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The "On the Road" version of the Frederick Cook Exhibit opened this past Saturday, June 28th at the Neversink General Store.

The exhibition includes photographs taken by Dr. Frederick Cook during his expeditions to Greenland, Antarctica, Alaska, South America and the North Pole.

Dr. Cook (1865-1940) is the Sullivan County native who achieved international fame for his visionary work as an explorer. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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On the Front Burner: Sing aloud unto God our strength; make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Psalm 81:1

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

June 1, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dymond of Sundown are the parents of a son, Richard Isaac, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville on May 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Dover Jr. of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter, Roxanne, born May 24th at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville.

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May 19, 1965

Miss Jane Louise Ackerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ackerley of Grahamsville, and Carl Robert Houghtaling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Houghtaling of Neversink, were married on Sunday, May 16, 1965 in the Grahamsville Methodist Church. The Rev. Eugene L. Crabbe of Ellenville officiated in the double ring ceremony. The couple left for a wedding trip through northern New York State and are residing at a trailer home near Grahamsville.

Mrs. Ethel Hornbeck, 80, a long time resident of Grahamsville, died in Kingston on May 15, 1965. She had been Town Clerk for the Town of Neversink for 25 years and was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church. She was born May 11, 1885 in Accord, the daughter of the late Harmon and Martha Carney Sheeley. She was married to

the late Sanford Hornbeck. Surviving are her son; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

June 4, 1975

Lisa Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood, was confirmed at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty on Sunday.

Barry and Carol Newman of East Mountain celebrated their 15th anniversary on June 3rd and daughter Terri Jo will be 4 years old on June 6th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sheeley who were married 51 years on May 24th.

Cheryl McNamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNamars, has been accepted at Ulster County Community College for the Nursing Program.

May 30, 1985

Gregory G. Grey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey of Grahamsville, was the recipient of the Data Processing Management Association Membership Award at Hartwick College's Honors Day Convocation.

Vernon C. Turner of Divine Corners, a retired construction worker and lifelong area resident, died Tuesday, May 21 at Horton Memorial Hosp., Middletown. He was 82. The son of the late George and Lucy Upham Turner, he was born February 10, 1903 in Divine Corners. He was a member of the Hurleyville United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Hazel Geer Turner, at home; two sons: Milton Turner of Woodbourne and Vernon Turner of West Edmeston; two daughters: Sylvia Kortright of Liberty and Marian Keator of Divine Corners; 13 grandchildren and on great-grandchild.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published June 16, 1998

Does anyone remember the friendly organ grinder and his friendly little monkey? "I do." In the early 1900's we kids looked forward to his visit every summer up there in Grooville about this time of year. When the boarding houses were open for business, he would make his rounds. We would be outside playing, and we would hear the special music of his arrival as it was carried on the warm summer air before they turned the corner to come up our hill. I still recall rushing into the house to tell my parents, "The organ grinder is coming", and being told to wait until he got to our house and then dad would pass out the pennies.

The monkey's owner always had a wide grin on his face as he walked into our yard, cranking away on his magical box and people appeared like magic! The music box hung from his shoulder by a leather strap and on the bottom was a wooden pail which enable him to stand the organ on the ground. He would then play his music and use one hand to hold the monkey's leash which was attached to a harness.

That bright eyed little creature was dressed in a little red coat trimmed in shiny black braid with gold buttons and big pockets. A tiny pill-box hat completed the outfit. When his master was walking, the monkey was swung up by his leash to sit on top of the organ. Then his master would take him from the music box and place him on the ground and he looked so cute with that little coat hanging to his knees.

Somebody would hold out a penny and the monkey would take the coin, doff his hat and place the penny in his pocket. Then he would start looking around for more. When our supply of pennies was exhausted, the organ grinder would swing the monkey up on the pail and go up the road to stop at the boarding houses where man and monkey would again do their routine, more music and more pennies.

Household Hint:

Clean Computer and TV Screens with a Dryer Sheet

Use a dry dryer sheet to dust television and computer monitor screens. The silicon coating on the dryer sheet will pick up dust and help to reduce static. Remember, never use a dryer sheet that is already dampened on electronics. The moisture can harm screens.

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

A Tasty Treat for the Hummingbirds

When I walked out to the mailbox today, I noticed that the Bee Balm in the front yard was beginning to burst into fiery bright red blossoms. Quite a few hummingbirds also discovered the newly opened flowers.

Bee Balm is a native plant in the Catskills. Bee Balm, also known as Bergamot, Monarda and Oswego Tea. If you have ever had a cup of Oswego Tea you may agree with me - it has a similar taste to Earl Grey tea.



Native Americans, including the Blackfoot, Menominee, Ojibwa and Winnebago knew the wonderful properties of this plant. The Blackfoot Indians recognized the strong antiseptic action of Bee Balm and used poultices of the plant for skin infections and minor wounds. Bee Balm is the natural source of the antiseptic Thymol, the primary active ingredient in modern commercial mouthwash formulas. The Winnebago used a tisane made from bee balm as a general stimulant. Bee balm was also used as a carminative herb to treat excessive flatulence. An infusion of crushed Bee Balm was used to treat headaches and fevers.

Bee Balm is easily recognized and grows quite well in full sun where the soil is moist, yet well drained. Bee Balm will grow in shade, and will spread rapidly, but will not produce abundant flowers as it does in a sunny spot.

The individual flowers are narrowly tube-shaped, tightly clustered together in 2 in. heads and set atop a square stem. The stem is lined with large dark green oval leaves that have a minty aroma. Hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees are attracted to the blossoms.

The beautiful red Bee Balm that is common in our area, *Monarda didyma*, is not the only member of the *Monarda* family that grows in the Catskills. *Monarda fistulosa*, commonly known as Wild Bergamot, has lavender or smoky pink flowers. *Monarda Citriodora* and *Monarda Pectinata* have light lavender to lilac-colored blooms and have slightly decreased flower quantities. All are commonly called Bee Balm and are members of the mint family.

What did John Burroughs have to say about Bee Balm? Quoted from his book, John Burroughs states, "I shall long remember the enticing stream, the pretty cascades, the high shelving rocks sheltering the mossy nest of the phoebe, and the glowing masses of Bee Balm blooming beside the stream; yes, and the eagerness of one of the fisherman as he slipped along ahead of me, dropping his hook into the pools. Occasionally he would relinquish the rod, putting it into my hands with a rare self-denial as we came to a promising pools; but I was more deft at gathering Bee Balm than taking trout, and willingly spared the rod to the eager angler."

Today Bee Balm has even found its way into the florist's shop. Definitely a Catskill Mountain prize, this beautiful red blossomed flower certainly has a long history that surely goes back long before John Burroughs, to the days when the native's of this land had their own name for this outstanding plant -- Oswega tea!

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(From Pg. 1) Curated by Cook Society Executive Director Carol Smith, the exhibition is part of the Society's educational outreach mission.

"These are some of the first images of the last unexplored places on Earth," says Smith. "This is an absolutely extraordinary body of work from one of the greatest adventurers the world has ever known."

The opening reception for the Neversink Gallery exhibition included refreshments, and of course, live music by the Americana band Little Sparrow.

The Neversink Gallery is located at 4 Schumway Road, just off Route 55 in Neversink.

The exhibition is dedicated to the Society's beloved friend and lifelong supporter, the late Carol Smythe.

The Cook Society maintains a gallery and research library open to the public six days a week at the County Museum on Main Street in Hurleyville (www.scnyhistory.org).

For more information, call 845 671-9548 or visit

www.frederickcookpolar.or

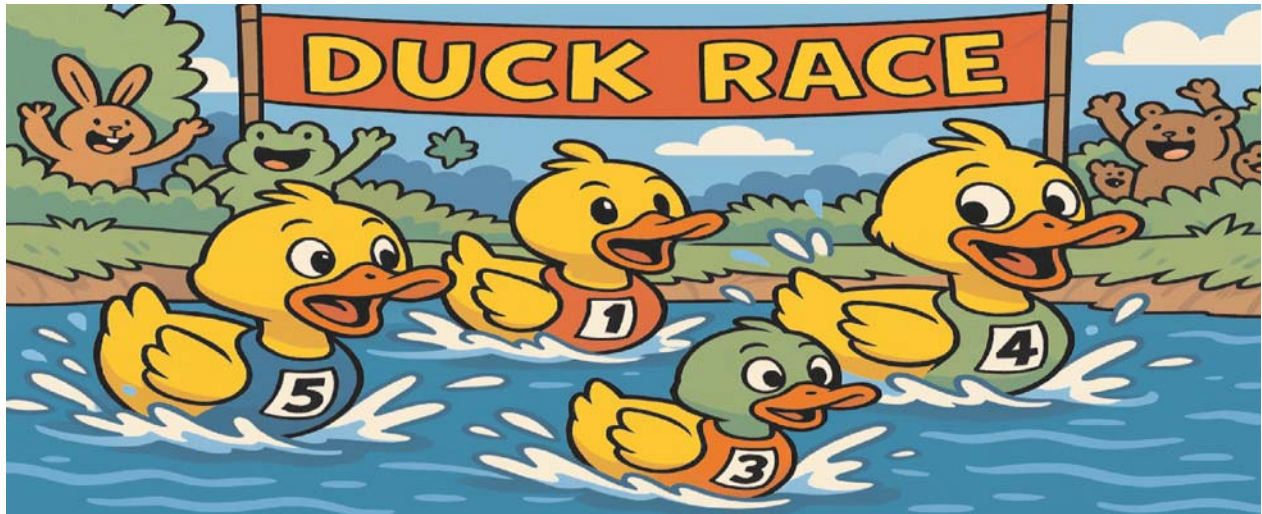


Setting up exhibit at Neversink General Store Gallery



*Above: Icebergs
Right: Little Sparrow*





OUR DUCK RACE MASCOT IS
MISSING!!
HELP US FIND HIM.

Three years ago, Kiwanis of Woodridge welcomed its first annual Kiwanis Duck Race, a cheerful splash-fest where rubber ducks raced down the Morningside Creek for charity. What started as a simple fundraiser soon became our best fun event!

Last year, a lack of rain meant water in the creek was non-existent. Hurleyville Fire Department stepped in to rescue the event by flooding the creek with water from their tanker. We can't thank them enough!

This year our prized golden duck, Patty Quack, the honorary race leader set to kick off the event this year in style, has mysteriously vanished. Townsfolk have various theories: a rogue squirrel with a taste for rubber? A jealous rival duck? A daring heist by a *duck-loving secret society*? Everyone is encouraged to submit their own theories about what really happened to Patty Quack at kiwanisofwoodridge@gmail.com

The hunt is on! A reward is offered for the best "Missing" poster. Bring your "Missing" poster to the Duck Race for judging. You could win a great prize. (Posters will be judged in the following categories – Children 5 – 12; Adult 13 and up). Judging will be done by "Patty Quack & friends - if he's found on time!

See you at the Duck Race - Morningside Park, Hurleyville, NY on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.



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Backstory

Mysterious Book Report No. 496

Published June 30, 2022

by John Dwaine McKenna

Backstory, (Oceanview Publishing, \$27.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978- 1-60809-490-5), by William L. Meyers, is a

tale of psychological terror that begins when a man is attacked in an alley, where his head is repeatedly slammed face first into a brick wall, leaving him bloody, disoriented and without memory of who he is . . . or where.

When he comes to, he stumbles into the bar he's behind, and learns he's a regular there, he's called Bob -a name he doesn't recognize -and that the town they're in is called Kournfield, somewhere in Kansas.

For some reason, Bob thinks something, or someone, is telling him to leave, to run away, and get out of there. And for some other, unknown reason, it's important for him to conceal his amnesia . . . but he gradually learns that his beloved wife Helen, has recently committed suicide with an overdose of pills. He fakes his way back to his job as a supervisor at the local Goodyear Tire plant and tries to pick up the pieces of his shattered existence. But it's just not working. As his memory comes back in fits and starts, his paranoia grows by leaps and bounds. He believes someone is chasing him and that that someone murdered his wife and broke into his apartment. Flashes of memory come back, like lightning in far away storm clouds, and he realizes that his search must take him to Philadelphia, where hints of dirty cops, stolen bribe money, and criminals itching for revenge haunt his mind. As the suspense builds, his delusions begin to lessen and the picture of who - and what -he really is becomes slightly clearer as he learns more about his secret, and dirty past. Is he a good guy? Or a bad guy and a bully with a badge? You can only find the answer by reading this eerie and suspenseful, well-plotted yarn to it's stunning conclusion. It will not only keep you on the edge of your seat . . . you'll never guess the ending!!

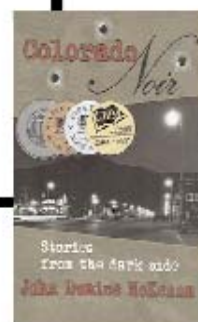
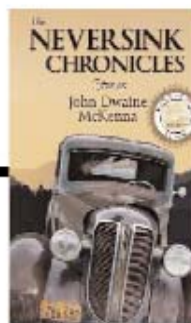
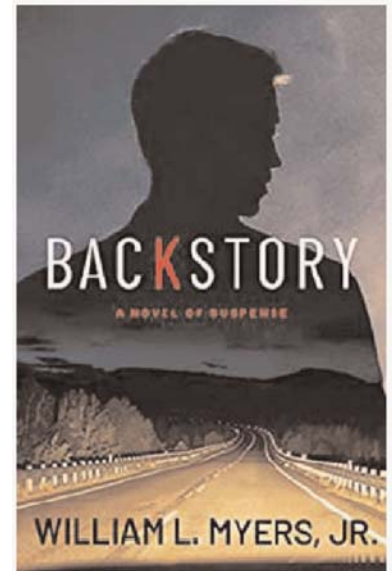
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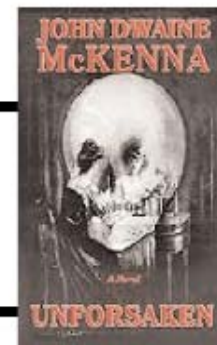
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Healing Medicine

I miss the medical simplicity of my childhood days. My mom called Dr. Gerde and he would show up with his black leather satchel. He would treat us using one of the following:

Iodine, stitches, and bandages for cuts
 Gauze and plaster and a sling for broken bones
 Aspirin for a fever
 Boric Acid for boils and Calamine Ointment for itches
 Cough syrup (laced with alcohol or drugs) for colds and flu
 And a shot of penicillin (always in the butt) for everything else.
 My mom would pay him in cash or check, and we were left to heal.

Now, heaven forbid you get sick and need care right away. It had better not be on a weekend, or holiday, or night, or early morning. It had better be Monday to Friday, 9 to 5 and not be urgent. Getting a doctor's appointment these days involves calling a number of a big medical conglomerate, talking to a machine that plays dreadful music while instructing you to push numerous buttons and informing you that their website is more convenient. You eventually reach a person or voicemail that will, either way, tell you to call an extension where the process is repeated until someone returns your call to make an appointment that may be beyond your current lifespan.

This past weekend I found myself convinced that I had pneumonia and that pneumonia had caused my heart to go into A-fib. We went to Urgent Care, which is really a misnomer. They are neither "urgent" nor do they care." The front desk directed me to a check-in machine which kept rejecting my information repeatedly until a screen popped up asking me to select an appointment time starting at 1:30 that day (It was only 10:30 now and home was an hour round trip.)

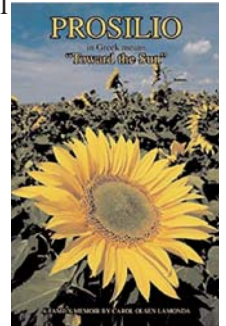
We left the full waiting room and went to the hospital ER where I got escorted right in, given a battery of X-rays, EkG's, urinalysis, a saline drip, bloodwork, and a heart monitor for two hours. I had constant care from technicians, nurses, and doctors, who sent me home with a heart in sinus rhythm (no A-fib), Bronchitis (no Pneumonia yet). And bloodwork cleared. Hooray for good medical insurance. I am sure the bill would bankrupt a small business. I feel for the poor and under-insured that cannot afford the luxury of getting sick.

I was told to pick up a prescription for a strong antibiotic (Z-pack). At home, I had to use a magnifying glass to enlarge the medicine's directions. Even then, the writing was infinitesimal chicken scratch, so I had to take a picture on my phone to enlarge it. The pills were encased with plastic and cardboard so thick a scissor couldn't free them. I used nail clippers and tweezers. Coping!

NOW COMES THE HARD PART. I was told to follow up with my family physician. Of course, it is the weekend, and Monday morning it will be 'LET THE MEDICAL GAMES COMMENCE.' I'm getting prepared to hold, listen to dreadful music, and beg for a follow-up appointment in the foreseeable future.

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**



UC Human Rights Commission Launches Inaugural Community Recognition Award

The Ulster County Human Rights Commission is proud to announce the launch of its 1st annual Human Rights Community Recognition Award, inviting the public to nominate individuals and organizations or businesses that have made outstanding contributions to advancing, supporting, and protecting human rights in Ulster County.

Award Categories:

- o Individual Award: Recognizing a person who has made a significant impact in promoting and defending human rights through advocacy, leadership, or service.
- o Organization/Business Award: Honoring an organization or business whose programs, policies, or initiatives have supported human rights in Ulster County.

Nominees must reside (individual) or operate (organization/business) in Ulster County and have demonstrated meaningful actions that align with the principles of human rights, equity, and inclusivity. Their contributions should have a measurable impact on individuals or the broader community.

To nominate a candidate, complete the nomination form available here: tinyurl.com/UCHumanRightsAward. Forms are also available by contacting the Ulster County Human Rights Department at (845) 334-5492 or humanrights@co.ulster.ny.us, or by visiting ulstercountyny.gov/human-rights-commission.

All nominations must be received by October 1. Awardees will be honored at a public event hosted by the Human Rights Commission during the week of December 10, in observance of International Human Rights Day. Date, time, and location to be announced later this year.

Shandaken Resident Gigi Loizzo Appointed to Olympic Regional Development Authority Board

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today congratulated Gigi Loizzo, a community leader and resident of Pine Hill in the Town of Shandaken, on her appointment to the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) Board of Directors. The Governor appointed Loizzo at the recommendation of County Executive Metzger, and the appointment was confirmed by the State Senate earlier this month.

The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) was established by the State of New York to manage and promote the Olympic venues used during the 1980 Winter Games in Lake Placid. Today, ORDA operates major recreational and training facilities across the Adirondacks as well as Belleayre Mountain in the Town of Shandaken. ORDA plays a vital role in driving tourism, economic development, and athletic excellence across the state.

Gigi Loizzo brings to this body decades of experience in nonprofit leadership, cultural institutions, and community-based development. She currently owns and operates the



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Belleayre Lodge in Pine Hill and has held senior leadership roles at the International Center of Photography, the Guggenheim Museum, and the National September 11 Memorial Museum. Her board service includes the Wellington Blueberry LLC, Pine Hill Community Center and 1020 Grand Concourse, where she has led on finance, development, and governance.

"I was proud to recommend Gigi for this role and thank Governor Hochul for appointing her to the ORDA Board," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Gigi brings a deep understanding of our region's cultural and economic strengths, along with a clear commitment to community-centered growth, and she will be a great asset to Ulster County and the entire state as a Board member. Belleayre Mountain is a major economic driver and recreational treasure in our County, and it's incredibly important to have local representation in these conversations. I know Gigi will be a strong, thoughtful advocate for our region and will bring invaluable experience and insights to ORDA's work."

"I'm honored to be nominated to the Olympic Regional Development Authority," said Gigi Loizzo. "With a background in nonprofit cultural institutions, I've seen firsthand how investing in place-based initiatives can strengthen communities, support local economies, and celebrate regional identity. I'm excited to bring that perspective to ORDA's work - ensuring that our efforts uplift local voices, expand access, and drive sustainable growth rooted in community values."

For more information about ORDA and its venues, visit orda.org.



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New Coalition Condemns Antisemitic Incidents

July 1, 2025: The newly formed *Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism* today condemned reported acts of antisemitism in Woodburne and South Fallsburg. Eggs were reportedly thrown at the local rabbi in front of the synagogue in Woodburne and at other Jewish individuals in South Fallsburg.

"It is outrageous that in Sullivan County Jews are being attacked at or near their house of worship solely because of their religion," said Jacob Billig, a representative of the Coalition of eight Sullivan County synagogues. "We commend the Fallsburg Police Department and other local law enforcement for their swift action to investigate these horrific incidents of hate and bigotry."

The mission of the *Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism* is to combat antisemitism in all its forms by denouncing acts of hate, bigotry and offensive speech and delivering a strong immediate response, and by engaging the community through education and activism in opposition to intolerance and disrespect.

For further information please contact Jacob Billig at jbillig18@gmail.com 845.423.3677

Message from Governor Hochul

Summer's here, and I know New Yorkers are looking for fun, memorable ways to spend the warmer months. But I know how challenging it can be for families to meet the kids' expectations.

Well, I'm here to tell you: You don't need to get on a cruise or go to Disneyland to make incredible summer memories. I'm fighting to make New York State more affordable all year round, and summer is no exception.

So, from me to you: Here are some tips on how to have family fun in New York, for the best (or no) price.

1. Hike a trail

New York is home to some of the greatest natural wonders in the country.

Whether it's hiking, swimming, biking, or just spending time with family, there's a lifetime of memories to be made in our State Parks.

I want to make sure you're able to enjoy all our state has to offer, and our State Parks system offers discounts for frequent visitors, working families, seniors, veterans, and more. Learn more and see if you qualify for one of these programs.

2. Hit the beach for Independence Day

Long Island is home to some of the East Coast's most stunning beach destinations.

Thanks to our investments, the A train is running more frequently and reliably - good news for New Yorkers heading to the Rockaways this summer!

If you're heading to Jones Beach, make sure to visit the Bandshell, which is hosting free concerts, movie nights, and other events at the Field 4 Boardwalk every night through August 31.



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Not near Long Island? No problem.

Head to Empire State Plaza in Albany for a free Summer at the Plaza event, or to one of our New York State Parks for free or low-cost events all year long.

Plus, New York State pools and beaches are open in every corner of the state!

3. Save money with Summer Saturdays

The "Summer Saturday" discount program is back!

Starting July 5, Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North monthly ticket holders can ride anywhere on their networks every Saturday at no additional cost.

Even better: You can bring along up to two friends for just \$1 each way.

Whether you're heading to the beach, the city, or somewhere in between, this is a great way to enjoy all New York has to offer. Learn more about Summer Saturdays and make your travel plans!

4. Celebrate the Erie Canal's 200th birthday

As a proud Buffalonian, I'll take any chance to brag about the Erie Canal. This year, we've got a big reason to celebrate: Two hundred years ago, the Erie Canal opened, reshaping New York's economy and helping to build our state into what it is today!

Communities all along the Canal are celebrating this milestone with events throughout the summer, from Albany to Buffalo and beyond - and we're working to make sure it will continue serving New Yorkers for another 200 years.

Find a free event near you.

5. Head to the New York State Fair

Fried dough, ferris wheels, farm animals, and lots of music. The State Fair is one of our most beloved New York traditions.

To kick off the carnival season, the Fair is offering a Star-Spangled Savings promotion, with tickets available online for just \$6.28 each including fees, now through July 6. Learn more and get your discount!

No matter where you live in our great state, I know the pressures you're facing - and every one of these programs are part of my work to make New York more affordable for you and your family.

New York homeowners are getting money back in their pockets through the STAR Rebate this summer, and Inflation Refund checks will be sent out to millions of New Yorkers starting this fall - no hoops to jump through, just money back in your pocket.

As you enjoy all the beauty and excitement New York offers this summer, I'm going to keep working to make life easier for you.

Peace de Resistance" – up and glowing

Peace de Resistance" is up and glowing at the Rail Explorers Mt. Tremper train station, right next to the Emerson Resort on Rt 28. Some may call it the "Peace Station"! ("Pièce de resistance" in French means the best of all.) The 16 foot tall peace sign was built and installed by local artists Dave Channon and Steve Neville with the help of Joe "Muscles" Duffy.

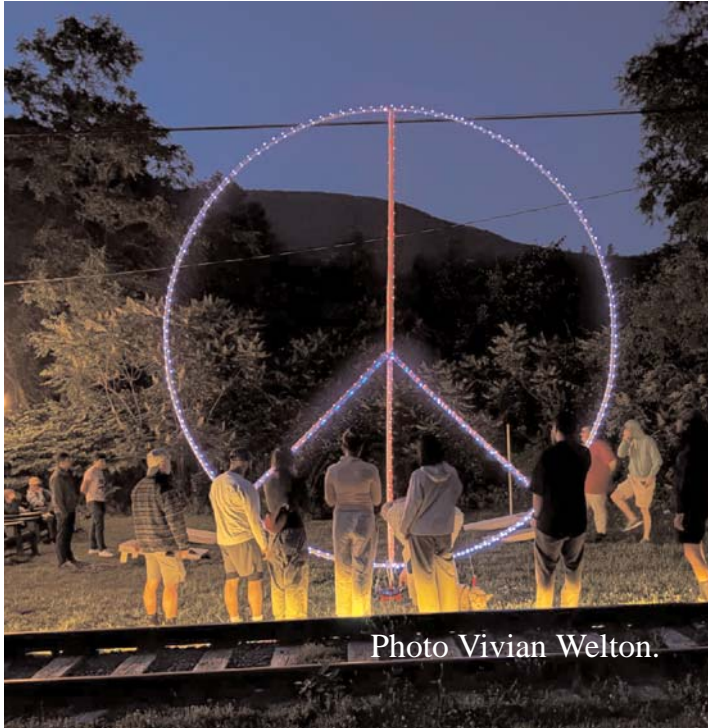


Photo Vivian Welton.

Rail Explorers shows their dedication to peace on Earth - and to the community - by inviting artists to exhibit sculpture along their pedal power rail ride. Power to the Pedal!

This soft opening will be followed by a celebration of peace soon. Look for upcoming announcements of date and time. In a world of war and suffering we must do what we can to bring harmony and joy to all. Peace maker Steve Neville has built dozens of peace signs that glow in the dark, and has been offering them to people and businesses for a charitable donation. You can see them all over Shandaken. Please stop at the "Peace Station" parking area and spend a few moments in a prayer for peace. Visit Rail Explorers Phoenicia Train Station and see Joe Chirchirillo's Rock solid concrete Peace sign along the tracks. Ride the Peace Train!

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Ulster County Human Rights Commission Launches Inaugural Community Recognition Award

The Ulster County Human Rights Commission is proud to announce the launch of its 1st annual Human Rights Community Recognition Award, inviting the public to nominate individuals and organizations or businesses that have made outstanding contributions to advancing, supporting, and protecting human rights in Ulster County. Award Categories:

- o Individual Award: Recognizing a person who has made a significant impact in promoting and defending human rights through advocacy, leadership, or service.
- o Organization/Business Award: Honoring an organization or business whose programs, policies, or initiatives have supported human rights in Ulster County.

Nominees must reside (individual) or operate (organization/business) in Ulster County and have demonstrated meaningful actions that align with the principles of human rights, equity, and inclusivity. Their contributions should have a measurable impact on individuals or the broader community.

To nominate a candidate, complete the nomination form available here: tinyurl.com/UCHumanRightsAward. Forms are also available by contacting the Ulster County Human Rights Department at (845) 334-5492 or human-rights@co.ulster.ny.us, or by visiting ulstercountyny.gov/human-rights-commission.

All nominations must be received by October 1. Awardees will be honored at a public event hosted by the Human Rights Commission during the week of December 10, in observance of International Human Rights Day. Date, time, and location to be announced later this year.

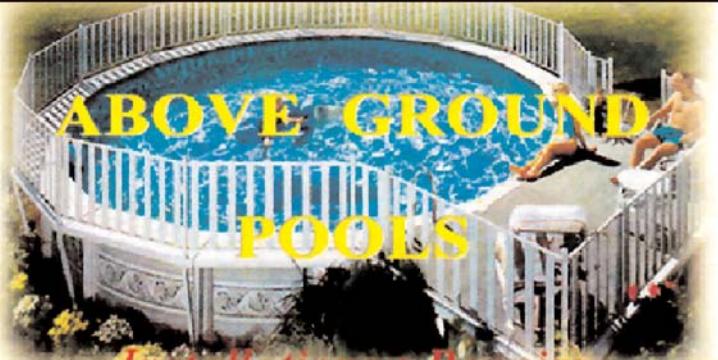
Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Announces Return of 'Safe Start to Summer' Road Safety Campaign

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today announced the start of the annual "Safe Start to Summer" road safety campaign, which she first launched last year to promote safe driving behavior as the school year finishes and the busy summer season begins.

Running from July 1 through July 14, the campaign includes both an educational outreach effort and enhanced enforcement of traffic laws by the Ulster County Sheriff and participating local police departments at high-risk locations throughout Ulster County. The locations are identified by municipal input and/or crash data from the Ulster County Transportation Council.

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"Through our Safe Start campaign, we are seeking to create a driving culture of vigilance, mindfulness, and respect on our roadways for every road user," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "With the school year ending and communities welcoming more outdoor activity and summer visitors, this is a particularly critical time to double down on awareness-raising and enforcement. I want to thank all our partners in this effort, including the Ulster County Sheriff, local elected leaders and police chiefs, and the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board."

Launched in 2024 in response to a series of tragic motor vehicle crashes in the County, Safe Start to Summer addresses the dangers of speeding, aggressive driving, and distraction behind the wheel - trends that have increased since the pandemic. The campaign emphasizes a shared responsibility to create safe roads.

Participating agencies again include the Ulster County Executive's Office, Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, Office of the Sheriff, and local law enforcement agencies.

A social media kit and educational materials for the campaign are available for local governments, law enforcement agencies, school administrators, interested organizations and members of the public at participate.ulstercountyny.gov/road-safety.

For more information, updates, or to get involved, please visit participate.ulstercountyny.gov/road-safety.

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Daniel Pierce Library

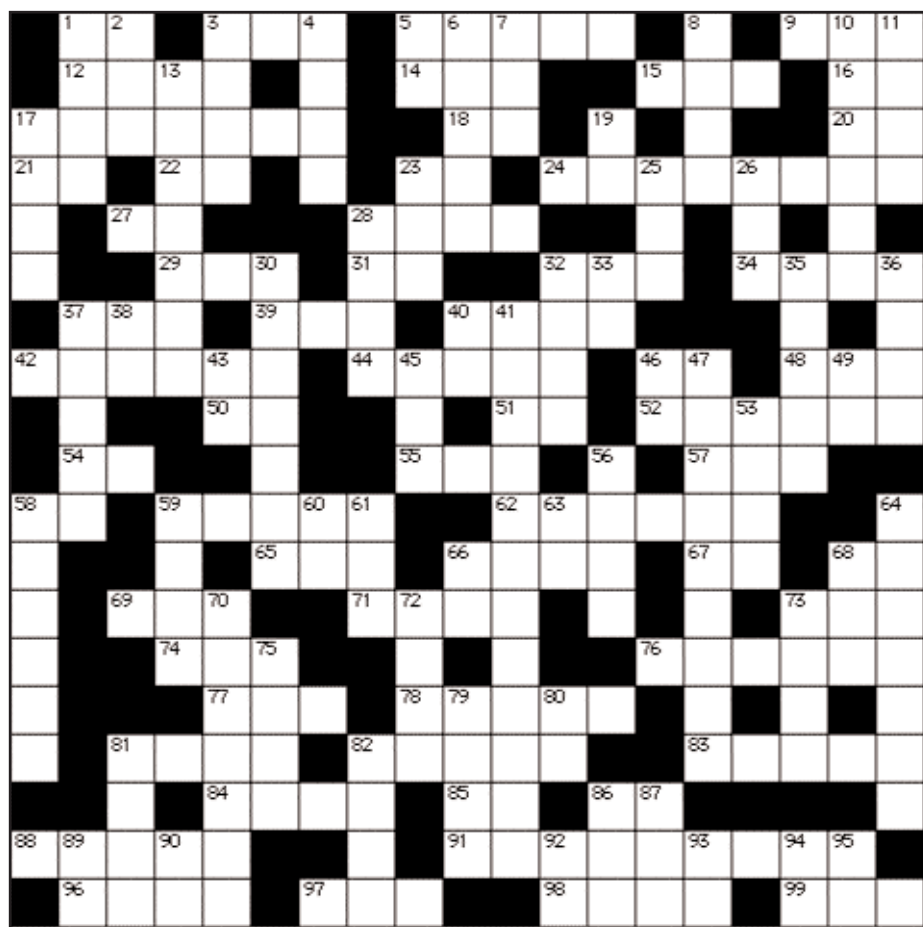
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A.!! - L. Comando



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3 Tank
5 Loft
9 Light knock
12 Small flute
14 Female deer
15 Direct
16 Colorado
17 Nationalist
18 Chem element
20 Centilitre
21 Links alternatives
22 Half an em
23 Person speaking
24 Food cooked on a grill
27 Exist
28 Place to pitch a tent
29 Not bright
31 Associated Press
32 Large coffee pot with a tap
34 So be it
37 Relating to live (comb.

form)
39 Not on
40 High quality
42 Ordinary
44 Happening
46 Provided that
48 Feline
50 Street
51 Perform
52 Authority to publish certain works
54 At the time
55 Night before an event
57 Fish eggs
58 Store at a military base
59 Movies
62 Fine powdery plant substance that carries the male gamete
65 Past
66 Lease
67 "The People"
68 Long Island
69 Talk
71 Cowshed
73 Camorra
74 An edible

kernel
76 Bring something into existence
77 Rapid Eye Movement
78 Split
81 Long story
82 Where most of our fireworks come from
83 Bed linen
84 As a result
85 North Carolina
86 Father
88 Natural stream
91 Government by the people
96 Their construction changed for all time, the face of Tri-Valley
97 Utilize
98 Between twelve and twenty
99 Male adults

DOWN

1 At a distance
2 Mass. Institute of Technology
3 Blood vessel
4 Very young children
5 Advertise-ment
6 Natural object believed to have spiritual significance
7 Cleared space on a golf course
8 Branch
10 Charge with
11 Post
13 Liberation
17 Flesh of a pig
19 Each
23 Chart
25 Sprint
26 Age
28 Coffeehouse
30 One of the lost Tri-Valley towns
32 Archaic 'to'
33 Regarding
35 Corn salad
36 Obtain as a

clear profit
37 White mineral used in making glass
38 I am
40 Chem. element Iron
41 Autonomy
43 Computer operating system
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47 Fourth of July event
49 Lo-ation in a particular place
53 Departed
56 Lowest female singing voice
58 Public procession
59 A baked dessert
60 Auto named for Morris's Garage
61 Cry

63 Supported by
64 Free rein
66 Railroad
68 Great quantity
70 What might be on the 4th of July menu
72 Curved structure
73 Life partner
75 Droplet
79 "The Swedish Nightingale"
80 Fourth note of the major scale
81 Indian god, husband of Parvati
82 Centers of ears of corn
86 Author of "The Raven"
87 Champion
89 Part of the human psyche
90 Printer's measure
92 Mountain
93 Registered nurse
94 Centimeter
95 "___ Olde Tri-Valley Townsman"

Plan ahead 4th of July BBQ Spareribs

4 pounds pork spareribs
1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup ketchup
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup rum
1/2 cup chile sauce
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 dash ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Cut spareribs into serving size portions, wrap in double thickness of foil, and bake for 1 1/2 hours. Unwrap, and drain drippings. Place ribs in a large roasting pan.

In a bowl, mix together brown sugar, ketchup, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, rum, chile sauce, garlic, mustard, and pepper. Coat ribs with sauce and marinate at room temperature for 1 hour, or refrigerate overnight.

Preheat grill for medium heat. Position grate four inches above heat source.

Brush grill grate with oil. Place ribs on grill, and cook for 30 minutes, basting with marinade.

If you wish, you may also opt to finish baking the ribs in the oven. Cook at 350° F (175° centigrade) for 30 minutes, basting often with marinade sauce.

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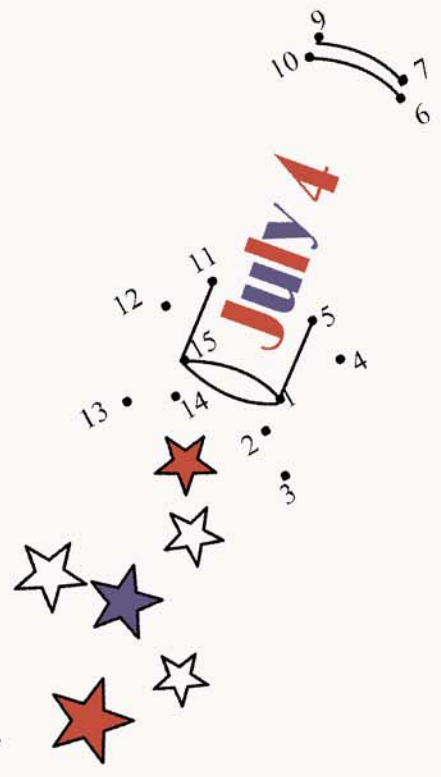
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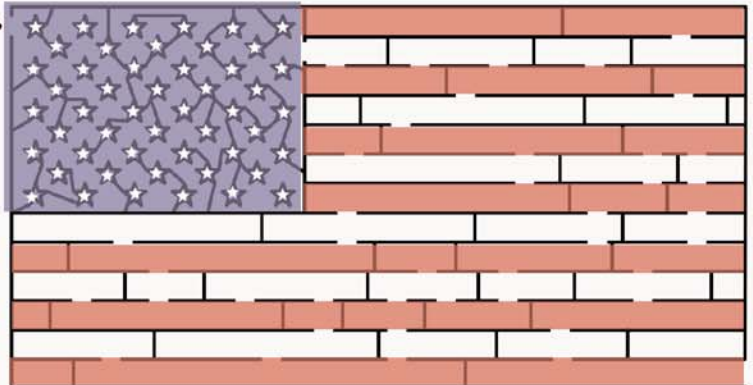
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, the Assessor for the Town of Denning, County of Ulster, New York has completed the Assessment Roll for SAID Town, for the year 2025. A certified copy thereof is filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Denning on the 1st day of July, 2025.

Patricia Masterson
Sole Assessor
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June 30th, 2025

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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, the Tri-Valley Central School District's Annual Reorganizational Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center. This Annual Reorganizational Board of Education Meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

7/3

Permit Requirements and Special Regulations for Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor and Blue Hole in the Sundown Wild Forest

Special regulations are in effect for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley due to the increase in visitation. The purpose of these regulations is to protect public safety and to minimize impacts to the environmental resources. Permits are required to visit the Blue Hole, and to camp at the nearby campsites in the Peekamoose Valley.

The Town of
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Saturday, July 12, 2025,
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Require visitors to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America, consistent with fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve;

Limit parking to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone;

Users are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste

Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

*The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at the nearby designated camping area only):

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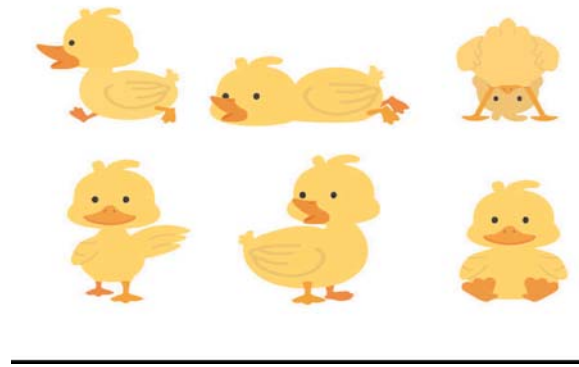
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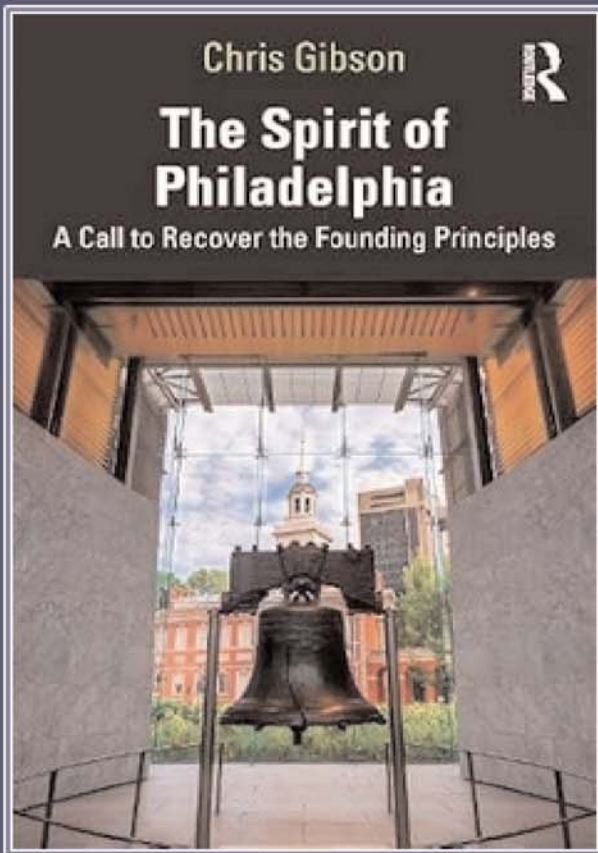
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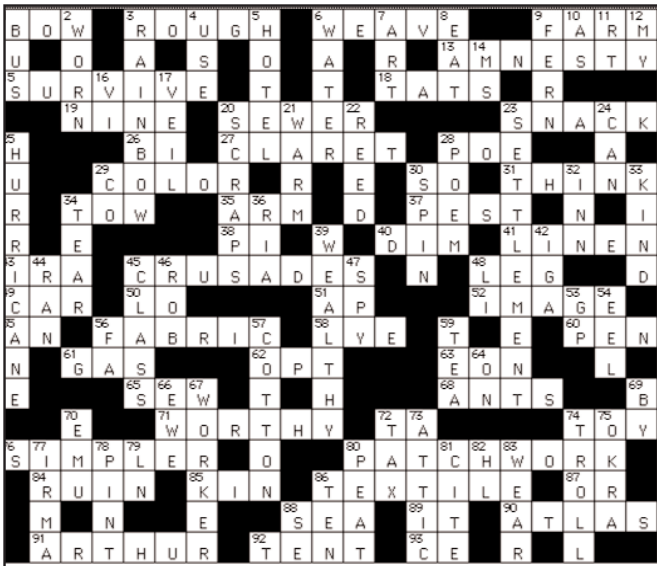
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People to
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Saturday,

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at the Church Hall)*

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356 Main St. P.O. Box 86

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Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

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

July - 5th and 19th	October - 4th and 18th
August - 2nd and 16th	Nov - 1st and 15th
Sept - 6th and 20th	(weather permitting)

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft FairDonations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, start-
ing March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/4/25 Town of Neversink Holiday **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 7/5/25 **Sundown UMC Ladies 4th of July Weekend Indoor Yard Sale** 9 am - 1 pm **Hot Dogs• Chips• Drinks**
- 7/5/25 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon
- 7/5/25 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church
- 7/8/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm (**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**)
- 7/8/25 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 7/9/25 Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
- 7/16/25 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association** Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
- 7/17/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
- 7/17/25 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE! July 13, 2025 Matty Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament
Registration 8:30 am. Tourney begins 9 am.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Weekly Update For The Week of

June 30 - July 4, 2025

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at
<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Monday, June 30

- o **6:30 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom Meeting ID: 812 5415 3072

Tuesday, July 1

- o **4:00 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **6:00 PM** (or immediately following Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee) - **Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Wednesday, July 2

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

Thursday, July 3

- o **4:00 PM - Housing & Transportation Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM** (or immediately following Housing & Transportation Committee) - **Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, July 4

- o **Independence Day** - County Offices Closed



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Waddles the Wanderer is missing!



After the shocking events of The Great Duck Heist of Woodridge, Speedy McSplash – still drying off from his rogue river dive – has taken it upon himself to locate the missing Waddles the Wanderer, despite their racing rivalry. Armed with a detective's cap, a large magnifying glass, a slightly soggy map, and a trail of suspicious breaddrumbs (who knew ducks loved sourdough?), Speedy has set off on a wild goose – er, duck – chase through the wilds of the Town of Fallsburg and County of Sullivan.

Meanwhile, Waddles  has been leaving cryptic clues in local areas: tiny feather trails, breadcrumbs shaped like exclamation points, and the occasional quacking voicemail left at the Woodridge village hall.

Now, with the Duck Race approaching, the community is being called upon to help crack the code and bring Waddles home in time. Locals can submit tips, and even vote on where they think Speedy should search next (from the depths of Silver Lake, to the bridges along Rt. 42, to the falls behind the Post Office in Fallsburg, or any of the rapids along the beautiful Neversink River, to the bookshelves in the Fallsburg Public Library (after all, a feather was found wedged in the library's copy of "The Maltese Falcon". Duck Noir, anyone?

Locals report a flash of yellow near the Monticello Bagel Bakery. Coincidence or covert breadcrumb rendezvous?

To help Speedy McSplash find Waddles the Wanderer, go to the Kiwanis of Woodridge email at: kiwanisofwoodrideny@gmail.com and let Speedy know where you think Waddles is hiding. The best guess wins a Duck Detective badge and gets to release the first duck on race day (July 12, 2025, 11 A.M., Morningside Park, Hurleyville, NY.)

Good Luck, Speedy!!

Hope Alive 845 Hosts All-Day Summer Bash with Music Fest, Bike Run, and Volleyball Tournament at Morningside Park

Hurleyville, NY - Hope Alive 845 is turning up the heat this summer with a full-day celebration at Morningside Park in Hurleyville, NY, on Saturday, July 19, 2025. The event will feature a high-energy Volleyball Tournament, a scenic Bike Run, and a live Music Fest-all packed into one unforgettable community day.

Volleyball Tournament - Start the Day Strong

The day kicks off bright and early at 9:00 AM with the Volleyball Tournament on the courts at Morningside Park. Teams from across the region will battle it out in a fun, competitive atmosphere. Expect fast serves, big hits, and a lot of community spirit.

Bike Run - Ride for a Cause

At 10:00 AM, riders will gather at the Quickway Diner in Bloomingburg, NY for a scenic Bike Run through the Hudson Valley. The route winds its way to Morningside Park, welcoming riders just in time to catch the day's main festivities. It's a ride with a purpose-supporting Hope Alive 845's efforts to uplift and serve local families.

Live Music Fest - All Afternoon

Starting at 12:00 PM, the park comes alive with music. A lineup of local artists and bands will hit the stage, delivering everything from rock and country to hip-hop and soul. Bring a blanket, grab some food, and enjoy an afternoon of non-stop live performances under the summer sun.

Food, Fun, and Family Activities

Alongside the main events, there will be food trucks, games, vendors. Whether you're competing, riding, or just soaking it all in, there's something for everyone at this all-ages event. A Day That Brings People Together

This isn't just a summer party-it's a chance to show up for each other. Proceeds and partnerships from the event help fuel Hope Alive 845's outreach and advocacy work, supporting youth programs and families in need throughout the region.

Event Schedule - Saturday, July 19, 2025

9:00 AM: Volleyball Tournament begins

10:00 AM: Bike Run departs from Quickway Diner, Bloomingburg

12:00 PM: Music Fest kicks off at Morningside Park

All Day: Food trucks, games, vendors, and community activities

Follow @HopeAlive845 on social media or visit

www.HopeAlive845.com for updates and event details.

Let's come together for a day of music, movement, and making a difference. See you at Morningside!

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Indoor Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Saturday, July 5th
9 am - 1 pm

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
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Sundown, NY 12740

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Saturday, July 5

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

T H R I F T

Saturday

S A L E

July 5th

Thrift Sale

**9:00 am
to 12 Noon**

**356 Main St.
Grahamsville, NY 12740**

Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

July 5th • Hot Dogs • Chips • Drinks

Please Note: There will be
no sale on July 12, 2025

See you all again July 19th



If you wish to make donations for our White Elephant Table stop by the Church Hall on Tuesday

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
(Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)

New Comedy **KING JAMES** Opens July 5 at **SHADOWLAND's Studio Theatre**

Ellenville, NY - June 2025 - SHADOWLAND STAGES, a cultural cornerstone of the Hudson Valley now in its 40th Anniversary Season, proudly announces the cast of **KING JAMES** by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph. Running July 5-20, this acclaimed new play will be staged at SHADOWLAND's intimate black box venue, The Studio Theatre, in downtown Ellenville, NY.

Set against the backdrop of NBA superstar LeBron James' transformative years with the Cleveland Cavaliers, **KING JAMES** is a funny, moving, and deeply human story about friendship, loyalty, and the ties that bind. Hailed as "one of the funniest and most moving plays about friendship in years" by TheatreMania, the play follows Shawn and Matt-two strangers who forge an unlikely bond through their shared obsession with 'King' LeBron.

Over the course of 12 years-from LeBron's rookie season to his first NBA championship-their relationship evolves alongside their beloved team's highs and lows, offering a poignant look at the power of sports to unite, divide, and ultimately transform lives.

The cast features SHADOWLAND alum Matthew Zimmerman (last seen in *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley*) and SHADOWLAND newcomer Ithamar Francois. Returning to direct is Jammie Patton, who helmed last season's surprise hit *The Garbologists*.

The production begins with a preview performance on July 5th at 2 PM, leading up to the official opening night on July 5th at 8 PM. Opening night festivities will include a pre-show birthday party celebrating Shadowland Stages' 40th year and revealing the newly named Bill and Shelley Collier stage, honoring these long-time board members and theatre supporters. The public is invited to enjoy a complimentary bubbly tasting at 7:00 PM in the Studio Lobby. There will also be a post-show gathering at Common Good in Ellenville after the performance. The play will run Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM until July 20th.

Tickets for **KING JAMES** are now on sale and can be purchased online at shadowlandstages.org or by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511. Evening show tickets are priced at \$43, while matinee tickets are \$39. SHADOWLAND STAGES' Studio Theatre is located at 14 Market in Ellenville, NY.



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40th STAGES

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By Rajiv Joseph
Directed by Jammie Patton

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friendship in years."
-TheatreMania

JULY 5 - 20

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Sundown
United
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July 5, 2025
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
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household items and more
that will be available for sale

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
(Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)

The Great Duck Disappearance – They've Flown the Coop –

Wanted: 400 rubber duckies. Last seen floating down the Morningside Park Creek. Suspects are yellow, squeaky, and extremely buoyant.



Join the Kiwanis of Woodridge New York Foundation, Inc., for their Third Annual Duck Race, the most **egg-citing** event of the entire year: 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 12, 2025, Morningside Park, Hurleyville, NY!

Crack the case, adopt your duck, and cheer it on to victory as it races to freedom: **\$5 per duck; 3 ducks \$10; 6 ducks \$15; \$25 for a flock of ten. Top prizes include cash, gift cards, and eternal bragging rights.**

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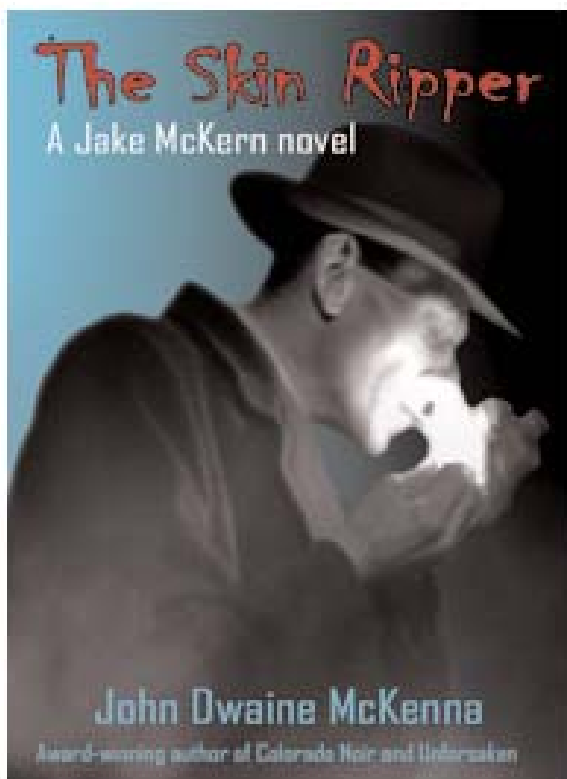
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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the top-ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee, announced \$40,600,450 in federal funding to upgrade airport facilities at sixteen airports across New York State. This federal funding was secured through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that the senators fought to pass, and it will help fund projects that modernize terminals, improve safety, and enhance passenger experience.

“The Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Law is helping New York's airports reach new heights! From big cities like Albany and Rochester to our rural communities, New York's airports are a gateway for commerce and our tourism industry and vital connectors for residents and visitors. That's why I fought to ensure they have the resources they need to deliver a safe and comfortable experience to travelers,” said Senator Schumer. “This \$40+ million in federal funding will help our airports invest in key safety upgrades and modernization efforts. I've long fought to boost funding for New York's airports and am thrilled to deliver federal resources to help our local economies take off.”

“This is a major investment in modernizing airports across our state,” said Senator Gillibrand. “This funding will upgrade some of the most trafficked airports in our state, including ROC and Albany International Airport - which is getting a whopping \$21.9 million to renovate its main terminal. I was proud to help pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to secure this funding for our state and will continue fighting to finance critical restoration efforts at airports across the state and the country.”

A full list of funding recipients can be found on page 38:

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Capital Region	Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport	Taxiway reconstruction	\$210,803
Capital Region	Schenectady County Airport	Conducting an airport drainage study and updating the airport master plan study	\$658,540
Central NY	Cortland County/Chase Field Airport	Replacing snow removal equipment	\$369,550
Central NY	Griffiss International Airport	Reconstructing airfield signage and updating navigational aids	\$580,367
Central NY	Hamilton Municipal Airport	Constructs a new 1,350 square foot terminal to accommodate the movement of passengers and baggage. This grant funds the final phase, which consists of interior construction including architectural, plumbing, mechanical and electrical	\$190,935
Central NY	Oswego County Airport	Replacing snow removal equipment	\$513,750
Finger Lakes	Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport	Reconstructing the existing terminal by replacing six vestibule doors, three elevators and fire alarm system	\$6,371,281
Finger Lakes	Canandaigua Airport	Rehabilitating pavement	\$320,150
Hudson Valley	Columbia County Airport	Weather system replacement	\$87,252
Hudson Valley	Columbia County Airport	Terminal parking lot reconstruction	\$87,058
Hudson Valley	Hudson Valley Regional Airport	Runway extension to enhance safety	\$78,185
Hudson Valley	Joseph Y Resnick Airport	Automated weather system replacement	\$87,639
North Country	Potsdam Municipal Airport	Constructing 15,400 feet of wildlife fencing and four manual gates to enhance safety	\$96,258
North Country	Potsdam Municipal Airport	Rotating beacon replacement	\$171,707
NYC	LaGuardia Airport	Runway reconstruction	\$6,264,504
Southern Tier	Elmira Corning Regional Airport	Snow removal equipment	\$615,943.00
Southern Tier	Elmira Corning Regional Airport	Replacing terminal roof	\$1,580,131
Western NY	Cattaraugus County-Olean Municipal Airport	Parking lot construction	\$313,813
Western NY	Cattaraugus County-Olean Municipal Airport	Replacing terminal septic system	\$87,400

Daniel Pierce Library



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Saturday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



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DEC Now Accepting Host Applications for Sponsored Hunt Program

Applications Accepted Until Jan. 10, 2026

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Fish and Wildlife today announced that DEC is accepting applications for sponsored hunts. Sponsored hunts are free, non-competitive events coordinated by a group, club, individual, or organization to benefit youth, women, first-time hunters, veterans, people with disabilities, and other underrepresented groups to gain hands-on experience in the field.

"DEC's sponsored hunts provide a unique opportunity for beginners to learn about hunting in an instructional and supervised setting, which helps novice hunters grow the skills learned in their required hunter education course," DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Jacqueline Lendrum said. "This program is also a great way for organizations to partner with DEC to mentor the next generation of hunters."

While sponsored hunts have traditionally been concentrated earlier in the pheasant season, they can also be hosted after deer season, offering a great way to extend hunting opportunities when other seasons wind down. Late-season events provide experienced hunters the chance to mentor participants and reinforce the skills learned in hunter education courses, ensuring they continue to engage in upland hunting beyond the peak fall months.

Program details and hosting requirements are available for download on DEC's website. Applications to host a Sponsored Pheasant Hunt must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the event and will be accepted until Jan. 10, 2026. As part of this sponsored hunt program, DEC distributes up to 6,000

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adult pheasants annually to approved sponsored pheasant hunt coordinators across New York State. Pheasants are provided free of cost, with two pheasants provided per registered hunter.

New hunters interested in participating in a sponsored hunt or other mentored hunting opportunities can find and register for events in their area on DEC's mentored hunting opportunities page. Mentored and sponsored hunts are added weekly, especially during the late summer, so interested parties should check back frequently.

For more information or to be notified of upcoming webinars about how to hold your own sponsored pheasant hunt, contact DEC's Reynolds Game Farm at (607) 273-2768 or by e-mailing wildlife@dec.ny.gov (subject: Sponsored pheasant hunt host).



Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

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

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

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2025 SHOW DATES

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SATURDAY 7/12/25 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

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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

6611 ROUTE 209 KERHONKSON, NY IN LARGE FIELD BEHIND BBQ BUILDING.

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

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



**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**

**SHOW OFF
YOUR
VEHICLE**

**JOIN THE
CAR CRUISE**

**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 with a CAR CRUISE (all vehicles welcome)
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>

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
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The Ever Evolving

Art of Quilting



A New Exhibition

Open Hours:

June 1 through the end of September, weekends, 12 - 4 p.m.
or by appointment

Sunday June 22, 2 p.m.: History of Quilting Then and Now

Join long time quilter Penny Coombe for an illustrated talk on the story of quilts and quilters, past and present.

Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.: A Quilter's Gathering

Talk with experienced quilters about their work, their inspiration and their creative style.

Time and the Valleys Museum

332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) Grahamsville NY 12740

845 985-7700 info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org



Please Help Save Our School!

**The Claryville Reformed Church and the Time and the Valleys Museum
are working together to preserve and open
the historic 1848 Claryville One Room School, and we need your help.**

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

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

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

Thank You!

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

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other

Please mail your check to:

Time and the Valleys Museum

P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740

or go online:

[www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/
support/donate](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/donate)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Thank you so much for your donation.

Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the official end of the 2024-2025 years comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on this past year and the amazing accomplishments we have done together as Rotarians.

We had an overwhelmingly successful year in reaching our goals and for that, we should all be proud. It has been my honor to serve along side of each of you in what is now my second term as President of the Monticello Rotary Club. I look forward to our continued work together as I shift to the new Sullivan Central Rotary Club as its Executive Secretary and my continued work on the District 7210 Membership Committee and District 7210 Youth Services Chair.

Congratulations on this successful year also shared here in pictures. And, forever hold in your heart the essence of Service Above Self and the Rotary 4 Way Test of 1) Is it the Truth, 2) Is it fair to all concerned, 3) Will it build good will and better friendships, 4) Will it be beneficial to ALL concerned.

Monti Rotary - A Year in Review

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/91xm5wVN8nwcqjjo6>

With Rotary Pride Always,

Lori Orestano-James

Immediate Past President of Monticello Rotary

Lots to Celebrate - Events and Support!

- Over 20% Membership increase
- 52 Weekly MontiGrams with 2 additional Special Additions
- 7 Featured Stories in local Press
- Weekly Radio Crew broadcasts
- 2024 Monster Run
- 2024-25 Never Ending Coat Drive - 1074 Coats Total
- Taste of Sullivan \$7300 to Federation for the Homeless
- Scholarship Golf Outing - Raised over \$8000
- Food Drive 72 cases of Food for United Way and Federation for the Homeless
- Comfort Closet Seniors - Achieve
- Hospital Bear Delivery and Santa Visit
- Blood Drives 3 in total over 100 pints of blood saving over 300 lives
- Sullivan 180 Turtle Award
- Murph's Toy Drive
- Ride 2 Survive Dinner
- Alzheimer's Walk over \$2500 raises
- Scholarships \$10,000 given to Monticello and Fallsburg HS Students
- BBQ
- Community Unity Day
- Forestburgh Playhouse Visit
- Brush Fire Food Donation
- DARE \$750 Donation
- Literacy Volunteers
- Sullivan County Book Fair
- Black Library
- Scouts of America
- Community Health & Wellness Fair
- Thanksgiving Dinner Serving at Federation for the

Homeless

Coldest Night of the Year Highest raising team with over \$3000 for Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless

Sponsor of new Sullivan Central Rotary Club

And so much more...

Doing good while having fun! Thank you to all Rotarians and the community for their support for a banner year!

Lori Orestano-James

President, Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

Monti Rotary Sponsors New Club

Monticello Rotary is set to sponsor the new Rotary Club - Sullivan Central Rotary Club which has secured over 30 members so far. The club is formed to start on July 1, 2025. The work done to make this happen was a labor of love of what Rotary means to so many. We are excited to sponsor the new club, look forward to our continued work together, to assist as its sponsor club, and to grow together in this new Rotary direction.

Reminder - Dues are Due

The Annual Dues Notice have been sent to your email addresses. A reminder to all that the Annual Rotary Year begins on July 1, 2025 and dues should be paid accordingly. Any questions or concerns, please let me know after you receive your invoice.

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Monster Run Meeting - July 1, 2025, 5:30 - Albella Restaurant

Monster Run - August 3, 2025

Scholarship Golf Outing - September 13, 2025

Our Motto:

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

Stories

Monticello Rotary Recognition Celebration Names Mike Hajdarj Citizen of the Year!

Lori Orestano-James, Monticello Rotary President for 2024-25 presented honors to those who exemplified Service Above Self! At the dinner, Orestano-James shared that instead of a plaque to hang on the wall, honorees would instead have a donation made in their honor to support the new Sullivan Central Rotary Club Scholarships. Monticello Rotary is sponsoring the new club.

Monticello Rotary Citizen of the Year was awarded to Mike Hajdarj, owner of Albella Restaurant. Orestano-James stated, "Mike is a gentle giant who quietly helps others behind the scenes. From monetary donations, and support through business services like donation of foods, and gift certificates, Mike ensures all in need are assisted without seeking fanfare. The true sign of an outstanding citizen is one who serves without notice. That is the true meaning of Service Above Self."

Monticello Rotarian of the Year was presented to Bradlyn Matican. "When you ask for help, Brad is the first one to say, how can I help," said Orestano-James. From a trunk full of turkeys for those in need for Thanksgiving, to his community volunteer work with youth through the My Brothers Keeper (MBK) Program and National Finance Academy, Brad exemplifies Service Above Self in all he does."

Orestano-James further announced the Monticello Rotary Officer of the Year is awarded to Dr. Peter Alan Chester. She states, "Peter truly understands what good leadership is all about. Ready to learn - ready to listen - ready to serve is how Peter operates. His commitment to Rotary and leadership skills makes him the perfect choice to serve as Co-President with Brad Rutledge for the new Sullivan Central Rotary Club."

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Montigram (From Pg. 47)

In addition, Friends of Rotary recognitions were announced for The Towne Crier, The Sullivan County Democrat and Bold Gold Media's Eddie Wilson for their amazing work in helping spread the great work of the Monticello Rotary Club. Orestano-James said without their support, we could never get our voice out about the good work we do.

Lastly, all Committee Chairs were recognized for a successful year. Thank you to Brad Rutledge and Bradlyn Matican with Assistants

Les Kristt & Orshii Boldiis (Monster Run); Bob Ernst & Randy Katz (Scholarship Golf Outing); Marty Miller (Scholarships); Crystal Tweed & Lori Orestano-James (Health Fair); Barbara Carr & Lori Orestano-James (Alzheimer's Walk); Helen Diehl (Taste of Sullivan); Peter Chester & Lori Orestano-James (Comfort Closet Seniors/Hospital Visits); Cris Spinner (Food Drive)

Cris Spinner, Jackie Rutledge and Brad Rutledge (Coat Drive); Peter Chester & Lori Orestano-James (Blood Drives), Rick Stein (Radio Rotary); Alex Rey (BBQ); Jodi Goodman & Lori Orestano-James (Coldest Night of the Year).

Congratulations to all for demonstrating why Service Above Self makes our world a better place.



Monti Rotary Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships

The Monticello Rotary awarded graduating seniors from the Monticello and Fallsburg School District's a total of \$10,000.

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James said, "The decision of the recipients was extremely difficult this year as all of the applicants were outstanding. Each student has unique characteristics which fit the bill of a commitment of service above self." She further added, "If this is what our future looks like, we are in good hands!"

Scholarship Chair Marty Miller shared that the Scholarship Committee reviews applications which includes essays, and participate in an interview process. Then the committee individually ranks each applicant with a scoring system to determine the recipients.



Congratulations to Monticello Class of 2025 Seniors Hannah Titus, Andrew Liam Weiner, Yurii Klocho, Preston Roosa, and Fallsburg Class of 2025 Seniors Hannah Johnson and Nancy Martinez Cadena

Monti Rotary Set for 47th Annual Monster Run

The Monticello Rotary Club 47th Annual Monster Run Classic will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 starting at 8:30am at Resorts World-Catskills in Monticello, New York. The proceeds from the 2025 Monster Classic race will benefit the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition and is an event run by Monticello Rotary as part of Sullivan County Patriots Day.

Each year this community event draws hundreds of walkers, runners and spectators from all over New York State. This race is expected to draw another very large turnout for this year's event.

The race consists of 5K and 10K running and 5K walk events for the whole family. This course proves to be challenging and is considered by many one of the best run/walk courses in the area. In addition, health, wellness and running related businesses will have information and free screenings on site during the event. Raffles, door prizes and an auction round out this family fun filled event.

The major goal of Rotary is to serve the community. The proceeds for this year's race will help local veterans to meet needs of everyday living. According to Monticello Rotary Club President Les Kristt, "Too many of our veterans need assistance with heating, food, transportation for medical serves, rent and mortgage assistance just to name a few. They have given to us all through their service to our country. Monticello Rotary is glad to sponsor this race to raise awareness and funds as a way of giving back to those who served and are currently serving."

Many veterans sign up to participate. Their motto is, "Our Colors: Red, White & Blue Never Run.....Except for the Monti Rotary Monster Run!" They look forward to running/walking with those they served to protect.

Special thanks to Resorts World Casino for serving as a title sponsor and enabling Monticello Rotary to return the race to its Monster Classic home. Sponsorships at other levels are still available.

So, whether you choose to run or walk any of the races, cheer on and be a supportive spectator, come out to show your patriotic support for the veterans, volunteer for the race needs, win some wonderful prizes or you are just attending to enjoy a beautiful Sunday morning in the Catskills, you will be sure to have a great time while supporting a great cause!

Registrations can be completed online prior to the event at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Monticello/MonsterClassic>. For further information about the race, please contact





SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV

mobile unit
on location 10:00am - 3:00pm

2025 Summer Schedule

You can also Schedule an Appointment at sullivanny.gov | County Clerk Russell Reeves

JEFFERSONVILLE

Tues July 8

Tues August 5

Tues September 2

License & Registration Appts

19 Legion St
Jeffersonville, NY

WURTSBORO

Thurs July 24

Thurs August 21

Thurs September 18

Registration Appts Only

29-10 US 209
Wurtsboro, NY

NARROWSBURG

Tues July 22

Tues August 19

Tues September 16

Registration Appts Only

280 Bridge St
Narrowsburg, NY

HORTONVILLE

Thurs July 17

Thurs August 14

Thurs September 11

Registration Appts Only

10-1 Lower Main St
Hortonville, NY

LIVINGSTON MANOR

Tues July 15

Tues August 12

Tues September 9

Registration Appts Only

95 Main St
Livingston Manor, NY

GRAHAMSVILLE

Thurs July 10

Thurs August 7

Thurs September 4

License & Registration Appts

273 Main St
Grahamsville, NY

LIBERTY

Tues July 29

Tues August 26

Tues September 23

License & Registration Appts

75 Sullivan Ave
Liberty, NY

BLOOMINGBURG

Thurs July 31

Thurs August 28

Thurs September 25

License & Registration Appts

13 North Rd
Bloomingburg, NY

Color
our
World

Frame-tastic
Fun

Glass Frame Painting Event

Summer Reading Program

Entering Grades 4-6

Thursday, July 17, 2025

6 - 7 pm

Daniel Pierce Library

Matthewis Persen House Museum Announces July Guest Hosts *Ulster County Landmark Welcomes Reenactors, Historians, and Cultural Partners*

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Clerk's Office is excited to continue its 2025 season at the Matthewis Persen House Museum with a dynamic lineup of guest hosts throughout the month of July. Located at the historic corner of Crown and John Streets in uptown Kingston, the Persen House is a vibrant hub for local history, culture, and community connection.

Each Saturday in July features special programming from regional partners, including state historic sites, reenactors, museum professionals, and the launch of a major new exhibit. Admission is always free, and all ages are welcome.

July Schedule of Guest Hosts:

o Friday, July 4 - Closed for Independence Day

The Matthewis Persen House Museum will be closed in observance of the holiday.

o Saturday, July 5 - Senate House State Historic Site

Learn about New York's Revolutionary War-era government and Kingston's critical role in state history with staff from the Senate House State Historic Site. Explore artifacts, discover the site's story, and connect with Kingston's colonial legacy.

o Saturday, July 12 - First Ulster Militia: Colonial Reenactors

Travel back to the 18th century with the First Ulster Militia. Dressed in period attire and equipped with authentic gear, these reenactors will demonstrate colonial military practices and share stories of everyday life in early Ulster County.

o Saturday, July 19 - D&H Canal Museum Historian Bill Merchant

Discover the history of the Delaware &

Hudson Canal, which transformed commerce and industry in the region during the 19th century. Historian Bill Merchant of the D&H Canal Museum will be on hand to discuss the canal's impact and legacy.

o Saturday, July 26 - Harambee Exhibit Opening

Harambee Kingston NY is set to present an extensive exhibit featuring the Pine Street African Burial Ground. This exhibit will run for the rest of the season and will include artifacts, samples, curated photographs, documents, displays, talks, and much more.

These events are part of the Persen House's ongoing effort to connect the public with Ulster County's rich and varied history through collaborative programming with local cultural institutions and experts.



*Senate House –Laura Hertle set up
new BoK Activity*



Pine Street Archeology



First Ulster fire pit

Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck shared:

"The Persen House continues to serve as a place of learning and dialogue. We're thrilled to welcome such a diverse group of partners in July who each bring unique insights into our region's past."

Ulster County Historian Eddie Moran added:

"Harambee's exhibit on the Pine Street African Burial Ground is a profound addition to the Persen House and an essential step in honoring and preserving Black history in Ulster County. We're proud to support this effort and provide space for the stories it brings forward. At the same time, we continue to welcome our dedicated historical partners-like the Senate House, First Ulster Militia, and the D&H Canal Museum-whose contributions help paint a fuller, more inclusive picture of our region's past."

The Matthewis Persen House Museum is open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about upcoming events and to schedule group tours, visit <https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house>, follow us on Facebook, or contact the Ulster County Historian at (845) 340-3415 or countyhistorian@co.ulster.ny.us.

Flea Market/Craft Fair

Saturday, July 12th, 10am-4pm
Big Indian Park
Route 28, Big Indian, NY

- ▶ Food - Ice Cream - Local Treats
- ▶ Local Vendors
- ▶ Fun for all!
- ▶ Raffle and prizes!
- ▶ Come out and support your local Fire Co!



Vendors Wanted

- \$25.00 per space
- Bring your own tables, tents, chairs
- Clean out your closets, garages and sell all those unwanted items!

Vendors - Fill out the below and return with your \$25.00 Fee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What you are selling: _____

Make check out to: BIOFC Ladies Aux

Mail to: Mary Lou Stapleton, Box 85, Big Indian, NY 12410

Questions to: marylou.stapleton@aol.com



Shady United Methodist Church Summertime Fair & Yard Sale

Saturday, July 12

9AM - 1PM

Breakfast & Lunch

**Bake Table, Craft Table,
Quilted Items, Plants,
White Elephant & Great Food!**

**Quilted Items, Wall Hangings, Table
Runners, Placemats, Mugmats, Trivets etc.!**

**Shady United Methodist Church
Church Road, Shady
5 miles West of Woodstock on Rt. 212**



The One Big Beautiful Bill must be Passed!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhXCY3HiN4I>

Congressional Republicans must come together to pass the One Big Beautiful Bill, a commonsense, America First bill that would make the Trump Tax Cuts permanent, provide financial relief for working families and small businesses, slash wasteful spending, secure our borders, and unleash American energy production.

If Congress does not act, families in NY-24 could face a devastating 25% tax hike. That's over \$1,300 in higher taxes for the average household in our district, money that could be used for groceries, gas, or savings. It also protects Main Street businesses by preserving the 199A Small Business Deduction, ensuring the 40,720 small businesses in NY-24 are not hit with a 43.4% tax rate.

The One Big Beautiful Bill is about protecting your paycheck, restoring fiscal sanity, and delivering on the mandate set by the American people. Congress must act now to deliver this bill to the President's desk by July 4th!

READ MY RECENT OP-ED ON THE OBBB HERE

https://www.lockportjournal.com/opinion/setting-the-record-straight-on-the-one-big-beautiful-bill/article_c838c28f-70a8-4097-a502-e3080e3a7a1a.html

Protecting Fairness in Women's Sports

This week, I reintroduced a resolution designating the week of June 23, 2025, as National Women's Sports Week to honor the achievements of female athletes and to mark the anniversary of Title IX. Since Title IX's passage 52 years ago, we've seen a 990% increase in high school girls' sports participation and a 545% increase at the collegiate level, a powerful testament to the opportunities unlocked when women are guaranteed a level playing field. As a former athlete, I know how sports empower young women to lead, compete, and build lifelong confidence. But those opportunities are under attack. Title IX was never meant to allow biological males to compete in women's sports and erase decades of progress. This resolution reaffirms our commitment to fairness, safety, and equal opportunity for every girl and woman in the United States.

READ MORE: EXCLUSIVE: Lawmakers Introduce Resolution to Establish 'Title IX Week'

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/06/26/exclusive-lawmakers-introduce-resolution-to-establish-title-ix-week/>

Demanding Answers from Governor Hochul on Sanctuary State Policies and Costs to New Yorkers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9arjWNmX8E>

During a recent House Oversight hearing, I pressed Governor Hochul on key facts: how many illegal aliens are currently in our state's prison system, how much it's costing taxpayers, and the impact of the Green Light Law that allows ille-

gal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses?

Governor Hochul couldn't answer. Despite promising to follow up, she's failed to provide the basic information New Yorkers deserve.

New Yorkers deserve transparency, not excuses. That's why I sent a formal letter demanding the facts Hochul failed to provide. New Yorkers are footing the bill for her failed policies that put public safety and our tax dollars at risk. It's time for Governor Hochul to end her reckless sanctuary agenda.

I will keep holding her accountable and fighting for policies that protect our communities and put law-abiding citizens first.

Reintroducing the Fairness in Vineyard Data Act

Currently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) collects comprehensive vineyard data only from the top two grape-producing states, leaving out important regions, including New York. The Fairness in Vineyard Data Act would expand data collection to include the top five grape-growing states, such as New York, providing producers with accurate insights into industry trends. This updated data will enable more grape growers to refine their cultivation methods, enhance wine production, and plan for long-term success. NY-24's grape growers and winemakers are a cornerstone of our economy, and this bill ensures they have the tools, transparency, and support needed to compete and grow in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

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. 3946, the Post Office Closure Accountability Act: This bill would require the United States Postal Service (USPS) to provide notice of temporary post office closures to their communities. Under current rules, USPS only publishes public notices for permanent post office closures, which don't cover temporary closures due to renovations or weather-related incidents. This legislation will provide more clarity and transparency between the public and their local post offices.

H.R. 3978, The Nuclear REFUEL Act: This bill would require the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to create a regulatory pathway for nuclear operators to recycle spent fuel for reuse in nuclear power plants. Nuclear energy continues to be the most efficient, carbon-free form of energy in existence. This bill helps streamline licensing requirements to innovate how we use spent fuel, which will help revitalize our domestic investment in nuclear energy and restore America's energy dominance.

H.R. 2033, the Military Spouse Hiring Act: This bill would expand the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program to include military spouses. Due to frequent deployments and family relocations, spouses of active-duty service members face additional challenges in securing employment. This commonsense legislation would encourage businesses to hire military spouses, thereby helping to boost job opportunities in our communities. We are grateful for the men and women who serve in our armed forces, and this bipartisan bill works to support all our military families. Contd. Pg. 54)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg.53)

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.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3422, the Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act. This bill would expand

This office would now also be charged with providing educational resources and hosting informational sessions for rural and natura

I disaster-affected small businesses. This bill will provide additional resources and assistance for NY-24 small businesses and support our rural communities. This bill passed by a vote of 321-87.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3394, the Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act. This bill would expand the definition of an "accredited investor" in federal securities law for the purposes of participating in private security offerings to include individuals with qualifying professional knowledge from their education and work background. Private security offerings are not registered with the SEC, and the "accredited investor" rule limits these offerings to economically secure investors who can sustain the higher risk of investing in unregistered securities. However, because of these regulations, individuals who may be industry experts can be prevented from investing in private securities, despite an intimate knowledge of the sector or the private security offering. This bill will ensure that qualified professionals can also invest in private securities and end the practice of restricting investments in private securities to solely "accredited investors." This bill passed by a vote of 397-12.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1998, the Sanction Sea Pirates Act. This bill would direct the President to implement new sanctions against foreign individuals engaged in piracy. Piracy off the Somali coast has surged alongside Houthi aggression in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. This bill will help protect global shipping and strengthen our maritime security by taking serious action against individuals who engage in piracy abroad. This bill passed by a vote of 392-14.

I voted "Yes" on the Motion to Table H.Res. 537, Impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors. President Trump was fully within his Constitutional authority as Commander-in-Chief to order strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities. These strikes were in our national security interests and helped keep our nation safe. House Democrats' push to impeach him over this is baseless. This is just another partisan witch hunt, blatant abuse of Congressional power, and harassment of President Trump. That is why I voted to table this resolution and prevent yet another waste of Congress's time. The motion to table passed by a vote of 344-79.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 519, Condemning the attacks on Minnesota lawmakers in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calling for unity and the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and across the United States. On June 14, 2025, a gunman entered the homes of Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman and State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and shot both individuals and their spouses. Political violence has absolutely no place in the United States and must be condemned unequivocally by all Americans. This resolution con-

demns political violence, honors the life of Speaker Emerita Hortman and her husband Mark, and prays for the speedy recovery of Senator Hoffman and his wife Yvette. This resolution passed unanimously by a vote of 424-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3944, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026. Ensuring our nation's servicemembers and veterans get the top-tier benefits, care, and facilities they deserve, while reinforcing our national security, is absolutely critical to America's continued strength. H.R. 3944 ensures that those who have served our country, along with their families, are supported and given the benefits they have earned through their service and sacrifice through a 22% increase in VA funding. This bill also delivers a key investment in our military infrastructure by upgrading Department of Defense (DOD) facilities and improving quality of life for military families through crucial funding for housing and child care centers. It upholds pro-life values, defends veterans' Second Amendment freedoms, and supports the Trump administration's agenda to end DEI, gender mutilation surgeries, and funding for illegal aliens. Supporting this bill means standing firm with our troops and veterans, making sure their health care, housing, and benefits are covered, while reinforcing our country's national security at the same time. H.R. 3944 passed the House by a vote of 218-206.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 875, the Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act. This bill, named in honor of three victims of drunk driving by illegal aliens, would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable. Currently, there is neither a ground of inadmissibility nor a ground of removability directly related to the charges of a DUI, allowing criminal illegal aliens to escape accountability for their reckless actions. To protect our communities, we must hold illegal aliens accountable for their crimes. The bill passed by a vote of 246-160.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 275, the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2025. This bill would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to publish monthly reports on the total number of Special Interest Aliens (SIAs) encountered entering the U.S. illegally, including their nationality and country of origin. Additionally, this bill would require DHS to report on the methods used by SIAs to illegally cross the border. H.R. 275 is a crucial step in better understanding the threats to our country and equipping Congress and federal agencies with the necessary information to take decisive action to protect the American people. This bill passed by a vote of 231-182.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 516, Condemning the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California. Over the last few weeks, Americans across the country have watched in horror as riots have broken out throughout Los Angeles. Cars and small businesses have been set on fire, and the Los Angeles police have even warned that wearing expensive jewelry makes an individual a target for violence. Luckily, President Trump activated the California National Guard to bring peace and order to Los Angeles. While every American has a First Amendment right to freedom of speech, violence and arson are never acceptable. This commonsense resolution condemns the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles and expresses our gratitude to the brave law enforcement officers who have worked to keep the local communities safe amid this lawlessness. This resolution passed by a vote of 215-195.



It was another busy week in Washington, and I wanted to take a moment to update you all on how I'm working to deliver a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley: **FIGHTING FOR EVERY HUDSON VALLEY STUDENT**

Every child deserves access to high quality education.

Trump and Education Secretary McMahon's assault on the Department of Education is threatening that access for kids across the country - including those of active servicemembers and military personnel in our community.

Federal Impact Aid is a funding program that provides financial support to school districts that lose tax revenue because they are located on or near tax-exempt federal property, such as military installations. The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery CSD receives Impact Aid payments because West Point is in the district; Hyde Park CSD receives funding because the historic Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt is in the district. Since these are tax-exempt federal properties, both school districts lose out on this property tax revenue. Impact Aid funding helps offset some of this tax loss.

As the first West Point graduate to represent the Academy in Congress, I have a duty to ensure that none of these children get left behind.

Last week, I joined students as they wrote letters demanding better of their Education Secretary and assurances that their school funding won't be cut or permanently dismantled. It was inspiring, and we have to have their backs. I'm proudly fighting alongside them and introducing the "Fairness in Education Funding Act" to ensure that all our students in all our schools have access to the high-quality education they deserve. **THE GI BILL: DELIVERING FOR OUR NATION'S HEROES FOR 81 YEARS**

81 years ago last week, we passed the GI Bill, making higher education accessible for millions of veterans.

As Co-Chair of the Dem Vets Caucus and amid unprecedented threats to veterans benefits, I'll always fight for my fellow veterans to get the benefits they earned.

CELEBRATING ORANGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

When we equip our police officers with the best tools available, we save lives.

It was an honor to attend the Orange County Sheriff's Office Award Ceremony last week.

Thank you Sheriff Arteta for your exceptional leadership - your work to keep our community safe does not go unnoticed.

It's time to pass my More Funding for COPS Act to fully fund police departments in Orange County and across the Hudson Valley.

INFORMATION FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ISRAEL

We are closely monitoring the situation in the Middle East and are reassured by the resumption of commercial travel to and from Israel without restrictions, as well as

routine services by the U.S. Embassy Jerusalem.

If you are a U.S. citizen in Israel, you can still enroll in the STEP program to receive up-to-date communications from the US Embassy. Please follow the instructions at this site to get these updates: <https://mytravel.state.gov/s/step>

As always, my team and I are available to help in any way we can. Reach out to us directly at: <https://patryan.house.gov>

CELEBRATING MIDDLETOWN'S DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

My team was proud to join Governor Hochul's team in announcing that Middletown's Downtown Revitalization is complete!

Congrats to Mayor DeStefano and Dr. Kristine Young, Co-Chair of Mid Hudson Regional Economic Development Council on the completion of these projects - our community thanks you!

FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM THREE YEARS AFTER DOBBS

This week, three years after the egregious Dobbs decision, I'm proud to help reintroduce the Women's Health Protection Act & enshrine Roe's protections into law.

Especially following the Supreme Court decision to allow states to cut off Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood, it's a stark reminder that the far-right will stop at nothing to ban abortion nationwide.

Now more than ever, we have to keep up the fight to protect fundamental reproductive rights.

Read more about the Women's Health Protection Act: <https://reproductiverights.org/the-womens-health-protection-act-federal-legislation-to-protect-the-right-to-access-abortion-care/>

DIRECT, ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE, RIGHT IN YOUR HOME TOWN

Every person in the Hudson Valley, no matter where they live, deserves access to high quality services in their own home town.

We're marshaling every tool at our disposal to help folks with our C.A.R.E.S Van. Now more than ever, people need support.

Whether you need help navigating your Social Security benefits, have questions about your taxes, or are worried about your health care, my team is here to help.

On Monday, June 30th my team will be at Woodbury Town Hall in Highland Mills: 615 State Route 32, from 10am to 12pm. Hope to see you there!

I also wanted to give you all the first preview of the C.A.R.E.S. Van events for July:

PUSHING TO PASS THE EQUALITY ACT

As Pride Month comes to an end, I'm proud that our Hudson Valley community is standing up and fighting back - pushing together to pass the Equality Act.

There is nothing more American than being free to love who you love. Generations of patriotic Americans have fought to protect and expand this freedom; yet it's now under direct attack by Trump and far-right extremists.

No one in our community should face discrimination based on who they are or who they love. From our schools, to our workplaces, to our homes or hospitals, I'll keep fighting for equal rights and protections for every Hudson Valley resident in every corner of our community. (Contd. Pg. 56)

Pat Ryan (From PG. 55)**CELEBRATING SAFE STREETS IN KINGSTON**

This is a huge win for safer streets in Kingston, thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

JOIN MY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

This summer, I am excited to announce an all-new summer reading challenge for Hudson Valley students grades K-8!

Students who read 5 or more books between July 1st and August 31st will receive a Congressional Certificate of Achievement!

If your child wants to participate, please fill out the form by scanning the QR code or visiting the website.
U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

At West Point I learned how to live a life grounded in duty, honor, and country.

Each year, it is my great honor to nominate exceptional young people to attend our nation's prestigious service academies, including the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy.

Stayed tuned for updates as we plan to host a service academy fair this fall.

Interested in finding your path to service? Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting my website: <https://patryan.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE APPLICATION NOW OPEN

The Congressional App Challenge is an annual nationwide competition that encourages U.S. middle and high school students in each congressional district to learn coding and develop their own software applications.

Interested? Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting my website: <https://patryan.house.gov/services/art-competition>

Congressman Pat Ryan Celebrates Dutchess County High School Students on Winning NY-18 Congressional App Challenge with "Invest4Better"

GRANTS CORNER**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:**

The Cooling Assistance Benefit provides for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home stay cool. Call your HEAP Local District Contact to apply!

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program

The 2025 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act program funds the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services, training, and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

The 2025 LEMHWA program will fund projects that:

Increase law enforcement agency capacity to provide mental health and wellness training and resources for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families.

Increase law enforcement agency capacity to

implement peer support networks for crisis and non-crisis circumstances.

Increase law enforcement agency capacity to address and reduce the stigma associated with officer mental health and wellness by supporting the implementation of mental health education and development of resources.

All local, state, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority are eligible to apply.

Up to \$9.8 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by June 30, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

Community Policing Development (CPD)**Community Policing Development (CPD) - Accreditation**

The CPD - Accreditation program awards funding for law enforcement agencies to complete the process of accreditation, as well as the work of national and state accreditation bodies that support accreditation.

The FY25 CPD - Accreditation Program has two open funding opportunities:

Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities

Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking Accreditation

Approximately \$4 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by June 30, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

Community Policing Development (CPD) - Law Enforcement Products and Resources

The CPD - Law Enforcement Products and Resources program funds the development of products and resources specifically designed for national distribution that offer creative ideas to uplift the image of the law enforcement profession, advance crime fighting, or support community policing efforts through community engagement, problem solving, or organizational change.

High priority areas of focus may include (but are not limited to) topics such as violent crime prevention, immigration issues and border security, child trafficking, street gangs, recruitment and hiring, gun violence and the enforcement of gun laws, opioids and drug market interruption, law enforcement task force engagement, homelessness and squatting, nuisance abatement, and other crime and disorder problems.

All for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply, and up to \$8 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by June 30, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)

The Collaborative Reform Initiative encompasses technical assistance programs offering expert services to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies, ranging in scope and complexity. Together, the services are designed to highlight best practices of law enforcement agencies and the many ways they are protecting Americans, enhancing officer safety and wellness, building agencies' capacity for self-improvement and effectiveness, and promoting community policing practices nationwide.

The 2025 CRI program offers an open solicitation for training providers in two topic areas:

Organizational Assessment - to provide in-depth assessments and long-term assistance to achieve and promote efficient agency operations and officer safety and positive policing practices.

Critical Response - to provide targeted technical assistance to law enforcement agencies experiencing high-profile events, major incidents, or sensitive issues of varying need.

Applicant eligibility is limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education. (Contd. Pg 57)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

Approximately \$1 million is available for each open solicitation topic area.

Applications are due by June 30, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement (Safer Outcomes)

Safer Outcomes funds are used to promote training on de-escalation and crisis response for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, and mental health professionals working on crisis intervention teams as employees of a law enforcement agency or under a legal agreement with a law enforcement agency.

Supported training programs must address one or more of the following areas of focus: de-escalation tactics and alternatives to use of force; safely responding to an individual experiencing a mental or behavioral health or suicidal crisis; safe encounters with individuals with disabilities; successfully participating on a crisis intervention team; and making referrals to community-based services and support.

The 2025 Safer Outcomes program will encompass two separate solicitations:

Curriculum integration for law enforcement academies and state-level training commissions

Support for law enforcement agencies

Approximately \$18 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by June 30, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

COPS Blue Alert Program

The COPS Office administers the National Blue Alert Network, a voluntary nationwide system to give authorities an early warning of threats against law enforcement and to aid in the apprehension of suspects who have killed or seriously injured an officer or deputy.

The 2025 COPS Blue Alert Program seeks applications from organizations to support the COPS Office with coordinating the Blue Alert system. The primary objectives of the cooperative agreement to be funded are to expand awareness of the Blue Alert system through efforts that educate and inform non-Blue Alert states of the Blue Alert Network and develop monthly summaries of Blue Alert activations throughout the country, including highlighting accounts of heroism by law enforcement surrounding Blue Alert events.

Approximately \$150,000 is available for this program.

Applications are due by June 30, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

2025 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

The goal of this program is to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

Applications are due by Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 4:59 PM ET.

COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)

The 2025 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program is a competitive grant program that advances public safety by providing funds directly to state law enforcement agencies to investigate illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine.

Up to \$16 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by July 2, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program

The 2025 Anti-Heroin Task Force program is a competitive grant program that assists state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita rates of primary treatment admissions for both heroin and other opioids. AHTF funds must be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities through statewide collaboration

related to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or other opioids, or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

Up to \$35 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by July 2, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

FY2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S)

The SAFER Program provides funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters.

The FP&S Program supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards.

The FY2024 SAFER and FP&S application periods opened May 23 at 9 a.m. ET and will close on THURSDAY July 3 at 5 p.m. ET.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Request for Proposals**Acres for America 2025**

Acres for America is the NFWF's premier land conservation program and was established to provide urgently needed funding for projects that conserve important large-scale habitats for fish, wildlife, and plants through voluntary land acquisitions and perpetual conservation easements.

This Request for Proposals will gather pre-proposals nationwide. NFWF will then choose a few applicants to submit full proposals. Applicants are encouraged to contact their regional NFWF office before submitting a pre-proposal to discuss project concepts and ideas.

Invite-Only Full Proposal Due Date: July 9, 2025, by 11:59 pm ET

NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Program and Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grants (IMG) Program

The WIIA Program provides competitive grants to help municipalities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects.

The IMG Program is available for both drinking water and wastewater projects that serve multiple municipalities, such as a shared water quality infrastructure project or the interconnection of multiple municipal water systems.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on September 12. EFC will hold a webinar at 10 a.m. on July 11 to share information about this round and how to apply. Advance registration is required.

Any community that needs assistance with its water infrastructure is encouraged to contact the Community Assistance Teams.

Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Opportunities from the Office on Violence Against Women

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Below are a sample of the open opportunities:

Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (EIP) Initiative

Closes July 10, 2025

Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

Grants to Enhance Community-based Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Contd. Pg 58)

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Closes August 5, 2025

National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Projects

Grants for Arts Projects provides funding for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector.

Grants.gov Submission deadline: July 17, 2025, 11:59pm ET

NEA Applicant Portal Opens to applicants: July 22, 2025, 9:00am ET

NEA Applicant Portal Submission deadline: July 29, 2025, 11:59pm ET

Notification of recommended funding or rejection: Early to mid-April 2026

Earliest project start date: June 1, 2026

NY Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors (NY BRICKS)

Governor Hochul has announced that funding is available from the NY BRICKS capital grant program to support municipalities and nonprofit organizations in building or renovating community centers that promote physical health, mental well-being, and community connections for youth and older adults.

NY BRICKS will offer grants of up to \$15 million to fund design, construction, renovation, and land acquisition for these centers. Priority will be given to projects in underserved communities, as well as those offering affordable services like childcare, eldercare, and mental health counseling.

The application period for the NY BRICKS capital grant program will open on July 14, 2025 and applications must be submitted by August 15, 2025.

Awards are expected to be announced no earlier than November 1, 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.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Improving the military justice system

Kirsten fought for years to fundamentally reform the way that the military deals with sexual assault and domestic violence within its ranks. Protecting service members, holding perpetrators accountable, and getting justice for survivors is critical to rebuild trust in the military justice system and give troops the

protection they deserve.

This week, newly public military court data showed that convictions for domestic violence have more than doubled across the armed services since Kirsten's military justice reforms were implemented in 2023. While there is more work to be done, these statistics are evidence that the reforms are working, and Kirsten will continue to ensure that they are implemented as needed.

Read more. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/investigations-and-features/2025/06/24/military-domestic-violence-convictions-skyrocketed-after-commanders-were-removed-process.html>

2. Slamming the impacts of President Trump's Big Beautiful Betrayal on kids

President Trump's so-called "Big Beautiful Bill" would be catastrophic for New York's children and families.

The House-passed version of this legislation would make cuts and eligibility changes to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, which over 37 million children nationwide rely on to receive essential care. Additionally, the bill's more onerous work requirements for SNAP will apply to parents and households with children. This could cause thousands of kids to go hungry when their parents lose access to benefits. It's unacceptable, and Kirsten is committed to doing everything she can to stop this harmful bill from passing.

Read more. <https://oswegocountytoday.com/politics/gillibrand/gillibrand-highlights-impact-of-trumps-big-beautiful-betrayal-on-new-york-children-and-families/>

3. Protecting federal investments

Congress has the power of the purse, and the Trump administration's attempts to cut congressionally approved funding constitute gross overreach. Kirsten is fighting to keep these cuts from coming to fruition and protect the services that Americans rely on.

This week, during a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing, she questioned Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought about the administration's proposed cuts to public media and foreign aid. The administration must preserve these vital investments.

Watch here.

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

4. Working to prevent injuries among older adults

Maintaining physical activity as seniors age is critical to prevent falls and ensure that older adults can age with dignity.

As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, Kirsten spoke with witnesses about how to help seniors live healthy, active, and injury-free lives at this week's committee hearing.

Watch here. <https://www.aging.senate.gov/hearings/lessons-from-the-field-how-sports-medicine-can-improve-health-outcomes-for-seniors>

5. Helping New Yorkers with veterans benefits

A Greene County constituent contacted Kirsten's office for help when she found herself in a vulnerable financial and medical situation after her husband, a disabled veteran, passed away. She sought VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), as well as the payments entitled to her as a substitute claimant for her late husband's VA disability benefits.

After Kirsten's team contacted the VA, the constituent received a retroactive payment of nearly \$28,000 and the guarantee of \$2,000 in monthly benefits payments going forward.

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/>

No-Cost Certified Nursing Assistant Course Starting in Sept.; Applications Available

County, College Continue to Strengthen Workforce

Monticello, NY - Building upon the popularity and success of construction, auto repair, security guard, welding and electrician courses offered in the last two years, Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development (CWD) and SUNY Sullivan have teamed up once again to offer a practical skills course - this time to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) - at no cost to up to 15 local residents who qualify.

"I thank the Legislature for devoting funding to our sixth initiative to provide local workers with practical, career-building skills that they'll use right here in Sullivan County," said CWD Director Loreen Gebelein. "Graduates will learn the skills necessary to be employable in this very much in-demand health-care field, and they'll need to commit to finding local employment in this field at the conclusion of the class."

The 11-week program is being administered by the CWD, part of the Division of Community Resources. Open to County residents who are 18 or older, possess a high school diploma/GED and have a valid NYS driver's license with reliable transportation, classes start September 8 and will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-9 p.m. at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake. (Note that a background check/fingerprinting are required.)

"This is hands-on training at our local college, and graduates of this program will be ready to take their clinicals in August," said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley. "I encourage anyone interested to contact us right away, as only 15 spots are available for this course."

To find out more or to apply, contact the Center for Workforce Development at 845-794-3340.



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BECOME A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Get training to become a CNA and start your career in Healthcare at **NO COST!**

Eligibility Requirements:

- 18+ Years Old
- High School Diploma/GED
- Ability to pass background check, fingerprinting and drug test
- Valid NYS driver's license and reliable transportation
- Must be willing, ready and able to work up to 40 hours per week upon completion
- Must be a Sullivan County Resident

Class information

Starting September 8th through November 24th, 2025
 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm
 Monday through Thursday
 Classes held at SUNY Sullivan

Sign Up Now
 Limited seating available!!!!
 Application deadline is August 8th, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL



845-794-3340

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From 10-6 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

Interested in being a vendor at our show?

Contact Cher @ cherwoehl@gmail.com or 845-985-2401

Mike Beiling and the Bertholf Family and Friends Present

Matty Bertholf's Annual Horseshoe Tournament

Sunday, July 13th, 2025
Neversink Firehouse

Times

Registration 8:30 am

Tourney Begins 9:00 am

Entry Fee \$25

Contests

50-50 drawings

Beverages

Bring your own

Non Players all donations appreciated**

**Proceeds will Benefit the Scholarship
Fund at TVCS in Matty's Name**

•• If you would like to donate but are unable to attend you may do so by mailing a check made payable to "Matthew R. Bertholf Scholarship Fund" to the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, 30 Scott's Corners Drive, Suite 203, Montgomery, NY 12549. Attention: Stacey

All donations are tax decuctible

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4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Feb 5

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

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

To register:

Use the QR Code, or use the link
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>
or email sullivancsrc@cornell.edu.

**For more information or to talk
to a Veteran Peer Advocate,
please call 845.794.4228.**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Sullivan County**

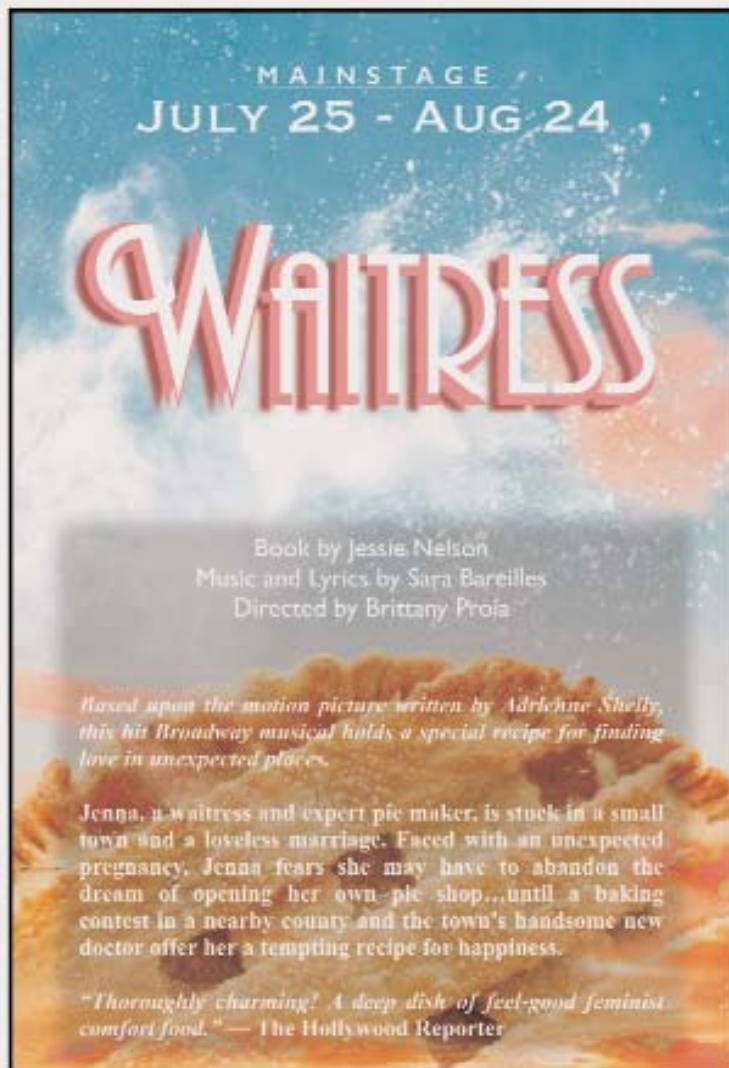


A TASTE OF BROADWAY IV "WAITRESS"

Date: Saturday, Matinee, August 23 - Lunch 11:45 (Open seating), 2:00 pm show.

Price: \$109 includes lunch, show and fundraiser.

* If you are a paid season subscriber to Shadowland, your price is \$79.



Support the Ellenville
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The Shadowland Theatre at 157 Canal St. is featuring this Tony Award Nominated musical coupled with lunch at Gaby's Cafe, 141 Canal Street Ellenville, NY 12428

(Please make check payable to "ERH Auxiliary" with your phone #, choice of entree and if you are a season subscriber).

Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483
Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.

"A Taste of Broadway IV"

Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Pollo 5 de Mayo

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers,
fresh tomato in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

Flour tortilla stuffed with grilled zucchini, bell
peppers, carrots, eggplant, melted cheese, red
& green sauce.

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

**Please call ERH Auxiliary Event Chairperson Helene Morris at 845-210-7120
with your selection. (Tickets will be given at the restaurant)**



The Catskill Mountain Classic Car Club

Presents:

The 40th ANNUAL BIG INDIAN CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, JUNE 29th 2025

Location : Big Indian Valley Park, Big Indian, NY
Gates : Open at 8:00 am
Registration : Begins at 8:00am and Closes at 12:30 pm PROMPT
Awards Ceremony : Commences at 3:30 pm

THIS Years Trophies Will Be Awarded
To The Top 25 Vehicles Up To 2005



Food & Refreshments



50/50
Drawing

Special Awards
Fireman's Choice
Presidents Choice
Best of Show

VEHICLES 2005 OR NEWER WILL HAVE THEIR
OWN CLASS AND THE TOP 5 WILL BE
AWARDED TROPHIES

Dash
Plaques
For the
First 100
Cars



Please be advised that C.M.C.C.C. member's cars are excluded from judging in the aforementioned award categories. Cars for sale are not permitted on the judging fields. C.M.C.C.C. is not liable for damages to persons or property. **THIS YEARS JUDGING WILL BE DONE BY PARTICIPANTS.**

The C.M.C.C.C. is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the vintage or late model automobiles. We invite all enthusiasts to join us. Yearly membership dues are just \$10.00 per person. Applications are available at all C.M.C.C.C. events or by contacting us by telephone or mail (information available on registration form below).

REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town/Village: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Registration: \$15.00 Pre-Registration: \$10.00 (Must be received by May 31, 2025) Checks payable to: C.M.C.C.C. Mailing Address:

Frank Stapleton, P.O. Box 85, Big Indian, NY 12410

For More Information: Telephone - Frank Stapleton (845) 254-4238



Daniel Pierce Library Senior Social!

Monday, July 21, 2025
at 1:00 p.m.

Open to all community retirees & senior
patrons

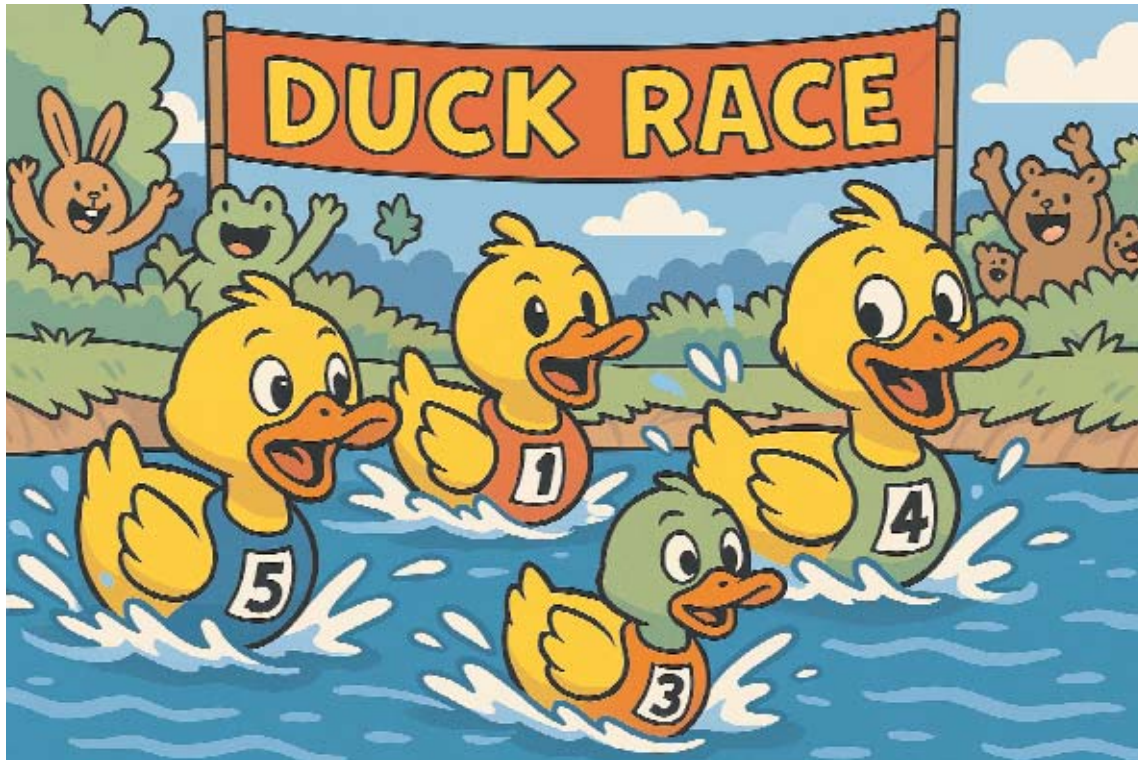
Join us for an afternoon of
conversation with fellow retirees in
our Adult Reading Room.
Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Adele Barnard at
ambarnard57@gmail.com or (845)428-2383
Register at www.danielpiercelibrary.org



To register go to: Register Now

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSep5sWYA0o293-pmXP_6hJVPjTGVKNd6S3qr0eq3uyNHmZBpA/viewform



OUR DUCK RACE MASCOT IS
MISSING!!
HELP US FIND HIM.

Three years ago, Kiwanis of Woodridge welcomed its first annual Kiwanis Duck Race, a cheerful splash-fest where rubber ducks raced down the Morningside Creek for charity. What started as a simple fundraiser soon became our best fun event!

Last year, a lack of rain meant water in the creek was non-existent. Hurleyville Fire Department stepped in to rescue the event by flooding the creek with water from their tanker. We can't thank them enough!

This year our prized golden duck, Patty Quack, the honorary race leader set to kick off the event this year in style, has mysteriously vanished. Townsfolk have various theories: a rogue squirrel with a taste for rubber? A jealous rival duck? A daring heist by a duck-loving secret society? Everyone is encouraged to submit their own theories about what really happened to Paddy Quack at kiwanisofwoodridge@gmail.com

The hunt is on! A reward is offered for the best "Missing" poster. Bring your "Missing" poster to the Duck Race for judging. You could win a great prize. (Posters will be judged in the following categories - Children 5 - 12; Adult 13 and up). Judging will be done by "Paddy Quack & friends - if he's found on time .

See you at the Duck Race - Morningside Park, Hurleyville, NY on Saturday, July 12, 2025@ 11:00 A.M.!

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

2025 Caregiver Resource Center Monthly Virtual Support Groups

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

To register:

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



**3rd Wednesday
each month**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Jan 15 Feb 19

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
July 16 Aug 20

Sept 17 Oct 15

Nov 19 Dec 17

Via Zoom or Phone



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This program is supported by a grant from the NYS Department of Health and is a partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County Office for the Aging, and the Alzheimer's Association.

4th of July Events in Sullivan County and Ulster County

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Friday, July 4, 2025

10:00am - 11:00pm

Liberty

4th of July Fireworks Celebration

Main Street

The full-day event starts with a parade which lines up at 11 a.m. and steps off at Noon. At night, **fireworks** sparkle throughout the sky beginning at **9:15 p.m.**

ULSTER COUNTY

Friday, July 4, 2025

10:00am - 11:00pm

Saugerties

July 4th Parade and Fireworks

Washington Avenue, Saugerties

Saugerties goes big for the Fourth of July. The full-day event starts with a parade organized by the Saugerties Fire Department, which lines up at 10 a.m. and steps off at 11 a.m. sharp onto Washington Avenue. At night, **fireworks** sparkle throughout the sky beginning at **10 p.m.**

Friday, July 4, 2025

5:00pm - 10:00pm

Kingston

4th of July Fireworks Spectacular

City of Kingston

Featuring live music and a free shuttle service, the fireworks will be set off from a barge in the **Rondout Creek** just after dark.

Friday, July 4, 2025

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Highland / Town of Lloyd Fireworks

Haviland Park - 87 Haviland Road

Enjoy the community for a fireworks celebration. Bring chairs!

Friday, July 4, 2025

Ellenville

Fri. July 4, 2025

9:00 am to 03:00 pm

Liberty Square

Ellenville, New York

<https://allevents.in/ellenville/july-4th-parade/200028349470741>

The full-day event starts with a parade, which lines up at 11 a.m. and steps off at Noon in downtown Ellenville. **Fireworks** display begins at **9:30am Resnick Airport.**



FARM ARTS COLLECTIVE presents
A Farm Tour and Lunch on Willow
Wisp Organic Farm with Greg Swartz
Sunday, July 6th at Noon



Damascus, PA- Farm Arts Collective continues its ongoing 2025 workshop series on farming, food, and ecology. On Sunday, July 6th at 12 PM, join farmers Greg Swartz and Tannis Kowalchuk, owners of Willow Wisp Organic Farm for an in-depth tour of the 25 acre Willow Wisp Organic Farm located in Damascus, Pennsylvania. Greg and Tannis were named "Farmers of the Year" in 2023 by Northeast Organic Farming Association of NY and they will share 17 years of farming experience. The walking tour will cover soil management practices, methods of irrigation specific to the farm, vegetable and herb production, cut-flower production, methods of post-production handling, greenhouse versus field production, and much more. The workshop is rain or shine.

This tour and workshop is designed for people interested in working their land, serious gardeners, and those with a general interest in organic farming practice. The tour will be followed by a farm-fresh lunch when Greg and Tannis can answer questions and have a conversation with participants. Please reserve your place at the tour and lunch table by going online to the calendar at www.farmartscollective.org

This event is a pay-what-you-can event at the door.

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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!



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!



COLOR OUR WORLD BLEACH ART

GET CREATIVE WITH T-SHIRT BLEACH ART!

**Summer Reading Program
Entering Grades 7-12**

**Thursday, July 22, 2025
6 - 7 pm**

Daniel Pierce Library Color our World PAINT & SIP NIGHT

Summer Reading Program | Adults
Thursday, July 10, 2025
6 - 7 pm

Get ready for some summer socializing, with a refreshing drink in one hand and a paint brush in the other! Whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking for a fun night out, this event is perfect for all skill levels.

What's Included:

- Step-by-step guidance from local artist, Robin Raykoff
- All painting materials provided - you supply the creativity
- A welcome drink to kick things off
- A fun, relaxed atmosphere to enjoy with friends

SPACE IS LIMITED!

REGISTER TODAY AND LET'S PAINT & SIP THE NIGHT AWAY!

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org



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YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!




Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. 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 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!

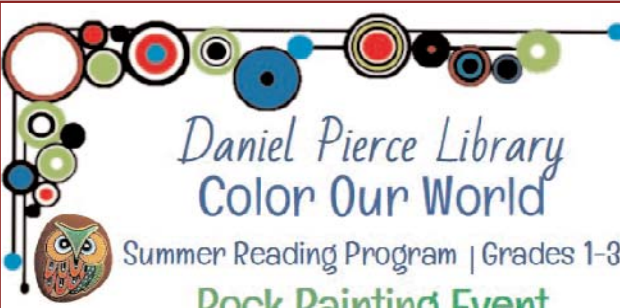
Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM



Daniel Pierce Library Color Our World

Summer Reading Program | Grades 1-3

Rock Painting Event

Come paint your world, one rock at a time!


Tuesday, July 15, 2025
6 - 7 pm

Join us for a creative and colorful evening where young artists will transform ordinary rocks into extraordinary masterpieces! Let's spread kindness, creativity and color throughout our world—starting with a brush and a bit of paint!

Take your rock home or hide it around the community to brighten someone's day!
All supplies provided—just bring your imagination!

Let's paint, laugh and make the world a little brighter—together!

Open to Tri-Valley residents.
Register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org



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Daniel Pierce Library Color Our World

Summer Reading Program | Grades 4-6

Frame-tastic Fun

Glass Frame Painting Event

Thursday, July 17, 2025
6 - 7 pm



Get ready to paint what you **LOVE!**
Whether it's your favorite furry friend, person, place or thing, you'll bring it to life on a glass frame to keep forever!


Bring your creativity, your imagination — and maybe a photo of your pet or favorite thing for inspiration!



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Summer Challenge Bookmark Contest 2025

Calling ALL Aspiring Artists



Three Categories:
Ages 5-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-18 years

Students are invited to submit an original design for the library's Summer Reading Program Bookmark! Winning designs will be selected and printed to be the official 2025 DPL Bookmark.

Follow the official guidelines and rules on our website.
The deadline for ALL entries is Thursday, July 24.

1 winner will be picked from each category.
Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Open to Tri-Valley residents. **Good luck!**

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Daniel Pierce Library

Entertainment Night 2025

Color Our World

Skyhunters In Flight



A thrilling and educational adventure, Skyhunters In Flight brings the majestic world of raptors to life!

Thursday, July 24, 2025
6:00 pm
Grahamsville Fairgrounds
Under the Pavilion
For children of ALL ages and their families

Come to the fairgrounds rain or shine for a Live Birds of Prey Experience!

Presented by Brian and Teddy, Master Falconers with over 30 years of experience, this dynamic program features live trained birds of prey in action. You'll have the rare opportunity to witness these powerful hunters up close, learn about their natural behaviors and discover the ancient art of falconry.

Perfect for all ages—
come be inspired by the beauty and skill of nature's aerial predators!

There will be a free book for every child who attends. For your comfort, please bring chairs or blankets. We look forward to seeing you at the fairgrounds!

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D&H Canal Interpretive Center

16 Bova Road, Summitville, NY 12781

2025 EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 3:00pm

The Economic Impact of the D&H Canal on Sullivan County
presented by John Conway

Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 2:00pm

Post Cards of the D&H Canal
presented by Bill Merchant

Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 2:00pm

The D&H Canal: Port Jervis to Phillipsport
presented by Cliff Robinson

Additional presentations to be announced!

These events are FREE!

Advance registration is required as space is limited,
email SCParks@sullivanny.gov or call 845-807-0287 to register.

These events are in celebration of the
200th anniversary of the groundbreaking
of the D&H Canal!



845-807-0287 | SCParks@sullivanny.gov
<https://sullivanny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation>

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Parkinson's Support Group

Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!



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

REGISTER:



(845) 292-6180 ext. 122



sullivancsrc@cornell.edu



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

WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

April 9 May 14

June 11 July 9

Aug 13 Sept 10

Oct 8 Nov 12

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

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Grahamsville, NY 12740
townclerk@townofneversink.org
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FREE MASTERCLASS MONDAY!

July 28th

Ages 6 - 11 10am - 1pm
Ages 12 - 18 1pm - 4pm

WAITRESS SONG & DANCE

GET YOUR MOVE ON! A DANCE THROUGH POPULAR SONGS!

STAGE COMBAT

students can join any or all of the hour long classes!

Ages 6-11 10am - 11am Waitress: Song and Dance 11am - 12pm Get Your Move On! 12pm - 1pm Stage Combat	Ages 12-18 1pm - 2pm Waitress: Song and Dance 2pm - 3pm Get Your Move On! 3pm - 4pm Stage Combat
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to register call (845) 210-4848
 or email ben@shadowlandstages.org

THE ACADEMY AT SHADOWLAND STAGES SUMMER 2025

SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE FOR PERFORMERS AGE 6-18

TUESDAY, JULY 29 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
AGES 6-11 10AM - 1PM*
AGES 12-18 1PM - 4PM*
 WITH A PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

THIS INCLUDES SNACK BREAK - PLEASE BRING OWN SNACK EACH DAY.

AGES 6-11 UNDER THE BIG TOP

A collection of scenes with a common theme, bound by the magic and excitement of a theatrical circus!

AGES 12-18 COMEDY, TRAGEDY, AND MYSTERY!

These classic genres will be brought to life and shaped into some thrills, spills and unforgettable outcomes in this all out theatrical mashup!

\$135 TO REGISTER VISIT:
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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

THE ACADEMY AT SHADOWLAND STAGES SUMMER 2025

SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE FOR PERFORMERS AGE 6-18

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
AGES 6-11 10AM - 1PM*
AGES 12-18 1PM - 4PM*
 WITH A PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

THIS INCLUDES SNACK BREAK - PLEASE BRING OWN SNACK EACH DAY.

AGES 6-11 INTERGAL-ACTING!

An outer space themed theatrical tour of scenes, music, visual art, and more! Join us as we celebrate our spectacular solar system with dance and acting!

AGES 12-18 SCENE-IC PARK TOUR

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THE ACADEMY AT SHADOWLAND STAGES SUMMER 2025

FREE MASTERCLASS MONDAY!

August 4th

Ages 6 - 11 10am - 1pm
Ages 12 - 18 1pm - 4pm

WAITRESS SONG & DANCE

STAGE COMBAT

 **Tik Tok Take Over for Shadowland Stages**

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Ages 6-11 10am - 11am Waitress: Song and Dance 11am - 12pm Stage Combat 12pm - 1pm Tik Tok Filming Fun!	Ages 12-18 1pm - 2pm Waitress: Song and Dance 2pm - 3pm Stage Combat 3pm - 4pm Tik Tok Filming Fun!
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*Please RSVP
Seats are limited*

Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.



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INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



THE ERA OF HIGH-SPEED CHOICE IS ARRIVING

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

With summer upon us, construction is about to begin on the County of Sullivan's long-awaited broadband expansion. This project promises to transform much of the County, particularly the underserved and unserved areas that have struggled with high-speed Internet access. This service, provided by our partner Archtop Fiber, is supported by a nearly \$30 million grant awarded to Sullivan County by New York State through the ConnectALL program. More than 220 miles of fiber-optic cabling will be deployed across the County, serving well over 22,000 addresses (not counting the many more addresses that will be covered by the wireless signal emanating from a dozen of our communications towers). **Speeds will be as high as 8 GB up/download, at competitive rates.**

While some fiber-optic cabling may be mounted on utility poles, the primary method will be to place wires underground. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about what's planned, reach out to Archtop Fiber's team at hello@archtopfiber.com or visit archtopfiber.com. I look forward to what's coming for your community and the whole County!



Sullivan County, New York State and Archtop Fiber officials gathered June 12 at Bethel Woods to ceremonially break ground on a \$30 million broadband expansion.

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A NEW DAY IS DAWNING AT YOUR AIRPORT

While a few panels, some paving and signage are still being installed, the new terminal at the Sullivan County Airport is largely finished. In fact, we expect the State - possibly Governor Hochul herself - to cut the ribbon on the facility in the coming weeks.

You may wonder what this expense is for, since there are no plans to return scheduled passenger service to the Airport. The idea is to relieve you of the burden of subsidizing an Airport that now has the ability to be a valuable, attractive business jetport.

We already have business jets (and propeller-driven planes) flying in just to fuel up. We want to increase that.

We already have pilots and aviation companies renting hangar and office space. We want to increase that, too.

Plus, this new terminal has space ready for a restaurant, complete with bar, dining area and outdoor deck - so that pilots can fly in for a bite and you can drive in for a meal overlooking the runway and the Catskills!

There is much untapped potential at your Airport, as it sits close to the busy NYC metro area but far enough away that prices are lower and room is greater. We plan to market it that way to aviation companies - the goal being to make the Airport self-sustaining, rather than relying on County taxpayers to cover expenses.

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BUDGET WINNERS!

For the tenth time in a row, Sullivan County has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

A panel of judges reviewed over 1,700 budgets submitted to the GFOA, including Sullivan County's version for the 2025 fiscal year.

Kudos to the Division of Management & Budget for winning this yet again!

FREE CNA CLASSES START IN THE FALL

Building upon the popularity and success of construction, auto repair, security guard, welding and electrician courses offered in the last two years, Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development (CWD), Sullivan BOCES and SUNY Sullivan have teamed up once again to offer a **free** course – this time to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) – to up to 15 local residents.

The 10-week program, funded by the County Legislature, is being administered by the CWD. Open to County residents who are 18 or older, possess a high school diploma/GED and have a valid NYS driver's license with reliable transportation, classes start September 8 and will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-9 p.m. at SUNY Sullivan.

Apply now by calling 845-794-3340!

PARK IT THIS SUMMER!

Sullivan County operates more parks than you may realize - and probably more than you've visited, too. So take a ride and visit these awesome (and historic) locations across the County:

- **Stone Arch Bridge Historical Park**, NYS Route 52, Kenoza Lake
- **Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History** (run by the Delaware Company), NYS Route 97, Narrowsburg
- **Delaware & Hudson Canal Linear Park and Interpretive Center**, US Route 209, Wurtsboro and Summitville
- **Minisink Battleground Park**, just off NYS Route 97, Barryville
- **Livingston Manor Covered Bridge Park**, County Route 179, Livingston Manor
- **Sullivan County Museum & Cultural Center**, County Route 104, Hurleyville
- **Lake Superior State Park** (run by the County), between NYS Routes 17B and 55 on Dr. Duggan Road, Bethel

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TO OUR RESCUE

Sullivan County's EMS system is in the midst of a major transformation, with the goal being better, faster, more sustainable care options for you, your neighbors and visitors.

To that end, the County Legislature has devoted over \$3 million to funding four "fly cars" (like the one pictured at left) to roam our 1,000 square miles 24/7, often reaching an emergency medical scene before local ambulances.

Unlike ambulances, however, they can't transport patients, so the Legislature has also now added a SeniorCare-branded ambulance to supplement our local corps. Our Bureau of EMS also recently recognized the selfless EMS workers among us (pictured below), in conjunction with Garnet Health.

Awardees honored at the recent EMS Appreciation Luncheon included, below from left, Mike Sherwood, Chris Tambini and Tony LaRuffa (all representing Highland Ambulance Service), Diana Duffy, Alex Rau, Susan Sherwood, Dr. Nicki Maxwell and Jayden Stephens.



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Gnome*Answer to last week's Trivia Question: ***Beauty and the Beast*****This weeks' Trivia question:** What movie tells the story of
the demise of Richie Valens, Buddy Holly and The Big
Bopper?