

Walden

*36th Annual
Harvest Fest*

**Official Guide to
the celebration
Saturday Sept. 30th**

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Greetings from the Mayor

Welcome to the 36th Annual Walden Harvest Festival here in beautiful Village of Walden's Bradley Park. There are so many great things happening in our Village that I am proud of. The opening of our new Anita Vandermark Community has been a true blessing for our residents. I love seeing all the new businesses in Walden. Thanks to Manager and DPW Supervisor for their hard work to get lots of our infrastructure worked on. The Recreation and Parks Department continues to grow and shine in our community. The Police Department serves the public effectively and continually seeks

out and adopts proven best practices, and most importantly they are here for our residents.

Once again, I cannot thank our Village employees enough for all that they do. I look forward to another wonderful year to come.

As we come together for our wonderful Harvest Fest, let's remember to patronize all of the great vendors, thank the staff and volunteers, and enjoy the day.

Mayor John Ramos

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Every year the Village of Walden and the Walden Community Council host the annual Harvest Fest also known as Walden Day. Harvest Fest opening ceremony begins on Saturday at 11 a.m. The festival itself is a full day of action-packed events, live music, contests, shopping and food for the whole family. Harvest Fest is located in Bradley Park of Walden, in the beautiful Hudson Valley, New York. Admission to Harvest Fest is always FREE!

Walden's Harvest Fest began in 1986 as a simple harvest celebration; now with thousands of visitors and more than 100 vendors attend the one-day event, even traveling from neighboring states to experience the extraordinary variety of Walden's culture and entertainment. The Harvest Fest proceeds are used by the Walden Community Council to support community events and other local non-profit organizations throughout the year.

Please come and enjoy the day.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Opening Ceremony (ROTC)	11am	Stage 1
<i>National Anthem performed by New York School of Music</i>		
Baking Contest delivery of goods	11:30 am	concession stand
WCC Fundraising Jail	12-2 pm	at WCC Table
Petting Zoo	1-5 pm	near entrance
Dan Brother Band	1-5 pm	Stage 1
Child ID and K9 unit	12-3 pm	entrance
Children's Jump Houses	1-5 pm	Kids Area
Reptile Show	1-2 pm	near entrance
Frog Jumping Competition <i>(Walden Rotary)</i>	2 pm	Kids Area
Baking Contest Winner announcement	2 pm	concession stand
Fat Cat Jiu Jitsu <i>(Demo)</i>	3 pm	by their vendor spot
Reptile Show	4-5 pm	near entrance
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Keith Hunter

Ensuring the future of our community

By TARA BLISS

At the foot of Oak Street in Walden you might have seen the recently renovated Hunter Insurance office. It is a great place to go for top notch insurance services, but it is also a great place to go to sit a spell and chat with one of the greatest champions the Village of Walden is fortunate to call ours, Keith Hunter.

Since moving his family and business to Walden in February of 2000 it was Keith's plan to ensure that he and his family would become a significant part of a wonderful community and to give back to that community; something he feels passionate about and has been leading from the front lines since becoming a Waldenite.

At just about every local event in the Village of Walden and beyond you can see the shining, smiling face of Keith Hunter and his ever-waving Hunter Insurance banner hanging proudly in the background. Known as the "insurance man", he is also the fun guy personally giving out the ice pops and sunglasses at every Music in the Grove Concert each summer with his grandson at his side. He's also the Frog Jumpin' Master for the annual Frog Jumping Contest at Harvest Fest where he runs the contest booth himself and personally ensures that each child whether their frog jumps or croaks receives a prize. He sponsored the Rotary Backpack Giveaway for ten years where each year thousands of stuffed backpacks were distributed completely free to those who needed them. Keith can be found proudly supporting the Walden Community Council with all their endeavors to support local businesses, whether it be volunteering to mentor new business owners, providing gifts for the children at Christmas in the Square, or simply hosting one of their monthly meetings.

As a proud Walden Rotarian, Keith truly believes that service above self is a way a life and incorporates

that philosophy in everything he does. He organizes and hosts the Annual Coat Drive where hundreds of coats are distributed each year as well as bags of food, kind words of encouragement, new toys for kids as well as hats scarves and gloves for kids and adults alike. Keith is instrumental with organizing the bi-monthly pick-up and delivery of food from the regional food bank in Cornwall to the Town of Montgomery Food Pantry which provides hundreds of thousands of pounds of food for countless residents each week who depend on this support to feed their families. He recently has led the charge to expand Rotary efforts into Ellenville assisting in creating a successful club there mentoring its members along the way.

He is so much more than just the "insurance man" at the foot of Oak Street. At every possible opportunity Keith is on the front line of our community helping to enhance the lives of our friends and neighbors. Whenever he hears of a local person in need, he is the first person to step up to the plate to help organize a fundraiser to support them or connect them with a service they might need. On top of it all, he finds the time to work with a local mentally disabled young man as well as a local orphan that he took under his wing hoping to improve the quality of their lives.

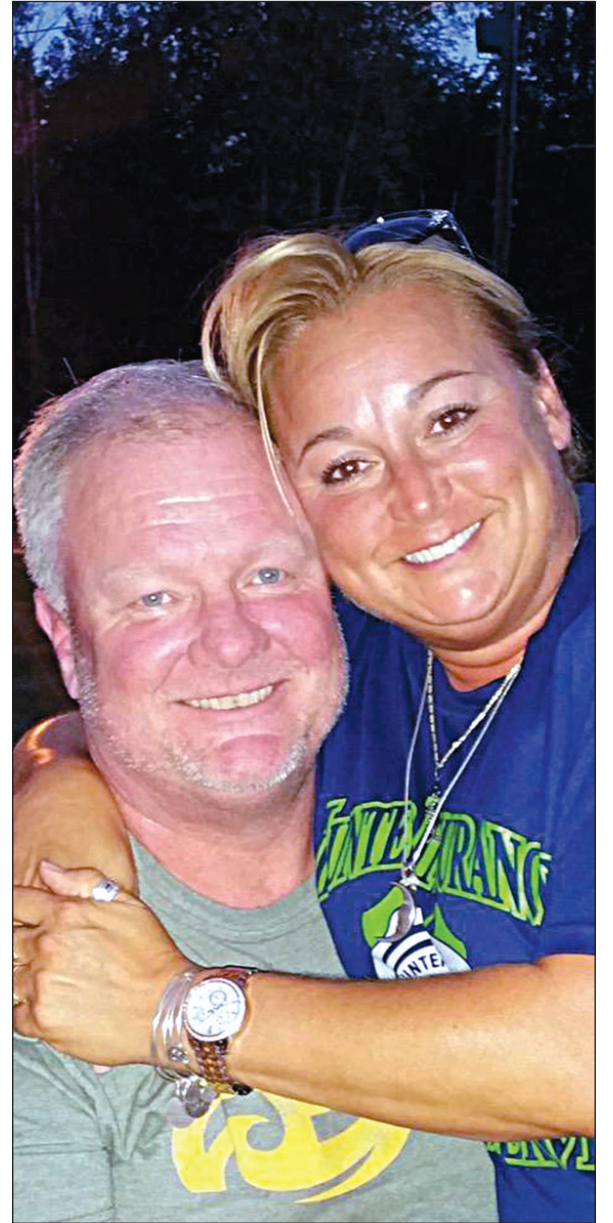
As a dedicated family man, his most proud moments are those where he is strumming a guitar and singing songs around a campfire just kicking back with his beautiful wife Cindi, son John, grandson Arrow and a few of his closest friends. Keith comes from humble roots, and he doesn't do community service for any



Keith Hunter with his wife, Cindy.

kind of notoriety. Doing the right thing simply to improve lives and our community is what drives him. Those that love him most will say that at times he comes up with some unconventional ideas to serve our community, but they are also standing right by his side supporting those efforts.

By leading from the front and paving the way for those neighbors who need a little more help or guidance, Keith is not only insuring the residents of our community with the top notch insurance services he provides; he is ENSURING the future of Walden... and it sure looks bright!





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WALDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL MAP

Stage 1

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Fair Entrance

VENDORS

Fair Entrance

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41

Petting Zoo

61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
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Food Vendors



Fun memories from the 2022 Walden Harvest Festival



Walden Recreation is always busy

Under the direction of Mike Bliss, the Village of Walden Recreation is fortunate to have an active Recreation & Parks Department with many youth programs available. Providing parks, facilities, and recreational programs to meet the needs of the residents of the Village



VILLAGE OF WALDEN RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

The Village of Walden is fortunate to have a very active Recreation and Parks Department that has many youth programs available. Below is an alphabetical listing of the programs offered, with a brief description.

Basketball - Registration begins in September, practice begins in December, and games are played in January. Games are played at the John H. Howland Teen Center at the Wooster Memorial Grove Park and Walden Elementary School (Orchard Street). Open to all Town of Montgomery Residents ages 6-18.

Beach at James W. Olley Community Park - The Beach is open June - August - from 12 - 6 p.m. daily.

Flag Football - Registration begins in April and games begin in June. Games are played at Bradley Park. Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-17.

Indoor Soccer - Registration is in September and games begin in November. Games are played at the John H. Howland Teen Center at the Wooster Memorial Grove Park. Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-12.

Outdoor Soccer - Registration is in July and games begin in September. Games are played at Bradley Park. Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-12.

Summer Day Camp - Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-15. The half day and full day programs are held at James W. Olley Community Park Monday through Friday in July and August offering daily activities including athletic games, swimming, arts and crafts, nature walks, and team building activities. There are also various field trips planned throughout the six weeks for an additional cost. Early drop off program is also available.

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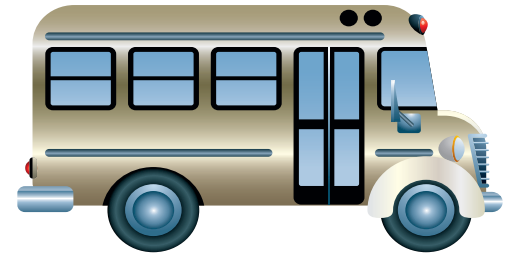
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