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“8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Fifteenth Annual Poetry Slam



From left to right: Anthony Jacobs, Jr. (2nd Place); Brea Sheeley (Performance Award); Samiyah Allen (Performance Award); Karin Johnson (Performance Award); Emily Hadden (3rd Place); Justice Whitten (3rd Place); Sam Carroll (3rd Place); Richard Zheliazouski (2025 Champion)

On March 26, 2025, the fifteenth annual 8th Grade Poetry Slam took place at Tri-Valley Central School. Forty-one 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in the event. The evening event was watched by a crowd made up of parents, students, teachers, staff, and administrators.

A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. But perhaps the best part of the night was witnessing the kids come together as one to support and encourage each other throughout the event.

Richard Zheliazouski was crowned 2025 Poetry Slam champion for his poem “Bees.” Anthony Jacobs, Jr. was the runner-up with his poem “Poem (I Have No) Ideas.” Sam Carroll, Emily Hadden, and Justice Whitten finished in third place with their poem “Why Worry?” Finally, Karin Johnson and Samiyah Allen and their poem “Kariyah” and Brea Sheeley and her poem “One Day” shared the Performance Award.

The event was hosted by 9th grade students Gage Houghtaling and Jiya Patel, last year's Performance Award winners. Mr. Nick Pacht –Tri-Valley Math Teacher –served as the event's guest poet. He performed his poem titled “Math Test”

Judges for the Poetry Slam included 2024 Poetry Slam 3rd Place finishers, Matthew Cuji Angamarca and Matthew Ortiz Jimenez; 2024 Poetry Slam 2nd Place finisher, Elle Stanley; 2024 Poetry Slam Champions Avery Carrier, Grace Nichols, and Abby Rusin; 2023 Poetry Slam Champion Hiram Roman; and 2021 Poetry Slam Champion Jenna Carmody.

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam was organized by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes and 8th grade special education teacher Deb Swett.

Overall, the event was a huge success and it couldn't have brought more pride to all of those involved. Congratulations again to all of the participating 8th graders-hopefully it's something they won't soon forget!

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OBITUARIES

Michael M. Brooks

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Michael Brooks, a dedicated public servant and beloved family man, who left us on March 30, 2025, at the age of 65.



Born on December 22, Michael was a

longtime resident of Grahamsville, where he made a lasting impact on the community through his tireless efforts in public service. He served with distinction for twelve years as a member of the school board, including four years as president. His commitment to the education of the community's children and the growth of local schools was unwavering. Michael also contributed to the town in many other ways, serving on the planning board and the town council, and for four years, he was the vice chair of the county legislature. His leadership, integrity, and vision shaped much of the local government during his tenure.

Beyond his public service, Michael was a devoted husband, father, brother, and friend. He loved his Oakland A's and LA Rams. He enjoyed coaching little league and his step-daughter's softball team. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Brooks, who stood by his side throughout his life and his many years of service. He is also survived by his parents, Charlotte and Clayton Brooks; his sisters, Faith Osterhout and Brenda Devore; his brother, David Brooks; his son, Cylus Brooks-Ambrosi; his step-daughter, Teresa Burger; and many other relatives who will forever cherish his memory.

Michael's passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him, but his legacy of commitment to the community, his family, and his principles will live on. He was a man of action, deeply committed to making the world around him a better place for all. He will be remembered for his kindness, wisdom, and the many lives he touched through his years of service and love.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 3rd from 4 to 6, at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, where friends and family will gather to

honor and remember Michael's extraordinary life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sundown Methodist Church.

He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com

Darlene Scanna We are heartbroken to announce that our dear mother, Darlene Ann Scanna of Milton NY, passed away on March 25, 2025, at the age of 82 after many years of battling several long illnesses. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by her children.



Darlene was the heart of our home and family. She was more than a mother, she was our rock, our confidante, our very best friend. We will miss her laughter, her warmth, and her unwavering love. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter, sister and friend.

She was born to Dominick and Anna Sofia on March 2, 1943, in Queens, NY. She was one of three daughters.

Shortly after working at Ma Bell phone company, Darlene met the love of her life, Jerry Scanna. Their love, loyalty and respect for one another was something most only dream of. They raised five children and created a life full of love and the very best memories! At the young age of 42, Darlene's dreams were shattered as she lost the love of her life and very best friend in a horrific car accident. She was left to raise five children on her own. She would work countless hours in the cafeteria at Tri-Valley Central School district where she met her best friend Linda Buley. Their friendship remained strong even throughout their retirements. After work at the school, she would then work in Foxcroft Village cleaning houses for hours. Everything Darlene did, was to provide a wonderful life for her children. (Contd. Pg. 4)

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

April 6, 1955

Ron Willard of Albany has purchased Don's Flower Shop in Ellenville from Don Erath and took possession on Monday. Mr. Erath will remain associated with the business which he founded several years ago in the capacity of designer.

Mr. and Mrs. David Van Valkenburg are the parents of a son, Carl, born March 27th at the Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Countryman are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Van Valkenburg are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Gridley celebrated their wedding anniversaries with a family dinner on Saturday evening at the Gridley farm.

March 31, 1965

Raymond O. Furman, 68, died on March 26, 1965 at Riviera Beach, Florida after a short illness. He was born at Hasbrouck on September 17, 1896, the son of Orlando and Celeste Perry Furman. A retired farmer, he and his wife, the former Edna Van Aken, had resided at High Falls, N.Y. for thirty years. Mr. Furman was a member of the Woodbourne Reformed Church. Surviving besides his widow are one brother, Harrison Furman of Hasbrouck and one sister, Emma VanBenschoten of Grahamsville.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath, 20 years on April 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie, 12 years on April 5th; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater, 30 years on April 6th; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DuBois, 7 years on April 5th.

April 9, 1975

Once again the leaders of Troop 187, Grahamsville, are proud to announce the advancement of a scout to the rank of Eagle. Through hard work and scout spirit, Joe Barkley will become an Eagle Scout on April 26th. The Court of Honor will be held at Tri-Valley Elementary School.

Mary Lu and Steve Drobysh of Pond Road, Grahamsville, are the proud parents of a son, born March 31st. Mary Lu is the granddaughter of Mrytle Dean of Neversink.

Waldemar Gilles, 64, of Grahamsville, died last Monday at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pa., following a short illness. A 35-year resident of the area, he was born in Hamburg, Germany on Dec. 23, 1910 to Max and Elsie Tunn Gilles. He married the former Emily Ratz. He is survived by his wife; a son, Fred of Grahamsville; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Curry of Grahamsville.

April 4, 1985

Congratulations to Travis Coddington, Christy Jo Crowfoot, Karl Haag, Jennifer Allison, Ivalyn Henderson, Kenneth Richardson, and Daniel Keller who were confirmed in the faith at the Grahamsville and Sundown U.M. Church on March 31, 1985. Also congratulations to Gloria Powell who joined the Sundown Church.

Evelyn and Jack Huntsberger celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 31, 1985. Congratulations!!

Household Hint:

Nifty Paintbrush Holder

Keep your watercolor paintbrushes dry and handy! Cut a short section of pool noodle, slice it part of the way through and insert brushes.



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

Wild Grapes and their Cousin -

Walking over to our little Concord Grape vineyard this past weekend, I saw tiny little buds beginning to appear on the bare vines a sure sign of spring.

We also have wild grapes a/k/a Fox Grapes growing in our woods. Some of the old-timers in Sundown used to make jelly and wine from them.



Wild fox grapes look very much like our Concord grapes

Despite the fact that wild grapes are excellent for making homemade grape juice, grape jam or grape jelly, and even homemade grape wine, Wild Grapes are considered the most common invasive you will find in the Hudson Valley. Technically they are not an invasive as they are native to this area, Wild Grapes are considered a notorious killer of trees.

Wild grape leaves look much like their domestic cousins with lobed leaves that are heart-shaped at the base and long-pointed tips that are serrated at the edges.

In the early summer, wild grapes have tiny white flowers that grow in clusters. These flowers turn into tiny, green unripe fruits. In fall they turn into the small, blueberry-sized dark purple fruits. Fox grapes contain two to four seeds. They reproduce by way of these berries in the late summer and early fall. Once buried in the soil, a grape seed can lay dormant for many years, waiting for the required conditions in order to sprout. Fox Grapes can also sprout from the roots or the cut vine stumps.

There is a growing interest in wild grapes. Thousands of years adapting to the thin, acidic soil of the Northeast have made wild grapes tolerant of pH levels between 5.5 and 6.0. Their taste reflects this acidic environment. In comparison to the "intensely sweet" store-bought grapes, they are rather tart. Fox Grapes are "strongly aromatic". It is said that the Norse Vikings referred to the east coast of North America as Vinland, with grapes so plentiful they could be smelled from the sea.

Fox Grape leaves are used in cooking, and far surpass their expensive store-bought peers. Collect them in early summer.

Wild grapes also have potential value for a growing number of local vineyards. *V. riparia* especially is of increasing interest to winemakers, as its resistance to frost and disease makes it an excellent candidate for hybridization with the sweeter grapes used traditionally in winemaking. In this process, a shoot from *V. vinifera* is grafted to the established root system of a *V. riparia* vine. The resulting hybrid exhibits the sweet, slightly acidic fruits prized for winemaking, while the root system retains the resistance to frost and disease that makes wild grapes ever-present, even in cold climates.

So, the Concord grapes in our front yard growing on a trellis is a cultivar derived from the wild grapes that are fifty plus feet up in the trees in the back yard!

Our Concord grapes were named after the town in Massachusetts where they were developed in 1849 by Ephraim Wales Bull. The Concord grape is a cultivar derived from the grape species *Vitis labrusca* also known as Fox grapes. Thus, our Concord grape vines are very winter hardy and relatively resistant to fungus diseases.

And we don't have to climb 50 feet or more up in a tree to gather our grapes. In fact, our 6 year old grand daughter, Aurora helps pick the grapes each year that becomes tasty grape jam. We are still enjoying grape jame that we made last fall.

Aurora named our little vineyard, The Grape Factory and adds a last comment about the homemade grape jam - "Yummy!"

OBITUARIES (From Pg. 2)

Darlene Scanna – Those memories of such hard work and dedication to her children, will be embedded in our souls forever.

She was preceded in death by her Husband, Jerry Scanna, Mother, Anna Sofia, Father, Dominick Sofia, sister, Joan Beynon, Daughter in law, Kristen Scanna, brother in law, John Morro and sister-in-law Cathy Scanna.

She is survived by her 3 daughters, Lori Karadontes (Andy) of Jeffersonville, NY, Darlene Kehrley (William) of Liberty, NY, Tina Fino (Neil) of Milton, NY, two sons, Jerry Scanna of Holbrook, NY and Dominick Scanna (Jessica) of Neversink, NY, nineteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and her dear sister, Ann Morro of Myrtle Beach, SC.

Darlene never wanted to be the center of attention, so her services will be private for family members only. Our Mother will be deeply missed, but her spirit and love will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. In life, we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.

Patricia A. Hufnagel, aged 64, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2025, in her cherished home in Napanoch, NY, with her devoted husband, Edward J. Hufnagel, by her side. Born on July 26, 1960, in Ellenville, NY, she was the daughter of Fannie Emrick Rose and the late Robert Rose.

A proud graduate of Ellenville High School, Pat dedicated 28 years to serving as a teacher's aide in the TriValley school district. Her passion for education and unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds made a lasting impact on many students she encountered throughout her career.

Pat was a voracious reader with a deep appreciation for literature, often losing herself in the pages of a good book. She also had a passion for traveling and enjoyed birdwatching, hobbies that enriched her life and allowed her to connect with the beauty of the world around her.

In addition to her husband, Pat is survived by her mother, Fannie Rose; her sons, Daniel Curry, Thomas Curry, and Donald Curry; her stepson, Edward J. Champion; her sisters, Barbara Slater and Mary Greene; her brothers, Robert Rose and Arthur Rose; as well as her beloved grandchildren: Kayden, Keegan, Elise, Nathan, and Thomas Curry, along with her step-granddaughter, Sophia Staesser.

In accordance with Pat's wishes, there will be no services held. For those who wish to honor her memory, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 4, 1996

I am wondering just when April 1st, "April Fool's Day," stopped being a holiday. Many years ago, April Fool's Day, April 1st, made us feel like winter was truly past, and we could look forward to warmer and brighter days. Our spirits lifted and we proceeded to warmth and pleasure as adults joined the children in "April Fool" fun. That was the day out of the year when it was both aggravating and funny to find salt in the sugar bowl or sugar in the salt shaker. I recall one April Fool morning finding the handles of my jumping rope missing and Edith my sister hiding under the porch just waiting to pop out and sing "April Fool!"; and I could only wait until I found a way to April Fool her back.

It was the year of 1909 on April Fool morning that I sat at the breakfast table with our family and watched in amazement as Eunice, the girl my Dad hired to work for us, securely tied my Uncle Will Dickerson to his chair as she walked back and forth from the stove to the table, cooking and serving us pancakes and eggs. After our breakfast was finished and my uncle started to get up from the table, his chair went along with him, as Eunice sang out "April Fool." We all had a good laugh at that one, but a few minutes later, her apron, which had been tied around her waist, fell to the floor. It was Uncle Will's turn to April Fool.

In the good old days no one had to send out word that it was April Fool's Day. Just about everyone in our neighborhood showed up at the post office with a story to tell –either he had April Fooled someone or had been April Fooled himself.

How I miss those days. There's nothing to compare to good old fashioned friendship.

Sullivan County Historical Society – Calling all Authors and Illustrators

Calling all authors and illustrators! The Sullivan County Historical Society will be hosting an author and illustrator book fair on Saturday June 7 from 12:00 - 4:00 at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. All participants must have a Sullivan County connection. Authors and illustrators who have lived in or still do are invited to participate. Your book does not have to be about Sullivan County. Also, perhaps you have written a book fiction or nonfiction with the setting in Sullivan County. It is not necessary that you have been a resident of Sullivan County if your book has a Sullivan County setting.

Tables will be provided and there is no charge for the space. Authors and illustrators are invited to bring their books for signing and sale. Refreshments will be available.

If you are interested in participating in this event or have questions about the event contact Suzanne Cecil, President, at scecil@snyhistory.org. You may also call the museum at 845-434-8044 and leave a message. We would like all author/illustrator reservations for space be in by Friday May 16.

Once the author/illustrator list is complete, publicity for the Book Fair will be made.

Fallsburg CSD Celebrates Student-On-A-Roll Award Recipients

FALLSBURG - On March 27, 2025, more than fifty students at Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School received the Student-On-A-Roll (SOAR) Award. This honor is given to students who have shown remarkable improvement in attendance, behavior, and academics.

The students who were recognized are the following: Anderson Arce Acevedo, Brianny L. Argueta Hernandez, Leila Basic, Edison E. Bastidas Avendano, Nyona Bolding, Ruth Sarahi Bonilla Osorto, Yolady N. Brizuela-Alvarado, Jocelyn Brown, Monica Brown, Mildred Chun Choc, Marvin Choc Ical, Kesare Clark, Emina Cenovic, Fressia Carcamo Cruz, Jonathan O. Dias Paredes, Maddelynn G. DeMondogernant, Summer L. Dunn, Shamiah Foy, Mariama Gai, Erika Garcia-Ponce, Kelvin Garcia Giron, Greicy Granados Alvarez, Stephon Harris, Genesis Inestroza, Dalila Koljenovic, Emely Latacunga Guaman, Margie E. Madrid Castro, Tiffiany Maccagli, Angelique Marquez-Zacapepan, Fiorella A. Mazariego Hernandez, Erick A. Menjivar Avila, Glenda Mendoza Dominguez, Jarvin A. Nunez Mejia, Rozana Narkaj, Lorenc Narkaj, Aryani I. Pacheco Murillo, Anselmo Pinzon, Christian M. Pinelli, Clarissa Pineda Loja, Jose Perez Castillo, Lourdes Parham, Nataly Reyes Pabon, Merary Rodriguez Mejia, Allison Rojas, Marco A. Sarmiento-Joya, Jiahny Sebastian, Kayden Schultz, Daylin A. Sierra Lizama, Kierstyn Surerus, ShaNaiylah M. Taylor, Connor Torres, Noelle Varner, Ambar Vasquez, and Christian Whitaker.

Sullivan Accepting Ag District Applications 30-Day Window to Apply Starts April 1, Ends April 30

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County is accepting applications from property owners seeking to be included in New York State Agricultural Districts 1 and 4, for a 30-day window beginning April 1 and ending April 30.

New York State Agricultural Districts are geographic areas that consist predominantly of viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within the districts are afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land. These benefits include protection of farm operations from unreasonably restrictive local laws, limitations on assessments for newly formed benefit districts, and notification to local governments of projects that could adversely affect farmland.

There are two New York State Agricultural Districts in Sullivan County. Agricultural District 1 encompasses towns in northern and western Sullivan County, and Agricultural District 4 covers the County's eastern and southern towns.

For parcels to be included in an Ag District, they must be predominantly viable agricultural land. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law defines "viable agricultural land" as land highly suitable for agricultural pro-

duction and which will continue to be economically feasible for such use if real property taxes, farm use restrictions and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those in commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural development.

During this 30-day window, property owners may request the addition of their land into an Agricultural District. Applications are available by calling Melinda Meddaugh at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 x116, or by emailing her at mm2592@cornell.edu.

Applications will be reviewed by the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, who will then make recommendations to the County Legislature regarding property to be added to the districts this year. The County Legislature will hold a public hearing and then vote on the approval of each recommended addition.

Subsequent to County approval, an updated district map with a report showing the new parcels for inclusion in the districts will be submitted to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets for State approval. Upon approval by Agriculture and Markets, each property owner will be notified by mail and the real property tax records for each parcel will be updated. Applicants will receive notification by the winter.

More information on the benefits of agricultural districts, as well as access to maps of Sullivan County's agricultural districts, is available at www.sullivance.org/agriculture/farmland-protection-ag-districts-vs-assessments.

Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County! Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1 through October 31

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck launches April 1 and runs all the way through October 31, 2025. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee is waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter at County-operated transfer stations.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we get ready for spring, summer and fall," says Legislature Chairman Nadia Rajs. "One of the first impressions we make on anyone - residents and visitors - is the state of our roads. We can really put the shine on this beautiful area, and keep it that way!"

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, at their town or village hall, any County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email scparks@sullivanny.gov.

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The Bomb Maker

Mysterious Book Report No. 328

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by John Dwaine McKenna



One way to judge the character of a hero is by assessing the nature of his or her adversary. The wickeder the villain, the more courageous the protagonist will appear to be, because conflict creates drama, and it is the following sequence of events . . . emotional, turbulent or tragic . . . which keeps readers turning the pages. We've gotta see what comes next because all humans are curious and emotional. Now, one of America's most psychologically astute thriller writers has come up with a novel that covers all of the above, and then some.

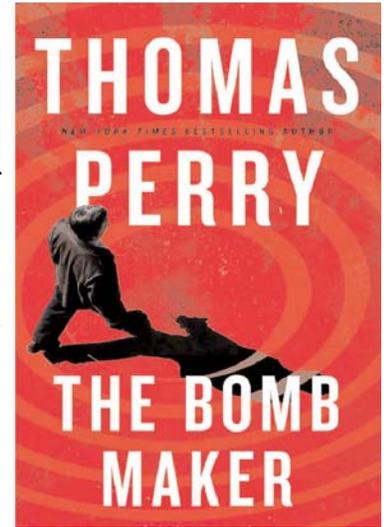
The Bomb Maker, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 372 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2748-8) by Thomas Perry, has the reader looking over the shoulder of one of the most diabolic, evil, uncaring, solipsistic and murderous characters to come skulking down the pages of a novel since Hannibal Lecter scared the bejesus out of all of us. He's known simply as the *Bomb Maker* and his stated goal is to kill every member of the Los Angeles Police Department Bomb Squad. When a bomb call is made in the first chapter of the novel, the LAPD responds to the threat, which soon evolves at 27,000 feet per second into a world-class tragedy. That's when the deputy chief of police calls upon the retired former leader of the bomb squad to come back to work on an interim basis in order to help rebuild the department. The hero's name is Dick Stahl. He's been running his own security consulting firm and has just returned from a life-threatening mission in Mexico. His sense of obligation to the members of the bomb squad that he's tutored and mentored as captain overcomes his reluctance to get involved, and Stahl agrees to step in as the temporary commander. The frequencies of the calls, and the sophistication of the trigger mechanisms convince him that this is no ordinary malcontent building amateurish, unreliable, simplistic devices. The bombs are massive, complex and deadly—the work of a brilliant, though demented mind—and they're coming with increasing persistence because the bomb maker is being pressured by his terrorist backers who want ever bigger bombs as they ramp up to an unknown doomsday scenario. At the same time, Dick Stahl runs afoul of departmental policies and gets caught in the crosshairs of public opinion, due to the twenty-four hour news cycle in this hair-raising, propulsive and electrifying novel from the pen of America's best thriller writer. It'll keep you reading and thinking about it long after the last page is turned. Thomas Perry is at the top of his game in *The Bomb Maker*

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The Whim-Wham Man
John Dwaine McKenna



The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Quilting

Quilting has a long American Heritage. It is an art form born of necessity. Our pioneer women would sew clothing and resize and repurpose clothing until only scraps remained. These scraps, cut into squares and triangles, became quilts to keep themselves warm during harsh winters.

The quilting "BEE" became a way to expedite the process with many hands making light work. The bonus was that women could talk and socialize as they put their hands to the task of sewing.

Many of my friends are quilters. I am not. I have made a small lap quilt and small projects like a table runner and a tote bag. To me, sewing is still work...not a joy. To my quilting friends, quilting is a joy and a hobby. Some even sell some, but, believe me, at bargain prices. If one tallied up the hours spent and the material purchased, these quilts would sell for a fortune.

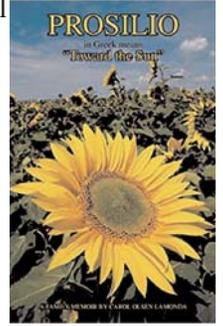
Someone once asked me why anyone would



seeing the product of our fabric art and saying, "Look what I made!"

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!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



This photo is some of my quilts, not made by me, that hang over the railing of my Lady Loft.

cut up a big piece of fabric into little, bitty pieces and then sew it all back together. A manufactured quilt or comforter is so inexpensive by comparison. Why quilt? The answer is that it is a creative process and an art form.

Our senior ART GROUP also sews scrappy, patchwork quilts at the same time as others are painting or knitting or crocheting. In a few short weeks, they completed twenty-eight small, child-size, quilts to be given to shelters and fire auxiliary facilities. Even the artists pitch in to tie quilts. Our quilting bees are noisy and sociable echoing the legacy of our great grandmothers.

There is something satisfying about

April is Poetry Month... And Really Busy at the DPL!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-With just a week into spring, things are certainly looking brighter-longer daylight hours really make a difference! I imagine it's the birdsong, the crisp clear skies, the unfurling of flower bulbs that inspire poets to write. Which is timely, as April is National Poetry Month.

National Poetry Month is an annual celebration first stated in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets to promote and celebrate poetry and its role in culture and to increase awareness and appreciation for the art form and poets. To join the celebration, throughout April, stop in at the library and check out a book of poems. We have an incredible variety of poets to choose from, as well as, books appropriate for children or adults. If you're new to poetry, we can offer recommendations! Perhaps reading some versus will get the creative juices flowing and you may become inspired to try your hand at writing your own.

In other news,

We are gearing up for our busier season, programming wise. On Saturday, April 5th from 10AM to 3PM we will be hosting our popular 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class. Also on Saturday, from 12:30 to 1:30, there will be a Tick & Lyme Disease Prevention Presentation. Both require prior registration to attend and while the tick presentation is free to attend, the 5 Hour class is \$45 per student. On Thursday, April 10 from 6:00 to 7:00PM our special guest Rachel Brazell, PT, DPT, CNPT will be hosting an open discussion on women's health and perimenopause and menopause. Our spring LEGO programs will begin Wednesday, April 9. There are four, hour and a half, programs in all. Registration is required (and please sign up for the appropriate age/grade level program). Our Spring Children's Programs begin the week of April 21. If you haven't registered your child (who is between the ages of 12 months and 4 years old and is a Tri-Valley resident) please do so. If you are returning, please register for the same program you attended in the fall. Then, from April 23-25 at 9AM, representatives from the Ellenville Regional Hospital will be on hand to answer questions regarding the health services they provide to the community.



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And that's just April. We are planning out May, with of course our very popular, very fun "Boujee" Bingo happening Friday, May 2. Tickets are on sale now and going fast. If you're interested in participating, come to the adult circulation desk and pick up your ticket. Tickets are \$40 and include 7 games, door prize entry, and light refreshments. Extra bingo game boards will be available for \$5 each. There will also be fun tricky tray raffles available (so bring a little extra cash!) There are amazing bingo prizes again this year, so make sure "you're in it to win it."

Our DVD sale is up and running again, with more options added. Please stop by and take a look. Also, while you are here, if you are interested in purchasing a chocolate bunny to benefit the Lion's Foundation, they are \$5.00 and options include, milk, dark and white chocolate. While here, enjoy a cup of coffee and a visit to our book store, Pages & Percs. Located in our beautiful 1902 room, Pages & Percs offers a chance to relax and get away for a few minutes. There are a variety of coffee flavors for you to choose from as well as many books for purchase. While sipping, play a crossword puzzle or two.



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Spring and Summer Blooms in Ulster County: Your Guide to the Best Floral Attractions

As the chill of winter fades and the sun shines brighter, Ulster County pops with the vibrant colors of spring and summer blooms. Whether you're a nature lover, a history buff, or just looking for a picturesque day trip, these local spots will captivate your senses ... and your Instagram feed.

Here's a roundup of some of the best blooms to catch this season across the county.

Hortus Arboretum, Stone Ridge A Global Collection of Plants

Hortus Arboretum is unique to the Hudson Valley. It offers a stunning variety of ornamental selections and a diverse selection of edible plants. Take a moment and enjoy the blooms of magnolias and the fragrant viburnums. Take in the desert plants, along with rare trees and flowers from virtually every corner of the globe. Open weekends from 10 AM to 4 PM and by appointment, Hortus also offers guided tours to make the most of your visit.

Main Street Hurley & Hurley Heritage Society Discover History and Tulips in Full Bloom

Hurley, settled by the Dutch in 1662, boasts a rich history and a significant role during the Revolutionary War. Today, its Main Street, lined with eight original Dutch stone homes, is perfect for a spring stroll. The tulips blooming along the street are a colorful homage to the town's Dutch roots. In spring the wildflowers, lilies, and azaleas burst into brilliant hues, adding a natural touch to the historic setting.

Pro tip: Don't miss the "Spy and Guard Houses" where convicted spy Lt. Daniel Taylor was once held.

Hudson Valley Seed Company Seeds, Art, and Education

Spring offers a chance to reconnect with the land and where your food comes from. As a certified organic farm, Hudson Valley Seed Company focuses on responsible seed production and stewardship. This spring, discover tours, workshops, and events while you shop. And for every packet of seeds, enjoy designs by local artists. It's not only seeds you'll have your selection of. There's something for garden aesthetics too. Peruse garden art for your home. It's the perfect place to connect with nature and get inspired for your garden.

Hudson Valley Tulip Festival 2025 at Kelder's Farm Over 600,000 Tulips in Full Bloom

Kelder's Farm in Kerhonkson is the place to be for an unforgettable experience with tulips. The farm's Tulip Festival showcases over 600,000 blooming tulips, creating a kaleidoscope of color. Enjoy hayrides, photo ops, and more activities that should fit into a spring day, from a giant jumping pillow to mini golf. The festival also offers food and beverages, including wine and cider. And what's a festival without some pizza? This is an event the whole family will love.

Old Dutch Church, Kingston Step Back in Time Amidst Spring Blooms

Known as "The Cathedral of Kingston," the Old Dutch Church was built in 1660 and remains a historic gem. Springtime is particularly magical here, with blooming red tulips and magnolia trees. Don't miss the chance to explore the church's rich history, dating back to the days of New Netherland and the

American Revolution. Truly a trip back in time worth taking.

Senate House Boxwood Garden, Kingston A Tranquil Retreat in the Heart of Kingston

The Senate House Boxwood Garden is a peaceful oasis with neatly trimmed hedges and intimate corners perfect for relaxation. Whether you're a garden enthusiast or just seeking a quiet spot to enjoy the day, this serene retreat offers an ideal setting to unwind and appreciate nature's beauty.

Seamon Park, Saugerties A Hidden Garden Paradise

Renowned for its October Mum Festival, there's flowering magic in the spring here too. Nestled in the heart of Saugerties, Seamon Park features vibrant gardens bursting with roses, azaleas, and daylilies. As you stroll through this peaceful park, the scent of flowers fills the air and the warm sun makes it the perfect springtime escape.

Pro tip: With so many benches and a gazebo with a gazebo perfect for reading, Seamon Park is a hidden gem that will make you feel miles away from the hustle and bustle.

Mohonk Mountain House Tulip Festival A Historic Estate Surrounded by Tulips

The Mohonk Mountain House Tulip Festival is one of the most picturesque events in the Hudson Valley. Explore the estate's spectacular gardens while the tulips bloom in a sea of color. The festival blends history, natural beauty, and outdoor adventure.

Mountain Jam Festival Alive in '25 What's spring without music?

From June 20th to 22nd, check out a music festival worth traveling for at Belleayre Mountain. Experience a full day of music, breathtaking mountain views, and good vibes at Belleayre Mountain. With headliners, Khruangbin, Mt. Joy and Goose, the Mountain Jam Festival will be the perfect way to boogie into your perfect upstate summer.

3-day and single-day tickets are now on sale.

Friday, June 20 - Kick off the weekend with Khruangbin, the genre-blending trio from Houston, headlining after Grateful Dead supergroup Joe Russo's Almost Dead. Plus, catch Karina Rykman, The Kitchen Dwellers, and more! __

Saturday, June 21 - Mt. Joy takes the stage as Saturday's headliner, wrapping up a stacked lineup featuring Trampled by Turtles, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Julien Baker & Torres, Grace Bowers, and more! __

Sunday, June 22 - Close out the festival with the hottest jam band in the country, Goose! Before their electrifying set, enjoy an epic day of music featuring moe., Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway, Dogs in a Pile, and Mikaela Davis! __

Buy Tickets Here

: <https://www.tixr.com/groups/mountainjam/events/mountain-jam-festival-122934>

Ulster County's spring and summer blooms offer something for everyone, from historic sites to beautiful gardens and fun-filled festivals. Be sure to explore these local treasures and immerse yourself in the beauty of the season. And don't forget to jam a little too!

Happy gardening & jamming!

The Hudson Valley Rivermen Announce Open Tryouts for ABA Basketball Team in Fallsburg

Fallsburg, NY - March 27, 2025 - The Town of Fallsburg proudly supports the Hudson Valley Rivermen, an American Basketball Association (ABA) team, as they prepare for their upcoming season. The Rivermen will host open tryouts for male athletes 18 years and older on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Fallsburg High School Gym, located at 115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, NY 12733.

Tryouts will be held in two sessions: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. A \$50 registration fee is required to participate.

Basketball players from across the region are invited to showcase their skills and compete for a chance to earn a spot on the team. The Hudson Valley Rivermen are looking for dedicated athletes who are passionate about the game and ready to compete at a high level.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to streamline the check-in process and secure a spot in the tryouts. Interested participants can register online at www.hvrivemenbb.com. Walk-in registrations will be accepted based on availability.

"The Hudson Valley Rivermen are committed to bringing top-tier basketball to Fallsburg and providing a platform for talented athletes to shine," said a team spokesperson. "We encourage all eligible players to take this opportunity to be part of something special."

For more information about the team, tryouts, and upcoming events, visit <http://www.hvrivemenbb.com>

Statement From DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton

Following the notable wildlife seizure in Chemung County in October, DEC undertook an internal investigation of agency wildlife enforcement procedures. At the direction of the Governor, in my initial few weeks as acting commissioner, I have prioritized a review of our current wildlife protection and enforcement process to protect New Yorkers and this agency from similar incidents in the future. We have carefully reviewed all the public feedback and we understand the distress caused to communities throughout the state. We know that we can do better moving forward.

Our agency is committed to developing additional protocols to address illegally possessed wildlife and ensuring that our staff and environmental conservation officers have the necessary resources to carry them out. In addition, DEC will be welcoming a new Deputy Commissioner for Public Protection & Emergency Response.

We recognize that these improvements are necessary and in my new role I will ensure that DEC is focused on its mission to deliver clean air and water for every New Yorker while protecting the environment and our invaluable natural resources for future generations.



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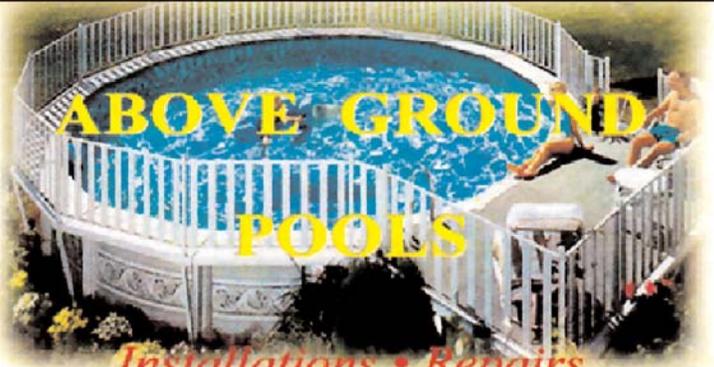
The Village of Monticello is looking for a **Full-Time Treasurer**. Incumbent must have a Municipal Accounting background. Salary is as budgeted with paid benefits.

All interested candidates should submit their resume to the Village of Monticello, Attention: James Snowden, Village Manager. Resumes may be submitted via email to jsnow@villageof-monticello.com, by fax at 845-794-2327, or by mail to 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

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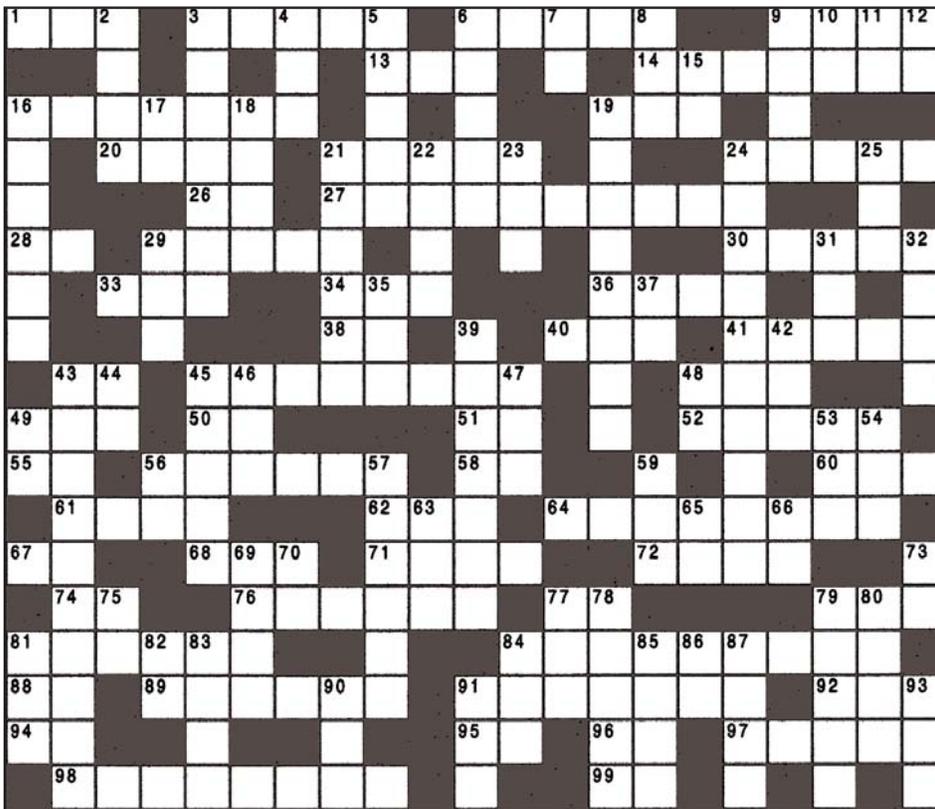
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A Stitch in Time... L.Comando



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 1 Used to play a violin
 3 Irregular surface
 6 Make fabric on a loom
 9 Place where you may find a 'quilt block'
 13 Plural form of ovum
 14 Grant an official pardon
 16 Continue to exist
 19 Quantity
 20 Product of three and three
 21 Used for draining waste material
 24 A loop of thread used to join two edges
 26 Combining form; having two
 27 Where some local quilters meet
 28 One's mother
 29 Hue
 30 Have a particular idea
 33 Pull along with a rope
 34 Upper limb
 36 Examination
 38 Sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
 40 Owner of a Gunsmithing Shop (Pg. 40)
 41 Cloth woven from flax
 43 Bachelor of Arts
 45 Medieval military expeditions
 48 Limb used for standing
 49 Not new
 50 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
 51 Associated Press
 52 A mental interpretation of an idea
 55 Fourth sound of the diatonic scale
 56 Material
 58 Los Angeles
 60 Writing tool
 61 Camp beds
 62 Make a choice
 64 Characteristic of a colony
 67 Informal acceptance
 68 Fasten with stitches
 71 A goat-like mammal
 72 Picnic pests
 74 Best offer (abbrev)
 76 Deserving respect
 77 Brit's way of saying 'thank you'
 79 An object used for play
 81 Not complex

- 84 Composed of different elements
 88 Either
 89 Pattern
 91 Woven fabric
 92 Crude metal
 94 North Dakota
 95 Each
 96 Used to refer to something previously mentioned
 97 Book of maps
 98 Whirling around quickly
 99 Common Era
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 2 Damaged from use
 3 Arch of colors
 4 Employ
 5 Establishment for accommodating tourists
 6 Compound of Hydrogen and Oxygen
 7 Expressing location of a particular place
 8 Consume food
 9 — and Ernie
 10 Used in comparisons
 11 Right
 12 New York
 15 Belong to the speaker
 16 Lox
 17 Roman numeral 6
 18 Something used to conceal
 19 Stitching with lines or a pattern
 21 Small pieces of leftovers
 22 Comfortably high temperature
 23 Wheatlike cereal plant
 24 Where people establish a community
 25 Be able to
 29 Domestic bovine
 31 A guest house
 32 Group of things with similar characteristics
 35 Long narrow inlet
 37 Printer's measure
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 42 Independent Grocers' Association
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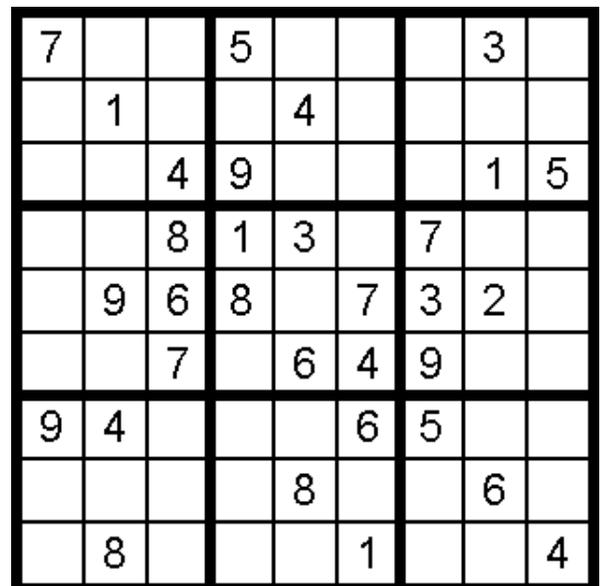
- 56 Foot (abbrev)
 57 Soft white fibrous substance
 59 Florida
 63 Used to express contempt
 65 Not off
 66 Third person singular of be
 69 Young female lambs
 70 Warrant Office
 73 Identifying the agent performing the action
 75 A mystical syllable
 77 A heavy demand
 78 Place you may find an old quilt
 79 Mythical creature
 80 Used in gumbo or to thicken soups
 81 A male child
 82 Paid
 83 Thin
 84 Edible legume
 85 Mention as an example
 86 Hectoliters (abbrev)
 87 Destroy by use
 90 Invented by Eli Whitney to separate seeds from cotton
 91 A decad
 93 Eastern Standard Time

Sunshine Carrot Cake

- 3 eggs
- 1 1/4 cups corn oil
- 1 1/3 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 8-oz. can crushed pineapple in natural syrup
- 1/3 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 3 cups grated carrots (about 4 carrots)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 13-by-9-by-2-inch pan. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, oil and brown sugar until well blended. In a separate bowl, sift the baking soda, cinnamon, salt and flour, then gradually add it to the egg mixture; do not over mix. Add the pineapple and syrup, coconut, walnuts and carrots, and beat well. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 to 15 minutes. Invert onto a cooling rack and cool completely. Serves 12 to 14.

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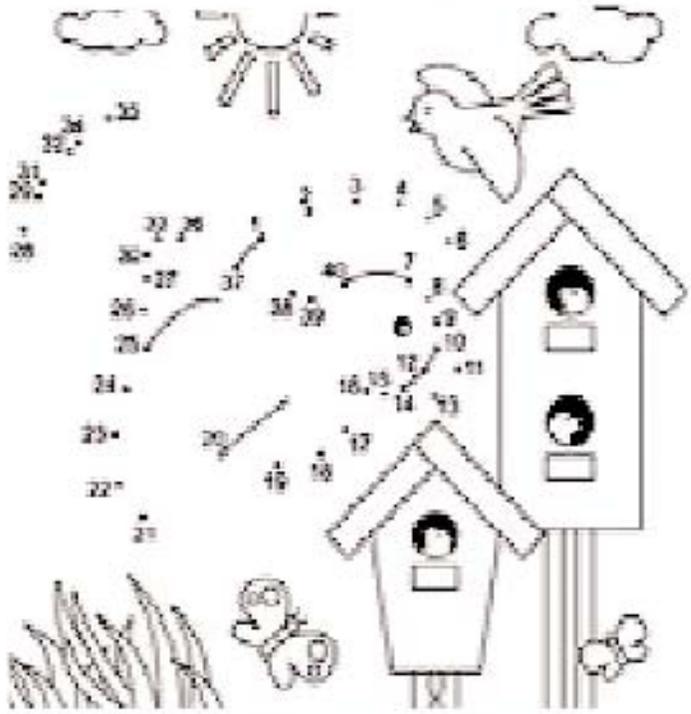
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- William Shakespeare



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Kids' Spring Fun Page
- L. Comando

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION****TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT****AT GRAHAMSVILLE****TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Collaboration Center in said District at Grahamsville, New York, on:

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

At 7:00 P.M. (EST)

For the purpose of presenting the school budget proposed by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money that will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public funds, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held on May 6, 2025 and on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 20, 2025.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Election, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2025-2026 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, at the Secondary School Lower Level Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central Secondary School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any qualified voter who desires to submit a proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published or posted notice of meeting, shall file with the Board of Education a petition setting forth such proposition, not less than thirty (30) days (by no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, April 21, 2025) prior to the Annual Meeting and Election and such petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25)

qualified voters of the District, or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of members of the Board of Education will be available beginning on March 10, 2025, from the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building and shall be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building during regular office hours between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, April 21, 2025). Nominating petitions shall be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater; must state the name and residence address of each signer; and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2025, there are three (3) Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Mr. George Dean

Mr. Timothy Dymond

Mr. Travis Hartman

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time in the Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center.

At-Large Voting: the three candidates with the highest amount of votes will fill the three vacant positions.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be approved?

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. No person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 20, 2025, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, and Thursday,

May 8th, 2025, in the Administration Building between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 15th, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the four (4) calendar year periods prior to May 20, 2025. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, they are also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that consistent with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 13th, 2025) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 19th, 2025), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time) in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a MILITARY BALLOT. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Applications for military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed military voter registration applications and military ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, April 24, 2025, the twenty-sixth day before the Annual Meeting and Election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. A list of persons to whom military ballots are issued will be available

for inspection in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 15, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on weekdays prior to Annual Meeting and Election and on at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that consistent with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Sunday, April 20, 2025) and at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 13, 2025) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 19, 2025) if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

By order of the Board of Education,

Samantha Damms, District Clerk

4/3; 4/10; 4/17; 4/24

Dated: February 13th, 2025

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**Neversink Fire District
Lifeguard Job Posting**

Neversink Fire District is looking for certified lifeguards and a Pool Manager at the Neversink Pool for the 2025 Summer Season. Salary is based on experience. All inquiries, please reach out to Commissioner James Darling at jdarling198323@yahoo.com. 4/3; 4/10

NOTICE

The Town of Neversink **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** for the fiscal year 2024 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

STACI CONJURA,
TOWN CLERK TOWN OF NEVERSINK
DATED: March 31, 2024

4/3

**LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the state of New York, a Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center. This Regular Board of Education Meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

4/3

April is Stress Awareness Month

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**Sundown United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
April 5, 2025**

Many items from the Indoor Yard Sale will be available for sale at the Supper. Come check them out.

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
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9:00 AM Saturday

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST
Schedule will be listed in the bulletin
<https://smsaparish.org/bulletins>

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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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Mass at 8:30AM.
Thursday, 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplete followed by Mass

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

**First Thrift Sale of the Season
Sat., Apr. 5
9 am - 12 noon**

Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches

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Sundown UMC 8:30 am
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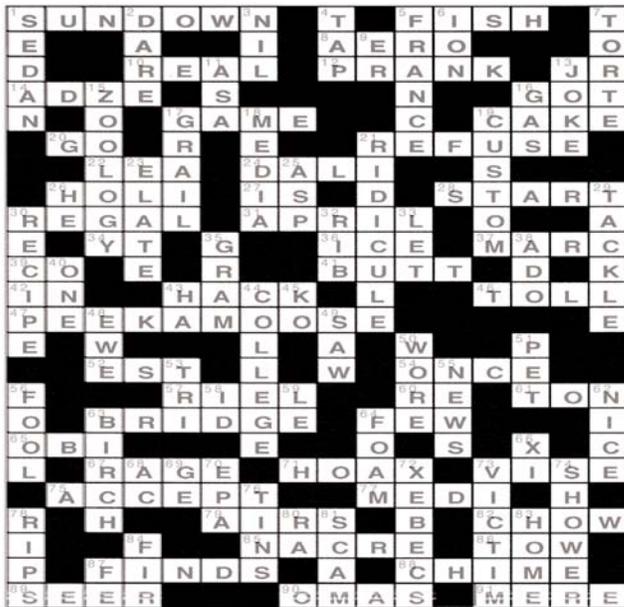


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Ans to last week's Crossword



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Saturday,
April 5, 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)

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church 356 Main St. P.O. Box 86 Grahamsville, NY 12740 Thrift Sale Schedule 2024

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

- April - 5th and 19th
- August - 2nd and 16th
- May - 3rd and 17th
- Sept - 6th and 20th
- June - 7th and 21st
- October - 4th and 18th
- July - 5th and 19th
- 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 appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

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Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

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2025 Journey For Sight Walk

Saturday, May 3, 2024 Journey For Sight Walk at the **Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building** and **Grahamsville Fairgrounds**. We would love to have you join us this year, and you will see more information about **The Journey For Sight Walk** in upcoming editions of *The Townsman*.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/5/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
4/5/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
4/8/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/13/25	Claryville FD All You Can Eat St Patrick's Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
4/14/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
4/16/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association 1st meeting of the year-Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
4/17/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
4/17/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
5/6/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

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>

Ellenville Regional Hospital Celebrates Occupational Therapy Month This April

Ellenville, NY - April 1, 2025 - Ellenville Regional Hospital proudly recognizes Occupational Therapy Month this April, celebrating the vital role that occupational therapists play in helping individuals regain independence and improve their quality of life. The hospital's Occupational Therapy department is dedicated to providing specialized care to patients with upper extremity conditions, chronic pain, and post-surgical rehabilitation needs.

Occupational therapy focuses on restoring movement, strength, and coordination while addressing pain relief and symptom management. At Ellenville Regional Hospital, a team of highly skilled therapists, including a Certified Hand Therapist (CHT), offers individualized treatment plans to assist patients recovering from injuries, surgeries, and neurological conditions such as strokes and multiple sclerosis.

Our Occupational Therapy program is designed to help patients regain function and confidence in their daily lives. From custom-made splints to tailored exercise programs, we provide the highest level of care to meet each patient's unique needs.

The hospital's therapy services address a wide range of conditions, including:

- o Hand, wrist, elbow, and shoulder injuries
- o Carpal tunnel syndrome, tendonitis, and arthritis
- o Post-surgical and non-surgical rehabilitation
- o Sports injuries and workplace-related conditions
- o Neurological impairments such as paralysis and stroke recovery

With appointment hours available throughout the week, Ellenville Regional Hospital is committed to making high-quality occupational therapy accessible to the community.

This April, in recognition of Occupational Therapy Month, Ellenville Regional Hospital encourages individuals to learn more about the benefits of therapy and how it can help them return to the activities they love. For more information about the hospital's Occupational Therapy services, visit erhny.org or call 845-210-3035.

About Ellenville Regional Hospital

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a critical access hospital dedicated to providing high-quality healthcare services to the residents of Ellenville, NY, and surrounding communities. The hospital specializes in emergency care, rehabilitation services, and outpatient care, with a commitment to patient-centered treatment and community wellness. Through innovative programs and dedicated medical professionals, Ellenville Regional Hospital strives to enhance the health and well-being of the region.

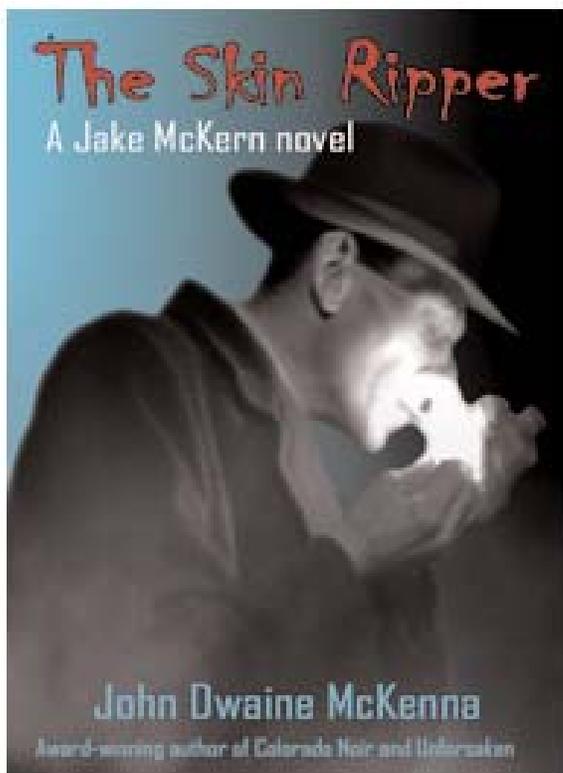


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Tri-Valley Lions
Journey For Sight Annual Walk
Saturday, May 3, 2025

In memory of our fellow Lions lost over the past years. All proceeds go into our Charity Account to help support the missions of The Tri-Valley Lions, which include Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, and support to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Local Food Pantries, Service Awards for local high school graduates, Sight Screenings, and so much more.

Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 3, 2025

at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building

Please be available no later than 8:45am for a group photo before

The start of the Walk.

Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the First Aid Squad Building

and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds that

each walker feels comfortable doing.

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

**For additional pledge sheets or questions about the Journey For Sight Walk,
please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927 or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.**

Thank you.

Tri-Valley Lions

Journey for Sight Rules

1. Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.
2. Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.
3. The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.
4. Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.
5. The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.
6. The event will be held rain or shine.
7. All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.
8. Neither Tri-Valley Lions, nor Lions International will be responsible for injuries incurred during the event.
9. It is suggested that Participants without pledges offer a donation of \$20.00.

A New Look at Sullivan County's Parks! *Local Photographers on Exhibit at Museum*

Hurleyville, NY - The Sullivan County Parks & Recreation Department is proud to unveil an exhibition showcasing photographs taken of the landscapes and wildlife at our parks and museum!

Featuring the work of local photographers, the new exhibition is on display at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, and admission is free. The Museum is open Tuesdays-Saturdays 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and the exhibition will be on display throughout the summer.



A selection of photos from this exhibition are also on display in the lobby of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.



“In late 2024, we accepted submissions from the public of photographs taken at our parks and museums. We had a team of judges go through the submissions and choose 24 photos to be on display,” said Assistant Recreation Director Fiona Feltman, who conceived and implemented the exhibition. “Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs! Your submissions offered a unique perspective on the beauty of our parks that make our County so special. We congratulate the photographers whose work was chosen and thank you for allowing us to see our beloved spaces through your eyes.”

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2025 SHOW DATES

FRIDAY 7/4/25: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRONT PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754. **OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 3:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE 12:00 NOON. **DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 30 VEHICLES.**

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE; TOP 3 2005 & NEWER, TOP 12 2004 & OLDER, KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN OR SHINE.**

SATURDAY 7/12/25 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, SULLIVAN STREET WURTSBORO, NY 12790 **OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 40 VEHICLES.**

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM **PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE** TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 20; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN OR SHINE.**

SUNDAY 8/10/25 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701 ENTER FROM RTE. 17 EXIT 105 TO PLEASANT ST. MAKE RIGHT TURN ONTO BROADWAY. **OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM **PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE** TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 5 2005 AND NEWER; TOP 35 2004 AND OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE; BEST FIRE TRUCK; BEST OF SHOW

DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 40 VEHICLES; GOODY BAGS; RAIN OR SHINE

SATURDAY 9/13/25 OUTPOST BBQ. SHOW **RAIN DATE SUNDAY 9/14/2025**

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SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2005 & NEWER; TOP 20 2004 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **DASH PLAQUES FIRST 40 VEHICLES**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

This article, "Neversink Thanked for Preserving Keriland Property" is invaluable to the history and the future of Tri-Valley, the Town of Neversink and the Town of Denning. It should be reprinted in the same form in *The Townsman* for history.

William A. Brenner
Grahamsville, NY

The following article appeared in the March 18, 2025 *Sullivan County Democrat*.

Neversink thanked for preserving Keriland property Talks getting property on tax rolls for recreational use

-Story by Vincent Kurzrock

NEVERSINK - Town of Neversink resident David Brittenham thanked the Board for their preservation of the Keriland Property land Wednesday night after the Open Space Institute recently purchased the 3,100-acre Keriland Property in Neversink and expects to transfer that property to New York State to hold as conserved lands and part of the Catskill Park.

"This resolution of what was going to happen with the property is a stunning moment for the Town, it' residents and landowners, for the Catskills and for the public," explained Brittenham. "The property is inside the Catskill Park so the State will accordingly pay taxes like any private landowner."

He noted that the State will also make the property available for recreational uses which it hasn't been officially accessible for 60 years.

He acknowledged the Town Board for making this result possible by standing up for the master plan and its vision for the community.

"[The Board] refused to uphold the vision to accommodate the Keriland's Resort Proposal," Brittenham said. "A proposal that would have fundamentally changed our community, it's character and quality of life whether or not it had been successful."

Town Supervisor Chris Mathews acknowledged his statement in an official press release where he expressed the fact that, as a watershed town, they welcome the fact that this will positively affect their water quality in their watershed as well as the Delaware Watershed. He also restated the fact that they welcomed recreational uses which was "very, very exciting."

"You guys have all heard me say over the years, and I do want to reiterate, when this first came to the Town we wanted to have an unbiased and fair opportunity for both sides," recounted Mathews. "That's why it took us a long time to... go back and forth. We certainly did hire outside experts [planning, legal, etc]."

"Ultimately, after the deliberations, I believe we came to the right conclusion and that was to not change the master plan and it was the best thing for the Town." Mathews believed the developer had gotten a fair opportunity to pitch the resort and it "wasn't for us, it wasn't for the Town of Neversink."

Talking title insurance

Brittenham explained that New York State is the only state in the country that doesn't accept title insurance meaning "they'll have to go back and clear title all the way back to the original grant."

He suggested to the Board that they might consider pushing their elected officials in Albany to "move things along" otherwise the time line is estimated to be two years.

Sullivan County District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips confirmed that the Legislature could write a letter of support from the County.

"The sooner the land is State Land, the sooner it's back on the tax rolls," stated Brittenham. "Then the recreational uses can start to happen."

DEC Delivers Banner - Stay Connected with Your Environment *Statement From Department of Environmental Conservation Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton*

Following the notable wildlife seizure in Chemung County in October, DEC undertook an internal investigation of agency wildlife enforcement procedures. At the direction of the Governor, in my initial few weeks as acting commissioner, I have prioritized a review of our current wildlife protection and enforcement process to protect New Yorkers and this agency from similar incidents in the future. We have carefully reviewed all the public feedback and we understand the distress caused to communities throughout the state. We know that we can do better moving forward.

Our agency is committed to developing additional protocols to address illegally possessed wildlife and ensuring that our staff and environmental conservation officers have the necessary resources to carry them out. In addition, DEC will be welcoming a new Deputy Commissioner for Public Protection & Emergency Response.

We recognize that these improvements are necessary and in my new role I will ensure that DEC is focused on its mission to deliver clean air and water for every New Yorker while protecting the environment and our invaluable natural resources for future generations.



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Ice Age Origins of the Hudson River School of Art

Sunday, April 27 2 p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum

In person and virtual

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Ice Age Origins of the Hudson River School of Art by Robert and Johanna Titus will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville and virtually through Zoom.

Retired professor of geology Robert Titus and his wife Johanna will speak on their latest book, Hudson River Schools of Art and their Ice Age Origins. During the 19th century there was something of a cultural Renaissance in the Hudson Valley region. This, they argue, would never have happened if the Hudson Valley and Catskills had not been so heavily glaciated. The presentation shows how the glaciers created the landscapes that so inspired the great artists of that time.

This program is FREE for Museum Members and \$5 for non-members. In person admission includes light refreshments and Museum admission. To join virtually, please register by email at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org and put Ice Age Origins in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you closer to the program date. Non-members are asked to please first make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

About the speakers: Robert and Johanna Titus are, respectively, retired professors of Geology and Biology. They are best known in the Catskills as popular science writers. Over the years they have written for several regional magazines, including Kaatskill Life and Tri-County Historical Reviews. They currently write for local newspapers as well: the Mountain Eagle and the Columbia Paper. They are the authors of five books on Catskills and Hudson Valley geology. The Titus's are frequently invited to present PowerPoint lectures on their research and have been seen on television and heard on radio. They have a facebook page ("The Catskill Geologist"), a blog site ("thecatskillgeologist.com") and can be contacted at randjtitus@prodigy.net.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day through September, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free.

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

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, providing free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a field trip for schools, or group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

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UC Executive Jen Metzger Issues Executive Order Reaffirming Protections of Transgender Individuals from Discrimination

Order Issued on International Transgender Day of Visibility,

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today signed an Executive Order on the Protection of Transgender Individuals and Prevention of Discrimination. The order was signed to coincide with International Transgender Day of Visibility, observed annually on March 31 to recognize the resilience and accomplishments of transgender people, raise awareness about the struggles they face, and promote the protection of their rights.

County Executive Metzger issued the order due to concerns about rhetoric and actions at the federal level targeting the transgender community. The Executive Order directs that the Ulster County Government shall strictly follow State and County Human Rights laws that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and expression. Last year, New York voters approved the Equal Rights Amendment to the New York State Constitution, which included equal protection for sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, among other classifications. Five years earlier, the State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act ("GENDA"), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression. County Executive Metzger was a State Senator at the time and a co-sponsor of the law.

The Executive Order directs the County Department of Human Rights, working with the Ulster County Commission on Human Rights, to conduct education and outreach to promote a culture of respect and inclusiveness and prevent discrimination against transgender and all gender diverse individuals in housing, employment, education, and other areas.

"We are seeing very concerning actions at the federal level targeting transgender people, and we reaffirm our commitment to protecting everyone in our community from discrimination," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "At the very core of a free democratic society is the understanding that individuals have rights to express themselves freely and be who they are. Everyone should feel safe, respected, and treated with dignity."

"The Ulster County Human Rights Department is here for everyone, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their identity, are treated with dignity, respect and equality," said Director of Human Rights Joe McDonald. "We stand for justice, inclusion, and the protection of human rights for all, including the LGBTQ+ community. Human Rights are universal for every person, including our transgender community, and everyone deserves the same freedom, opportunities, and protection under the law."

"On this Transgender Day of Visibility, we stand in unwa-

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vering solidarity with our transgender and non-binary community members," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "In these uncertain times, when too many marginalized people feel afraid and unsure, it is more important than ever that we loudly and clearly affirm our support - not only for all members of our community, but especially for those whose rights and very existence are being targeted. Ulster County is committed to ensuring that every person is seen, valued, and safe."

"In Ulster County, we stand firm in our commitment to protect and support transgender people, recognizing that they are cherished members of our families and vital threads in the fabric of our community," said Legislator Abe Uchitelle. "Our commitment to transgender rights transcends politics - it is about recognizing the humanity in each person and creating a county where all can thrive."

"When we care for and protect the most vulnerable (plus, brilliant and delightful!) among us, we care for and protect all of us," said Isa Coffey, RN, Director of WiseBodies and co-founder of the Pink Pony Project. "On today's Trans Day of Visibility, WiseBodies and the Pink Pony Project, two initiatives centering trans students, staff, and co-creators, offer our profound gratitude to County Executive Jen Metzger for her Executive Order on the Protection of Transgender Individuals and Prevention of Discrimination. Thank you, Executive Metzger, for your foresight and for your prescient leadership. May our nation follow the honorable path you are creating with your courageous, noble action."

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UC Executive Jen Metzger Issues Executive Order Reaffirming Protections of Transgender Individuals from Discrimination

(From Pg 37) "Whereas safety is a necessary condition of trans visibility, County Executive Jen Metzger's Executive Order offers a promise of protection and a model of moral courage for all to see," said Rabbi Jack Sherratt MAHL, LCSW, of Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley. "And while hate cannot be written out of existence, sanctuary can be written into reality. Through her principled leadership, Metzger exemplifies the Talmudic teaching that 'whoever saves one life saves the entire world' (Sanhedrin 4:5) both by saving trans lives and by sanctifying Ulster County as a place where the dignity, indeed the divinity, of all people is recognized and upheld."

"I applaud County Executive Metzger and her office for drafting this Executive Order, showing our community that local government stands ready to protect their rights. Codifying this support publicly is a meaningful gesture, sharply contrasting the White House narrative, and the silence even from allies in Washington," said Richard Heyl de Ortiz, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center. "From the LGBTQ+ Community Center, overlooking the courthouse where Sojourner Truth, against all odds, achieved justice, we draw inspiration for what is just and right - and this Executive Order reflects that energy for us today."

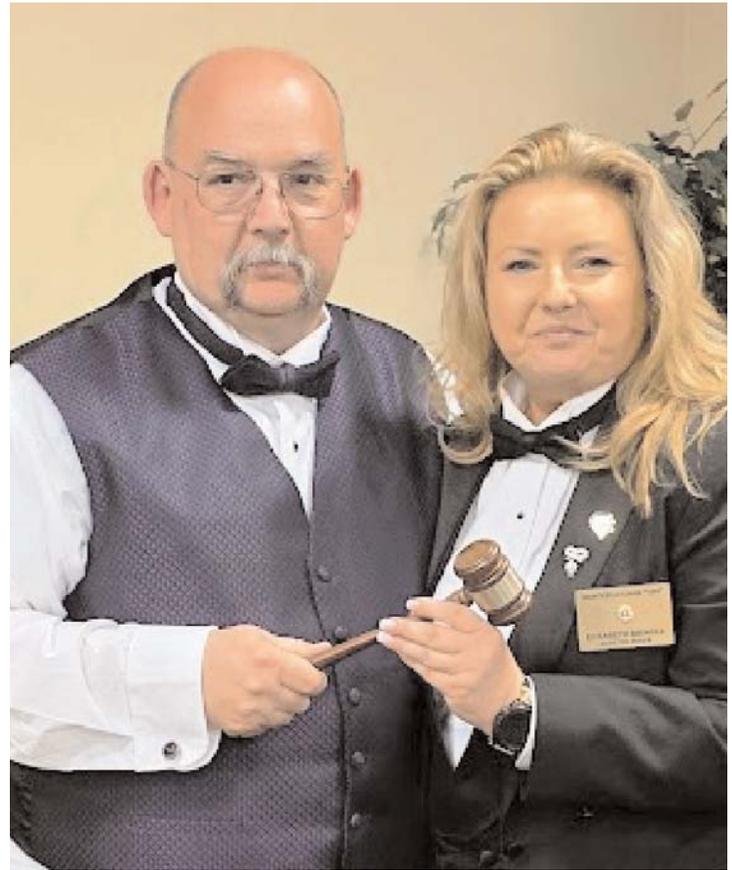
"The fundamental rights promised to every individual in this country are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. If we are serious about this promise then surely we must include LGBTQIA+ young people and the families that support them," said Celeste Lecesne, Co-founder of both The Trevor Project, and The Future Perfect Project. "Everyone has the right to be themselves."

"We recently hosted an event at Unicorn Bar that we called the 'Queer Apocalypse Community Assembly,' (facilitated by Issa Marcantoni and myself) in which we held space for our local LGBTQ+ community to share their grief around the current state of affairs as well as their hopes for the future. We are very grateful that Jen Metzger was in attendance that evening and that she is moving forward with actions to help support and protect the rights of our non-binary and trans community members," said Francesca Hoffman, owner of Unicorn Bar in Kingston. "This EO is the first step towards creating and implementing a safer, more inclusive and supportive environment for our trans and non-binary community members within Ulster County."

The Order also directs that the County government shall promote a safe and inclusive environment in County buildings, facilities, and services, including through continued implementation of the Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan. In June 2024, County Executive Metzger announced the newly adopted Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan, which recognizes that people may use a name other than their legal name, or pronoun, that reflects personal gender identity. This plan encourages an environment for personal expression, within community standards, allowing employees to officially notify the County of their preferred first name that differs from their legal name for internal and external communications, phone directory, employment applications and onboarding materials, non-driver employee ID badges, personnel listing, and webpages. The Plan is best practice for supporting transgender and gender non-conforming employees.

If anyone in Ulster County feels discriminated against, they can reach out to the Ulster County Human Rights Department, at 845-334-5492, or humanrights@co.ulster.ny.us.

Monticello Elks Install New Officers



(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 has installed a new slate of officers for the 2025-2026 Elk year. The Exalted Ruler is Elisabeth Bringle. The Leading Knight is David Welsch, Loyal Knight Julie Brennan, Lecturing Knight James Rodriguez, Esquire Ryan Walker, Inner Guard Josh Conlon, Treasurer Jim Gerrard II, Secretary Past Exalted Ruler (PER) Ronni Scannell and Chaplain PER Bob Linzer. The Lodge Trustees are: Past District Deputy Jim Sheerer, PER Mike Brennan, Sue Mapledoram, PER Brian Bock and Jennifer Petersen. Presiding over the ceremony was Past State President Phil Conaty. The following awards were announced by outgoing Exalted Ruler Jim Gerrard: The Elk of the Year is Peter Kunz and the Officer of the Year is outgoing Treasurer Sue Mapledoram. Recognized for outstanding service were: Past State Vice President Pete Scannell, PER Ronni Scannell and Terry Atkins. The Distinguished Citizenship Award goes to Kathy Kreiter. Kathy is the Program Administrator for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. The Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.

You're Hired: Governor Hochul Announces more than 1,300 Applications Received Since NY Launched Campaign to Hire Workers Impacted by Federal Layoffs

Governor Kathy Hochul today updated New Yorkers on the "You're Hired" campaign to hire federal workers that have been fired by the Trump Administration's so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Governor Hochul held a roundtable on March 3 with impacted federal workers and launched "New York Wants You" Billboards in Washington, D.C.'s Union Station and New York's Moynihan Station. In three weeks, state agencies have received over 1,300 applications, hired 28 former federal workers and interviewed over 100 individuals. So far, over 250 individuals have signed up to attend a career webinar or receive career resources by completing the survey on ny.gov/wewantyou. Additionally, since the launch of the campaign, the State's Jobs website has been viewed over 4 million times and has had approximately 1.2 million active users, 1 million of which had not previously used the site.

"As the clueless cadre of career killers in Washington signal yet another round of layoffs, it's clearer than ever that they know nothing about how government works and the tireless employees who keep it running," Governor Hochul said. "New York values public servants - and that's why we'll continue to ensure that talented, experienced federal workers know about our state workforce opportunities and all the resources available to federal workers impacted by layoffs."

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "Here in New York, we value civil servants. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, our Department is working hard to connect former federal workers with stable, well-paying civil service careers in New York State. We are proud to offer free services including resume assistance, interview tips, virtual career counseling and more, to all New Yorkers, including former federal workers with a continued interest in public service."

New York State Department of Civil Service Commissioner Timothy R. Hogue said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, we've been searching for the best and brightest in public service, and these numbers prove that there is a wealth of talent interested in becoming servant-leaders for the New York State team. If these displaced workers are not re-employed to perform those important services at the federal level, we will continue to welcome them with open arms, where their skills and abilities will always be appreciated and respected."

State Senator Robert Jackson said, "When injustice tries to erase dedication, New York responds with opportunity. As Chair of Civil Service & Pensions, I am proud to join Governor Hochul and the Department of Labor in declaring: we do not discard those who served - we uplift them. The 'You're Hired' campaign is more than a hiring effort - it is a commitment to justice, a rallying cry for talent cast aside by a broken system. Experience will not be wasted. Integrity will not be punished. Public service will always have a home in New York. To those dismissed by cruelty disguised as efficiency - we see you, we value you and we welcome you. This is what government looks like when it remembers its duty to the people."

Assemblymember Stacey Pheffer Amato said, "You're Hired' is an amazing opportunity for those who want to continue their work in public service - New York will never turn its back on people who want to work in public service. Governor Hochul has opened the door and this initiative is taking the right steps to ensure former federal employees can work in New York State! A career in public service is an amazing opportunity, and through this type of leadership we are filling our vacancies and keeping New York strong!"

The "You're Hired" Initiative

Governor Hochul announced the "You're Hired" initiative as an ongoing effort to recruit experienced individuals and attract them to New York State service. The State currently has more than 7,000 job

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openings that span every part of public service including transportation, health care, technology and a wide variety of other fields. Positions like attorneys, engineers, nurses and IT specialists are among those in demand.

To support impacted federal workers, the State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) is offering free weekly career development webinars with information on support services for workers who have been terminated or expect they will be terminated by the federal government. So far, over 250 individuals have signed up for career services or to attend a webinar.

NYSDOL staff are contacting every person who signs up for career services through ny.gov/wewantyou to offer assistance and information. NYSDOL provides a comprehensive array of no-cost resources for all New Yorkers, including Job search and networking tips, resume assistance and career resources through the Virtual Career Center.

Unemployment insurance may be available for those who reside in New York State. Unemployment Insurance is temporary income for eligible workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own. Those who qualify can receive a weekly benefit payment for a maximum of 26 full weeks during a one-year period. NYSDOL has received nearly 1,000 unemployment claim applications from federal employees since January 25, 2025.

Additionally, the New York State Department of Civil Service (DCS) offers various resources for job seekers including the NY Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide (NY HELPS) program, the Veterans Temporary Hiring Program, and the Governor's Program to Hire Individuals and Veterans with Disabilities.

Catskill Center Protects Platte Clove Viewshed and Expands Platte Clove Preserve with Acquisition of Key Parcel

(From Pg 40) We are grateful for the Catskill Center's leadership in conservation and look forward to working together to balance preservation with responsible recreation."

Daryl Legg, Greene County Legislator said, "I am very excited about the purchase of the property next to the old Griswold Farm by the Catskill Center. This creates an excellent opportunity for strengthening the relationship between the NYSDEC, Catskill Center, and the Town of Hunter for improving access to the popular trailheads at the top of Platte Clove. In addition, the County has a project to repair the Devil's Kitchen Bridge just to the east of this property and the purchase of this property creates new opportunities to assist with this work. The purchase of the property is a win for everyone on the mountaintop."

David Kukle, President of the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway said, "Exciting news and applause for all that made this happen, a positive beginning for 2025. The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development's savings of this unique property, adjacent to Catskill Center's Platte Clove Preserve and the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway, located at the head of Platte Clove Gorge (Devil's Kitchen) and the historic stone arched bridge is very important as this property is central to the history and future experiences of Platte Clove. This purchase will go far in furthering the missions of the Catskill Center within the Catskills. We look forward to the plans that the Center is developing that will enhance the safety, educational and interpretive learning experiences for the visitors that visit our sensitive natural resources. Their foresight of planning and investing in the protection of sensitive lands needs to be replicated throughout the Catskills where necessary."

Land Trust Accreditation

The Catskill Center is an accredited land trust, having recently renewed accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. Accreditation is a distinction of the Catskill Center's excellence and ability to permanently protect the natural spaces we love. The existing 208-acre Platte Clove Preserve was generously donated to the Catskill Center by the Griswold family beginning in 1975 for the permanent protection of the extraordinary flora, fauna and geologic and historic features present on the property. Today, visitors can enjoy miles of hiking trails, a stop on the Hudson River School Art Trail, and a stunning 61-foot tall waterfall. To learn more, visit www.catskillcenter.org/platte-clove-preserve.

About the Catskill Center

Founded in 1969, the Catskill Center has been protecting and preserving the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of the Catskills for over 55 years.

The Catskill Center's role as a land trust began in 1974 when it was gifted the first 100 acres of what would later become the Platte Clove Preserve. Thousands of visitors each year now enjoy Platte Clove's wild character and stunning beauty. The Catskill Center currently protects more than 2,000 acres through conservation easements and provides public access to 300 acres of its own preserved land. The organization also works to preserve forested, streamside lands essential for maintaining Catskills streams' excellent water quality through its Streamside Acquisition Program: a partnership program with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

The organization believes that the vitality and prosperity of the Catskills depends on the wise stewardship of natural and cultural resources, thriving local communities and robust collaboration with others. To learn more, or to join in the Catskill Center's work, visit www.catskillcenter.org.

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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

April Fools is here and no fooling, we are moving forward with so much left to our Rotary Year.

Guest Speaker: Jen Jensen, President of the Sullivan County Chamber Foundation Leadership Sullivan Class 2025

Jen presented the club with information on what the Leadership Sullivan Class is all about and gave specifics of their community project of The Little Food Pantry boxes they are placing throughout Sullivan County. Jen shared the building plans, sponsorships, partners, and the long-term plan to keep this concept viable. Sponsorships are \$500 per Pantry and the class is currently garnering locations to place each individual Pantry. Since the meeting, Jen has shared that Liberty Police Department, Monticello Police Department, Landfield Avenue Synagogue, Monticello Fire Department, Bethel Town Hall, Town of Lumberland Senior Center, and more to come. In addition, The Jeff Bank will be sponsoring a Food Drive to help with the first stocking load. Sponsorships and partner organizations are still being sought. If interested, please email Foundation@catkills.com



Guest Speaker - ADG and District Rotary Membership Committee Member Jack Strassman - The Who, What, and Where of Satellite Rotary Clubs

Agenda for April 1, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Past President Helen Diehl
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Rotary Learning Program: Jack Strassman Region 5 ADG - Satellite Rotary Clubs
5. Committee Reports:
 - Taste of Sullivan - Helen Diehl
 - Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller
 - RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James
 - Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
6. Regional Updates/District Updates
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Happy Dollars
10. 50/50
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Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Taste of Sullivan Committee Meeting - April 1, 2025, 5:30pm - Albella Restaurant

Taste of Sullivan - April 22, 2025, SUNY Sullivan, 6pm - 8pm

Our Motto: Service Above Self - How have you meet that goal lately?

Lastly, our meetings are hybrid. We would love to see you at our meetings either in-person or and/or Zoom. For those of you who attend regularly, we thank you for your commitment.

With Rotary Pride,
 Lori Orestano-James
 President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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Tantalize Your Taste Buds at the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan!

Monticello - The Monticello Rotary Second Annual Taste of Sullivan in collaboration with SUNY Sullivan to benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will take place at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse at SCCC on April 22, 2025 from 6pm - 8pm.

Over 20 Sullivan County restaurants, distilleries, and food distributors will be serving samplings of their culinary delicacies. From appetizers to desserts, participants will enjoy the multicultural and diverse eatery options in our area. (Contd. Pg. 46)

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Students from the SUNY Sullivan Culinary Department, along with SUNY Rotaract Members and Monticello and Fallsburg High School Interact Clubs, will be on hand to showcase their culinary talents and assist in the operations of this event.

In addition, raffles will be available for gift certificates to the vendors present and many others throughout Sullivan County to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

Tickets are priced at \$40 per person and are available online:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PGFWGZAT853LN> or through Monticello Rotary members, contacting us at RotaryMonti@gmail.com, or by Facebook Messenger PM to our Facebook Page.

Any restaurant/distillery/food distributor who would like to participate, please contact us as indicated above.

TEAM Monticello Rotary Joins In Walk to Fight Parkinson's

The Monticello Rotary Club is joining in the Unity Walk raising funds to fight and find a cure for Parkinson's. Monticello Rotary Members Hudson Cooper and Les Kristt are co-chairing Team Monticello Rotary at the local Michael J. Fox Foundation Parkinson's Unity Walk sponsored locally by the Liberty Rotary Club. Under Cooper's and Kristt's leadership Monticello Rotary will solicit funds to garner much needed financial resources to eliminate this terrible disease. The local walk will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10:30am on the Hurleyville Rail-Trail. It is an easy 1.3-mile walk that is quite scenic, pleasant, and will provide a first hand look of the beauty of Spring in Sullivan County. All are encouraged to join in the efforts walking/donating with the Monticello or Liberty Rotary teams. The walk is easy enough where children and grand children can take part making this a family fun event for a good cause.

To Join Team Rotary or find out more information on how to participate and/or make a donation, please contact Hudson or Les at

RotaryMonti@gmail.com

Monticello Rotary has already pledged to donate \$250 for the cause with individual members of Rotary making donations to fight this dreaded disease. You can make your tax deductible donation by sending a check made out to Monticello Rotary with "Michael J. Fox Walk" written in the memo, and send it to Monticello Rotary, POB 444, Monticello, NY 12701. Thank you all for your help on this important project.



Team Liberty Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Unity Walk
- Hurleyville Rails-Trail 2024

Humpback Friday Started the Weekend Off Right at Starter's

A fantastic evening of fabulous food, drink, company, and conversation at the this month's Monticello Rotary Humpback Friday enjoyed at Starters American Eatery on Broadway in Monticello.

And best yet, Monticello Rotary is excited to announce that Starters American Eatery will be one of the 20+ Food Vendors donating their culinary talents at the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan to Benefit Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 from 6pm - 8pm at the Paul Gerry Field House at SUNY Sullivan

Special shout out to Monticello Rotarian Barbara Carr who arranged the entire evening.

For tickets to the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan to Benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PGFWGZAT853LN>



SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990

More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 year old should be going through.

Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department.

Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

 Follow Nick
[@nickneedsokidney](https://www.facebook.com/nickneedsokidney)

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?



*Relive the exodus and discover
the eternal relevance of the Seder traditions.*

Community Seders

<p>Saturday, April 12th 7:15 pm Pre Seder snack 7:35 pm Seder Begins</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 13th 8:15pm Holiday Service 8:30pm Seder Begins</p>
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At The RJC - 102 Montgomery St. Rhinebeck NY
Suggested donation \$36 per person ~ \$540 Seder Sponsor
RSVP Required - RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com ~ 845-876-7666

You are invited to our Community Seders!

Shabbat, April 12, 7:15 PM

7:15 snack
7:35 Hagadah discussion
8:17 candle lighting
8:20 Kiddush
9:30 dinner

Sunday April 13 8:30 PM
8:15 Services
8:30 traditional Seder

At The Rhinebeck Jewish Center - 102 Montgomery St, Rhinebeck
Suggested Donation \$36 per person | Seder Sponsor \$540

Reservations required. Please Email RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com or call 845-876-7666 to secure a seat with us at the Seder table!

Elegant Meal | Shmurah Matzah | Enduring Traditions |

VET 2 VET OF SULLIVAN
 COUNTY PRESENTS
**REEL BONDS: VETERANS
 FISHING DAY**



**Free Lunch
 Provided**

**Call to register
 by 4/2/2025**



**BIGGEST
 fish caught
 wins a new
 fishing
 pole!**

Morningside Park

APRIL 4, 2025

9:30am - 3:00pm

Rain or Shine

For more information please call:

845-794-4228

***Valid NY State Fishing License Required**



309 E Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701
www.atitoday.org



Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, April 13th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Come take pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

Call 845-985-7270

**We accept cash and checks only. ATM now available
on-site!**

**Pancakes, French Toast, eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage,
Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea**
\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Color Our World

with **LEGO** at the
Daniel Pierce Library
Up in the AIR Program Spring 2025
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Up, Up & Away (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 9

LEGO hot air balloon challenge. Think outside the brick and see how else you can use your LEGO pieces for this design! Team up if you'd like.

Treehouse (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, April 30

Build the ultimate backyard treehouse of your dreams, high up into the sky!

Balloon-powered Vehicle (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, May 7

Build a balloon-powered car that goes! Race your car with a friend and see how far it can travel.

Spring is in the Air (Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, May 14

This challenge will spark your child's imagination, inspiring them to think creatively about the limitless possibilities of what they can build with their LEGO bricks, from flowers and bugs to things that soar through the sky.

PLEASE NOTE: A parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend this program.

*Imagine, create and learn with **LEGO**!*

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

Register here: DPL Color our World

<https://www.danielpiercelibrary.org/pages/index/229643/color-our-world-with-lego>



Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 17, 2025
4 to 6 p.m. \$15

Museum and Library Parking Lot
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

- *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from *Wilson's Deli*
- Brownie from *Frost Valley YMCA*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ # of Meals: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please send this form with your check to:
Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740

Order online at:
<https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/product/chicken-bbq-takeout/>
or call with a credit card: 845 985-7700

Pre-Order to Guarantee Your Meal!



Joining the Rise & Respond: Global Student Summit Against Antisemitism

Last week, I had the honor of joining the Rise & Respond: Global Student Summit Against Antisemitism as a keynote speaker, where I spoke with over 400 student leaders and higher education professionals from across the country. It was inspiring to see so many young leaders dedicated to combating antisemitism and standing up for the Jewish community.

We cannot allow this hatred on college campuses to go unchecked. Pro-Hamas mobs are threatening Jewish students, and I am committed to holding these perpetrators accountable. My work in Congress will continue to focus on standing with the Jewish community, confronting antisemitism head-on, and ensuring that every student can learn in a safe environment. That is why I recently called on the Department of Justice to prosecute those who threatened Jewish students at Columbia University and cosponsored the Antisemitism Awareness Act to ensure stronger protections for Jewish students.

Together, we will rise and respond to the growing threats of antisemitism and make it clear that hatred has no place in our communities.

Highlighting My Recent Work on the Intelligence Committee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qh9T9wtMcQ>

This week, I participated in my first House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hearing since being appointed to this esteemed committee. During the 2025 Annual Threat Assessment Hearing, we received updates from key Intelligence Community leaders on how our adversaries are threatening our national and economic security.

I took this opportunity to press our intelligence officials on growing national security threats, including the pro-Hamas protests erupting on college campuses and vulnerabilities at our Northern Border.

One of my key concerns is identifying who is organizing, funding, and leading these pro-terrorist demonstrations that have taken over universities and endangered Jewish students. You can view that line of questioning here,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qh9T9wtMcQ>

or at the link above. Additionally, I highlighted a deeply concerning statistic: in FY24, 358 individuals on the terror watch list were apprehended at the Northern Border, far outpacing the 52 arrested at the Southern Border in the same year. I asked our Intelligence Community leaders what steps must be taken to ensure terrorists can no longer exploit this critical entry point. You can watch that exchange here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qh9T9wtMcQ>

Announcing the Let Pregnancy Centers Serve Act

Liberal states and the former Biden administration attempted to unconstitutionally restrict TANF funds from supporting pro-life pregnancy centers, hindering their ability to assist pregnant mothers and their unborn babies. This week, I joined my colleagues for a press conference announcing the introduction of the Let

Pregnancy Centers Serve Act. This legislation ensures pregnancy resource centers are not discriminated against and can continue their vital mission of providing emotional support, prenatal care, and essential supplies to expecting mothers.

Reverend Jim Harden, a steadfast pro-life advocate from our region and leader of CompassCare, voiced his support for this legislation:

"It is clear that liberal states are more interested in protecting the abortion industry than they are in protecting women and children. Liberal states, like NY, have a long history of harming needy families -specifically women facing unplanned pregnancy-by discriminating against pro-life pregnancy centers simply because we refuse to provide or refer for abortion. Despite not having access to federal funding, pregnancy centers heroically provide women with millions of dollars worth of free medical care and support every year. Women deserve better than abortion."

We must ensure women have access to the resources pregnancy centers provide to empower them to choose life.

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.1919, the Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act: This legislation prohibits the use of central bank digital currency (CBDC) and prohibits federal reserve banks from offering such products or services directly to an individual. Government issued CBDC's would be nothing other than an Orwellian tool of surveillance directly antithetical to American values of freedom and liberty. This legislation will ensure that the federal government never imposes a CBDC on Americans.

H.R. 1282, the Major Richard Star Act: This bill will finally allow combat-disabled uniformed services retirees to receive their full veterans' disability compensation concurrently with retired pay or combat-related special compensation. Currently, over 50,000 medically retired Veterans are forbidden from receiving their full retirement pay and disability compensation concurrently, depriving these veterans the benefits they earned. This legislation will ensure those who were injured while serving this country have their full retirement pay restored in gratitude for their service.

H.R. 2202, the End Taxpayer Funding of Gender Experimentation Act: This bill prohibits any federal funding for gender mutilation procedures and bars any federal healthcare facilities, physicians, and providers from performing gender mutilation surgeries. The Biden administration's decision to use federal funds to support gender mutilation surgeries was an abuse of taxpayer funds and unconscionable. This bill will right this egregious wrong and ensure that taxpayers are not forced to support these radical procedures.

H.R. 1227- the Alternatives to PAIN Act: This bill aims to combat the opioid crisis by increasing Medicare Part D beneficiaries' access to non-opioid pain management options. By limiting patient cost-sharing, prohibiting step therapy and prior authorization for non-opioid treatments, and promoting open patient-provider discussions, this bipartisan legislation will reduce opioid dependence, prevent addiction, and save lives.

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. (Contd. Pg. 54)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 53)

Monday, March 24

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 359, the Cost-Share Accountability Act. This bill amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to report to Congress on the utilization of its authority to reduce or waive cost-sharing requirements for research, development, and commercial application programs. This bill enhances transparency in the Department of Energy's administration of cost-sharing requirements, enabling greater accountability. This bill passed the House unanimously by a vote of 405-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1326, the DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act. This bill formally reauthorizes and strengthens the long-standing research partnership between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It directs both agencies to collaborate on research and development initiatives that support their respective missions, covering critical areas such as environmental science, biofuels, energy storage, invasive species management, electric grid modernization, and rural technology innovation. Additionally, the legislation requires DOE and USDA to provide regular reports to Congress, ensuring accountability and oversight over the departments' progress in these joint efforts. This bill passed the House by a vote of 372-35.

Tuesday, March 25

I voted "Yes" on H.R.1534, the IMPACT Act. This bill directs the Secretary of Energy to establish a research, development, and demonstration program focused on advancing low-emission production of cement, concrete, and asphalt. It mandates the creation of strategic plans and regular reporting to Congress on implementation progress. Additionally, the bill requires the Secretary to collaborate with relevant federal agencies and offer competitive technical assistance to eligible entities, fostering the commercial adoption of low-emission technologies in construction materials. This bill passed by a vote of 350-73.

Thursday, March 27

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 24, the Walk-In Coolers and Freezers CRA. This resolution overturns the Biden administration's costly energy-efficiency standards for walk-in coolers and freezers-regulations that will drive up prices for American families, especially in rural areas, while failing to ensure proper refrigeration for food safety. The Department of Energy's final rule imposes steep upfront costs on retailers, particularly small grocers and gas stations, forcing them to purchase expensive new equipment. Rural communities, where convenience stores often serve as the primary source for food and beverages, will be disproportionately affected by this out of touch regulation. Independent grocery stores-critical to both local economies and national employment-would bear the brunt of these burdens, threatening their survival. These small businesses collectively generate over \$200 billion in economic output and employ millions of Americans. H.J.Res. 24 repeals these harmful DOE regulations, preventing unnecessary financial strain on small businesses and stopping further inflation at grocery stores and gas stations nationwide. This joint resolution passed the House by a vote of 203-182.

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 75, the Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers CRA. In a last-minute push before leaving office, President Biden rushed through costly Green New Deal appliance regulations, prioritizing bureaucratic mandates over small businesses and consumers. This resolution overturns a Department of Energy (DOE) rule imposing burdensome new energy-efficiency standards on commercial refrigerators and freezers-the essential equipment used by grocery stores, restaurants, and convenience stores nationwide. Under these regulations, manufacturers will be forced to raise the already high prices of commercial refrigeration units, with small business owners bearing the brunt of the cost.

Beyond the financial strain, these regulations could also compromise food safety. H.J.Res. 75 repeals these costly and misguided DOE regulations, protecting small businesses from unnecessary financial strain and keeping prices stable for American consumers. This joint resolution passed the House by a vote of 214-193.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1048, the DETERRENT Act. This bill cracks down on the massive issue of colleges and universities accepting foreign gifts without sufficient disclosures, allowing foreign influence to guide American college and university campuses. This bill closes loopholes for gifts that go directly to individual staff and imposes strict penalties on failures to comply with the reporting requirements in this bill. Recently, we have seen unprecedented foreign influence campaigns targeting American colleges and universities, such as the Confucius Institutes, funded by the Chinese Communist Party. This bill will expose any of our colleges and universities that are improperly accepting foreign gifts, and allow for greater oversight over these institutions. This bill passed the House by a vote of 241-169.



It was another eventful week in Washington, and I wanted to take a moment to update our Hudson Valley community on all the work I'm doing to make our home more affordable, more safe, and more free.

INITIAL VICTORY AGAINST DOGE

There is power in our community. There is power in YOUR voices.

When the Poughkeepsie Social Security Office went on the DOGE website, we didn't throw our hands up in the air. We held speak outs. We organized rallies. We pressured our elected officials, at every level. Our entire community stood up loudly, publicly, and passionately, to fight back. This is a victory for the people over Musk, Trump, and DOGE.

But the fight to protect Social Security is far from over. I have zero trust in Elon Musk to protect your benefits. We need to stay vigilant, and we need to stay united in the fight for Hudson Valley families, and against anyone who would do us harm

Read more: Daily Freeman: Poughkeepsie Social Security office off DOGE cut list

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/03/21/poughkeepsie-social-security-office-off-doge-cut-list/>

HOLDING OUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE

This week, senior officials from the Trump Administration, including Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, Vice President J.D. Vance, and National Security Advisor Mike Waltz were caught sending sensitive, classified military information using a civilian messaging service, in a chat that included a reporter.

I was proud to stand alongside a dozen of my fellow veterans with a simple demand:

Launch an FBI investigation and hold public hearings. Or House Democrats will hold our own.

Those responsible for this disastrous blunder have to be held accountable. (Contd. PG. 55)

Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 54)

That's why I joined my fellow Democratic colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee in demanding our Republican counterparts bring Secretary Hegseth in to testify:

And called on Secretary Hegseth to own up to his mistakes and resign:

Read more: Daily Freeman: Ryan calls for Hegseth to resign in wake of leaked military plan

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/03/26/ryan-calls-for-hegseth-to-resign-in-wake-of-leaked-military-plan/>

STANDING UP FOR HUDSON VALLEY FARMERS

The Trump Administration is directly threatening to put Hudson Valley family farms out of business.

For the sake of family farms in the Hudson Valley and across the country, Trump's USDA must release all unjustly frozen funds.

I'm working around the clock with farmers like Rick to get them every piece of federal assistance possible.

We cannot give up the fight.

Read more: New Pine Plains Herald: Federal Funding Freezes Delay

\$580,000

<https://www.newpineplainsherald.org/articles/agriculture/federal-funding-freezes-delay-580000-reimbursement-for-ronnybrook-farm-project/>

FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

The Hudson Valley doesn't back down-we stand for freedom, and together, we will win this fight.

OPENING DAY

That's how you kick things off!

Happy Opening Day to everyone and let's go Yankees!!

CELEBRATING HUDSON VALLEY EDUCATORS

Congratulations to Goshen's Dr. Matthew Wentworth on being named Elementary School Principal of the year!

A huge thank you for your service to Hudson Valley kids & our entire community

BRINGING DOWN COSTS AND STICKING UP FOR TRUCKERS

This week, I was proud to introduce the Strengthening Supply Chains Through Truck Driver Incentives Act.

Truck drivers keep the American economy moving forward. They work long, hard hours with little support to make sure that people across the country have everything that they need for daily life.

For me, it's a no-brainer: better conditions for the workers that drive us forward, more high-paying union jobs, and lower costs for families across the country.

Read the full press release: Congressman Pat Ryan and Congressman Zachary Nunn Introduce Bipartisan "Strengthening Supply Chains Through Truck Driver Incentives Act" to Bring Down Costs, Support Driving Careers and Address Truck Driver Job Retention

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CONTINUING THE FIGHT ON EQUAL PAY DAY

This year, for the first time in more than two decades, the gender pay gap WIDENED.

This Equal Pay Day, I'm joining my Democratic Women's Caucus colleagues as we continue to demand equal pay for equal work.

It's time to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act immediately.

GRANTS CORNER**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:****Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR)**

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is preparing to launch a new grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites. Funds for the MPR Grant Program are provided by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Examples include playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.

Applications will be available March 19, 2025, through the on-line Consolidated Funding Application with a deadline of May 2, 2025, at 4 p.m.

BJA FY25 Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

This funding opportunity seeks to enhance corrections and community supervision systems and community-based providers' capacity to address the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support needs of people during incarceration and upon reentry. The goals of this program are to support the implementation or expansion of evidence-based and trauma-informed SUD treatment programming, as well as to promote the implementation of deflection as part of the treatment and recovery safety net, which helps persons in treatment stay in treatment, and prevents further and unnecessary contact with the criminal justice system.

Application JustGrants Deadline April 3, 2025, 8:59 pm Eastern

FY25 STOP School Violence Program

This funding opportunity aims to support school safety by implementing solutions to enhance school climate, establish school-based behavioral threat assessment and intervention teams to identify violence risks, introduce technologies like anonymous reporting tools, and apply other evidence-based strategies to prevent violence. The goal is to equip K-12 students, teachers, and staff with tools to recognize, respond to, and prevent acts of violence.

Application JustGrants Deadline April 3, 2025, 8:59 pm Eastern

2025 Renew America's Schools Prize

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is now accepting submissions for the 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize, a \$90 million investment in K-12 public schools and school facilities across the country. This three-phase opportunity will help districts build capacity, perform energy audits, and plan/implement energy improvement projects across a portfolio of school facilities.

Apply for the 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize by April 3, 2025, at 5PM ET

\$80 Million in Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act Funding Now Available to Support Resiliency Initiatives

Last week, Governor Hochul announced \$80 million in new grant funding available to communities across New York State for climate resiliency projects. (Contd. PG. 56)

(Pat Ryan (From Pg. 55)

The grants, funded through the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, will support nature-based and green infrastructure projects designed to reduce flood risk and enhance community resilience to extreme weather.

The three resiliency related grant programs are:

Resilient Watersheds Grant Program: \$45 million will be made available through the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), building on the success of the Resilient NY program and advancing the State's goal of strengthening infrastructure and protecting New Yorkers from the impacts of extreme weather.

Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects Program: \$20 million will be made available through the Department of State (DOS) for coastal communities. The program prioritizes projects using nature-based solutions to enhance community resilience while also delivering environmental, economic and social benefits.

Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Implementation Projects Program: \$15 million will be made available through DOS for implementation projects that improve waterfront and watershed resiliency and reduce climate impacts, particularly flooding.

Applications for all three funding opportunities can be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal . Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025.

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.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Working to protect Social Security

The Trump administration is cutting Social Security staff and closing offices, making it extremely difficult for seniors to get benefits they've earned.

This week, Kirsten joined Governor Hochul and local leaders in Albany to demand that President Trump and Elon Musk keep their hands off Social Security. Social Security is a promise, not a political bargaining chip, and Kirsten is doing everything in her power to make sure that it remains accessible.

Read more. <https://wnyt.com/top-stories/lawmakers-blast-potential-cuts-to-social-security-offices/>

2. Fighting for veterans' health care

By firing and driving off VA psychiatrists and therapists, forcing VA workers to return to crowded offices, and potentially violating privacy regulations, President Trump is making it harder for veterans to access the mental health care they deserve. We owe better to the people who have served our country.

This week, Kirsten sent a letter to the VA demanding that they reverse the policies undermining veteran care. Veterans in need of mental health care deserve easily accessible treatment from qualified professionals with a guarantee of confidentiality, and Kirsten is committed to protecting this care.

Read more. <https://www.weny.com/story/52635423/trump-plans-to-cut-80000-va-positions-by-end-of-year-sen-gillibrand-says-it-will-hurt-veteran-mental-health-care>

3. Demanding funding for New York's health system

The Trump administration's decision to cut over \$300 million in federal health funding for New York is reckless and cruel.

This move is a direct threat to mental health services, addiction recovery programs, and infectious disease preparedness across our state, and it puts New Yorkers' lives at risk. That's why Kirsten is demanding an immediate reversal of these cuts, and she will not rest until funding is restored.

Read more. https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2025/03/28/schumer-gillibrand-demand-reversal-of-trump-era-cuts-to-new-yorks-health-funding/#google_vignette

4. Meeting with rural postal workers

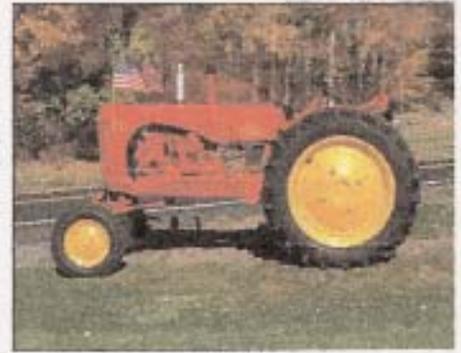
Rural postal workers provide a vital service in our communities, often traveling miles between stops to make deliveries to rural New Yorkers.

This week, Kirsten met with members of the New York Rural Letter Carriers' Association to thank them for their work and reiterate her unwavering support for the Postal Service.

5. Helping constituents with Social Security

When a Rensselaer County constituent with cancer needed to expedite his Social Security Disability Insurance application, he reached out to Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted SSA regarding the Compassionate Allowances program to automatically qualify his condition, and he was promptly approved for disability benefits.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>



**THE NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION
IS CELEBRATING ITS**

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

**WITH 25 YEARS OF OUR
ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW**

ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th from 10 am-6 pm (raindate Sept. 21)

At the

**GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS
8230 State Route 55, Grahamsville NY**

*This year we are featuring **MASSEY-HARRIS, FERGUSON & MASSEY-FERGUSON** Tractors
BUT ALL tractor makes and models are welcome to participate.*

Trophies will be awarded to working Tractors, Hit & Miss Engines and Garden Tractors

*Joining us this year will be the **Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club**, the
Catskill Region AACA Car Club and Knife Sharpening by the Buley Family.*

Join us for a day of family fun with antique tractors and machinery; classic cars; demos of sawmills, shingle mills & hit & miss engines; crafts, yard, and machinery sales; food including the Grahamsville Fire Dept. BBQ, beer garden served by Bridge & Tunnel; live entertainment with Jon Zanger & DJ Mark Hyzer; antique household & farm machinery museum; hayrides, kids pedal tractors, Timmy the Train & MORE

Get your tickets for our 50/50 Raffle. \$5 a ticket with the drawing at the show.

NRAMA is a 501-c3 non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program.

For More Information contact: **Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081** or **Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401**

Or check us out on FACEBOOK @ <http://www.facebook.com/groups/399517618394690>

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

The purpose of the NRAMA Scholarship is to encourage graduating high school seniors from Sullivan County to pursue secondary education opportunities in any field related to either heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture at any accredited academic or vocational school. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one individual selected by the NRAMA Scholarship Committee. The Value of the scholarship is \$500.00, and is non-renewable. Scholarship proceeds will be utilized for tuition, fees or books. In addition, the winner will also receive a one (1) year membership to the NRAMA.

The scholarship monies will be distributed after proof of obtaining a 2.0 or higher GPA and completion of first semester. Faculty must send proof of GPA and semester completion.

The Applicant may use the scholarship to study any field related to heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture at any accredited academic or vocational school.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in your Sullivan county home school and career and technical education during Junior and Senior years.
- Illustrate a commitment to the fields of heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture by either graduation from a related program at Sullivan County BOCES or related work efforts outside of school.
- Be accepted as a full time student at an accredited academic or vocation institution

Submit a completed application to the NRAMA by May 2nd, 2025.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

What school(s) have you applied to? _____

What school(s) have you been accepted at? _____

What is the course of study? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a brief essay describing your career goals and what you hope to gain by furthering your education and what you may bring to our club in the future. Also include with this application one letter of recommendation from a teacher, educator or employer.

Please mail completed application to: NRAMA Scholarship Application
P.O. Box 393
Grahamsville, NY 12740



Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

All Vendors are wanted!

New, Used, and Handmade items -- Something for Everyone!!

When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Where: Claryville Fire Dept.
1500 Denning Rd
Claryville, NY 12725

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM Break Down by 3 PM - *vendors must stay until 3pm*

Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafters on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **No food vendors or baked goods** (sold exclusively by the fire department).
- Food will be available for purchase throughout the day.
- **Fee:** \$20 per table (8 ft long or 8 ft picnic table). If an outlet is required, the fee is \$25 per table. Tables are provided.
- **Claryville Fire Dept. is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise**

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at claryvillefd@gmail.com.

Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot. Payment will no longer be accepted on the day of the event!



Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

of tables needed: _____ Electricity needed (inside the building only): Yes ___ No ___

Choose type of table: 8ft table _____ or 8ft picnic table (outside) _____

*Please check if you would like to be either outside under the pavilion or inside the building.
spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application*

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

Amount Due: _____ Check if paid: cash: _____ check #: _____

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$25.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. *Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable * Initials _____

Donation for door prize (item donated by vendor for raffle) Yes ___ No ___

Event time: is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Set Up is 8:00 AM

****I understand that Claryville Fire Dept shall not be held responsible for any lost, damage or stolen merchandise**** Initials: _____ date: _____

Vendors are responsible for leaving their area in the same condition as they found it.

Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot!

****Payment will no longer be accepted the day of the event! ****

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725
Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

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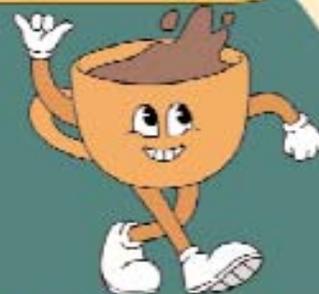
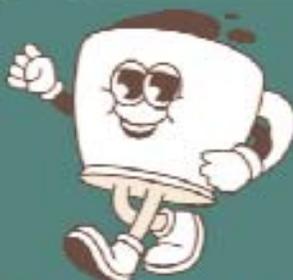
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✦ **Every Monday** ✦
10:00AM - 11:00AM

Come join us along with other Vets to share some coffee and some stories.

**Place: 309 East Broadway
Monticello, NY 12701**

**Call 845-794-4228 for more
info, ask for Matt or Vinny**



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each month

from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Be Inspired ~ Be Empowered ~ Be You

Location:

126 Seward Ave

Middletown, NY 10940

For More Information Call

845.343.4284

*Please RSVP
Seats are limited*



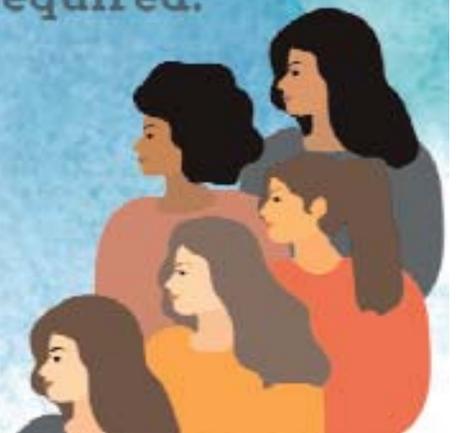
Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.



Action Toward Independence
Serving & Empowering People with Disabilities



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Veteran Peer Support.
Call to speak with our Veteran
Peer Advocates.
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we served, we don't need
to fight alone at home.**

Vet 2 Vet



**Sullivan County
NEW YORK**

PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program

Call or email us to register!

845-794-4228

veter2vet@atitoday.org

309 E Broadway Suite A

Monticello, NY 12701

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THIRD ANNUAL

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- 2ND PRIZE:** STIHL FS 94 R WEED WHACKER TRIMMER
- 3RD PRIZE:** STIHL GTA 26 GARDEN PRUNER
- 4TH PRIZE:** \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO ACE HARDWARE OF ELLENVILLE

DRAWING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025



TO PURCHASE, PLEASE
SEE ANY MEMBER OR
STOP BY OUR FIREHOUSE
THURSDAYS AT 7PM!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CHIEF NOLAN AKERLEY - 845.707.2975
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SPECIAL THANKS TO ACE HARDWARE OF ELLENVILLE, N.Y. FOR THEIR SUPPORT

New to the Daniel Pierce Library this year...

Introducing
Pages & Percs

Join us for a brand new experience at the DPL
Now you can sip, relax and read all in one place.

Get cozy and caffeinated while you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and browse our book sale selection, located in our beautiful 1902 Room.

You can:

Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Happy Belly for \$2. Choose the perfect coffee pod for yourself at our front desk.

Pick out a book to buy and take home or dive into it right here.

Sit back, sip your coffee and enjoy a peaceful moment.

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!

Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \$50 Million Available through the Expansion of the ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program

- **Expands Program to Nearly \$300 Million for Open Access and Public Infrastructure**
- **Request for Applications Available Here; Submission Deadline April 25**

Governor Kathy Hochul today highlighted the launch of Phase 4 of New York State's Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) Request for Applications, making nearly \$50 million available to support broadband infrastructure projects across the state. MIP connects unserved and underserved communities to high-speed internet through open-access and publicly controlled broadband infrastructure. To date, ConnectALL has awarded over \$240 million, enabling the construction of almost 2,400 miles of fiber and connecting nearly 100,000 locations statewide. The new Phase 4 Application expands the program to nearly \$300 million, drawing on funds from the US Department of Treasury Capital Projects Fund.

"Reliable, affordable high-speed internet is no longer a luxury - it's a necessity for New Yorkers to fully participate in our modern economy and society," Governor Hochul said. "Through the ConnectALL initiative, we are making historic investments to ensure every New Yorker has access to the digital tools they need to succeed. Phase 4 of the Municipal Infrastructure Program builds on our ongoing efforts to address broadband gaps in areas that have been overlooked and underserved by traditional internet service providers."

Empire State Development President, CEO, and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "The Municipal Infrastructure Program represents a transformative approach to broadband deployment that puts communities in the driver's seat. By supporting public ownership of broadband infrastructure and open-access networks, we're creating sustainable solutions that increase competition, lower costs, and ensure better service for New Yorkers."

Senator Charles Schumer said, "Broadband is a necessity not a luxury, a utility as vital as electricity for success in our modern economy to ensure people have access to healthcare, jobs, business development and education. I'm proud to deliver nearly \$50 million in federal funding directly from the American Rescue Plan I led to passage that municipalities across New York can apply for to help underserved rural communities install the broadband infrastructure needed to close the digital divide and connect more homes and businesses to high-speed internet. I thank Governor Hochul for putting these federal dollars to work bringing affordable, high-speed internet to families across New York."

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "Broadband infrastructure is a necessity of the American economy, driving digital literacy, expanding educational and professional opportunities, and fueling economic growth. The ConnectALL initiative is a transformative investment in this critical public infrastructure, equipping New York State with the resources needed to expand affordable broadband access to underserved communities and unlock new digital opportunities for its residents. I am proud to see federal funding being used for this project and fully support the implementation of Phase 4."

New York State Association of Counties President Benjamin Boykin II said, "This program has been an important tool for counties working to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all New Yorkers - regardless of where they live - have access to reliable, high-speed internet. This latest phase of funding is another important step toward closing connectivity gaps and will enable counties to continue investing in the critical broadband infrastructure that supports economic growth, education, and public safety. We commend Governor Hochul for her continued leadership in expanding broadband access across New York State."

Phase 4 of the Municipal Infrastructure Program will build on the Governor's State of the State commitment to establish the Excelsior Broadband Network to build and connect a network of public broadband assets across the state. The first component of the Excelsior Broadband Network will be a new fiber line that runs the full length of the New York Thruway, which will improve high speed internet and reliable cell phone service across the state. The MIP grants will continue to prioritize unserved and underserved areas and increase opportunities for service providers to reach all corners of the state.

Applications open today, March 27, with a deadline of April 25. Interested parties must submit applications through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Portal [here](#). Detailed information on eligibility and program requirements is available [here](#).

Governor Hochul's ConnectALL Initiative

Governor Hochul has made expanding broadband access a cornerstone of her administration's efforts to create a more equitable New York. Through the ConnectALL initiative, New York State is investing \$1 billion to transform the state's digital infrastructure, enhance competition among providers, and ensure that every New Yorker has access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet.

To date, ConnectALL has overseen the successful launch and implementation of several programs to advance broadband access, including:

- o The Digital Equity Program will invest \$50 million, including a federal allocation of at least \$37 million, to implement the New York State Digital Equity Plan to close the digital divide. ConnectALL closed the Digital Equity Program Capacity Grant Request for Applications on March 24. ConnectALL will award approximately \$15.5 million through this Request for Applications to entities and partnerships working to bridge the digital divide.

- o The Affordable Housing Connectivity Program will provide up to \$100 million in grants to bring new broadband infrastructure to homes in affordable and public housing leveraging funds from the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Projects Fund. The first awards under this program are securing \$10 a month broadband service and \$30 a month Gigabit service for over 14,000 low-income households in Buffalo, New York City and Rochester. The program continues to accept applications from internet service providers and expressions of interest from housing owners and public housing authorities.

- o The ConnectALL Deployment Program will fund internet service providers to reach unserved and underserved locations, drawing on an allocation of \$664.6 million in federal funding from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, as described in the ConnectALL Broadband Deployment Initial Proposal. For details on the active Request for Applications for this program, visit the ConnectALL website

The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2025

The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading!

Calling all caregivers and their little ones, ages 12 months to 4 years, who live in the Tri-Valley Central School District! We've got some awesome programs lined up just for you. The spring session will kick off the week of April 21st and run for eight fun-filled weeks. It's completely free, thanks to the kindness of our amazing community! Registration is a must.

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)

Beginning Wednesday, April 23rd

Toddler Time (24-35 months)

Beginning Thursday, April 24th

Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)

Beginning Friday, April 25th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. Children will be registered at school.

*Register
Today!*



P.O. Box 268 • 328 Main Street • Grahamsville, NY 12740
845 985 7233 • www.danielpiercelibrary.org



**APRIL NEW HORIZONS:
SETTING THE STAGE FOR HEALTHY HABITS**

Join us to discover valuable information about personal experiences with food, cooking and health, and set goals for a healthier life.

**What motivates you to nourish and take care of your body?
What are other ways you can take care of yourself?**

Map out a healthy vision for the future then identify smaller steps that support the vision. Enjoy a food demo!
Presentation by Mary Brimmer, SNAP-Ed Nutritionist

Tuesday, April 29 1:00pm
Ellenville Senior Housing Community Room
Call 845-647-6400 ext. 281 to register

**THE FARM-ACY
AT ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Come pick up some FREE healthy fruits and vegetables April 10 and 24, from 4 to 6pm!
**or while supplies last*



Location

ERH Main Lobby
Park and walk over to the main lobby.
Lobby will not open for Farm-acy until 4PM.
10 Healthy Way, Ellenville NY 12428
Call (845) 647-6400 ext. 215 for questions.



**DROP IN
NARCAN TRAINING**

FRIDAYS STARTING IN APRIL
10 AM - 12 PM ELLENVILLE REGIONAL
Ellenville Regional Hospital Emergency Department

Other Harm Reduction Supplies Available:

- Narcan with Carry Case
- Safer Use Kits
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- Medication Locking Bags

Contact Us
845.807.7564
SUDHelpUlster.org



FAMILY WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

The MBK Family and Community Engagement Program in collaboration with Ellenville Regional Hospital RHN, SNAP-Ed New York & Cornell Cooperative Extension Invite Families and Students to take part in upcoming Family Workshops

Join Us For...

- Family Fitness Class
- Family Dinner & Nutrition
- Social Education Presentation
- Raffle Prizes
- Childcare is Available

2025 Dates:
May 12, June 9

**5:00-7:00pm at Ellenville
Jr/Sr High School**

Friends of the Olive Free Library
Saturday April 26 6-8pm
SPRING FUNDRAISER
Join the Friends of the Olive Free Library for a Dolly Parton-filled evening of food, fun, and music!
Celebrate the legend and her Imagination Library.

Dolly Forever!

Live music by Critter Bonus, playing Dolly's greatest hits
Dinner with Dolly's Southern favorites (hello, chicken & dumplings!)
Reading and stories from local author Holly George-Warren, co-author of *Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones*
Best Dolly Costume Prize!

Tickets: \$45 each
RSVP by April 20

OLIVE SENIORS

When: 2nd Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.
Where: American Legion Hall*
What: Guest speakers covering topics like CPR, wildlife, Ashokan Reservoir, etc. & visits from local vendors like the Catskill Visitor Center and Fruition Chocolate
Shuffleboard: meets January-May every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon**

* 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY, handicap accessible, bathrooms on site
** follows Catskills School District calendar and is cancelled when Catskills school cancel due to a weather event



knitting & crochet group
Thursdays 2-3pm

PIANO PLUS! CONCERT SERIES



Daria Podorozhnova & Terri Ji
with Inesa Sinkevych
Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY
Saturday, March 29 4:00 p.m.

Music Café



Every 3rd Thursday
7:00 - 9:00p.m.

NEW

This is a free concert open to all where you will hear some of the finest local and regional musicians right here at the library in the community room. You will enjoy a cozy "coffeehouse" atmosphere with complimentary beverages and snacks served.

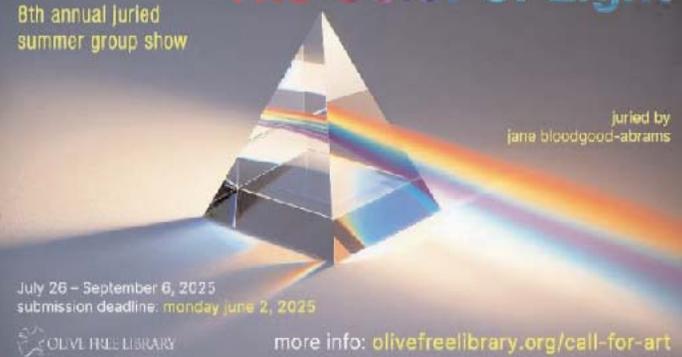
Wendy and Michael Belmont both bring guitar and songwriting. They will take you on a journey without borders, surprising you with a different genre around every bend, including Folk, Blues, Rock, Bluegrass, Irish, Latin, Classical, and more! (There is no cover!)
pat@musiccafeatolive.org

Thursday, March 20,
7:00-9:00p.m.

The Color of Light

8th annual juried summer group show

juried by
Jana Bloodgood-Abrams



July 26 - September 6, 2025
submission deadline: **Monday June 2, 2025**

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY
more info: olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art

Local Food Pantries

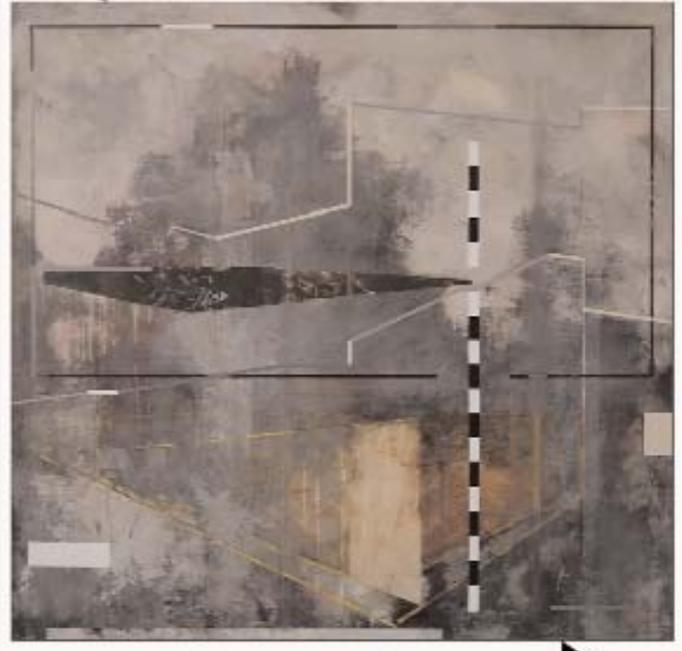
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Jörg Madlener
Wayne Toepp**

3.22.25 - 4.27.25
Opening Saturday, March 22, 4pm - 7pm

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Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and Chair of the Legislature Peter Criswell Introduce Ukrainian 'Sister Community' Resolution Agreement with Chernivtsi Regional Council of Ukraine Encourages Partnerships and Information Exchange in Areas of Culture, Education, and Local Government

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and Chair of the Legislature Peter Criswell have introduced a resolution in the County Legislature to authorize the signing of a "Sister Community" agreement between Ulster County and the Chernivtsi Region of Ukraine to work toward mutually beneficial exchanges in the areas of education, culture, and municipal service. The City of Kingston signed a similar Sister City agreement with the Ukraine City of Sokyryany in February 2024.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded Sister Cities International in 1956 to foster global peace through city-to-city partnerships promoting cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and mutual respect. Today, it connects more than 1,800 communities across 138 countries, exemplifying citizen diplomacy and global cooperation.

County Executive Metzger and Chair Criswell began exploring a possible partnership last year, when Kerhonkson native Tim Distel, who had spent a period of time living in the Chernivtsi Region of Ukraine, connected them with the Chernivtsi Regional Council.

The Chernivtsi Region of Ukraine, part of historic Bukovina, is home to notable landmarks, such as the UNESCO-listed Chernivtsi National University, a Byzantine-Romanesque architectural site, and the Khotyn Fortress, a medieval structure.

"I am a big believer in the benefits of international partnerships between communities, and we already have a strong foundation for this partnership in Ulster County, which has long had a thriving Ukrainian community and cultural center in the hamlet of Kerhonkson," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I look forward to building on this foundation and partnering with the Chernivtsi Region to further promote mutual understanding and cultural enrichment and the exchange of ideas. It is particularly important to show our solidarity with the Ukrainian people at this time, as they fight for their independence and an end to this unjust war."

"Ulster County is proud to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine through this partnership. This initiative reflects our commitment to global cooperation, humanitarian support, and building resilient communities," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "We believe this partnership will foster meaningful con-

nections, allowing us to share knowledge and resources while learning from the remarkable strength and innovation demonstrated by Ukrainian municipalities. By working together, we can make a tangible impact in supporting Ukraine's recovery and strengthening local governments on both sides."

"It's truly an honor to help our County build a bond of friendship and cooperation with the Chernivtsi Oblast," said Tim Distel. "I'm very proud of our community for continuing to Stand with Ukraine as they defend their independence."

The County Legislature will act on the resolution during their April 15 session.

The 2025 Community Resource Guide is Now Available!

Connecting Sullivan County Residents to Vital Resources

[LIBERTY, NY] - Have you or someone you know ever needed help but didn't know where to turn? The 2025 Community Resource Guide is your go-to tool for connecting with vital resources in collaboration between Sullivan County Public Health and Action Toward Independence (ATI), this guide empowers individuals, families, and communities with the information they need when they need it most.

With its comprehensive and user-friendly structure, the Community Resource Guide includes contact details and services that can help with everything from housing and healthcare to education and employment. It's a resource designed to uplift, support, and strengthen Sullivan County residents in navigating life's challenges.

"For Action Toward Independence (ATI), where much of our work revolves around 'Information and Referral' services for individuals with disabilities, the Community Resource Guide is an amazing tool for our staff and community," shared Deborah Worden, Executive Director of ATI. "It allows us to quickly link with other organizations and helps our clients access the critical services they need. Thanks to funding from the Administration for Community Living (ACL), we're honored to sponsor this essential publication."

Sullivan 180 is proud to collaborate on this essential tool to ensure that no Sullivan County resident feels left without support. Whether you're facing unexpected challenges or looking to help a neighbor, the Community Resource Guide is here for you.

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

ALZHEIMER'S CARING CONVERSATIONS

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Virtual education programs presented by the Alzheimer's Association[®]



When you are a dementia caregiver, caring can take various forms: self-care to reduce stress levels; adopting a healthy lifestyle to care for your own brain; and knowing the latest research to help care for your loved one.

We'll explore these different ways of caring during June, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Join us for one or all three of our virtual programs presented in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This statewide program series will provide tips and strategies, as well as identify local support services, to help navigate your journey.

Register for one or all of the programs by calling 800.272.3900 or clicking on the link in the program title below.

Self Care 101: You Can't Pour From an Empty Cup

Tues., June 3

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research

Tues., June 10

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Advancing the Science: The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research

Tues., June 17

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays

A program for DPL Patrons

Every Tuesday
9 am - 12 pm

Receive help on a variety of basic tech topics including:

- ▶ *Smartphones*
- ▶ *Tablets*
- ▶ *Laptops*
- ▶ *Website navigation*
- ▶ *Downloading apps*
 - ▶ *Social Media*
 - ▶ *Messaging Apps*
- ▶ *Streaming platforms*
 - ▶ *And more...*

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Contact Rebekah at 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!

Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

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Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?
Are you a teen having problems at home?

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.



Text 845-372-1817
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Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday
4pm-10pm
Saturday
& Sunday
5pm-12am



Free & confidential support
Someone who can listen and help
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:
Bullying - Eating Disorders -
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and more!

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OFF HOURS:
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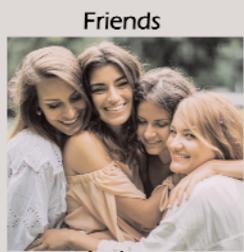
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GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

Contact:

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Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the **DESPERATE NEED** for ages **8-18!**



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Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

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

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

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

- Set Your Goal – whether it's 5, 10 or 30 books, there's no limit!
- Read – explore new genres, authors and topics.
- Track Your Progress – add the titles as you go.
- 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.

Expand your horizons with new books.

For ALL ages!

Read adventurously!



Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

at the Daniel Pierce Library

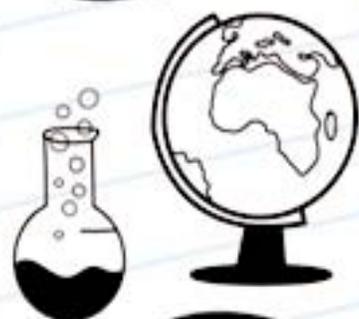
We invite all homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs.

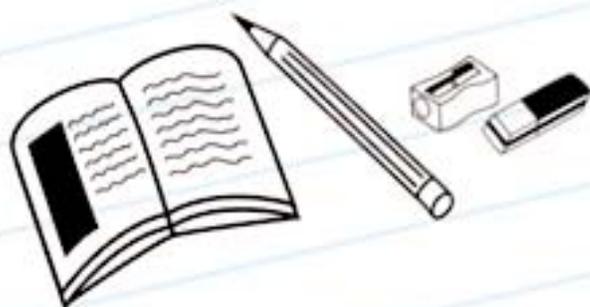
You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

**Text or call Dana
for more information:
845 707 – 2489**



**Beginning
September
24th**





PUBLIC NOTICE

March 20, 2025

UCTC Year 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update



The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has initiated an update to the Long Range Transportation Plan for year 2050.

To learn more about the plan's schedule, upcoming meetings, and how to participate in our survey, please visit our website at <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/admin/projects/mobility-2050>

Long Range Transportation Plan

The Ulster County Transportation Council's (UCTC) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) looks ahead twenty-five years to establish a framework for the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems. Updated at least every five years, the plan covers the UCTC's Metropolitan Planning Area, which is all of Ulster County. This long-term perspective is especially valuable, as transportation projects often require significant time to progress from concept to planning, design, and ultimately, construction. The LRTP plays a key role in guiding priorities and decision-making for the region's transportation system.

Take Our Survey!

Take the LRTP 2050 survey here: www.fhstudio-apps.com/arnie/#/workshop/UCTCRTP and have your say!

Written comments or hard copies of the survey may be requested through the Ulster County Transportation Council, c/o Brian Slack, 244 Fair Street, PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402-1800 or emailed to bsla@co.ulster.ny.us. The public comment period ends Monday June 30th, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Check back for updates on stakeholder meetings, pop-events, and more!



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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I**

Amazon Prime; Fandango; YouTube
Munster, Go Home!
(1966, 1h 36m | Comedy | TV-PG)

Is ghoulish looking Herman Munster an aristocrat? He is when he inherits an estate from a British uncle, and takes his wife Lily, and his entire family, his son, Eddie, a niece Marilyn, and Grandpa an experimenter supreme, go to England by boat to claim both his title, and his manor house. Marilyn falls in love with Roger Moresby, a race-driving champion boating across the Atlantic to England. On arriving, they receive a less than a wonderful welcome, from their foreign relatives (Lady Effigies, her children Freddy and Grace, and their sinister butler Crookshank), who are using the manor house as the headquarters of a counterfeiting ring.



The thugs try to chase them away, but all attempts to scare off the Munsters fail terribly, for they are delighted by screams in the night, white-sheeted apparitions, and other ghostly phenomena. Desperate to get rid of the Munsters, Lady Effigie persuades Herman to save the family honor by entering an automobile race against Roger, as their families have been longtime rivals. Roger is knocked unconscious, and the head of the counterfeiting ring substitutes another driver, planning harm to Herman as the race proceeds. Herman, avoids trouble by driving his Dragula, a special coffin-shaped car, wins the race. Will Rodger visit Marilyn in the States? **Directed by Earl Bellamy, Starring Fred Gwynne, Al Lewis, Yvonne De Carlo, Hermione Gingold** When the Munster family inherits a British Estate, they are set upon by some archcriminals who are using the place for a counterfeiting ring.

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: **Jane Austin**

This weeks' Trivia question:

What is Jack Nicholson's problem in *As Good as it Gets*?



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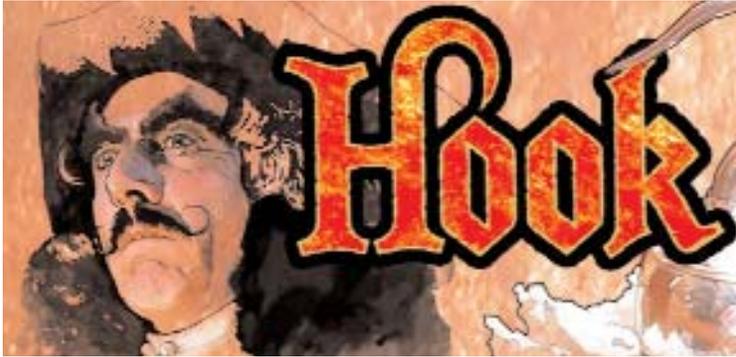
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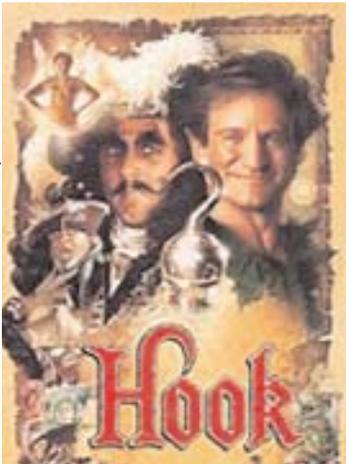
“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II
Pluto TV, YouTube, Apple TV, Amazon Prime

Hook

(PG · 1991 · 2hr 22min · Fantasy)



Written by Jim V. Hart, and Malia Scotch Marmo, and **Directed by Steven Spielberg**, starring. **Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Julia Roberts, Bob Hoskins, Maggie Smith, and Charlie Korsmo**, While Hook was critically derided when it hit theaters in 1991, Spielberg found something special here in his retelling of the “Peter Pan,” many still maintain it’s one of Spielberg’s great movies for kids of all ages, the affect it had on an entire generation of children is undeniable. Robin Williams plays a grown-up Peter Pan who’s forgotten all about his time in Neverland, until Captain Hook (Dustin Hoffman) steals his children and forces Peter to go back. It’s a



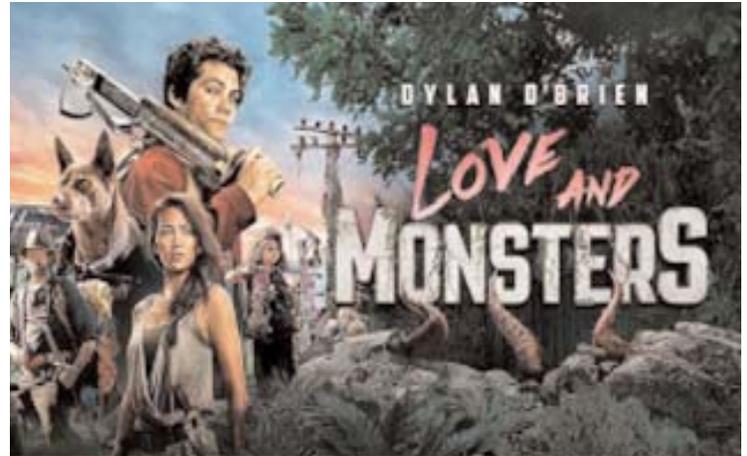
struggle, as Peter keeps trying to deny any semblance of magic, and indeed at heart this is a story about reconnecting with your inner child. Perhaps that’s why it works so well for kids. Well that and the tremendous production design that brings Neverland to life in vivid fashion. Watch this one with your children and they won’t be disappointed. It’s also one of John Williams’ best scores.

Knarf's Classic Movie III

“ON AMAZON PRIME

LOVE AND MONSTERS

(Action, Adventure, Comedy [CC] PG-13)



Far in the future in a monster-infested world, Joel (Dylan O'Brien) learns his high school sweetheart (Jessica Henwick) is just about 80 miles away. Now, Joel must discover his inner hero, facing unknown dangers on the impossible route of a hero’s journey, to be with the girl of he loves.



Love and Monsters is set seven years after the monster apocalypse with 95% of the world’s population gone. It follows Joel Dawson who leaves his colony to travel approximately 80 miles to get to his high school sweetheart’s colony. Along the way he meets an Australian kelpie named Boy who helps him along the journey. Directed by Michael Matthews, and Starring Dylan O'Brien, Jessica Henwick, Michael Rooker

Stay safe, May God Bless
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