helping expand our workforce."

"The Child Care Modernization Act, if funded sufficiently, offers a meaningful opportunity to improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant. Because the bill would invest in the early childhood education workforce, improve how educators are paid, and build the supply of quality child care, NAEYC endorses this legislation, and is particularly appreciative of the bipartisan leadership of Senators Fischer, Gillibrand, Collins, and Hickenlooper to call for the funding necessary to implement it. We look forward to working with these offices and other leaders in Congress to continue to increase support and investment for policies that improve access to a quality child care system that works for children, families, educators, and our economy," said Daniel Hains Chief Policy & Professional Advancement Officer of NAEYC.

The full text of the bill can be found here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/KEGCCDBG.pdf>



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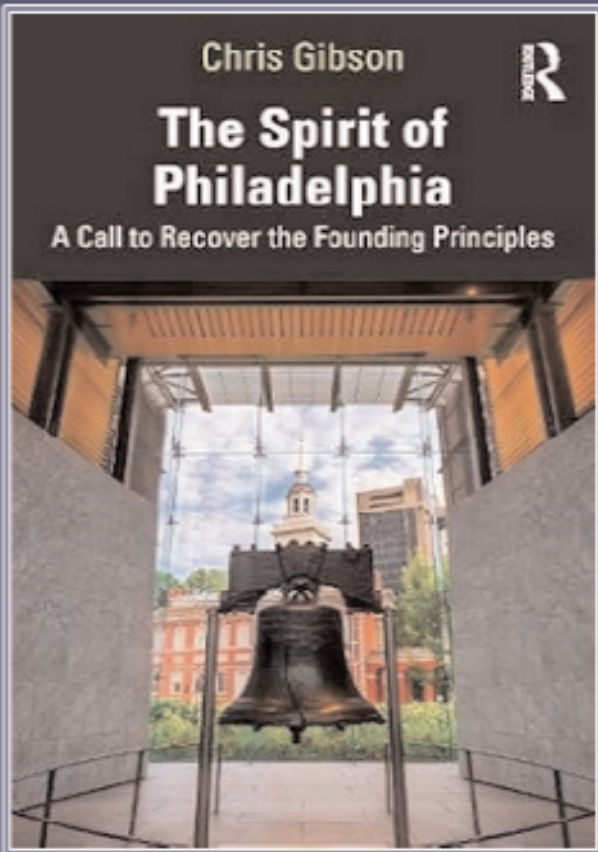
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Laura Aley's new book includes stories about people and places from long ago.



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

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Addy boys on Grandfather Coombe's farm

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## BLUE MOUNTAINS TROUT NEWS



Remembering an Esopus icon, Five Arches Bridge, which is no more. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

### Annual meeting is September 25

Our next chapter meeting will be September 25 at 7 PM at the Boiceville Inn on NY 28. This is the chapter's Annual Meeting where the election of officers and board members takes place. Notice of such was given in the July newsletter. Please try to attend.

After the business meeting, Tony Coccozza will discuss operational facets of NYC's Shandaken Tunnel and how Esopus Creek came to be classified a wild trout stream. As a chapter member, Tony has been actively involved with both these matters for decades.

### Election of Officers and Board Members

As noted above, the election of officers and four board members will take place on September 25, 2025. While the Nominating Committee has put forth the slate below, chapter members can also make nominations from the floor. Nominated slate:

Officers:

President - Tony Coccozza

Vice President - Mark Loete

Secretary - Forrest Hutchinson

Treasurer - John Yanzek

2026-2027 Board of Directors:

George Holz, BJ Leifeld, Jr, Russell Martin, Roy Meyerhoff

Effective following the election

Current 2025-2026 Directors not up for election:

Yuki Asada, Chris Hensley, Jody Hoyt, Chet Karwatowski, Ed Ostapczuk

John Hoeko will no longer serve as Past-president Director, a position Mark Loete will assume (but Mark will only have one vote if elected vice president). We thank John Hoeko for his years of service.

### Fall Fundraiser/Stewardship Evening

Our fall Fundraiser/Stewardship evening was held September 13 at the Phoenicia Diner. It was yet another great undertaking by the fundraiser committee. We'll have full details about the evening

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in the October chapter newsletter - including a list of our many generous donors - once the dust settles. If you missed it, you missed a great evening of fun and chapter comradery.

Pictured below is longtime TU member (and a chapter founding member) Glenn Debrosky giving sage advice to Calvin Vanderheyden, a new fly flyfisher. Both supported and enjoyed the event.



Glenn Dubrosky with young Calvin Vanderheyden at the Chapter Fundraiser Dinner. Photo by Paul Mihm.

CERM 2025 Coming up in October



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## Blue Mountain Trout News (From Pg. 40)

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program's 2025 Catskill Environmental Research & Monitoring (CERM) Conference will be held from October 22-24, 2025. This year, the conference will be held at Belleayre Mountain. TU board member Chet Karwatoski is putting together a poster presentation for the conference about the chapter's Catskill Heritage Brook Trout studies. For full details, visit the program website at: <https://cermconference.org/>

### Underwater image of a brook trout Catskill Heritage Brook Trout studies

We are pleased to report we will be working with the Hubbard Center for Genome Studies at the University of New Hampshire. The chapter contacted fifteen possible sources to sequence the fin clippings from our 2024 efforts before making the final decision. These studies have been undertaken in partnership with the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP); they have awarded several grants to the chapter for these efforts. We also received assistance from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Region 3 Fisheries. Plus, we will continue working with Dr. Spencer Bruce, who will analyze genetic sequencing results. For folks wanting to know more about this endeavor, I highly recommend the Adirondack YouTube video "South Inlet Revival", which can be found at <https://www.pbs.org/video/south-inlet-revival-5xypa5/>. Dr. Bruce is featured in it.

Due to low streams conditions, and lack of a prior sequencing source for our 2024 fin clips, our 2025 study was postponed until 2026. When completed, that will be our fifth such undertaking since 2019.



*Water flowing into the Esopus via the Shandaken Tunnel.  
Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.*

### Update on the Shandaken Tunnel State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit

On August 27th the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) held a semi-annual review of their SPDES Permit for the Shandaken Tunnel (ST) via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by Kevin Cwalina, NYC DEP Associate Project Manager. Several DEP participants assisted, also in attendance were NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries, NYS DEC Division of Water, NYS Health Department, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation, others, plus Tony Cocozza and myself - possibly the only Trout Unlimited members. Kevin did a nice job running the meeting and presentations and responding to questions. I collected three pages of notes, plus an email with several presentations.

Kevin presented data on Schoharie Reservoir operation with regards to water diversions via the Shandaken Tunnel for the last

several months, and it was in compliance with SPDES Permit provisions. He also said the ST's High Level Intake (HLI) was operational from June 16 through July and addressed DEP's coldwater plan for the Esopus Creek, which is required by this permit. The HLI can operate between reservoir elevations of 1080 feet and 1125 feet, but its usage is also governed by SPDES permit Esopus Creek mandated flows.

There was also a lengthy presentation on various ongoing projects at the Schoharie Reservoir. Currently two of the eight Shandaken Tunnel intake gates are nonoperational, and eventually all eight gates will need to be repaired again. This will require several tunnel shutdowns. As of now, these dates are undetermined.

The High Level Outlet (HLO) planned for the Gilboa Dam, to release water downstream of the reservoir, is currently in design phase and not expected to be completed before November, 2029 at a cost of \$41 million dollars. Overall, NYC DEP will have invested over half-a-billion dollars on Schoharie Reservoir renovations when these are completed. That's quite a sizeable investment in the operation and safety of their smallest Catskill reservoir.

Bobby Adams, of NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries, wrapped up the meeting with a presentation on his experimental usage of a Cataraft, with DEP's help, electrofishing portions of Esopus Creek. Tony and I thanked NYC DEP for the information shared.



*Chapter members Chet Karwatoski, Victoria Lawrence, John Yanzek and Russell Martin manned the chapter's Olive Day booth.*

*Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.*

### Olive Day

On September 6, our chapter had a public outreach booth at Olive Day, and chapter members spent the day talking to Esopus Creek watershed basin public members. The booth was administered by John Yanzek and his wife Amanda, Chet Karwatoski, Victoria Lawrence, Russell Martin, Roy Meyerhoff, and myself. Chapter members Chris Hensley and Paul Mihm also stopped by.

### Precipitation Report

Jody Hoyt recorded Boiceville rain data for two summer months. During July, there were eight measurable events with 4.57 inches of rain having a weighted pH of 5.8. July 2024 also experienced eight events with 3.66 inches of rain with a 5.5 weighted pH. In August, there were five measurable storms, but only 1.74 inches of rain with a 5.9 weighted pH. During August 2024, there were seven storms with 8.07 inches of rain and a 5.5 weighted pH. In 2024, September and October were very dry months, like we have been experiencing of late.

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## Blue Mountain Trout News (From Pg. 41)

Given the lack of rain, like almost all Catskill freestone trout waters, the Esopus - actually a tailwater from the Shandaken Tunnel downstream - lies in peril due to drought conditions. As of September 17 the Schoharie Reservoir - smallest of all NYC's Catskill reservoirs - had less than 20% of its 17.6-billion-gallon capacity left, per NYC DEP's website. That was just a bit more than 3.4 billion gallons of water, which isn't much. On that same day, Esopus Creek flows at Coldbrook, per the USGS gage, registered 200 cubic feet per second (cfs), while diversions from the Shandaken Tunnel registered 180s cfs. Doing the math, 90% of Esopus flows at Coldbrook came from the Portal. Without Portal diversions, Coldbrook flows would have been 20 cfs!

Recently NYS DEC, working with NYC DEP, has twice requested NYC to reduce Portal diversions to prolong water available to the Esopus Creek via the Shandaken Tunnel, and DEP has agreed to do so. A partnership in action for the protection of Esopus Creek wild trout!

Schoharie Reservoir, FYI:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/schoharie-reservoir.page>

In light of the extreme low water conditions, DEC's The Fishing Line reminds trout anglers to adhere to ethical standards of fair chase on drought-stricken streams statewide. These include: land fish quickly, keep fish in water, consider a 'no-fish day' if conditions are bad, use barbless hooks and artificials, respect landowners and property, and be aware of spawning fish. Do not target trout actively spawning, allow them to finish nature's journey. Please adhere to these ethics and share them with others.



*Stone dam blocking the flow of water in the stream.  
Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.*

### Stone Dams Block Spawning Fish!

With stream flows so low and with spawning season of brown and brook trout fast approaching, when you're out and about fishing and you come upon a stone dam left behind by summer wet waders, please make an effort to breach it. You don't have to dismantle the dam, just create an opening in the rocks so water can flow through. No permit is needed if you do this by hand. Most often you encounter quite a few dams on NYS Forest Preserve waters. If the dam is located on private property, seek permission first before attempting this, and take the opportunity to educate

the landowner. The trout will thank you and your efforts should increase your odds of catching wild trout in 2026.

### Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection to Honor Ed Van Put on Nov. 2

The next installment in the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection "Sporting Legends of the Catskills" series will feature the late Ed Van Put. On Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 1 to 3 PM at the Phoenicia Library, Judy Van Put will present a program about the life and career of her husband, Ed. Noted author Nick Lyons will join her in conversation. Copies of Ed's latest book, *Flyfisher's Revelations: Practical Tips, Strategies, and Wisdom from Fifty Years Experience*, will be available for sale.

### Iconic Five Arches Bridge - Gone but not Forgotten

NYC's 28A Five Arches bridge has long been an Esopus Creek angler's icon. It was in service since 1913, outliving its projected lifespan. In recent years, unfortunately, its design also contributed to flooding during significant storms. Work to replace it started in November of 2021 and should be completed by the end of the year at a cost of roughly \$33 million dollars.

I fondly recall Arnold Gingrich's *The Well-Tempered Angler* and the chapter "Preston Jennings for President--- or, There Is a Royal Coachman." Before there was an extended trout season, Gingrich writes about "fishing for bass" in November, in the shadows of Five Arches and hooking rainbow trout the size of salmon grilse, 22 to 25 inches long. Gingrich and Five Arches are gone now, but not forgotten.

### Chasing Wild Brook Trout in the Catskills

As this newsletter touched earlier upon wild brook trout, you might enjoy Alvin Montana's YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0MRQ6pf3pE>. Alvin - aka the Adirondack Trout Bum - is an active member of TU's Mohawk Valley Chapter and is involved with preservation of Adirondack brook trout. This video takes place near the heart of Cecil Heacox's "Charmed Circle of the Catskills."

### Three Angling Legends Pass

Perhaps you're aware, but if not, since the last newsletter we lost three talented flyfishers who made celebrated contributions to our pastime. On August 2, noted bamboo rod maker Art Weiler, Jr. (age 80) passed away. On August 20, noted fly tyer/author A.K. Best (age 90) passed. On August 26 noted salt-water flyfisher/tyer, author, and host of ESPN's *Walker's Cay Chronicles* Flip Pallot (age 83) passed. May they all Rest in Peace. And I don't know about you, but at my age I'm starting to not recognize the forest as its stately trees are being dismantled.

### Treasurer's Report

At the end of August, John Yanzek reported the chapter's total cash assets remained the same at \$12,739.11. This report does not include any funds from the chapter's September 13 annual Dinner and Stewardship Evening. The next newsletter will contain details on that.

### Membership

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

Until next time,  
Ed Ostapczuk

## Ulster County Website Redesigned to Better Meet User Needs

KINGSTON, NY - Visitors to [ulstercountyny.gov](http://ulstercountyny.gov) may have noticed a major upgrade: The County government website has been fully redesigned to better serve residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors with a more modern, user-friendly experience.

The website overhaul, led by Assistant Deputy County Executive Rebecca Rojer with support from the Ulster County Information Services and Executive Communications teams, addresses long-standing issues with the previous site, which was plagued by outdated content, broken links, and a layout that was challenging for users to navigate. The new site is streamlined, intuitive, and designed to help people more easily find the information and services they need. Several departments with the most public-facing services received a full content refresh, while others will be updated in phases starting this fall.

"The old County website was clunky, hard to use, and something of a dinosaur that hadn't been modernized since it was first created more than a decade ago," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "The refreshed website is now much more intuitive, friendly, and accessible by users of all kinds, including residents, businesses, tourists, community providers, and local governments. I want to give a special thanks to Assistant Deputy County Executive Rebecca Rojer, who led this massive undertaking, working with the website consultant and dozens of County departments, and bringing her exceptional design and organizational expertise to the task."

Key features of the new website include:

- o Topic-Based Service Directories: Nearly 250 programs, services, and resource guides cataloged by topic, such as health, housing, forms and permits, emergency and crisis, business, agriculture, etc. Previously, users had to search department webpages individually to find information they needed, making it challenging to access information in a timely way, especially if users were not familiar with County departments.
- o Functional Search: A powerful search bar that helps users find what they need quickly.
- o Top Tasks & Emergency Resources: Popular services and urgent contacts featured prominently on the homepage. This level of quick accessibility is especially important for residents in times of emergency or crisis.
- o Accessibility & Plain Language: Pages are consistently formatted and written in clear, straightforward language to support translation through browser tools.
- o Mobile-Friendly Design: Fully responsive layout for phones and tablets.
- o Transparency Center: Easy access to budgets, policies, reports, and public records.
- o Local Directory & Events Calendar: Contact info and programming from across County departments.
- o Coming Soon: Digital forms, online payments, and a Boards & Commissions portal.

A public feedback survey is available on the site to help guide future improvements.

The project began with extensive community and staff surveys, stakeholder interviews, and web traffic analysis in 2023.

Over the past year, the team worked closely with departments to rewrite and reorganize content, prioritize high-traffic pages, and ensure legal compliance.

"This was a big job - but a necessary one," said Assistant Deputy County Executive Rebecca Rojer. "We knew from the start that the old website wasn't serving our community well. Our goal was to build something that's not only functional and accessible but also reflects the values of transparency and public service. In doing so, we had the opportunity to take a comprehensive look at the many services Ulster County provides - and it was a powerful reminder of just how much our government does to support residents every day. I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished and excited to keep improving based on user feedback."

The launch is just the beginning. Ulster County will continue to audit and refresh department pages, expand digital services, and collaborate with departments on communications planning. Visitors to the new site are invited to share their experiences through the live survey, which will help shape improvements in the future.

To explore the new website and learn more, visit <https://ulstercountyny.gov>.

## Ulster County Historian Supports 3rd Annual New Paltz Community Partners Lecture

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

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

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

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

This program is free and open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required. Register by going to [huguenot-street.org/calendar-of-events/2025/10/4](http://huguenot-street.org/calendar-of-events/2025/10/4).

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

## DEC Reminds New Yorkers to Use Caution When Outdoor Burning

**Fire Danger Map Available on DEC's website <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/fire-danger-map>. View photos of Wildland Fires Caused by Campfires**

**<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/fs/programs/press/ForestRangers/ForestRangerCaptainScottJacksononCampfireSafety.mp4>**

**<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nysdec/albums/72177720329135967/>**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today urged all New Yorkers to exercise extra caution before any outdoor burning. Current warm and dry conditions are causing an increased fire risk across New York State, and DEC encourages people to put safety first, not leave fires unattended, and ensure all fires are fully extinguished.

"Much of New York is abnormally dry and fire risk is either high or moderate for the entire state, so it's absolutely essential New Yorkers are mindful of the risk when doing any kind of residential outdoor burning," said Commissioner Lefton. "Campers, hunters, and other outdoor enthusiasts should avoid building campfires outside of established fire rings or pits to not only keep themselves safe, but also our Forest Rangers who respond to fires that start burning out of control."

Daily fire danger ratings may fluctuate based on weather, but the overall risk is elevated beyond what is typical for this time of year. These conditions are expected to continue through the month of September and may persist through October. With the fall foliage and dry autumn season beginning, fire risk will continue to be a concern.

Since Aug. 1, DEC Forest Rangers have responded to 53 fires burning nearly 26 acres of land. Approximately half of those were caused by campfires that broke containment or were not extinguished properly. People often think a fire has been extinguished, but in dry conditions, hot embers burn into the ground where they can smolder for days or even weeks before being detected as a wildfire. To properly extinguish a campfire, pour copious amounts of water on the fire, stir any remaining coals to mix the water into the fire bed, and make sure the fire is cool to the touch before leaving it.

If you encounter a wildfire in the forest, dial 911 to report the fire and be prepared to give a location of the fire to first responders. If you encounter unattended campfires on DEC lands, contact Forest Ranger Dispatch at: 1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264).

### Wildfire Prevention Tips

- o Completely extinguish all campfires. Fires should be doused with water and stirred to mix ashes and water until ashes are cool enough to touch with the back of your hand. Remember, if it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

- o Never discard ashes from campfires, charcoal grills, woodstoves, or cigarettes on vegetation or the forest floor.

- o Refrain from smoking in areas with flammable vegetation or organic soils. Cigarette butts and ashes should never be discarded in the forest regardless of location. If you carry it in, carry it out!

- o Do not drive off established road or park on top of vegetation. Hot mufflers and catalytic converters can ignite vegetation that touches them.

- o When operating chainsaws, generators, and other power equipment ensure it has a functioning muffler with spark arrestor. Have supplies (shovel, water, fire extinguisher) to deal with a fire if one should start.

- o Check local regulations for your intended destination for any additional restrictions on fires.

- o Make sure that all vegetation and flammable material are far away from your fire.

- o Never leave a fire unattended. Always be careful with fire.

- o And "Remember...Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."

## Fallsburg CSD Introduces Food Pantries for Families

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce the opening of two food pantries, which are located at both the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School and Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. These pantries are designed to provide families with easy access to nutritious food and essential household items.

The pantries are made possible through the generous support of Sullivan 180, which funds the program, and the Hudson Valley Regional Food Bank, which supplies the food and household goods. Items available vary each month, but families can expect essentials such as canned goods, rice, beans, condiments, cooking oils and shelf-stable dairy products, as well as non-food items including laundry detergent, dish soap, and deodorant.

Parents and guardians of Fallsburg students may schedule an appointment to visit the pantry or request a pre-packed bag of items. Delivery is also available upon request. To access this resource, please contact Lindsay Severino at [lseverino@fallsburgcsd.net](mailto:lseverino@fallsburgcsd.net) or (845) 434-6800 extension 1277.



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## 2025 Summer Schedule

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| <p><b>LIVINGSTON MANOR</b></p> <p>Tues July 15</p> <p>Tues August 12</p> <p>Tues September 9</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>95 Main St<br/>Livingston Manor, NY</p>      | <p><b>GRAHAMSVILLE</b></p> <p>Thurs July 10</p> <p>Thurs August 7</p> <p>Thurs September 4</p> <p>License &amp; Registration Appts</p> <p>273 Main St<br/>Grahamsville, NY</p> | <p><b>LIBERTY</b></p> <p>Tues July 29</p> <p>Tues August 26</p> <p>Tues September 23</p> <p>License &amp; Registration Appts</p> <p>15 Sullivan Ave<br/>Liberty, NY</p> | <p><b>BLOOMINGBURG</b></p> <p>Thurs July 31</p> <p>Thurs August 28</p> <p>Thurs September 25</p> <p>License &amp; Registration Appts</p> <p>13 North Rd<br/>Bloomingburg, NY</p> |

## Senator Gillibrand Announce New Bill to Ban Stock Holding or Trading by Senior Government Officials

• *From 2019-2021, one in three members of Congress traded stocks or other financial assets, many of which posed potential conflicts of interest with their legislative responsibilities*

• *86% of Americans support passing a bill to ban members of Congress from trading individual stocks*

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to introduce the No Stock Act. This critical legislation would ban senior government officials---including members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, the president, the vice President, and their immediate families---from holding or trading stocks and certain other financial assets.

Despite the passage of Senator Gillibrand's STOCK Act in 2012-which bars congressmembers from using insider information to buy and sell stocks-recent data indicates that one in three members of Congress traded stocks or other financial assets from 2019-2021, and over 3,700 of those trades posed potential conflicts of interest with their legislative responsibilities. Senator Gillibrand's

new legislation would help eliminate these conflicts of interest by banning stock trading for high-ranking government officials altogether.

"Government officials are entrusted with privileged and often confidential information to carry out important work and serve the American people. It is absolutely unacceptable that so many of them seem to be using their power to advance their own financial interests," said Senator Gillibrand. "The American people deserve to know that their elected officials are working in their best interest, not watching their stock portfolios grow. By banning stock holding and trading, the No Stock Act will solve this problem once and for all. I am determined to get it across the finish line."

Senator Gillibrand has been a champion for transparency and good government throughout her career. Gillibrand led Senate passage of the STOCK Act in 2012, and she was the first member of Congress to post a daily report listing her official meetings, personal financial disclosures, earmark requests, and taxes online. In 2023, she also introduced the bipartisan Ban Stock Trading for Government Officials Act, legislation that aimed to create stringent stock trading bans and disclosure requirements for Congress, senior executive branch officials, and their spouses and dependents.

The full text of the bill can be found here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WAL25759.pdf>



# Daniel Pierce Library

## Fall Children's Programs

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Wednesday, October 15th

Toddler Time (24-35 months)  
Thursday, October 16th

Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)  
Friday, October 17th

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Tuesday, October 14th

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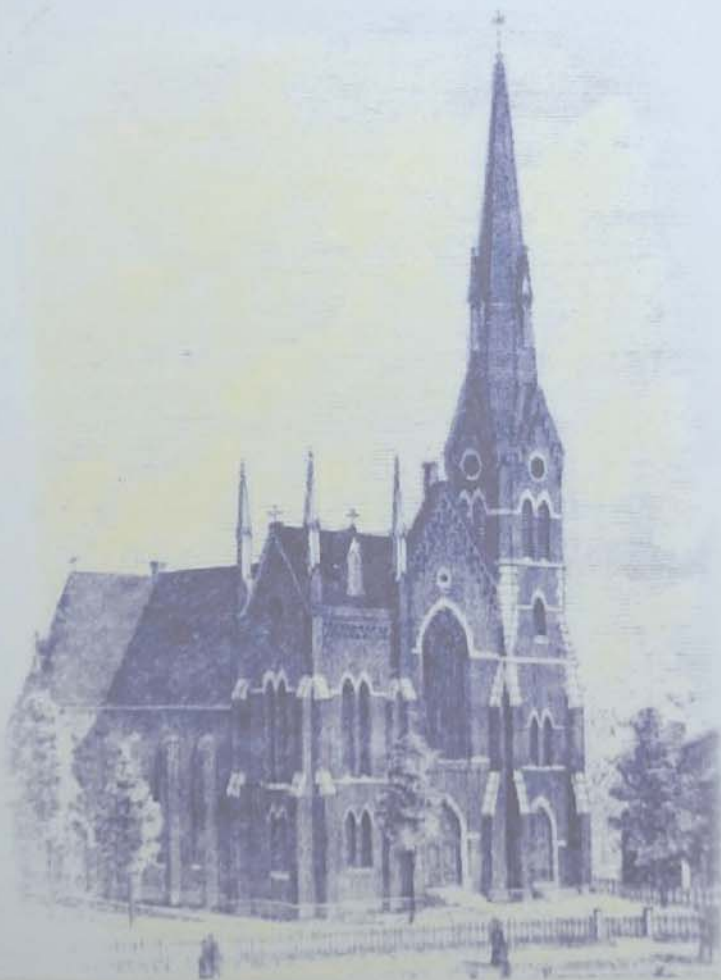
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### **Introducing the House Companion to Senator Cotton's No Bail Post-Jail Act**

This week, I introduced House companion legislation to Senator Tom Cotton's (R-AR) No Bail Post-Jail Act that ensures violent repeat offenders are kept off our streets. The bill denies bail for any individual previously incarcerated for a violent felony who is arrested for a new felony offense. It defines violent felonies to include heinous crimes such as murder, aggravated assault, robbery, and sexual assault, and applies to adults as well as juveniles charged as adults. It also establishes prior incarceration as serving any time in a state or federal correctional facility, comprising sentences as short as 30 days, but excluding pretrial detention without conviction. For too long, dangerous criminals have cycled in and out of our justice system while innocent families pay the price. If someone has already been convicted of a violent felony and commits another, they should not be released back into our communities while awaiting trial.

This commonsense reform restores accountability and prioritizes law-abiding citizens. After years of soft-on-crime policies that have emboldened repeat offenders, I introduced this bill alongside Senator Cotton to put public safety first, guarantee violent criminals stay behind bars, and restore faith in our justice system.

### **Calling on Syracuse University to Hold Professors Accountable For Celebrating Charlie Kirk's Murder**

While Americans across the country are mourning the tragic murder of Charlie Kirk, two Syracuse University professors, Jenn Jackson and Farhana Sultana, used their platforms to celebrate and mock his death. Their appalling remarks included comments such as "rest in piss," "give him what he valued: no empathy," referring to him as "trash," and even thanking a so-called "witch" for cursing his life.

This type of conduct is reprehensible and has no place in any institution of higher learning. Syracuse University must immediately hold these professors accountable and publicly disclose the steps being taken to address their behavior. If the University continues to employ Professors Jackson and Sultana, it should forfeit every dollar of federal funding. Academic freedom does not extend to celebrating the assassination of an American citizen. Syracuse must act now.

READ MORE: Syracuse professors gloat over Charlie Kirk's 'ironic' death,

### **Protecting America from Terror-Sponsoring Regimes**

Alongside Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), I reintroduced the Strengthening Entry Visa Enforcement and Restrictions (SEVER) Act to block Iranian regime officials from setting foot on American soil. Building on President Trump's 2019 executive order that sanctioned the Iranian Supreme Leader and senior officials for sponsoring terrorism and committing horrific human rights abuses, this bill ensures that those same officials are categorically denied entry into the United States,

including for appearances at the United Nations. The Iranian regime under President Masoud Pezeshkian continues to fund terrorism, destabilize the Middle East, and brutalize its own people while threatening Americans and our allies. The SEVER Act empowers President Trump to guarantee that the United States will never be a platform for tyrants and terrorists to spread propaganda or legitimize their oppression.

### **No Free Society Without Rule of Law**

The fight to keep repeat violent offenders off our streets is part of a larger challenge, restoring law and order across our nation. Criminals are exploiting sanctuary city policies, leaving families, businesses, and entire communities at risk, while leaders like Mayor Bowser in Washington, D.C., refuse to cooperate with law enforcement. ICE and the National Guard are working diligently to take the worst of the worst off our streets, but their efforts are undermined by radical policies that shield criminals.

Here in New York, we've seen firsthand what weak leadership and anti-police rhetoric produce: convenience stores forced to lock up basic necessities due to rampant theft, law enforcement stretched thin after defund and demoralize campaigns, and families grieving lives lost to drugs and violence fueled by illegal immigration and trafficking. A free society cannot exist without respect for the rule of law. That's why we must invest in law enforcement, end sanctuary city policies, and prioritize the safety of law-abiding Americans.

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. 1575, No American Land for Communist China Act:** This bill would prevent the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) or any other Chinese government-affiliated companies from buying land adjacent to federally owned land in the United States. China has aggressively ramped up its malign activities across the world, and land acquisitions near military bases and federal installations pose one of the most significant national security and economic threats to the United States. This bill enhances our national defenses and safeguards critical federal properties from foreign actors seeking to expand their dangerous influence globally.

**H.R. 2251, Protecting Individuals with Down Syndrome Act:** This bill would prohibit doctors from knowingly performing an abortion because of a baby's prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis. Specifically, this legislation holds the doctors who perform the abortions, and doctors can face a fine, imprisonment of up to five years, or both. All children deserve the chance to live, and discriminatory abortions based on an individual's genetic code are a reprehensible practice that must be ended.

**H.R. 175, Deport Alien Gang Members Act:** This bill would make non-U.S. citizens who have assisted criminal gangs inadmissible for entry into the United States and non-U.S. citizens within the U.S. deportable. Specifically, this bill established procedures and guidelines for federal law enforcement to deport or deny entry to noncitizens who are known to be aiding illegal activities by gang members. Additionally, this bill would establish guidelines for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate a group as a criminal gang. Those who aid gang members in committing crimes should be held accountable, and this bill would assist law enforcement in keeping our communities safe.

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**This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 55)

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

**Monday, September 15**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3400, the TRAVEL Act of 2025. This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assign VA doctors to temporarily serve as traveling physicians in U.S. territories for up to one year. For veterans living in the U.S. territories, access to VA medical care is often challenging. This legislation provides additional help to our veterans and allows the VA to carry out its function to serve those who fought for our freedoms. This bill passed the House by a vote of 371-21.

**Tuesday, September 16**

I voted "Yes" to H.R. 2721, the Honoring Our Heroes Act of 2025. This bill establishes a pilot program under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to furnish a headstone or burial marker for deceased veterans who died on or after December 7, 1941. Under current federal law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) does not provide government-issued headstones for veterans who died before November 1, 1990, which has been a struggle for families wishing to honor their loved one. This bill helps family members replace old, worn-out gravestones to ensure that our veterans' graves are properly marked and their service and sacrifice is honored. This legislation passed the House by a unanimous vote of 413-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4922, the DC CRIMES Act. Over the past several years, Washington, D.C. has experienced alarming increases in violent crime and theft due to the radical pro-crime and pro-criminal policies of the Marxist DC City Council. Overall crime is up significantly, homicides are now twice as high as they were in 2012, and car thefts have also more than doubled since 2022. Instead of cracking down on criminals, the D.C. Council moved to change the law so that offenders as old as 25 would still be treated as "youths," shielding them from adult charges. H.R. 4922 reverses this change, and requires a public website detailing juvenile criminal statistics, so the public has the information they need to keep them and their families safe. H.R. 4922 passed the House by a vote of 240-179.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5140, To lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age. In 2024, DC's homicide rate was the fourth highest in the nation, and its overall crime rate was also among the highest in the country. A disproportionate amount of these crimes are committed by youth, who under DC's current laws, cannot be charged as adults no matter the crime. This bill would ensure that individuals 14 and older who commit heinous crimes, such as murder, sexual abuse, or armed robbery, are charged as adults and held accountable for their actions. We cannot allow soft on crime policies by Mayor Bowser and the DC City Council to continue threatening the safety of all Americans who visit our nation's capital. H.R. 5140 passed the House by a vote of 225-203.

**Wednesday, September 17**

I voted "No" on the Motion to Table H.Res. 713, Censuring Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and removing her from the Committee on Education and Workforce and the Committee on the Budget. Congresswoman Omar disgraced both herself and the House of Representatives when she promoted a post on X (formerly known as Twitter) that said heinous things about Charlie Kirk and his tragic assassination. While every American enjoys their First Amendment right to Freedom of Speech, this freedom provides protection from prosecution and imprison-

ment, not freedom from consequences. Congresswoman Omar should not be allowed to continue serving on Committees in the House of Representatives given her disgraceful victim blaming and promoting content that celebrated Charlie Kirk's death. I voted against the Motion to Table to ensure Congress could consider this important resolution. All members of Congress must be held to the highest ethical standards and Congresswoman Omar clearly failed to meet even the most basic standards of decorum. The Motion to Table passed by a vote of 214-213.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5125, the District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Reform Act. Under the Constitutional process for filling judicial vacancies, the President nominates an individual of their choosing with the advice and consent of the Senate. However, under the DC Home Rule Act, the President's power to nominate judges to the DC Superior Court and the DC Court of Appeals is inappropriately hampered by requiring the consent of the DC Judicial Nomination Commission. No other State has a similar body or power, and the DC Judicial Nomination Commission suffers from left-wing bias and radical influences. This important bill removes the DC Judicial Nomination Commission's influence on this process, allowing the President to exercise his constitutional authority and nominate the judges that he would like to nominate. H.R. 5125 passed the House by a vote of 218-211.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5143, the District of Columbia Policing Protection Act. As part of the DC City Council's support for crime and criminals, the DC City Council banned law enforcement officers from engaging in a vehicular pursuit of a suspect, unless they have committed a violent crime or pose an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to another person. By handcuffing our law enforcement officers, instead of allowing them to handcuff criminals, the DC City Council has made it clear that they do not care about everyday Americans. Each year, millions of Americans visit our nation's capital to honor our nation's history and heritage, however, DC's pro-crime policies pose a threat to these patriotic Americans. This bill will allow law enforcement officers in DC to pursue criminals as necessary, helping to keep DC safe for all. H.R. 5143 passed the House by a vote of 245-182.

**Thursday, September 18**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3062, the Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act. This bill streamlines the outdated permitting process for cross-border pipelines and transmission lines, replacing decades-old executive orders with a clear and modern framework that brings certainty to energy developers. By giving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Department of Energy (DOE) responsibility for reviewing these projects, we can make permitting decisions based on affordability and practicality, not advancing radical political agendas. Projects like Keystone XL should never again be stalled or cancelled, no matter which administration occupies the White House. New York families deserve access to affordable, reliable energy without bureaucratic delays or political gamesmanship. This legislation is a smart step to create good-paying jobs, strengthen energy security, lower costs, and reinforce our integrated North American energy market. This bill passed the House by a vote of 224-203.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3015, the National Coal Council Reestablishment Act. This bill restores the National Coal Council (NCC) as a formal advisory body to the Department of Energy, giving coal communities and energy experts a seat at the table as we chart our nation's energy future. By reestablishing the NCC under its prior charter and shielding it from automatic termination under federal advisory rules, the bill ensures continuity, transparency, and long-term input from an industry that's too often villainized and dismissed.

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**This Week with Claudia (**

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At a time when our outdated grid is under further strain from increased demand, this legislation sends a clear message that energy reliability is non-negotiable and all energy sources, including coal, deserve a fair hearing in our national strategy. This bill passed the House by a vote of 217-209.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1047, the GRID Power Act. This bill cuts through the backlog in our nation's overwhelmed interconnection queue by giving grid operators the authority to fast-track critical, reliability-enhancing projects like natural gas, nuclear, and advanced baseload power. It ensures grid operators still conduct feasibility and system impact studies but accelerates approvals, so shovel-ready projects don't sit idle while communities face rising energy prices and potential blackouts. We cannot afford to gamble with the reliability of America's electric grid, especially as electricity demand surges due to the growth of data centers, domestic manufacturing, and AI infrastructure. Power generation simply isn't keeping up as the retirement of power plants currently outpaces new generation. This legislation is a commonsense approach to ensure the reliability of New York's power supply. The bill passed the House by a vote of 216-206.

Friday, September 19

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5371, the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026. This clean continuing resolution (CR) extends government funding through November 21, 2025. While CRs are never ideal, this bill does not expand government spending and gives Congress additional time to negotiate the final Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bills and go through regular order. This CR was strongly supported by President Trump to allow his administration to continue doing its important work for the American people. Unfortunately, Congressional Democrats refused to support this bill, despite the fact that they had requested a short-term clean CR. Instead, Congressional Democrats want to play politics with a government shutdown, and debate nongermane and unrelated policy provisions. Luckily, House Republicans are committed to keeping our government functioning for the American people. The bill passed the House by a vote of 217-212.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 719, Honoring the life and legacy of Charles "Charlie" James Kirk. Our nation watched in horror last week as Charlie Kirk was brutally assassinated in an act of political violence. I am heartbroken by the tragic death of Charlie Kirk and my prayers are with his wife, Erika, and their children as they walk through this unimaginable loss. Charlie dedicated his life to awakening young Americans to love their country and defend its values. He inspired countless students and future leaders to stand and fight for America. This horrific act has stolen a husband, a father, and a courageous voice for truth. While disappointing, it is sadly not surprising that 58 Democrats voted against this resolution that condemned political violence and honored the life of Charlie Kirk. We must condemn political violence whenever it occurs, as violence is never acceptable. The resolution passed the House by a vote of 310-58, with 38 members voting present.



Amidst the chaos and dysfunction in DC, my mission remains clear: serving you and fighting back against any policy that would harm Hudson Valley families.

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

**FIGHTING BACK AGAINST UNITED HEALTH'S HARMFUL MONOPOLY**

UnitedHealth owns the insurance company, they own your doctor, they own the pharmacy and they own the software that processes all of your information - and they use it all to keep prices high and drive quality down.

I introduced my "Patients Over Profits Act" to change that by breaking up UnitedHealth. Read more about it here

[https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-introduces-patients-over-profits-act-lower-costs-and?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAYnJpZBExQ3o5Z2Vya3FMNVdwcEF5bQEeGfOfyaV1E-4CwC\\_eGI7oQuH21dqyAyYwyLFN2hY9lMW3BCshQKlf1W86iVo\\_aem\\_wOaffivMTPToN6w4TX-gbA](https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-introduces-patients-over-profits-act-lower-costs-and?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAYnJpZBExQ3o5Z2Vya3FMNVdwcEF5bQEeGfOfyaV1E-4CwC_eGI7oQuH21dqyAyYwyLFN2hY9lMW3BCshQKlf1W86iVo_aem_wOaffivMTPToN6w4TX-gbA)

We need to bring back the local, independent doctors offices and pharmacies whose sole priority is caring for you and your family - not United's quarterly earnings report.

We need to bring down the price of your care, and make sure you're not billed a dime more than you owe.

We need to build a system where patients can quickly access quality care right here in the community, without facing endless roadblocks, and healthcare workers get the fair wages they deserve for their heroic work.

Breaking up UnitedHealth's insurance and physician businesses is the first step toward building something better, where every American can get the care they deserve at a price they can afford. **PROTECTING CRITICAL FUNDING FOR HUDSON VALLEY SCHOOLS**

Thank you to Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District Superintendent McElduff and his team for meeting with me to discuss the importance of federal Impact Aid funding and how my Fairness in Education Funding Act would protect this crucial funding program.

The Federal Impact Aid program delivers funding for school districts that are located near federal lands and lose out on dollars from local property tax revenue - like the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District next to West Point and the Hyde Park School District near the National Park Service-operated Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

With Hudson Valley students depending on this funding, I introduced the "Fairness in Education Funding Act" to ensure that the Federal Impact Aid program remains fully funded and that our schools can rely on it for years to come.

**HONORING A HERO**

This week, we lost a true hero, New York State Police Sergeant Nigel Barnett, to a tragic motorcycle crash.

Rebecca and I send our deepest condolences to Sergeant Barnett's loved ones, his fellow officers at NYSP, and our entire Hudson Valley community.

He will be greatly missed by us all.

(Contd. PG. 58)

## Pat Ryan (From Pg. 57)

### SAFEGUARDING MEDICARE

Using artificial intelligence (AI) to decide which seniors get the healthcare they need and who's out of luck while funneling record-breaking profits to healthcare monopolies?

That's a big NO from me and is why I joined colleagues on a letter to demand that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services immediately end its plan to begin a pilot program to require prior authorization for certain procedures and hire private companies to use AI to do it. Read more about it here.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/28/health/medicare-prior-approval-health-care.html?partner=slack&smid=sl-share&fbclid=IwY2xjawM5AlNleHRuA2FlbQIXMABicmlkETFFZkRSU1JaakpLQWxKQWlYAR7svcMe\\_yGT5JJ6ykYRQcxFc93NXFVJ1ZKWcamc3zuKeZlzHcsFXAQRIXuSQQ\\_aem-uxSh-t2rDXc1\\_blgkg\\_cw](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/28/health/medicare-prior-approval-health-care.html?partner=slack&smid=sl-share&fbclid=IwY2xjawM5AlNleHRuA2FlbQIXMABicmlkETFFZkRSU1JaakpLQWxKQWlYAR7svcMe_yGT5JJ6ykYRQcxFc93NXFVJ1ZKWcamc3zuKeZlzHcsFXAQRIXuSQQ_aem-uxSh-t2rDXc1_blgkg_cw)

I will keep fighting back against the attacks on Medicare and any policy that would harm Hudson Valley families.

### FIGHTING ALONGSIDE OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

It was truly an honor to meet with TAPS, an incredible organization dedicated to providing care and resources for grieving military families.

Your strength is an inspiration. I will be fighting right alongside you every step of the way.

### CONGRATULATING OUR NEWEST CITIZENS

I want to give a HUGE congratulations to the 50 members of our Hudson Valley community who became U.S. citizens at Orange County's Citizenship and Naturalization Day!

I'm so glad my team could join - big shout out to Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew and her team for organizing a wonderful celebration.

### BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Everyone deserves the assistance they need right in their own community.

That's why my team is bringing one-on-one assistance with federal programs to every corner of the Hudson Valley with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

If you have questions about IRS tax returns, applying for federal grant funding, how to have a passport expedited, and more, hope you'll join one of this week's events!

Stay tuned for the schedule of October events coming soon!

### CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

This past Monday, we kicked off the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

I want to give a huge thank you to our Hispanic communities in the Hudson Valley for sharing your rich traditions and helping make the Hudson Valley a home for everyone.

### THANKING OUR HUDSON VALLEY SHERIFFS

This past week was New York Sheriffs' Week and I want to give a big shout out to our Hudson Valley Sheriffs for their heroism and dedication to keeping our families safe.

I am thankful every day for Orange County Sheriff Arteta, Dutchess County Sheriff Imperati, and Ulster County Sheriff Figueroa - I'll always have your back!

### WORKING WITH LOCAL LEADERS FOR A MORE AFFORDABLE HUDSON VALLEY

Orange County Legislator Genesis Ramosis - Orange County families deserve better than Trump's Big, Ugly Betrayal and its devastating federal funding cuts.

Thank you Legislator Ramos for highlighting the reality of these disastrous harms and for your partnership in the fight for

a more affordable, safe and free Hudson Valley.

Read her Letter to the Editor here.

[https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/08/29/letter-to-the-editor-orange-county-cant-ignore-looming-social-services-crisis/?fbclid=IwZxH0bgNhZW0CMTAAAYnJpZBExQ3o5Z2Vya3FMNVdwcEF5bQEeZj\\_GscbZ23FK1vpLq3b9-Zc6QPei3Fzum-ZPgQDIZwv8F0jWSNSilQXF2jI\\_aem\\_CsUzeRA3OL\\_4SQUR0\\_4SJYw](https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/08/29/letter-to-the-editor-orange-county-cant-ignore-looming-social-services-crisis/?fbclid=IwZxH0bgNhZW0CMTAAAYnJpZBExQ3o5Z2Vya3FMNVdwcEF5bQEeZj_GscbZ23FK1vpLq3b9-Zc6QPei3Fzum-ZPgQDIZwv8F0jWSNSilQXF2jI_aem_CsUzeRA3OL_4SQUR0_4SJYw)

### HELPING YOU GET A STELLAR 'I VOTED' STICKER

Awesome work and congrats to Ryker Darmanin who won the 2025 Ulster County 'I Voted' Sticker Contest - I love it!

This past Tuesday was National Voter Registration Day and I just want to give a reminder to everyone to make sure you're registered to vote so you can be the proud owner of Ryker's sticker!

### KEEPING OUR RIVER CLEAN

We're monitoring the largest toxic algal bloom in the Hudson River in 40 years.

These blooms can cause illness - please stay out of impacted waters and make sure your pets do the same!

Help our experts out by reporting algal bloom sightings. Email the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at [HABsInfo@dec.ny.gov](mailto:HABsInfo@dec.ny.gov) or complete their online reporting form here .

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A HUGE thank you to our environmental scientists for tracking this, keeping our families safe, and working to protect our ecosystem!

### SUPPORTING THOSE IN RECOVERY

During this National Recovery Month, I want to say to everyone in recovery: Our entire Hudson Valley community and I are proud of you.

Your strength is inspiring to us all and our community is here to uplift and support you always.

### REMEMBERING OUR HEROES MISSING IN ACTION

We must never forget the patriots who fought for our country, but remain missing and unaccounted for.

On this past Friday's POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor their sacrifice, and promise to never stop fighting to bring them home.

### MAKING SURE YOU DON'T MISS YOUR VACATION

Do you need help applying for, renewing, or expediting your passport?

This National Passport Awareness Month and always, my team is all-hands-on-deck to help get you where you want to go!

Please give us a call at (845) 443-2930 or send us a message on my website here. <https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency>

So glad we were able to help Ellen and we're looking forward to helping you, too!

### THANKING OUR TRUCK DRIVERS

Our truck drivers play a critical role in driving our nation's economy and keeping our supply chains running smoothly.

This past week was National Truck Driver Appreciation Week and I want to give a huge thank you to our truck drivers and all of my friends in labor for their vital work!

Truck drivers grind day in and day out to keep our economy running. (Contd. Pg. 59)

## Pat Ryan (From Pg. 57)

I introduced my Strengthening Supply Chains Through Truck Driver Incentives Act to establish a tax credit for our truck drivers and keep our trucking industry thriving. I'll keep working to make sure they are always fully supported.

### PREPARING OUR NATION'S FUTURE LEADERS

Thank you to everyone who came out to my Service Academy Information Session on Saturday!

If you couldn't join, but are interested in learning more about our Service Academies or applying for a nomination, visit my website here or give my office a call at (845) 443-2930.

### CONGRATULATING THE COUNTRY'S NEWEST STAR CHEFS

The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park is an absolute treasure of the Hudson Valley and is the setting for Netflix's newest cooking competition show 'Next Gen Chef.'

I want to give a huge congratulations to the Institute's entire team and the faculty featured on this show on this big achievement!

Can't wait to watch!

### GRANTS CORNER NEW!

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](mailto:natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov) or (518) 465-0700. Sign up for the EPA's Technical Assistance and Funding Resource Guide here!

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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](mailto:epeck@hudsonvalleyrc.org).

New York School Bus Incentive Program (NYSBIP): Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$200 million in new funding for zero-emission school buses through the Environmental Bond Act of 2022. Distributed via the NYBIP, the funds support electric bus purchases, charging infrastructure, and fleet planning to improve air quality and reduce pollution in communities across the state. The funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis with incentive amounts covering up to 100 percent of the incremental cost of a new or repowered electric school bus. This helps offset some or all of the difference in purchase price between zero-emission buses and comparable diesel or gasoline buses. All school bus fleet operators in New York State can also qualify for funding for fleet electrification plans, which provide a customized roadmap for electric bus adoption.

Weatherization Assistance Program is the largest residential energy conservation program in the country. NYS WAP assists income-eligible homeowners and some renters\* in our state by

reducing heating and cooling costs through energy-conservation measures, while also addressing health and safety issues in their homes. Households with incomes at or below 60% of state median income are eligible for assistance. Program services are available to both homeowners and renters, with priority given to senior citizens, families with children, and people with 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. Working to ban congressional stock trading

Americans deserve to have confidence that their elected officials are using their power to advance the interests of their constituents, not grow their stock portfolios.

That's why this week, Kirsten introduced the No Stock Act, which would ban senior government officials-including members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, the president, and the vice president-from holding or trading stocks and certain other financial assets. This is a commonsense bill, and Kirsten is determined to get it passed.

### 2. Fighting for paid family leave

National paid family and medical leave is vital to make sure that workers can handle serious medical and family events without fear of losing their jobs or their paychecks.

This week, Kirsten joined Rep. Rosa DeLauro to lead the fight for paid leave by reintroducing the FAMILY Act. This critical legislation would create the nation's first permanent, guaranteed paid family and medical leave program, giving workers the flexibility and dignity they deserve.

### 3. Demanding FDA oversight of foreign drugs

Ensuring that all drugs imported into the United States fully comply with our laws and regulations is crucial to keep Americans safe. (Contd. Pg. 60)

## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

(From Pg. 59) This week, Kirsten held a Senate Aging Committee hearing to discuss the FDA's pattern of allowing foreign generic drugmakers to export drugs to America even when their facilities have been found to fall below our standards. Following the hearing, she and Aging Committee Chairman Rick Scott sent a bipartisan letter to the FDA raising concerns and requesting information about FDA's oversight of foreign drug manufacturing and how it may threaten the quality and safety of drugs sold in the United States.

### 4. Fighting for affordable child care

Access to high-quality, affordable child care is critical for working families in New York and across the country. It's time that we bring child care into the 21st century so that every family has the resources they need for their kids to thrive.

That's why this week, Kirsten introduced bipartisan legislation to help states expand child care facilities; recruit, train, and retain qualified child care workers; and help ensure that care is available to every family that needs it.

### 5. Meeting with New Yorkers

Kirsten enjoyed meeting with a variety of New York groups this week, from affordable housing advocates to Gold Star families.

At her meeting with the North Country Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian government, her pup Maple even got to join!

### 6. Helping constituents get retirement benefits

A Brooklyn constituent contacted Kirsten's office for help withdrawing funds from his federal retirement account after repeatedly contacting the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and receiving no response from the agency.

Kirsten's office worked for several weeks with OPM on his behalf. As a result, he was finally issued a refund of his nearly \$30,000 in FERS contributions.

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

### 7. Celebrating the city of Buffalo

Wednesday was Buffalo Nite in Washington, and Kirsten had a blast! She celebrated all that the city has to offer by enjoying wings, beef on weck, and sponge candy.

## Gillibrand, Scott Demand FDA Investigation in to the Safety of Foreign-manufactured Generic Drugs, Request Answers on Ties to Forced Labor in China

Washington, D.C. - Following a Senate Aging Committee hearing earlier this week, Ranking Member Kirsten Gillibrand and Chairman Rick Scott sent a bipartisan letter to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Martin Makary raising concern and requesting information about FDA's oversight of

foreign drug manufacturing and how it may threaten the quality and safety of drugs marketed and sold in the United States. This letter follows the committee's hearing on America's overreliance on foreign-manufactured generic drugs and the risks this poses to our seniors and national security.

"Ensuring that all drugs imported into the United States fully comply with our laws and regulations is crucial to keep Americans safe," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am deeply concerned by the FDA's pattern of allowing foreign generic drugmakers to export drugs to America even when their facilities have been found to fall below our standards. This is a threat to our seniors and our national security. We must provide better oversight to ensure that all Americans are protected, and I'm committed to pressing the FDA on this issue."

"We've seen the FDA impose import bans on foreign drug manufacturing facilities for violating basic quality and safety standards, only to later issue exemptions, waivers, and carve-outs that allow drugs from those same facilities to still be imported simply because they're on a shortage list. That means the FDA may be allowing potentially unsafe, low-quality drugs into American homes, and our seniors are especially at risk. That's unacceptable," said Senator Scott. "This week, I, alongside Ranking Member Kirsten Gillibrand, sent a letter to Commissioner Makary requesting information and answers to this ongoing problem. I'm deeply concerned that the FDA's enforcement decisions are being overridden to address short-term shortages while ignoring long-term consequences. We need transparency, accountability, and a serious commitment to strengthening domestic manufacturing and ensuring every drug, whether made here in the U.S. or abroad, meets the same high standards Americans deserve."

In the letter, the chairman and ranking member highlight a troubling pattern in which the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research appears to override safety-related enforcement actions recommended by the agency's own Office of Inspections and Investigations, allowing drugs from facilities potentially in violation of the FDA's standards to be imported into the U.S., putting seniors at risk of purchasing low-quality and potentially unsafe generic prescription medications. This includes cases such as Sun Pharma, a major generic drug manufacturer in India, where imports have continued despite repeated violations. The senators also questioned the FDA's potential non-compliance with the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, pointing to the possibility that pharmaceutical suppliers operating in China's Xinjiang region may be linked to forced labor. The chair and ranking member asked the commissioner to look into this and provide answers to the committee.

The letter can be found HERE :

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/LettertoFDA.pdf>

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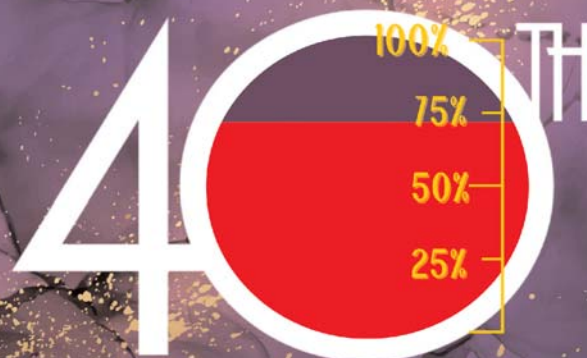


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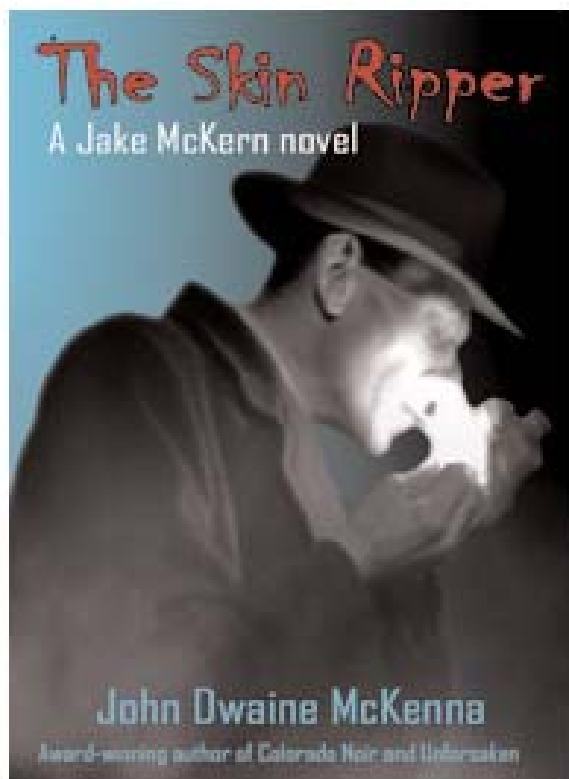
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Office of  
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## Disaster Mental Health Responder Training

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

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

### Part 1: Psychological First Aid (PFA)

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

**Prerequisites:** Professional mental health background.

#### Program Objectives

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

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

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

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

#### Program Objectives

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

### TO APPLY

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

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

[Latifa.Williams@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Latifa.Williams@omh.ny.gov)

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

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

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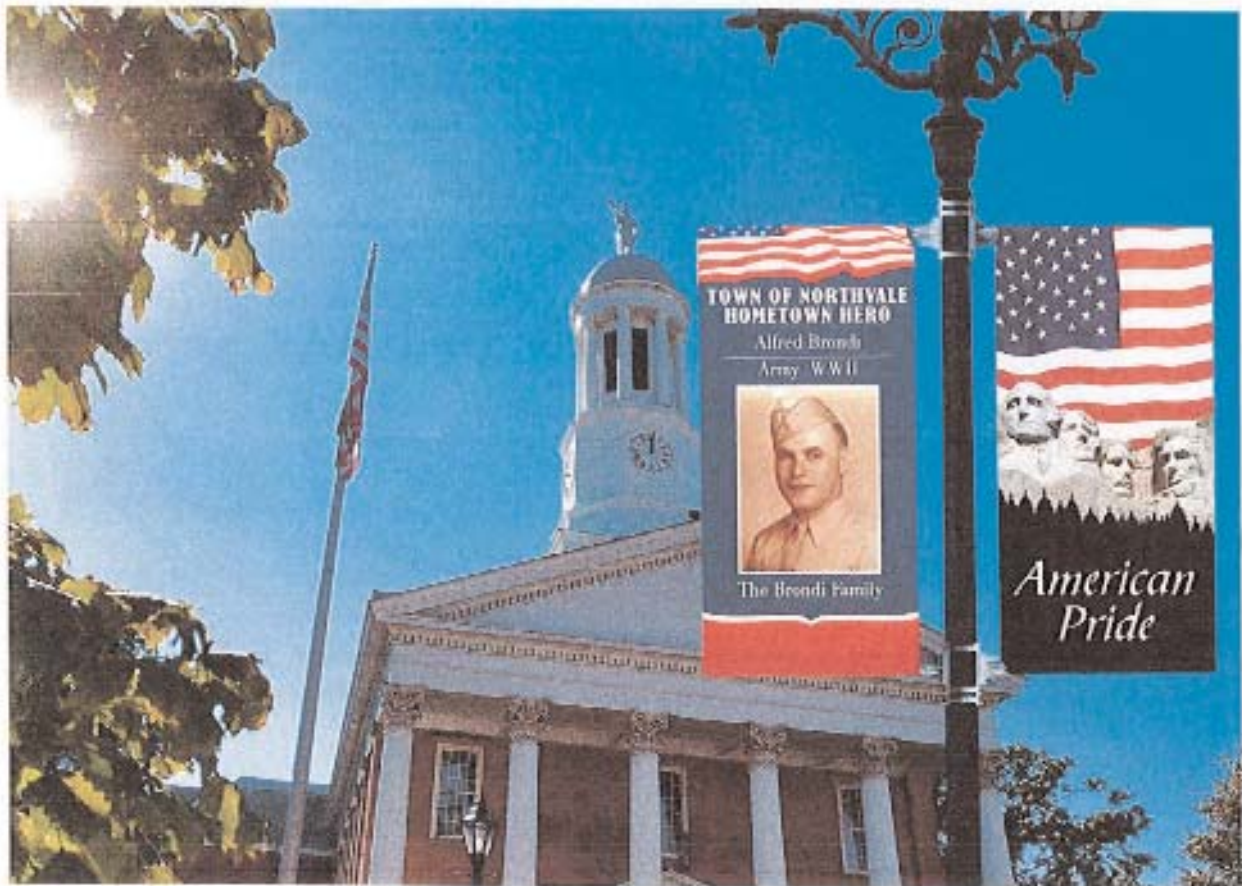
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**For questions or to find out how you can support this  
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[romanlauren@yahoo.com](mailto:romanlauren@yahoo.com).**



## Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

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

If you would like to volunteer or know of a loved one that you would like to honor, please contact us.

Town of Neversink  
273 Main Street  
Grahamsville Ny 12740

Jenna Carmody  
845-866-2213

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**For More Information Call**

**845.343.4284**

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Saturday , November 1, 2025

To Benefit The Grahamsville Fire Department & The Daniel Pierce Library

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# CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS

**1st Wednesday  
each month  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Feb 5**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Mar 5</b>  | <b>Apr 2</b>  |
| <b>May 7</b>  | <b>June 4</b> |
| <b>July 2</b> | <b>Aug 6</b>  |
| <b>Sept 3</b> | <b>Oct 1</b>  |
| <b>Nov 5</b>  | <b>Dec 3</b>  |

**Action Toward  
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309 E Broadway,  
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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.*

## To register:

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Sullivan County**



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Monticello, NY 12701



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PO Box 307, 273 Main St  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
[townclerk@townofneversink.org](mailto:townclerk@townofneversink.org)  
845-985-2262 Ext. 307



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D.I.Y. ENERGY SAVINGS SESSION

Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, 6 PM – 7 PM  
Daniel Pierce Library  
328 Main St, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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Daniel Pierce Library

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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 Ayurveds. 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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**October 4 - 26, 2025**

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Read ALL year and you could win a book or two!

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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!

**Challenge yourself and your family.**

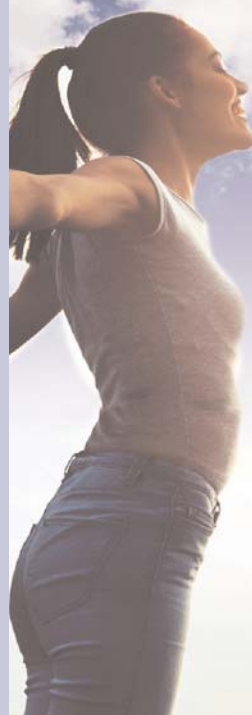
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**For ALL ages!**

**Read adventurously!**



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Whether you're looking for your next page-turner or just need a break, Pages and Percs is your perfect spot to relax and recharge.

**Enjoy!**



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## Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar

**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.

Advanced online registration required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org). Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join the Zoom Webinar.



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## Please Help Save Our School!

**The Claryville Reformed Church and the Time and the Valleys Museum  
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the historic 1848 Claryville One Room School, and we need your help.**

**A donation of ANY amount will go directly to the 1848 Claryville School and help:**

- inventory the many historical items.
- purchase acid-free storage supplies for artifacts, photos and documents.
- repair the building and restore the one room school interior.
- open the school to the public on a regular basis.
- provide programs for children and adults.

**PLEASE make a tax-deductible donation today using the form below or go to [www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org).** This historic building is an important part of our fading past and should be preserved and enjoyed by all - your donation will make that happen!

## Thank You!

**Yes! I would like to make a donation to preserve and open the 1848 Claryville School.**

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Please mail your check to:

**Time and the Valleys Museum**

P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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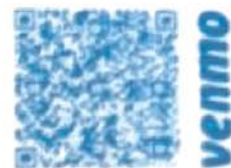


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# VETERANS DINNER

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### 6pm - 8pm

FREE DINNER FOR VETERAN AND 1 GUEST

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LIVE BAND

PLEASE RSVP BY November 4, 2025

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## Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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Are you a teen having problems at home?

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**We are here anytime you need to talk.**

Give us a call or send us a text and  
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**Call 866-372-2336**

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# ULSTER COUNTY'S TOP 10 EVENTS

**Mainetti & Mainetti's  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Uptown Car Show**  
**11 am - 3 pm, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Uptown Kingston

**Headless Horseman Hayrides  
& Haunted Attractions Opening Day**  
**Time slots from 7:30 pm - 9:30pm, September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
778 Broadway Route 9W, Ulster Park

**September Harvest Grape Stomping Festival**  
**@ Benmarl Winery**  
**11 am - 8 pm, September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**  
156 Highland Ave, Marlboro

**Catskill Fall Foliage Adventure**  
**@ Catskill Mountain Railroad**  
**Time slots from 11 am - 3 pm, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time slots from 11 am - 5 pm, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
55 Kingston Plaza Rd, Kingston

**Hudson Valley Garlic Festival**  
**@ Cantine Veterans Memorial Complex**  
**10 am - 6 pm, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 am - 5pm, September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Pavillion St, Saugerties

# SEPTEMBER

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



# Parkinson's Support Group

Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!



Parkinson's disease can be different for everyone. While there's no cure for Parkinson's disease, certain lifestyle changes can help manage symptoms and improve overall quality of life.

## REGISTER:



(845) 292-6180 ext. 122



[sullivancsrc@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivancsrc@cornell.edu)



<https://tinyurl.com/3s4uhzc9>

## WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

April 9    May 14

June 11    July 9

Aug 13    Sept 10

Oct 8    Nov 12

This program is supported with a grant from the NYS Department of Health, OFA, CCE/ Caregiver Resource Center Program and the Alzheimer's Association.

**ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN  
CALL ANGELA @ 845-292-8715  
OR EMAIL:  
[FOLKPLUS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FOLKPLUS@GMAIL.COM)**

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

## 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:

Use the QR Code, or use the link  
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>  
or email [sullivancrc@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivancrc@cornell.edu).



**3rd Wednesday  
each month**

**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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Contact Rebekah at [rumarbashar@asfl.org](mailto:rumarbashar@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM





VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# 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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@ 6:30 PM





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**Directed by: Phillip Noyce. Starring:  
Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, Patrick  
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The film is based on **Tom Clancy's 1987 novel** of the same name. Former CIA Agent Jack Ryan averts a terrorist attack on London. One of the terrorist is killed, which sends his brother on a mission of revenge travelling to the USA to find Jack Ryan.

*Stay safe,  
Knarf Odnamoc  
Gnome*

Answer to last week's Trivia Question True

**This weeks' Trivia question:** In which Hitchcock thriller is a man in a wheelchair convinced he has witnessed a murder?