

Rivers Run Cottage Connections

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OSHER Lifelong Learning Center
585-292-8989
Thursdays 12:15 - 1:30 PM

Sept. 17 Food for Thought: Building a Healthier Rochester: While teaching at Head Start, Mitch Gruber connected with Foodlink founder Tom Ferraro to reduce food waste and improve food quality for his students, a partnership that led him to Foodlink, where he rose to Senior Vice President/Chief Impact Officer. Mitch will speak on food equity, the historical roots of urban food insecurity, and the intersections of public health, nonprofit innovation, and local government.

Sept. 24 Rochester's Own Unsolved Brink's Heist: A Cop, a Priest, and a Soldier: On a freezing night in January 1993, masked gunmen walked through laughably lax security at the Rochester Brink's depot, tied up the guards, and unhurriedly made off with $7.4 million. Gary Craig, author and retired Rochester D&C Journalist, will discuss the highs and lows of creating his book, Seven Million, sharing insights into the reporting and writing that brought the story to life, and detailing what it takes to bring a book from the page to the screen.



Third Monday of each month, 6:30 PM
For more information
Contact Jim Galvin

September's book is
The Proving Ground
by Michael Connelly



REMINDER
Woman's Luncheon
Horizons
At Woodcliff Hotel
Friday, Sept. 25 @ 1:00 PM

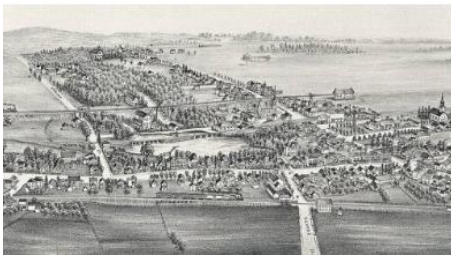
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Dining Out
Village Inn

Thursday, September 17
3137 Main Street, Caledonia
585-294-5130





The town was settled in 1797 by families from Scotland and was incorporated into New York around 1803. 'Caledonia' refers to Scotland.



The Caledonia Village Inn was established in 1816 and used by locals and travelers for warm meals and a comfortable place to lodge for the night. In 2010 the Bleier family welcomed the unique opportunity to merge their family's French American cuisine with the historical landmark inn and local traditions. Treat yourself to a delicious dinner at their historic Inn while you enjoy the charming ambience and company of their friendly patrons and staff. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, creating a cozy environment for diners.

Just as a side note, you can join their annual Ice Sculpture Festival in February and celebrate the season with live ice demos, hot cocoa & drinks, and compete for cool prizes and best of show!









If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara DeOca at 813-892-1219 or bdeoca@aol.com. Everyone is welcome and we do our best to arrange carpooling.

Women's Lunch Horizons

Friday, Sept. 25 @ 1:00 PM
at Woodcliff Hotel
199 Woodcliff Dr., Fairport
585-248-4825

Horizons Modern Kitchen + Wine Bar features a seasonally inspired menu of refined American fare, composed of local and thoughtfully sourced ingredients, paired with an award-winning wine list and craft cocktails. Situated atop the county's highest point, the dining room boasts stunning views, where the rolling pastoral hills of the Finger Lakes meet the bustling cityscape of Downtown Rochester.



Please contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009 or cgnazzo@outlook.com if you would like to join us.

HOA Annual Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 16
at 5:30 PM
in the
Cove lecture hall





Welcome to the new addition to our extended RR family!



Congratulations to Mike and Michele Horyczun for becoming first time grandparents! Their daughter Lia, and husband Zach, welcomed baby Lily Charlotte Pellman to the world on July 28, 2026 at 5am. All are doing great!

Isn't he the cutest thing ever!

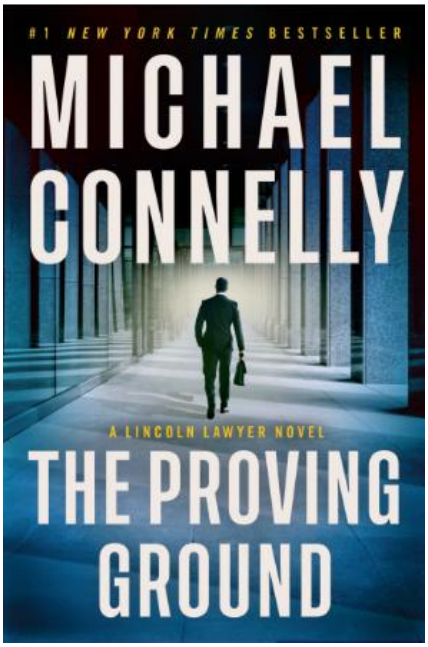


BOOK CLUB



Following his “resurrection walk” and need for a new direction, Mickey Haller turns to public interest litigation, filing a civil lawsuit against an artificial intelligence company whose chatbot told a sixteen-year-old boy that it was okay for him to kill his ex-girlfriend for her disloyalty.

Representing the victim’s family, Mickey’s case explores the mostly unregulated and exploding AI business and the lack of training guardrails. Along the way he joins up with a journalist named Jack McEvoy (The Poet), who wants to be a fly on the wall during the trial in order to write a book about it. Mickey puts him to work going through the mountain of printed discovery materials in the case. McEvoy’s digging ultimately delivers the key witness, a whistleblower who has been too afraid to speak up. The case is fraught with danger because billions are at stake.



The Book Club will be meeting in the sunroom of Jim Galvin’s house at 1303 Rivers Run on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 PM. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Please contact Jim or Charline at 585-270-8145 and let them know if you want to be included.





Star of the Month
Ray Blank



Ray Blank was born in Englewood, NJ, and raised in Pleasantville, NY. He grew up with one older brother, one younger brother, and three younger sisters. He attended Stepinac High School in White Plains, where he excelled on the track team, and spent his summers caddying and golfing at Mount Kisco Country Club. His love of history led him to major in the subject at Boston College.

During his college years, Ray played rugby, drove a cab in Boston during the school year, and returned to caddying in the summers. After graduating in 1972—and eager to earn money for a future trip to Europe—he spent the summer working at his uncle's plywood mill in Oregon. When he returned to Boston, he resumed cab driving and lived in Cambridge, MA.

The summer of 1973, he and Carol Dumais, whom he had met during his sophomore year, spent several months hitchhiking and camping across Europe. After returning home, they married and settled in Cambridge. Their next goal was a cross-country trip through the United States. Ray drove a cab and Carol waitressed, saving every penny for their three-month adventure in the summer of 1975.

They purchased their first home in Milford, New Hampshire in 1977, where Ray began his teaching career. He later earned his MA in mathematics and taught at Merrimack High School for 34 years, spending his final years there as head of the math department. After moving to Amherst, NH, he was elected to the town school board. Ray and Carol welcomed a daughter in 1981 and a son in 1983. Their daughter died at age six from a brain tumor—a loss that shaped their lives deeply. Ray, Carol, and their son continued to travel every year, exploring the country and, over time, visiting and hiking in most of the U.S. national parks. They have added more international travel to their explorations in recent years.

They moved to Florida in 2016 and later to 701 Rivers Run (part-time) in 2022 and full-time in 2025. They moved here to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and grandson. Ray loves everything about Rivers Run, except the winter weather, so Ray and Carol travel during this time. He loves golfing, hiking, traveling, and reading historical novels. He loves classic rock (Doors, Van Morrison, Neil Young... among many!), and blues (BB King, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe Bonamassa... among many!). His philosophy of life is "Find something good in every day."



How would you like to be the "Star of the Month"? We are looking for an RR resident to highlight each month. Our community has many very interesting residents, and I bet you are one of them. Please let me or Carol Blank know if you are willing to share a little of your past life with the rest of us. Carol can be reached at 603-373-5021 or via email at novastorm51@gmail.com.



Another new addition to the RR family is Jake....50% Cavalier King Charles & 50% Toy Poodle. He was born on June 2 and has been giving Karen Petras (1803 RR) lots of exercise and joy.

Isn't he the cutest little thing!!!!

Fringe Festival

Born in Scotland. Raised in Rochester

In 1947, eight theatre groups crashed the newly established Edinburgh International Festival. Uninvited, the groups performed anyway on the edges of the festival's venues, and the "Fringe" was born with that initial act of defiance. Today, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe is known as "the largest show on earth" with thousands of shows each August. The enthusiasm for the Fringe concept has spread to the U.S. and around the globe. Rochester's Fringe is among 250 in the world and about 50 across the nation.

A one-of-a-kind for Rochester

Venues and acts radiate out into the city in every direction. One Fringe Place, across from the Eastman Theatre, serves as a hub for nightly indoor shows in the renowned Spiegeltent and outdoor shows, food trucks, and a bar in Dawn's Spiegelgarden.

The special way the Fringe lineup gets built each year is becoming the envy of other festivals, with its unique, bifurcated style. "Bifurcated"? Wait, before you Google that: It's simply how the dual nature of Rochester's Fringe is described. Organizers present a handful of special events, but the vast majority are curated by the venues themselves from artists' applications. That's why the lineup is so astoundingly diverse and creative. You will see surprising new performances there for the first time, and why the choices for entertainment are vast.

The festival has come to be known as "The Rochester Model" by the more than 200 fringe festivals around the world for its annual, free, outdoor spectacle performance by international artists. These immersive, often jaw-dropping experiences draw thousands of attendees, providing unparalleled access to the arts.

Just to reiterate what Jim Galvin mentioned at the last RR HOA meeting, although the Social Committee has put a hold on coming up with new events, that doesn't mean that our community is left hanging out to dry. If you would like to host an event (e.g. Christmas party, AppleUmpkin party, Christmas caroling, etc.), the Social Committee is here to help you. Please don't hesitate to let me know what you need.





2026-27 Bills Schedule

Sun, 9/13 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills at Houston Texans	CBS
Thu, 9/17 8:15 PM	Buffalo Bills vs Detroit Lions	Amazon
Sun, 9/27 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills vs LA Chargers	FOX
Sun, 10/4 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills vs NE Patriots	CBS
Mon, 10/12 8:15 PM	Buffalo Bills at LA Rams	ABC/ESPN
Sun, 10/18 4:25 PM	Buffalo Bills at LV Raiders	CBS
Sun, 10/25	BYE WEEK	
Sun, 11/1 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills vs Baltimore Ravens	CBS
Mon, 11/9 8:15 PM	Buffalo Bills at Minnesota Vikings	ABC/ESPN
Sun, 11/15 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills at NY Jets	CBS
Sun, 11/22 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills vs Miami Dolphins	FOX
Thu, 11/26 8:20 PM	Buffalo Bills vs KC Chiefs	NBC
Sun, 12/6 4:25 PM	Buffalo Bills at NE Patriots	CBS
Sun, 12/13 8:20 PM	Buffalo Bills at Green Bay Packers	NBC
Sat, 12/19 8:20 PM	Buffalo Bills vs Chicago Bears	CBS
Fri, 12/25 4:30 PM	Buffalo Bills at Denver Broncos	NFLX
Sun, 1/3 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills at Miami Dolphins	CBS
Sun, 1/10 1:00 PM	Buffalo Bills vs NY Jets	TBA

To Do in Rochester

September 2026

There are so many interesting things to do in September that I can't possibly list them all. Here are a few to get you started.



Sept. 6-7: **M&T Bank Clothesline Festival**, Memorial Art Gallery

Sept. 9-Oct. 11: **A Chorus Line**, Geva Theatre

Sept. 11-12: **PBR** (Professional Bull Riding); Blue Cross Arena

Sept. 12-13: **Webster Garlic Fest,** 1350 Chiyoda Drive, Webster, 10-5 PM

Sept. 13: **Purple Foot Festival** at Casa Larga Vineyards; (A day of grape stomping, live music, local food, and award-winning wines)



Sept. 15-26: **Rochester Fringe Festival;** (715+ performances, 45+ venues, food & drinks); for information: www.rochesterfringe.com

Sept. 19: **Rochester Water Lantern Festival** Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park, 4:00 PM; (Personalize your lantern and launch it at sunset with free professional photo; an hour long, choreographed ceremony set to live music)

Sept. 23: **The Great Gatsby Ballet**, West Herr Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Sept. 24-Oct. 11: **Hairspray**, OFC Creations Theatre, 3450 Winton Place

Sept. 24-26: 10:00 am **Fantastic Findings Sale** at Rochester Museum and Science Center



Sept. 26-27: **Erie Canal's Bicentennial & the Voyage of the Erie Canal Boat, *Seneca Chief,*** Port 4 Harvester Park, 11 Water St., Brockport; Port 5 Corn Hill Navigation, 280 Exchange Blvd.; Port 6 Erie Canal at the Box Factory, 6 N. Main St., Fairport

Sept. 30: **Food Truck Rodeo** at the Rochester Public Market, 5:00 PM; (Food on four wheels featuring the full diversity of the community's creative mobile cuisine)

September 2026
Cottage Calendar

- **9/4,11,18 & 25, FRIDAY, Friday in the Park:** 4-6 PM; located by the 401-703 Cottages Park; (alternate location sent via e-blast)
- **9/8, TUESDAY, Craft & Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Cove
- **9/9, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM, Peppermints Restaurant
- **9/13, SUNDAY, Bills @ Texans:** 1:00 PM on CBS
- **9/15-26, Fringe Festival:** www.rochesterfringe.com (see information above)
- **9/17, THURSDAY, Bills vs Detroit Lions:** 8:15 PM on Amazon Prime
- **9/17, THURSDAY, RR Dining Out:** 4:30 PM, Village Inn, Caledonia, contact Barbara DeOca at 813-892-1219 or bdeoca@aol.com
- **9/21, MONDAY, Book Club:** 6:30 PM, Cottage 1303; Contact Jim Galvin at 585-270-8145; *The Proving Ground* by Michael Connelly
- **9/22, TUESDAY, Craft & Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Cove
- **9/23, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM, Peppermints Restaurant
- **9/25, FRIDAY, Ladies Lunch:** 1:00 PM at Horizons at Woodcliff Hotel in Fairport, Contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009
- **9/27, SUNDAY, Bills vs. LA Chargers:** 1:00 PM on FOX

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