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## NRAMA Club First Tractor Ride of the Year!

Our NRAMA Club had their first tractor ride of the year on June 6th. What a great ride it was and a fun time had by all. There were several members on their prized tractors and some of us rode in the wagons pulled by Paul Kelly and Ross Stoddard. We had fantastic weather and the scenery was beautiful.



*Paul Kelly and Ross Stoddard waiting for their passengers in their wagons as they prepare for the first tractor ride of the year!*

The ride was 16+ miles, starting and ending at Jose Milan's home in Greenfield Park, and taking about 3 hours to complete. At the end of the ride, we all convened at Jose's to eat some great food and share our stories about the ride and talk about future rides. And what incredible food we had! Members brought side dishes and desserts. Our master griller (and Vice President), Seymour Streigold, cooked up hot dogs and hamburgers. But the star of our lunch was Jose's homemade Paella! He made the best Paella anyone has ever tasted in this enormous Paella pan!

It was truly an extraordinary day for everyone that participated. Our club photographer, Donna Akerley captured the memories in pictures and videos which are posted on our NRAMA Facebook page. I've included some of her pictures in our Townsman to give you taste of what our tractor rides are like. If you haven't yet experienced a tractor ride with us, you need to. The rides are open to members only (for insurance purposes) so if you are a member join us in the next ride. If your not a member, join our club and join our rides! I guarantee you won't regret it!. (Contd. Pg. 4)



*And the ride begins!*

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**On the Front Burner:** Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.  
Ecclesiastes 7:19

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

### June 6, 1956

Miss Lois Tobias, daughter of Mrs. Marta Tobias and the late Mr. Tobias, of Sunset Park, Kingston, was married to Franklin Dean Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lackawack. The ceremony took place at the Marfon Reformed Church with the Rev. Andrew Hanson officiating. Miss Smith is a graduate of Saugerties High School and is employed by the Rondout Nat. Bank in Kingston. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Tri Valley School and is employed by Sullivan County as a D.H.I.A. supervisor.

Miss Pat Van Wagner sponsored a bridal shower for Miss Hulda Brackman of Grahamsville last Thursday night at the Van Wagner home in Claryville. Miss Brackman, who will graduate from Tri Valley School in June, received many lovely gifts. Her fiancé is Robert Ferber of Callicoon. They will be married in July.

### June 1, 1966

The Loren Dean property at Sundown has been sold to a former resident of Sundown, Mr. Robert Van Aken, who with his wife will take possession as soon as the transaction is completed. The Dean General Store which served Sundown for forty-three years, will be run by the new owner for the time being.

Van W. Furman, age 62, died suddenly on Monday, May 30, 1966 at his home on Glade Hill. He was born on Glade Hill on February 19, 1904, the son of Ina M. Van Wagner and Lowell W. Furman. He was married April 4, 1931 at Port Jervis to Emma Van Wagner. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Frances and a son, Harvey, both at home; and one sister, Mrs. Ethel M. Bevier of Grahamsville.

### June 9, 1976

Elaine C. Stratton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton of Grahamsville, has been named valedictorian of the Class of 1976. Miss Stratton, who has compiled an outstanding 95.6 academic average in high school, plans to study engineering at Syracuse University where she has been granted an Air Force ROTC Scholarship. Salutatorian of the Class of 1976 will be

Wayne A. Barringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Barringer of Grahamsville. A Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, Wayne has also qualified for a NYS Regents Scholarship. He will major in industrial engineering at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

### June 6, 1996

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Newman of Grahamsville celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on June 3, 1986. Their daughters, Grace, Gloria and husband, Wayne Cargill !!, Patti, Terri and son Richard, surprised them with a party on June 1, 1986 at Morningside Park in Fallsburg, N.Y. We thank our children, family and friends for making our day very special. There were about 25 in attendance.

July 20th marks the date for this year's London Broil Dinner to benefit the Daniel Pierce Library.

Sullivan County Open Horse Show Series will take place on Saturday, June 29th -hosted by Tri-Valley FFA; and Saturday, September 16th (hosted by SC 4-H Horse P.A.C.). Both horse shows will be held at Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

A series of exhibits on Japanese culture are currently on display in the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville.

Tri-Valley Little League will have its annual Family Picnic on Saturday, July 13, 1996 at the Neversink Firemen's Facility.

Amber Coppola and Melissa Martinez, Tri-Valley pupils enrolled in the County BOCES Vo-Tech Program were among eighteen students recently inducted into the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society during an evening ceremony at BOCES.

Saturday, May 18, 1996 was a very special day for Grahamsville Boy Scout Troop #87. Troy Garber, son of Betty and Wayne Garber of Bradley received his Eagle Scout badge! The ceremony was sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Department and held at the Grahamsville UM Church. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Committee Chairman, Joan Conjura read, "Hello...Remember Me?" a passage about dwindling respect to the flag.

Lori Frear, daughter of Jay and Linda Zanetti of Grahamsville graduated from North Carolina State University on May 11th. Lori received a Master of Science degree in Zoology from College of Agriculture and Live sciences during commencement ceremonies. Lori was a 1989 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

## LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

April 16, 1996

Some of my happiest memories of the good old days are closely tied to Spring. Warm days meant freedom from galoshes and mittens and even scarves.

This long cold winter just past brings back memories of a winter long ago when my children were small and we were living way on top of Red Hill, not far from the tower. A bad winter storm brought us so much snow that no one could get up there with a car. Bobbie Garafolo was our school teacher and his transportation was snowshoes, but he made it every morning. He tells us of a day on the first day of Spring in 1938 when he and his brother Ed were returning home to Claryville from Monticello. Several miles from Grahamsville they noticed a wisp of smoke on the horizon. When they arrived there, Porter's Store building was on fire. Flames and smoke were breaking through the roof near the chimney. Porter's Store was on the far side of the road diagonally across from Martha Briggs' funeral home. The spectators who gathered were either elderly people or children. Ed organized a bucket brigade and Robert commandeered a 20-foot or more ladder and axe. He broke through the other windows and chopped into the burning timbers. By then, some able-bodied men had arrived, and they soon had a steady flow of buckets of water. Eventually they were able to subdue the flames.

If that building had been allowed to bum, the wind would have carried the flames through Chestnut Valley and leveled every structure to Ray Erath's bakery and beyond. Bobby is wondering if anybody recalls this fire. Ed passed away a few years ago, and Robert is living in Florida along with his family.

## Household Hint:

### Who Would have Thought?

Meat tenderizer gets blood out of clothing. It won't bleach out the original fabric.

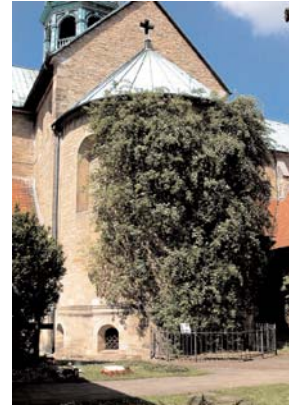
WD-40 removes crayon from just about any hard surface, as well as scuffs from ceramic and wood floors.

## 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, Martha Ahrens and Barbara Barkley. And also to the memory of Frank Comando. a/k/a Knarf Adnamoc.*

## The Mother of all Roses

Through the ages, there is one particular rose that is mentioned more than any other. In fact, the oldest living rose in the world, known as the Thousand-year rose bush looks as though it's big enough to have been growing for a thousand years. The plant was nearly destroyed a number of times throughout its history. Most notably during WWII when Allied bombs annihilated a rose-covered Hildesheim cathedral. The bush was nearly completely razed. Every bit of the plant above ground was destroyed. It was from the rubble that new branches grew from the root that survived.



The scientific name of that rose is *Rosa canina* or Dog Rose.

The Dog Rose is also known as Dog Brier and Common Briar. The Dog Rose is native to Britain, Europe and parts of western Asia, however it is not a native of New York State or even North America.

To identify the plant you will see leaves on alternate sides of the stem, and divided into 2-3 pairs of smaller, toothed leaflets. Leaf buds can be affected by a gall known as robin's pincushion. This looks like a ball of fibrous red threads and is caused by a gall wasp.

The flowers are white with five petals and many stamens. They have a faint sweet smell, but because the blossoms are profuse it is not unusual to smell their sweet fragrance when they are nearby.

In the fall it will bear a striking red, oval, berry (hip) that will form in small clusters. Each hip contains many hairy seeds.

Known as the Dog Rose since ancient times, Pliny the Elder, born at the time of Christ, believed that the root could cure the bite of a mad dog, and used that to explain the origin of the common name, although some believe it got its name from its thorns that are like the fangs of a dog.

Unfortunately for the Dog Rose has a few down sides: they only bloom for a very short time each year and they are also considered an invasive species in 12 states, including New York State. Ironically, our state symbol is the rose.

Within the next few weeks we will begin to see the blossoms spatter all over the Catskill countryside. This non-native rose invades open woodlands, forest edges, pastures and fields as well as fence rows, right-of-ways, roadsides, and margins of swamps and marshes has flourished since before the dinosaurs perished over 70 million years ago. Images of wild roses were found in the Pyramids of ancient Egypt and gradually spread across the early civilized world.

Today, the Dog Rose still reflects a seasonal meaning of awaiting warm summery weather. It is one of the first bushes to bloom as the cold weather finally retreats. The tiny blossoms of the Dog Rose are very fragrant and attract pollinators who adore these perfumed beauties, each crowned with a gorgeous ring of golden anthers within each flower. For a short while clusters of the small flowers will overpower their deep-green foliage.

Shrouded in mythology and strongly linked to the Christian faith, the Dog Rose remains a symbol of purity, love and marriage. All the modern roses of today come from these little single beauties –like the 'Eve' of all roses.



(From Pg. 1) Our next event is the Ellenville 4th of July Parade. It is so much fun being a part of this traditional parade, joining the procession of tractors, fire departments, and other community groups as we ride through the Town of Ellenville all decked out for the 4th of July! And this year is extra special as it's our country's 250th anniversary. What makes this parade so much fun is all the people, adults and children, lined up to wave to us as we drive through their town. Club members are welcome to join us in the parade. We will also have the club wagon for those of you that don't want to ride on a tractor. You can contact Paul Kelly, club president, at 845-985-0081 for more information. (Contd. Pg. 5)

## NRAMA Club First Tractor Ride of the Year!



*Dawn Altomari posing with Ross Stoddard's "lady" and the rest of the group looking on.*



*Paul Kelly giving Dawn Altomari, Walt Zeitschel, Cher Woehl & Kathy Kelly a ride in our wagon.*

## NRAMA Club First Tractor Ride of the Year!

(From Pgl 4) Our **26th Annual Tractor Show** will be held on **September 19th from 10am - 6pm at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds**. The show committee is continuing their planning efforts for the show, hoping to add some new and exciting events. We will once again have the **Cruise-In hosted by the Catskill Region AACA Car Club**. Last year we had a great turn out of vehicles to display and were hoping for even more this year. So if you have a special vehicle, your pride and joy, and want to show it off bring it to show! The **Ulster Heights Rod and Gun Club** are joining us again with the **Sportsman's Vendor Barn**. They will have various vendors selling sports equipment and are planning demonstrations, including a fly-fishing demo provided by Andy Bayer. If anyone is interested in a vendor space or wants to provide an outdoor demonstration, please contact Ryan Bollin at 845-399-6703, Eric Akerley at 845-707-1483 or Sean Miller at 845-706-6538 for more information.

The show always has a great variety of vendors selling their products, whether they be crafts, equipment or gently used items. If you would like to be a craft, equipment or yard sale vendor at the show, please contact me at [cherwoehl@gmail.com](mailto:cherwoehl@gmail.com) or 845-985-2401. Jeff Hutchins, owner of Neversink Tire and Auto, will be joining us again this year with his great deals on tires and other equipment. Jeff is also going to be giving a demonstration on the art of changing tires on tractors. If you own a tractor you will want to attend this demonstration for sure!



*Ross Stoddard and his wagon leading the pack as we made our way through some beautiful scenery!.*



*John Mchugh and Seymour Steigold bringing up the rear of the tractor ride.*

This year's show is going to be yet another great show, so we hope you all mark your calendars for Sept. 19th and join us for a fun-filled day. And don't forget to get your 50/50 raffle tickets. Proceeds benefit our scholarships. Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$20 or a book of 7 for \$20. Last year's winner took home over \$2,200. Not a bad return for their \$20 investment! For tickets contact club secretary Kathy Kelly at 845-985-0081.

For those of you wanting to attend our club meetings, which are open to the public, they are on the third Wednesday each month at the Grahamsville Fire Department starting at 7:00 pm.

I will continue providing updates on NRAMA and the tractor show in our Townsman. And you can obtain information on our Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association (NRAMA) Facebook page.

Thanks everyone---Be safe, stay healthy and be happy.

Cher Woehl,  
NRAMA Communications Specialist

In the food and beverage department, we are pleased to be including our Tri-Valley Lions Club at the show. They will be selling non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy with the food provided by the Tri-Valley Little League and Grahamsville Fire Dept. And the GFD will be serving up their famous chicken BBQ. Our local Bridge & Tunnel Brewery will be serving their beer in our beer garden where Jon Zanger and DJ Mark Hyzer will be providing live entertainment.



*Eric Akerley waiting for the rest of the gang to catch up!*

## Public Invited to Ribbon Cutting! June 15th, 10am to Celebrate the New Playground and Dog Park at the Orchard at East Mongaup River Park



Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | Monticello, NY - The Town of Thompson will officially celebrate the opening of its newest recreational amenities with a public ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, June 15th at 10:00am for the new playground and dog park at East Mongaup River Park located at the Orchard. Funding for this project was made possible in part by a Community Impact Grant from Sullivan 180 and former Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. The new facilities are located at 181 Town Park Road in Monticello just before the main East Mongaup River Park entrance. Residents, families, and visitors are invited to attend the ceremony and explore the new additions to one of the Town's most popular parks.

Formerly known as the Town of Thompson Park, East Mongaup River Park is a

173-acre community destination featuring walking and hiking trails, pavilions, picnic areas, athletic fields, a riverside pergola, a large existing playground, and other outdoor amenities. The new playground and dog park continue the Town's focus on expanding recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities.

A major highlight of the new playground is its inclusive and accessible design. Portions of the playground are ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant and were thoughtfully constructed to ensure children of all abilities can enjoy the space together. The playground includes low-grade ramps, flat surfaces, and accessible play features designed to encourage inclusive play and easier navigation for children with mobility challenges.

"This project reflects our commitment to creating recreational spaces that welcome everyone," said Town Supervisor Scott Mace. "We are proud to offer a playground where children of all abilities can play side by side, while also creating a beautiful new dog park and gathering area for families throughout our community."

The new dog park provides a dedicated space for residents and visitors to safely exercise and socialize their dogs while enjoying the scenic surroundings of the East Mongaup River Park area.

"Our parks are year-round destinations for recreation, wellness, and community connection," said Town Parks and Recreation Superintendent Glenn Somers. "We're adding exciting features to an already beautiful park, and expanding what's available to local families as well as visitors."

This new playground will be open throughout the summer as it is located away from the existing playground that is closed while the YMCA summer camp is in session. The area also features a bridge that connects both elements so users have a safe route and do not need to walk along the roadway. East Mongaup River Park is open daily to the public from dawn until dusk. For Thompson residents, the Parks and Recreation Department offers events and programs year-round - such as Zumba in the pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

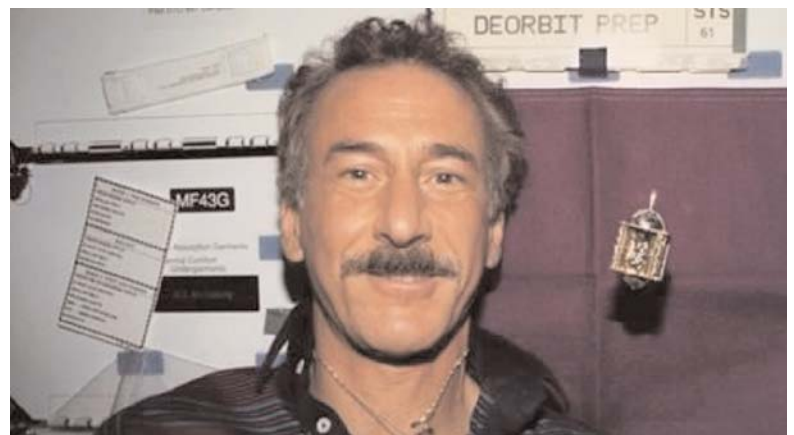
For additional information about the ribbon cutting ceremony, contact Jill Weyer at 845-794-2500 Ext. 304 or e-mail [jweyer@thompsonny.gov](mailto:jweyer@thompsonny.gov). For more details about the Town Parks & Recreation programs and amenities, visit [ThompsonNY.gov](http://ThompsonNY.gov).

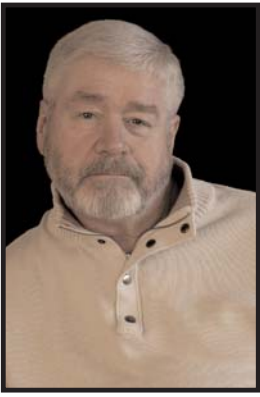
## Temple Sholom To Discuss Jewish Astronauts

The US space program is a model of diversity, including 20 Jewish astronauts. How does it feel to be a Jewish space-man or woman? What responsibilities to the Jewish community come with this role?

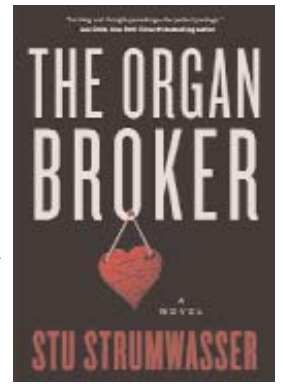
On June 29, 2006, Hope's Compass and Temple Sholom will screen "Fiddler on the Moon." A panel discussion about Judaism in space will follow the short video. Panelists will include the film's director, Seth Kramer, and Rabbi Chuck Diamond. Dr. Hope Blecher Crony will moderate the discussion. A grant from assembly member Paula Kay has provided funding.

The program will start at 1:00 pm. Admission is \$10 cash or check payable to Temple Sholom. Reserve a seat by sending in your payment or calling 845-794-8731. Light refreshments will be served.





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**The Organ Broker**  
 Mysterious Book Report No. 206  
 by John Dwaine McKenna  
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Are you aware that there are now more than 120,000 patients-folks just like you and me who are on waiting lists for organ transplants in America . . . or that there are three-hundred thousand more on kidney dialysis, but not yet on transplant lists . . . and shamefully, that here in America, twenty people are dying every day from renal (kidney) failure because of a lack of organ donors? The average wait for a donated organ, eighty-five percent of which are kidneys, is **Seven Years**. People are dying before they make it to the top of the list for a replacement. This fact, and it is indeed a tragic fact –and wait, it gets worse –has given rise to a modern phenomenon known as transplant tourism. Simply put, those who can afford to pay are going to foreign transplant specialists where they get a healthy, life-saving new organ. “Well isn’t that just dandy,” you say . . . but then, after a moment’s reflection you ask, “So, where, exactly, does this life-saving and healthy new donor organ come from?” Well Mr. and Mrs. Peabody, that’s where the rub comes in. The transplant specialists are located in countries with large and growing populations of poor people. Human beings whose yearly income can be stated in hundreds of dollars.

*The Organ Broker*, (Arcade Publishing, \$24.99, 280 pages, ISBN 978-1-62872-523-0) by Stu Strumwasser, is an outstanding new novel by a debut author whose voice speaks loud and clear about a critical issue of our times - one with important legal, ethical and moral overtones that could very well affect every one of us at some point in our lives. Best of all, he's fitted his information into a beautifully-written crime novel that's full of intrigue, action, suspense and treachery. Just what we enthusiasts love in summertime reading!

The protagonist, a shady character known as 'New York Jack,' is the organ broker. He's living large, enjoying life on a lavish scale, traveling first-class, dining in exclusive restaurants and staying in five-star hotels. He tells himself that he's saving lives by procuring human organs for those who are wealthy enough to buy them. Jack gets \$150,000 for a kidney, which he splits with a cohort, a man who goes by the name Wallace, he's the one who obtains the clients-those sick enough and rich enough to buy whatever they wish, no matter what the price. Kidneys are called “eighty-fives,” because they're 85 percent of the pairs transplant business, and they've done thousands of them over the years. “Fifteens” are livers. They go for half-a-million a pop. And hey, great news for the organ donors, fifteens regenerate. Eventually. But the big money, the really big money . . . the kind that will buy a whole Caribbean Island and a lifetime of anonymity . . . that only comes with specials. Those are hearts. A healthy one only comes one way, with death. Excluding accidents and executions, the only other way to get one creates a moral barrier that only a sociopath is willing to cross . . . Don't miss *The Organ Broker* by Stu Strumwasser. It might have been the most talked about book of the summer of 2020. It's certainly was one of the best!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## What to Do?

I am an eleventh hour person, perhaps an 11:45 person: I leave things to the last minute and then super-charge my effort. I always know I can make a deadline because my adrenalin kicks in combined with my focus. However, if I have lots of things to do and choices about priority or preference, I am lost in a fog until I can find my compass.

Today is Saturday and this column has a deadline as does my Retiree news letter. After those responsibilities, I have a list of things that need doing and a longer list of fun events from which to choose.

The dump, excuse me "Transfer Station", has a three o'clock closing, so that is probably next thing on my schedule. However, I am now weighing the cost of gas (thank goodness my new Subaru is a hybrid) at \$4.29, to determine the direction I am headed to

the dump.

The Dollar General and Fireman's Clothing Bin are on the way so they take priority over my fun choices of Library Fair, yard sales, book on audio, Candy Crush, phone calls to friends, and a visit to my friend Sue to return her clay pot with the Pussy Willow Tree she shared with me.

Since my mother taught me never to return an empty pot or dish, I'd better pot and plant the Lobelia I wanted to share with Sue. That reminds me that I have a pottery piece for Diana and a book for Elise. (I wish I could remember where I put that book for Elise) Better put those in the car too. So, repotting a plant pre-empts the dump because I need to have the potted plant for Sue in my car and do it before it rains, as is expected.

Of course, I have to juggle my "at-home" time because I am weaning my rescue kittens, now one year old cats, to adjust to the great outdoors. I, as a responsible cat mom, I need to be home for the period of their outdoor adventures. They too need to have their outdoor excursion before the rain since they have never experienced rain as in-door kittens for their first year here. Maybe they can help me repot the perennials.

Also, I'd better plan to take something out to defrost **for supper since it is now afternoon and I'd better get myself in gear.**

How is your Saturday going? I sure hope the rain holds off a bit. It is time to super-charge the "to-do" list before it gets any longer.

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

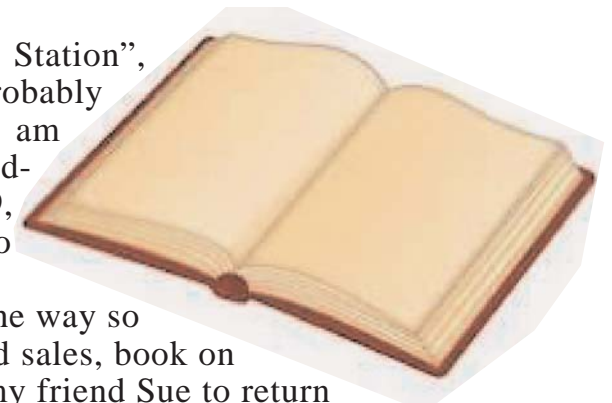
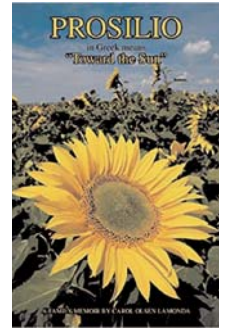
... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!**

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## Stay in the Know: There's so much going on at the DPL!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Calling all book worms, we want your books!

Yes, those cherished, "like new," novels taking up space on your shelves...it's time to let them go for a good cause. If this applies to you, give us a call. We're looking for current adult nonfiction and fiction novels, children and teen books and, if you have any, DVD's, CD's and vinyl records. Our preference is to add them to our collection for all to share or sell them at the book tent during the Grahamsville Fair and Giant Pumpkin Party of which the proceeds go towards buying more books-it's a full circle thing-or other necessities of the library. Through the process, we do get quite a few more "loved" books and materials and they go out to our summer book tent here at the library. Check often for treasures as we are constantly putting out new items.

Speaking of treasures, we are excited about our upcoming 250th All American Bingo on Friday, July 10. To get in on the fun and excitement, stop by the library for more information. For those who have not played before, it's \$40 per person, which includes 7 games, door prize entry and light refreshments. Participants must be 18 or older to play and there are many Tricky Tray chances available for an additional purchase.

All Tri-Valley Elementary students should have come home with the 2026 "Unearth A Story" Summer Reading Program packet by now. Please look over the packet and register for the age/grade eligible program your child wishes to participate in. Remember that the grade listed for the program is the grade the children are entering into the fall. For more information or to print any additional reading logs, visit our website.

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to the library on Thursday, June 4, to speak with representatives from Hudson Valley Credit Union (HVCU) regarding the home buying process. We truly appreciate the partnership we have with our local credit union and how those ties are conducive for promoting financial literacy and providing educational opportunities for our patrons. The next seminar hosted by HVCU



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will be on Thursday, June 11, at 6PM in our adult reading room where Kaylee Wagner, Grahamsville Branch Manager, will lead an engaging and informative seminar designed to build smart money habits. Since this seminar introduces practical, beginner friendly financial tips, it's just as perfect for teens and young adults as it is for adults.

Additionally, our first visit by the Ellenville Regional HEAL Mobile Unit will be on Tuesday, June 16 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. Please stop by the library to take part in this wonderful opportunity to become more medically literate. You are your best, most important, advocate when it comes to your body and its needs and stopping by the mobile unit is a great step in the right direction. There will be a number of screenings and educational opportunities as well as information on and access to important health resources.

With so much going on at the library, it's best to subscribe to our email updates and of course, by stopping in!



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## CONNECTING WATER, PEOPLE AND THE CATSKILLS

*News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 18*



On Sunday June 14th, Time and the Valleys Museum will hold our first Day on the Farm event of 2026, one of two this season. The second will be our annual cider making day on October 11th. Of course, the farm is open during museum hours each weekend, but this special day includes tour guides for specific buildings and a number of activities that target children. It is the best time to learn about life on 1930's farms.

The 1930's Lost Catskill Farm shows life as it existed before the coming of the reservoirs. It was a world of large families living on small farms, usually without electricity, where so much of the work was done by family members, strong horse and ox teams and sometimes by water power. That way of life has been lost, and the museum gives visitors a chance to experience it.

The history of farming in our area began in earnest in the decade after the end of the American Revolution, when the few who had settled before the war returned, along with many veterans and their families, who moved from more populated areas in New England or counties nearer to New York City. They often came on horseback or by ox cart over roads that had been Native trails, crossing rivers at fords. The conditions they found were difficult. The land had to be cleared, primitive shelters built and crops planted among the stumps. Wild animals, including wolves, bears and mountain lions, attacked their livestock or even threatened their lives. There were no neighbors, no doctors, no schools, no churches and no government structure. The closest grist mill to convert their grain into flour was on the Vernooey Kill in Wawarsing, a long and difficult journey. They were subsistence farmers who produced just enough to support themselves. To obtain the staples such as sugar, salt or needed tools, they often bartered with their small crop surpluses.

Gradually more settlers arrived, and grist mills, saw mills, stores and blacksmiths were closer. Churches and schools were built and farms began to expand enough to sell goods for profit, especially as transportation improved with the Newburgh Cohecton Turnpike (1810), the Delaware & Hudson Canal (1828) and the Erie and O & W

Railroads (1848, 1872).

Generations of families continued to live in this area, passing down their property to those who came after. That is why we still see names that first showed up in the 1700's. The Hornbeck, Osterhout, Curry, Sheeley, Smith, Hall, Cross, Furman, Porter and many other families continued to be laid to rest in local cemeteries.

One name that has long been a part of this area is Denman. The first Denman was William (1763-1858) who settled with his wife and children in 1795 on the



mountain that bears his name. That date has been carved on a boulder at the site. A rude shelter later developed into the first frame house in the area and the family grew to 11 children. Many remained in the area settling in places such as Neversink Flats, Livingston Manor and Hasbrouck. The family sent members off to fight our Nation's wars, ran thriving businesses, held government offices, boasted seven physicians who practiced all around the county and increased the size of

their farms.

At the time of the building of the Neversink Reservoir, another William Denman (1869-1950) owned a 203 acre dairy farm on a hill overlooking the village, and opened his home in the summer months as Mount Pleasant Boarding House. He too was the progenitor of a large family that settled in the area. When all but 74 acres of his farm, which was located next to where the spillway is today, was taken in 1940, he appealed the amount of money that he was to be given. After 40 years of improvements on his land and a thriving business, he felt the award was too low. He ultimately received \$23,960, one of the larger settlements. He and his wife Sarah Grant moved to Hurley in Ulster County, where he spent his last 10 years of life, raising chickens and selling eggs. There William and Sarah are laid to rest.

The Denman family was typical of the wonderful people who settled and still live in these valleys. We honor their way of life here at the Lost Catskill Farm. We invite you to join us on Sunday afternoon from one to three to take a closer look at the way it was.

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## ERH CEO Steven L. Kelley Named Chair of Statewide Healthcare Association Board Leadership role gives rural communities a stronger voice in shaping healthcare policy across NY


ELLENVILLE, NY - Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) is proud to announce that President and Chief Executive Officer Steven L. Kelley, MBA, FACHE, has been named Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) one of the state's most influential healthcare advocacy and leadership organizations.

HANYS represents hospitals, health systems, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other healthcare providers across New York State. The organization serves as the collective voice of healthcare providers, advocating for policies and resources that strengthen patient care and improve the health of communities throughout the state.

Kelley's appointment places both Ellenville Regional Hospital and the rural communities it serves at the forefront of statewide healthcare discussions and decision-making.

"For a hospital our size, this is an extraordinary opportunity," said Kelley. "While this appointment is certainly a personal honor, I view it as a recognition of Ellenville Regional Hospital, our dedicated staff, and the community we proudly serve. Through this leadership role, ERH will have a direct voice in helping shape discussions and decisions affecting hospitals and healthcare systems throughout New York





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As Chair of the HANYS Board of Trustees, Kelley will help guide the organization's strategic priorities and advocacy efforts during a period of significant change and challenge within healthcare. His leadership will bring the perspective of a rural Critical Access Hospital to conversations involving healthcare access, workforce development, financial sustainability, quality improvement, and the future of healthcare delivery across New York.

"Healthcare in rural communities faces unique challenges and opportunities," Kelley said. "Hospitals like ERH are often more than healthcare providers. We are economic anchors, employers, and essential community resources. I look forward to ensuring that the needs and perspectives of rural New Yorkers are represented as we work to strengthen healthcare across the state."

Kelley has served as President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital since 2003. Under his leadership, ERH has transformed from one of New York State's most financially challenged hospitals into a nationally recognized model for rural healthcare innovation, quality, and sustainability. The hospital has earned recognition for its commitment to patient care, community health initiatives, technology advancement, and financial stewardship.

His appointment also reflects the growing recognition that innovative solutions often emerge from smaller community hospitals. ERH has frequently been cited as an example of how rural healthcare organizations can successfully adapt to changing healthcare environments while maintaining a strong focus on patient-centered care.

Kelley has served on the HANYS Board of Trustees since 2017 and has held several leadership positions within the organization. He will serve as Board Chair through 2027.

### About Ellenville Regional Hospital

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a not-for-profit Critical Access Hospital serving residents of Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange counties. ERH is committed to providing high-quality healthcare services close to home while advancing innovative approaches to rural healthcare delivery. The hospital offers a comprehensive range of inpatient, outpatient, emergency, specialty, and community health services designed to meet the evolving needs of the communities it serves.

# Open Mic –

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

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

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



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## “A LIGHT IN THE DARK” Photography Exhibit on Display at Ulster County Clerk's Office

The Ulster County Clerk's Office is excited to again partner with art teachers from Kingston High School, New Paltz High School, Onteora High School, and Rondout Valley High School for the 14th annual installation of a year-end judged show of silver gelatin photographic prints created by area students. This year's show is installed on the second floor of the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston, offering a prominent and central place for this remarkable work to be displayed until June 10th.



Students from each high school created these works as part of classes on darkroom photography. These classes educated students in the analog methods and artistry used by photographers before the advent of digital cameras and computer editing software. Under the instruction of their teachers each student learned the artistic principals behind the creation of a well-composed photo, developed black and white film, and became versed in darkroom techniques to transform a film negative into a positive print on photographic paper.



Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck stated “Our office has been honored to serve as the host for this exhibit for a number of years, and it is amazing to see the quality of the images created by these students. We're grateful that each of the participating high schools continues to support these darkroom photography classes, because it grounds students in the complex process that was used by photographers for over a century to create the images that document our everyday experiences, communities, and the history of this place for posterity. We hope people visiting this show will gain a renewed appreciation not only for photography as an art form, but the vision of these students and the beautiful work they can create when given the opportunity.”

Additionally, Victoria McClaren, Superintendent of Onteora School District, stated “This exhibit is a remarkable showcase of the creativity and talent of Ulster County's students. I am grateful to Taylor Bruck for his continued support of our young artists. By providing this space to display their work, he has demonstrated a meaningful appreciation for their creativity, dedication, and artistic achievement.”

The exhibit will remain on display on the second floor of the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York 12401 until the afternoon of June 10, 2026. The public is encouraged to visit and questions may be submitted via email to [archives@ulstercountyny.gov](mailto:archives@ulstercountyny.gov).

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# 41st Annual Academic Achievement Celebration Recognizes Top Students

LIBERTY - On June 3, Sullivan BOCES held its 41st Annual Academic Achievement Celebration at the Rubin Pollack Education Center to honor the county's top four percent of students from the Class of 2026. The event was attended by Superintendents of Schools, Principals, Board Presidents, and Denise Frangipane, CEO of Sullivan 180, who served as the guest speaker.



*Family Footcare Group Scholarship*



*Kathleen Moran Memorial Scholarship*



*Liberty Rotary Club Award.*

Ms. Frangipane congratulated the students on their exceptional academic achievements and expressed her pride in their hard work and dedication. She recognized the students for being community-minded and used her own journey as an example of how new opportunities can cross one's path and open doors that lead to even more opportunities. To



*Peder Behan Memorial Award*



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*Symanski Scholarship*

close, she shared several tips to guide the students as they begin their next chapter and left them with a few of her favorite quotes.

Tips:

- o Find and do work that you love
- o Give back
- o Lead with compassion and heart
- o Explore and have adventures
- o Remember to maintain a healthy work-life balance
- o Be an active participant in your own life
- o And don't live for the camera

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## 41st Annual Academic Achievement Celebration Recognizes Top Students

(From Pg. 17) "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." - Everett Hale

During the ceremony, each student shared their plans for the future, and their School Superintendent, Board President, and High School Principal presented them with a Certificate of Achievement and a Rocketbook notebook, generously donated by Rolling V Bus Corporation.

Sullivan BOCES Deputy Superintendent Susan A. Schmidt concluded the ceremony with the "Five W's of Life" for the students to reflect upon:

- 1) Who you are is what makes you special. Don't change for anyone.
- 2) What lies ahead will always be a mystery. Don't be afraid to explore.
- 3) Where there are choices to make, make the one you won't regret.
- 4) When life pushes you over, push back even harder.
- 5) Why things happen will never be certain. Take it in stride, move forward, and always believe in yourself.

This year's top students include:

**Eldred CSD:** Marissa Gochenour, and Tabitha Smith

**Fallsburg CSD:** Andrew Bensimon, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr., Angelina Alvarado, and Karrine Bennett

**Liberty CSD:** Cassandra Porter, Lia Guillerme, Brooke Porter, Carmela Burgio, Sheyla Anguisaca-Llanos, William Pennell, and Runxian Chen

**Monticello CSD:** Kenny Walz, Evan Chen, Matthew Weinstein, Paulina Zajkowski, Gavin Shupe, Rebekah Joyce, Sean McAssey, Hailee Jackson, Emily Pine, and Reagan Zangla

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### **NOTICE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DILLON PARK SWIMMING POOL OPERATION AND PROGRAMMING**

The Village of Monticello is seeking proposals from qualified organizations interested in partnering with the Village for the operation, maintenance, and programming of the Dillon Park Swimming Pool.

The Village is currently constructing a new municipal swimming pool facility with a projected completion date of July 1, 2026. To ensure uninterrupted aquatic and recreational services for Village residents in the event of construction delays, the existing Dillon Park Pool is being prepared for seasonal operation. Should both pool facilities be available for use, the Village will consider proposals from qualified organizations, including not-for-profit corporations, educational institutions, community groups, religious organizations, and recreational service providers, to operate, manage, and provide programming at the Dillon Park Pool for the benefit of Village residents.

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to identify a qualified entity capable of providing safe, lawful, accessible, and fiscally responsible aquatic recreation and related programming at the Dillon Park Pool.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the Village Clerk's Office, Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701, during normal business hours.

All proposals must be submitted to the Village Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 25, 2026. Late submissions will not be considered.

By Order of the Village Board Village of Monticello

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

#### **TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District will hold Special Meetings on Tuesday, June 17, 2026, and Wednesday, June 18, 2026, at The Quiet Saint Restaurant in Grahamsville, NY. The purpose of these meetings is to conduct final-round interviews of candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

No formal action is anticipated during the Executive Session. Any action taken by the Board of Education will occur in public session as required by law.

By Order of the Board of Education.

Tri-Valley Central School District.

Heather Bonnell

Tri-Valley Central School District Clerk

#### **Notice of Resolutions Adopted Subject to Permissive Referendum**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District at the Meeting held on June 3, 2026, adopted the following Resolutions subject to Permissive Referendum:

Capital Reserve Fund - Be it resolved that \$15,000.00 will be expended to purchase a new 6x6 vehicle to replace the current 6x6 vehicle in keeping with the District's Capital Plan.

Equipment Reserve Fund - Be it resolved that \$5,550.00 will be expended for the security system.

Equipment Repairs Reserve Fund - Be it resolved that an emergency repair is required for truck 65-31. A battery in the truck exploded constituting a sudden catastrophic failure of critical equipment. The amounts needed for the repairs are \$1,380.00 for the battery and service, and \$949.00 to replace the charger which malfunctioned.

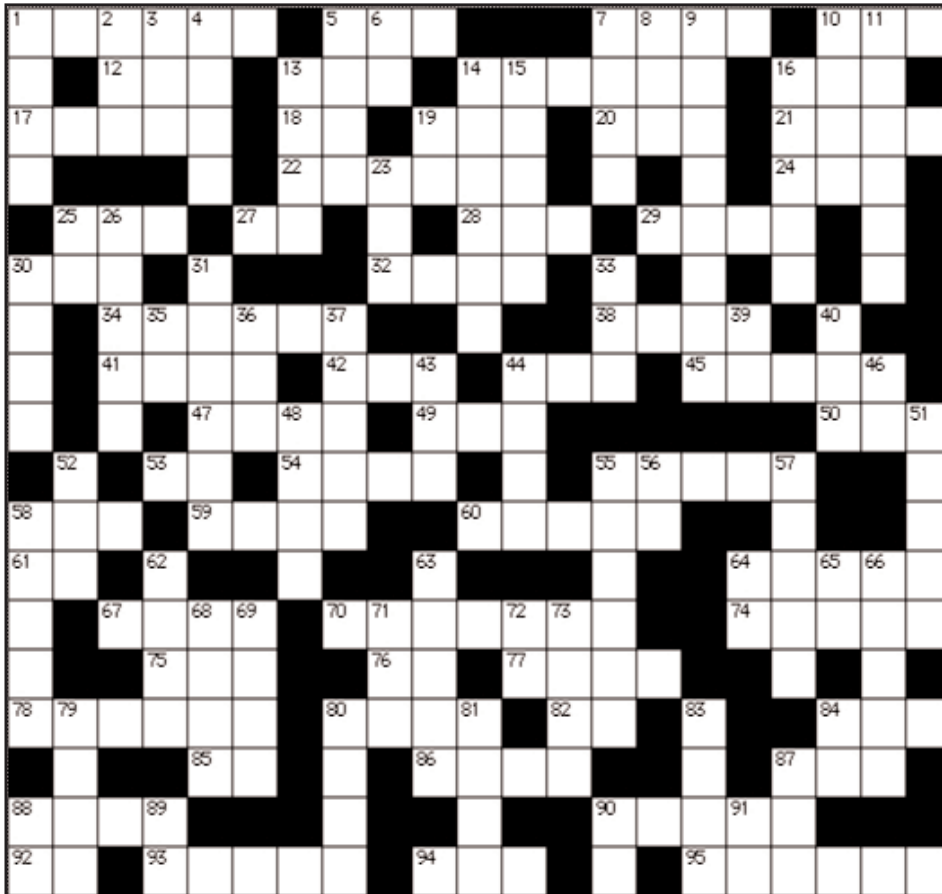
Resolutions are adopted subject to a Permissive Referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

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- 25 Distinctive philosophy
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- 28 Inquire
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- 30 Lunar excursion modular

- 32 Rhymester
- 34 Process of growth
- 41 Straight dividing mark
- 42 Curve
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- 47 Talks
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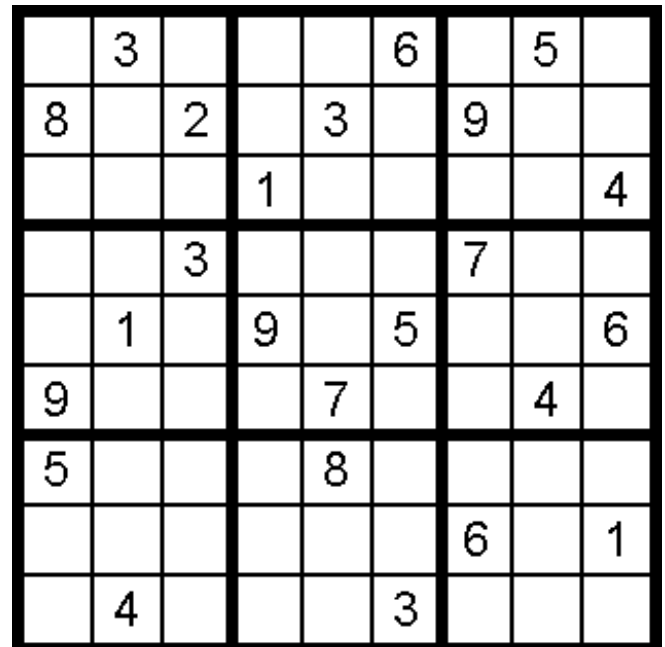
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As the local strawberries and rhubarb come to the market, you may want to try this delightful spring dessert

## Rhubarb Strawberry Crunch

- 1 cup white sugar
  - 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
  - 3 cups sliced fresh strawberries
  - 3 cups diced rhubarb
  - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup packed brown sugar
  - 1 cup butter
  - 1 cup rolled oats
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
  2. In a large bowl, mix white sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, strawberries, and rhubarb. Place the mixture in a 9x13 inch baking dish.
  3. Mix 1 1/2 cups flour, brown sugar, butter, and oats until crumbly. You may want to use a pastry blender for this. Crumble on top of the rhubarb and strawberry mixture.
  4. Bake 45 minutes in the preheated oven, or until crisp and lightly browned.

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Father's Day Word Search

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Kids' Father's Day & Flag Day Fun Page

- L.Comando



Flag Day June 14th

Betsy Ross is working busy. Follow the dots to see what she is making.

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- COMMANDMENTS
- DISCIPLINE
- FIX
- FORGIVE
- HELP
- HOLIDAY
- HONOR
- IMPORTANT
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9 am - 12 Noon

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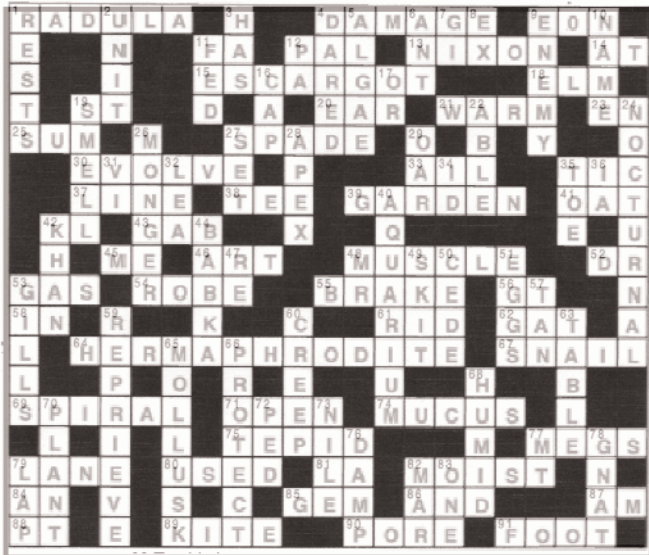


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Ans to last week's Crossword



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**The Wurtsboro Board of Trade 2026  
 event dates are as follows:**

**Street Fair, Saturday July 11th 11-5pm**  
**Duck Race, Thursday August 13th 6pm**  
**Halloweenfest, Saturday October 31st 12-3pm**  
**Joy to Wurtsboro, Saturday November 28th 1-4pm**

**Music & Farmers Market** in the park will run every  
 Thursday, starting June 11-Sept 24 from 5pm-8/8:30pm.

*All Aboard!*  
**Join the Fun!**  
**Play Mexican Train**  
 FREE FUN  
 every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm  
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 at the Neversink Town Hall

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**Daniel Pierce Library Hours**

Monday - 9:00 - 4:00  
 Tuesday - 9:00 - 7:00  
 Wednesday - 9:00 - 4:00  
 Thursday - 9:00 - 7:00  
 Friday - 9:00 - 4:00  
 Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00  
 Sunday - Closed

**\$126 Million in Unclaimed Funds Returned in March**  
**Comptroller DiNapoli handing over Unclaimed Funds check**

The Office of the State Comptroller returned \$126 million in unclaimed funds to its rightful owners during the month of March. From uncashed payroll checks to forgotten bank accounts, Comptroller DiNapoli is dedicated to putting money back into the pockets of the people and organizations it belongs to.

[https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm\\_content=20260411&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=weekly+news](https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm_content=20260411&utm_medium=email&utm_source=weekly+news)

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## 2026 LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 6/5/2026)
- 6/17 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.** 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse
- 6/18 Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
- 6/21 Claryville FD **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon
- 6/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY  
**(Please Note Date Change from 6/18)**
- 6/30 **TV Lions Rabies Clinic** 5:00 to 6:30 pm, under the Pavillion at The Grahamsville Fairgrounds (See Pg. 55)
- 7/1 Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 6/19/2026)
- 7/3 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - Independence Day**
- 7/7 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7/8 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 7/14 Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 7/14 Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, July 12, 2026 **Matthew Bertholf Memorial Horseshoe Tournament**  
at the Neversink Fire Department Pavilion

**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.denningny.gov>  
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

## UC Legislative Weekly Update

### June 8, 2026 - June 12, 2026

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

Monday, June 8

- 4:30 PM - Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- 5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board, at the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, 4th Floor, Kingston

Tuesday, June 9

- ~~5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health~~, at the Department of Health, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Director's Conference Room, Kingston **CANCELLED**
- 6:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics, at the Ulster County Human Services Complex, 100 Development Court, Building #2, Veterans Services Entrance, Kingston

Wednesday, June 10

- 5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law 2 of 2026, A Local Law Amending § 312-4 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Partial County Tax Exemption On Residences Of Senior Land Owners With Limited Income, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, June 11

- 4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- 5:00 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Ways & Means Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

No Meetings Friday, June 12

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# Fallsburg CSD Hosts Third Annual Community Awards Banquet

FALLSBURG - On June 5, 2026, the Fallsburg Central School District hosted their third annual Community Awards Banquet at Tarry Brae Golf Course. The ceremony recognized sixteen seniors who received scholarships from the Fallsburg Alumni Association, Kiwanis Club of Woodridge, Lions Club, and Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund. The scholarship recipients are as followed:



Barry Davis Memorial Scholarship: Sebastian Fowler

Edward Bryan Scholarship: Bryan Vasquez

Fallsburg Alumni Association Award: Jaecob Espinoza

Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award: Karrine Bennett, Emmabella Ferreira, Madeline Pantel, Lee-Ann Peruchet Di Napoli, and Marilyn Santos

Jack Leshner Memorial Award: Azon Laurel

Leo Cecil Memorial Scholarship: Marcos Deras Lopez and Marilyn Santos

Robynne Anderman Memorial Scholarship: Karrine Bennett

Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship: Angelina Alvarado, Saladin Basic, Karinne Bennett, Bintou Darboe, Jaecob Espinoza, Azon Laurel, Madeline Pantel, and Carmen Montes Velasco

Sheryl Kalter Memorial Scholarship: Lee-Ann Peruchet Di'Napoli

Woodridge Kiwanis Scholarship: Andrew Bensimon, Angelina Alvarado, Emmabella Ferreira, Madeline Pantel, Lee-Ann Peruchet Di Napoli, and Kierstyn Surerus

## CCE Sullivan Celebrates 10 Years of Community Health Impact with Awards Event

LIBERTY, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan proudly marked a decade of advancing community health and wellness with a 10-Year Anniversary Celebration and Awards Event on May 20, 2026, held at the Extension Education Center in Liberty, New York. More than 50 people attended representing community partners, school districts, municipalities, and daycare providers from across Sullivan County.

The celebration highlighted 10 years of collaboration and progress in creating healthier, more active communities. Attendees reflected on 10 years of collaboration and progress made through partnerships focused on improving access to physical activity and nutritious food environments, as well as strengthening school and childcare wellness policies.

The Town of Fallsburg, Town of Mamakating, Village of Liberty, and the Village of Liberty Police Department each received special recognition for initiatives that have strengthened walkability infrastructure, and opportunities for active living and healthy eating throughout the region.

The Town of Fallsburg received the event's highest award, a check for \$48,890 to support the continuation of its Active-Friendly Routes to Everyday Destinations (AFRED) projects. These efforts aim to connect residents to essential locations like schools, parks, and residential and business districts through safe and accessible walking and biking routes.

The Town of Mamakating and Village of Liberty each received \$10,000 for enhancing and sustaining AFRED and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects.

These projects included improvements to Complete Streets design, expanded and enhanced alternative forms of transportation and initiatives promoting SRTS, AFRED, and Vision Zero to ensure children and families can safely walk and bike within their communities. In addition, awardees were recognized for advancing community nutrition through concession stand and café improvements as it relates to the nutritional quality of foods offered in public spaces.

The following seven (7) school districts were recognized and received sustainability awards of \$2,500 each to expand their wellness offerings: Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Monticello, Rockland, Sullivan West, Tri-Valley, and Sullivan BOCES.

In partnership with Sullivan 180, local schools have introduced creative and inclusive equipment and programming designed to keep youth active during and after the school day. Additionally, schools invested in mulch for playgrounds to improve safety and usability, math and movement sensory stickers in school hallway stencils for the playground to encourage active play, and innovative methods to integrate nutrition and agriculture into learning.

The following eleven (11) daycare providers were recognized for advancing early childhood wellness policies and promoting environments that support healthy development and received sustainability awards of \$1,000: Babies n Tots Daycare, Bright Eyes Daycare, Devon's Daycare, J&C First Steps Daycare, Jessica's Daycare, Kidz Clubb Daycare, Land of the Little People, Rachel's Angels Daycare, Treehouse Daycare, and Valley Daycare.

In collaboration with the Sullivan County Child Care Council, updated wellness policies emphasize regular physical

activity, nutritious meals, and reducing sedentary time for young children. Providers invested in new indoor/outdoor climbing structures, as well as a variety of movement-based toys and equipment designed to strengthen gross motor skills. These enhancements help build coordination, balance, and physical confidence in very young children, serving as a critical precursor to early learning and long-term academic success. In addition, providers have installed outdoor raised bed planters, gardens, seeds, child-sized garden tools, and are integrating lessons about food, growing vegetables, and the environment with active play.

"This milestone celebration is a testament to the power of collaboration," said CCE Sullivan Executive Director Colleen Monaghan. "Over the past 10 years, our partners have demonstrated a deep commitment to building environments that make the healthy choice the easy choice. From municipal infrastructure to school and early childhood initiatives, the collective impact is meaningful and lasting."

The event underscored the importance of cross-sector partnerships in driving sustainable community change, with participants sharing ideas, success stories, and a renewed commitment to future initiatives. CCE Sullivan looks forward to continuing its work to support healthier communities across the county through education, technical assistance, and collaborative programming.

CHSC funding was supported by Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC), a five-year New York State Department of Health funded initiative, helping to build stronger, healthier communities.

## Village of Monticello Unanimously Adopts Two Historic Pieces of Legislation

On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, the Village of Monticello Board unanimously adopted two historic pieces of legislation. The first allied the Village with an increasing number of communities which have adopted "good cause" eviction laws in an effort to reduce rent increases and unjust evictions. Enabled by state legislation, Monticello's law seeks to afford tenants the maximum protection allowed by state law. Mayor Rochelle Massey commented, "We have to address affordable housing with all the means we can. Certainly, increasing the stock of housing which our residents can afford is critical, but so is ensuring that those who have long resided here are not priced out of their dwelling units." Several local residents supported the adoption of this local law which will be immediately effective.

And, in response to the prospect of a major incinerator being placed on or near the village, the Board adopted a clean air act which is among the most progressive in New York. The measure requires operators of polluting facilities to measure and report in real time the emissions from their operations and limits those emissions in such a manner as to require that only the most efficient and safe units may be built. The Mayor commented, "Protecting public health is our central priority. This is accomplished not just by operating a strong police department, but by ensuring that our residents are protected from new sources of air pollution. Our trustees join me in wanting to require state-of-the-art technology which provides transparency with regard to air pollution releases and limits those to safe levels."

For more information, contact Village Counsel Michael Sussman at 845-294-3991

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# *Taste of Broadway V*

Two time Tony Award winner!

# *Brighton Beach* **MEMOIRS**

By Neil Simon

Directed by Brendan Burke

## *Sunday | August 2*

at The Shadowland Theater, Ellenville, NY

11:45AM lunch at Gaby's Cafe (141 Canal Street)

followed by 2:00PM Show

See enclosed menu.

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

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

(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.

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# “A Taste of Broadway V”

## Lunch at Gaby’s Café before the Show

11:45 AM Open Seating (Cash Bar)

### Appetizer

*Gaby’s House Salad*

### Choice of Entrée

*Polla 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. Make check out to ERH and mail to Helene Morris, P.O. Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483. (Tickets will be given at the restaurant)

# Sullivan BOCES Career & Technical Education Center Recognizes Seniors at the CTE Senior Awards Ceremony

LIBERTY - On June 4, Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES proudly recognized the accomplishments of its graduating seniors during the annual Senior Awards Ceremony held at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre.

Family members, school administrators, instructors, and business partners gathered to honor the students' determination, perseverance, leadership, academic achievement, technical skill development, work ethic, and passion for their chosen fields. Throughout the evening, students received awards and scholarships presented by valued industry and community partners as well as Sullivan BOCES staff.

The event highlighted the technical, academic, and professional skills students have developed to prepare for success in college, careers, apprenticeships, military service, and the workforce. The evening also showcased the strong partnership between education and industry and the many opportunities available through Career and Technical Education programs.

Sullivan BOCES extends its deepest appreciation to the local businesses, organizations, and industry partners who generously provided awards and scholarships in support of the students and their future success. Their continued partnership and investment in Career and Technical Education provide students with valuable opportunities and demonstrate a strong commitment to the future workforce of Sullivan County. Sullivan BOCES also thanks the families, school districts, and staff members whose continued support helps students achieve success both in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations to all of the award and scholarship recipients.

- Antonia Keesler Memorial Award: Brooke Bull, LCS, and Carmen Montes Velasco, FCS
- Barbara Hallenback Professionalism Award: Alivia Garcia, RCS
- Bernas Construction: Hayden Budd, Ell CS
- C&K Construction Scholarship: Tyler Damms, Ell CS
- Callanan Industries Inc. Scholarship: Brayon Abrego Medina, LCS, and Juan Velez, MCS
- Catskill Region AACA Antique Car Club Scholarship: Virginio Jeronimo Sanchez, FCS
- Christopher Pekny Memorial Scholarship: Jaycob Torres Barreto, MCS

- Daniel Thalman Memorial Scholarship: Jordan Unger, LCS
- Fallsburg Lumber Scholarship in Memory of Monroe and Charlotte Levine: Radek Evans Machacek, MCS, and Olivia Tyler, LCS
- Family Footcare Group Scholarship: Sheyla Anguisaca-Llanos, LCS
- H.O. Penn Machinery Award: Brayden Davis, Ell CS
- JIT General Contractors Scholarship: Tyler Damms, Ell CS
- John Eschenberg, Inc. Scholarship: Cristopher Collado, MCS
- Kathleen Moran Memorial Scholarship: Giada DeFrank, LCS, and Isabela Rosario, ECS
- Knoellwood Equine Veterinarian Scholarship: William Pennell, LCS, and KloudSophi Walsh, MCS
- Liberty Agway Home and Garden Award: Skyla Millan, MCS
- Liberty Elks Lodge 1545 Citizen Service Award: Jake Cross, LCS, and Allisson Diaz Lopez, LCS
- Liberty Rotary Club Award: Jake Cross, LCS
- Mark J. Poley Memorial Scholarship: Kenji Rodriguez Santillan, MCS
- Marshall Machinery Inc. Award: Ryan Conklin, Ell CS
- Peder Behan Memorial Award: Virginio Jeronimo Sanchez, FCS
- Richard M. Dunwell Memorial Scholarship: Leland Oefelein, SWCS
- Robert Green Auto Award: Virginio Jeronimo Sanchez, FCS, RJ Marchesin, ECS, Kenji Rodriguez Santillan, MCS, Jaycob Torres Barreto, MCS, Jacob Tucker, RCS, Senecere Wall-Thomas, MCS
- Schmidt's Wholesale Award: Andre Hill, MCS
- Steven K. Sullivan Memorial Award for Construction: Alan Barragan Luna, MCS, Radek Evans Machacek, MCS, Frederick Heins, Jr., LCS, Jahvarri McIntosh, MCS, and Patrick Nolan, Ell CS
- Sullivan County BOCES Teachers Association Award: Skylar Wright, FCS
- Symanski Scholarship: Andre Hill, MCS, and Jayleen Molina, MCS
- Timothy Pellam Highway Superintendent Memorial Award: Dylan Ernst, Ell CS, Xavier Rodriguez, MCS, and Cole Shamro, TVCS
- Youngsville Veterinary Clinic Scholarship: Allyson Houser, LCS

# Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

## Every Saturday through July 4<sup>th</sup> • 9 am - 1 pm

Tickets will be for sale at all Indoor Thrift & Yard Sales for the

## Annual Chicken BBQ

Sundown Methodist Church Hall

Sat. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm

Adults: \$15 • Children: \$10

For a peek at some of the many items  
at the Indoor Yard Sale go to:

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**Sundown UMC Ladies Yard Sale**



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# Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

(Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)



Sundown UMC Ladies  
**July 4**  
**Indoor Yard Sale!**  
**... and Bake Sale!**

The banner features a dark blue top section with five white stars. Below this, the text is centered. The date 'July 4' is in a large, bold, brown font. 'Indoor Yard Sale!' and '... and Bake Sale!' are in a bold, blue font. Two red stars are positioned on either side of the text. The bottom of the banner has three horizontal red stripes.



**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> • 9 am - 1 pm**

**Hot Dogs • Chips • Water  
will be available for sale**

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**  
Intersection of Sundown, Peekamoose & Greenville Roads  
Sundown, NY 12740

## Bring Your Household Hazardous Waste to the Monticello Transfer Station June 14

### Free Dropoff Day for Sullivan County Residents Only

Monticello, NY - Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello is pleased to announce that Sullivan County is hosting a residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in June.

Scheduled for Sunday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., it will be offered at the Monticello Transfer Station at 91 Landfill Drive.

"This is a great time to clean out your household chemicals," said Perrello. "These items can be dangerous to people and the environment if stored a long time or just thrown out with the rest of the trash."

The program is open to individuals with residences in Sullivan County ONLY - photo ID or other proof of residency will be required. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required.

This event is intended to collect and properly manage residentially-generated hazardous household materials like herbicides, pesticides, mercury-containing items, cleaning products, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, paints, solvents, acids, bases, automotive batteries, antifreeze and preservatives, just to name a few. Please note that tires, refrigerators, electronics, ammunition, radioactive material and medical waste will not be accepted at this event.

A second collection event will be held on September 20 at the same time and location. For any questions, contact Recycling Coordinator Kassie Thelman at 845-807-0291 or [recycling@sullivanny.gov](mailto:recycling@sullivanny.gov).

## Small Business Association Patriot Pitch Competition

The SBA is inviting innovative small businesses across the country to compete in the Patriot Pitch Competition, a nationwide opportunity designed to spotlight entrepreneurs shaping the future of their industries.

Selected businesses will advance to a live pitch event in Washington, DC, where finalists will compete for a share of the \$1 million prize pool celebrating American innovation and entrepreneurship.

To apply, businesses must submit a PDF pitch presentation by June 10 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Applications may include a brief business overview, innovation strategy, growth plans, and optional 60-second pitch video.

Submissions will be judged on innovation, economic impact, business readiness, and contributions to American competitiveness. The top semifinalists will be announced during the week of July 4, 2026.

If your business is driving innovation and creating impact in your community, this is your chance to shine.

Learn more [https://preview.sba.gov/freedom-250/?j=239918&sfmc\\_sub=81041189&l=4270\\_HTML&u=7124422&mid=546013140&jb=1936&utm\\_source=sfmc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=The+Patriot+Pitch+Competition+is+open!+Submit+your+business+pitch+for+you+r+share+of+%241M&utm\\_term=Submit+your+pitch+button&utm\\_id=239918&sfmc\\_id=81041189](https://preview.sba.gov/freedom-250/?j=239918&sfmc_sub=81041189&l=4270_HTML&u=7124422&mid=546013140&jb=1936&utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The+Patriot+Pitch+Competition+is+open!+Submit+your+business+pitch+for+you+r+share+of+%241M&utm_term=Submit+your+pitch+button&utm_id=239918&sfmc_id=81041189)

## Small Business Content Marketing - Planning and Creating Engaging Content

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM EDT

Location: Online Live Event

Join digital marketing expert Nicole McCullum for an insightful webinar designed to help you strengthen your content marketing approach from start to finish. During this training session, Nicole will explore how to create purposeful content, develop a strategic marketing plan, and measure performance to continuously improve your efforts.

Whether you're looking to refine your current strategy or build a stronger foundation for future campaigns, this session will provide valuable guidance and practical takeaways you can apply right away.

Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how content marketing supports overall digital marketing success, learn effective planning techniques, explore different content formats and their uses, and discover ways to evaluate content performance to maximize impact.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your marketing knowledge and enhance your content strategy with actionable insights from an industry expert.

Register now: <https://www.score.org/business-education/small-business-content-marketing-planning-and-creating-engaging-content/>

## NotebookLM for Business: Your AI-Powered Research Partner

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 • Time: 1:00PM EDT

Location: Zoom

Join us for an engaging webinar designed to help professionals simplify the way they work with information using NotebookLM, Google's AI-powered research and note-taking tool. Unlike general AI platforms that rely on information from across the internet, NotebookLM works directly from the sources you provide, helping you organize, analyze, and transform your own trusted materials into practical insights and actionable strategies.

During this session, you'll discover how NotebookLM can help streamline research, summarize lengthy documents, uncover trends across multiple sources, and turn scattered ideas into clear action plans. You'll also explore practical ways businesses can use the platform for employee training, market research, content planning, and strategic business development.

Whether you're looking to improve decision-making, strengthen team collaboration, or enhance training and development efforts within your organization, this webinar will provide practical tools and real-world applications you can start using right away. Register now: <https://www.score.org/business-education/notebooklm-for-business-your-ai-powered-research-partner>

## Vendor Booth & Community Table Opportunities

16th Annual Fun Fair

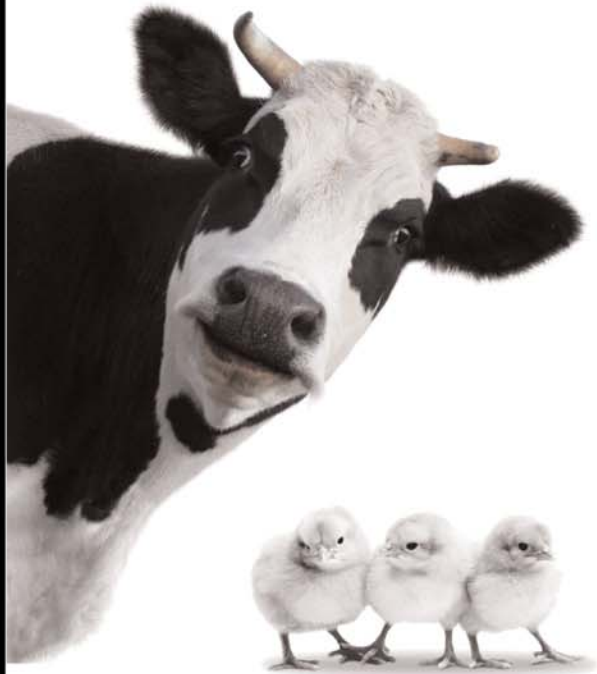
Date: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM EDT

Location: Kadampa World Peace Temple

Join us for the 16th Annual Summer Fun Fair on Sunday, July 5 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the peaceful and scenic Kadampa World Peace Temple. This beloved community event is expected to welcome 700-800 attendees for a full day of family-friendly fun, featuring live music, guided meditations, Temple tours, outdoor games, artisan vendors, and delicious vegetarian food in a beautiful 82-acre setting.

Artisan vendors, non-profits, and local businesses are invited to participate and connect with the community in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Vendor spaces are available at affordable rates, with waived registration fees for qualifying non-profits and activity-based service providers. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this joyful summer celebration!



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Sunday, June 14  
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**Bring a  
covered dish  
to share  
Enjoy good food  
and fellowship**

# **Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday  
July 4, 2026  
5:30 pm**

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

**(Intersection of Sundown Rd. Peekamoose Rd.  
& Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740**



**Be sure to check out the tables  
with a variety of collectibles,  
household items and more  
that will be available for sale**

**Ellenville Regional Hospital  
Auxiliary Presents**

# Cookie Bookie Sale



**Friday, June 19, 2026**

**From 9am to 3pm**

**Tents on Hospital Grounds  
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# DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other State agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

“Our Forest Rangers are elite law enforcement leaders who put their lives on the line when they respond to a search and rescue, wildland fire, or State land violation,” DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “We’re fortunate to have them patrolling State lands and keeping people safe. Their expertise and professionalism are valuable assets, not only in New York, but around the country wherever emergencies arise.

## Hamlet of Shokan Ulster County Public Outreach:



On May 18, Forest Rangers Grillo and Kocher attended the weekly meeting for Girl Scout Troop 60059. Rangers and women from Olive EMS, Woodstock Dispatch, Woodstock Police, and Whitney Hose Fire Company served as an example of different first responder jobs held by women. The troop also explored Ranger trucks, an ambulance, and a patrol vehicle.

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 ← Turn LEFT onto NY-213 1.1 Miles  
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Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge  
 -Going Towards Olivebridge 7.5 Miles  
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## Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

Every Tuesday at 7 PM  
 46 North Street in Monticello  
 For information  
 contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell  
 at (845) 701-0695

## Town of Hardenburgh Ulster County Wilderness Search:

On May 30 at 8:11 p.m., Forest Rangers Horn and Sweeney responded to a call for an overdue hiker in Balsam Lake Wild Forest. The 50-year-old split up from their hiking partner and may have hiked up Balsam Lake Mountain by mistake. At 8:53 p.m., Rangers located the subject in good health at the Alder Lake lean-to. The hiker planned to camp overnight with the hiking partner. Resources were clear at 9:24 p.m.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's "Hike Smart NY," "Adirondack Backcountry," and "Catskill Backcountry Information" webpages for more information.

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If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on State lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

# DEC Announces New York's Thirteenth Annual Invasive Species Awareness Week Began June 8th

Free Public Events Scheduled Across New York State to Engage and Educate the Public About Invasive Species Issues

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Agriculture and Markets (AGM) today announced that the State's 13th annual Invasive Species Awareness Week (ISAW) will run from Monday, June 8, through Sunday, June 14. Free public events, including webinars, hands-on workshops, and guided hikes and paddles will be offered online and across the state to encourage New Yorkers to learn more and participate in the fight against the negative impacts of invasive species.

DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said, "Invasive Species Awareness Week is an opportunity to engage and mobilize the public to protect local ecosystems, agricultural, and public health from the threats of invasive species. These harmful invaders outcompete native wildlife, damage recreational spaces, and cause economic harm. Through collaboration among State and local governments, environmental organizations, researchers, industry partners, and the public, we can strengthen our efforts to detect, manage, and prevent invasive species. Whether you're hiking, boating, gardening, or simply enjoying the outdoors, everyone has a role to play in safeguarding our environment for future generations."

AGM Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Combatting the spread of harmful invasive species like the box tree moth, Asian longhorned beetle, and spotted lanternfly is critical to protecting our agricultural industry. We're fortunate to have strong collaborations with our partners at DEC in advancing our shared mission of addressing these pests and their threat to New York agriculture and our natural resources. Together, we are working to educate farmers, plant growers and dealers, and the public about the impact of invasive species and how to preserve the health of New York's farms, environment, and economy."

To participate in an ISAW event, visit the NY Invasive Species Awareness Week 2026 page on the NY Invasive Species Clearinghouse website to find a complete list of offerings. Registration information and full event details can be found by clicking on the individual events.

Invasive species are plants, animals, insects, and pathogens that are not native to an area and cause harm to the environment, agriculture, economy, or public health. New York is particularly vulnerable to these pests due to its role as a center for international trade and travel.

DEC leads a comprehensive program to research, manage, and combat the effects of invasive species across New York State. This includes tackling aquatic invasive species like hydrilla, water chestnut, and northern snakehead and forest pests such as southern pine beetle, laurel wilt, and hemlock wooly adelgid. DEC works with numerous partners and oversees eight NYS Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs), which educate residents and visitors about how everyone can protect their lands, water, and forests from invasive species.

AGM works to control and eradicate various invasive species, such as the spotted lanternfly, European pepper moth, and European cherry fruit fly, which can harm New York's agricultural crops, particularly grapes, hops, strawberries, peppers, and fruit trees. Staff conduct annual surveys for these pests, and inspect the state's nearly 9,000 greenhouses, retail markets, and nursery growers and dealers for compliance with invasive plant regulations. Horticultural inspectors also monitor for invasive pests and diseases, such as Asian longhorned beetle and boxwood blight that are harmful to New York's trees and popular landscape shrubs. Learn more about the invasive species that are a concern for New York agriculture.

In the recently enacted 2026-27 State Budget, Governor Hochul reaffirms New York's commitment to environmental leadership by appropriating \$425 million to the Environmental Protection Fund, using \$25 million from the Sustainable Future Program to provide a record \$450 million for important environmental programs. EPF funding is a critical resource for environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, recreation access, water quality improvement, and environmental justice projects. The budget includes a renewed \$18.5 million in funding to manage invasive species.

ISAW educates New Yorkers to work together to spread the word, not the species. Everyone can make a difference in the fight against invasives by helping to locate and map infestations, using only local firewood, properly cleaning watercraft before and after boating, cleaning dirt off boots after hiking, or removing invasive species from the yard. To learn more about invasive species and how to get involved, visit DEC's website.



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**Summer *Kickoff* Art Show**

**June 6-28**  
**Opening Reception**  
**June 6**  
**2-4 pm**

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**AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM-4:00PM**

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Christina Elwyn at  
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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, June 21st**

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# Join Us to Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Anniversary!

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Join now by going to [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership), or send a check (\$25 for Individual, \$40 for Double and \$50 for Family) to the Museum at the address below. You will receive membership cards, a newsletter and special gift by return mail.

**2026 and beyond is sure to be exciting - be part of the excitement by becoming a member today!**



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## 2026 SHOW DATES

### SATURDAY 6/6/26 OUTPOST BBQ SHOW RAIN DATE SUNDAY 6/7/26

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

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2006 & NEWER; TOP 20 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. DASH PLAQUES FIRST 30 VEHICLES

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PARADE 12:00 NOON. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 30 VEHICLES.

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE; TOP 3 2006 & NEWER, TOP 12 2005 & OLDER, KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

### SATURDAY 7/11/26 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, SULLIVAN STREET WURTSBORO, NY 12790

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE

FIRST 30 VEHICLES. SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES

GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 3 2006 &

NEWER TOP 12 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

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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 2006 AND NEWER; TOP 35 2005 AND OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE; BEST FIRE TRUCK; BEST OF SHOW

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**Wednesday, June 24th**

and

**Wednesday, August 19th**

The drop-off location will be 48th St. & 8th Ave.  
Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity.

The bus leaves the Temple parking lot on  
East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM

The bus will leave the City at approximately 5:00 PM.

Reservation must be received by June 8th for the  
June 24th bus trip

# Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

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Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping at outlet stores

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**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

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

### All Vendors are wanted!

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

**When:** Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Rain or Shine**

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

**Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM

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

#### Regulations for Sellers:

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

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at [claryvillefd@gmail.com](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com).

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



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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor spaces reserved (8-ft indoor/ outdoor spaces): \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity needed:  Yes  No

Tables requested (8-foot tables provided by CVFD – MAX 4):

0 tables     1 table     2 tables     3 tables     4 tables

Table type:  8 ft table (indoor or outdoor)     8 ft picnic table (*outdoor use only*)

*Outdoor or indoor preference (not guaranteed):*  Pavilion / Outdoor Area     Inside Building

**\*\*\*Indoor spots are first come, first serve based on postage date of application\*\*\***

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if paid: cash: \_\_\_\_\_ check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** \$20.00 per 8 ft indoor / outdoor vendor space or \$25.00 per space with electricity (limited availability).  Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable \* Initials

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

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

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

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

**Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot!**

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

Mike Beiling and the Bertholf Family and Friends Present

# Matty Bertholf's

## Annual Horseshoe Tournament

**Sunday, July 12th, 2026**  
**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

# New IMMERSIVE Exhibit!



## The Great Fear: Frontier Life in the American Revolution

Celebrating our Nation's founding by exploring  
the American Revolution in our own backyard!

Patriots, Loyalists, Settler Life, Battle of Chestnut Woods,  
Raids, Captives and More. Games, Interactives, Audio and Video!



Opening 4th of July  
Weekends through September - 12 to 4 p.m. and by appointment  
Private tours for groups of 15 or more



Time and the Valleys Museum  
P.O. Box 254, 332 Main Street, Grahamsville NY 12740  
timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

*Partially funded through a  
Sullivan County Discretionary  
Grant secured by  
Legislator Brian McPhillips*

## *The Reservoir* at Shadowland Stages

"THE RESERVOIR was nominated for an Outer Critics Circle award for 'Outstanding New Off-Broadway Play'. Actually, 'outstanding' is an understatement." - Carol Montana  
Connect with Stephen Nachamie, Director of THE RESERVOIR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KNrjrTwjN4>

NOW - June 14th

Thursday, June 4th @ 8PM - Seating Available

Friday, June 5th @ 8PM - Seating Available

Saturday, June 6th @ 8PM - Seating Available

Sunday, June 6th @ 2PM - Limited Availability

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

[https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/eventsByMovie/A000000226?mc\\_cid=e7e1f6bcc8&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/eventsByMovie/A000000226?mc_cid=e7e1f6bcc8&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

THE RESERVOIR tells the hilarious and heartfelt story of a young man who returns home from college to get sober. He finds unlikely allies in his four grandparents, going through their own health woes, who advise him on his road to recovery. Captivating and enlightening, THE RESERVOIR explores alcoholism, dementia, and cross-generational connection with aching tenderness and lots of humor.

This extraordinary cast includes Harrison Bryan (Off-B'way - *Marcel on the Train*), Lori Wilner (B'way - *Prayer for the French Republic*), Joy Franz (B'way - *Into the Woods*), Joel Leffert (B'way - *Waiting for Godot*), Steve Brady (Shadowland's *Proof* and B'way - *Inherit the Wind*), Rebecca Pitcher (B'way - *The Phantom of the Opera*), and Harrison Zraly.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR 2026 SUBSCRIPTION

[https://easy-ware-forms.com/shadowlandstages/2026subscription?mc\\_cid=e7e1f6bcc8&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://easy-ware-forms.com/shadowlandstages/2026subscription?mc_cid=e7e1f6bcc8&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

### **Performance Schedule & Tickets**

Performances take place at the MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES, at 157 Canal Street, in downtown Ellenville, NY.

Regular performances run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 PM & Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM.

“Pay What You Can” preview performances are offered on the first Friday (5/29) at 8 PM and the first Saturday (5/30) at 2 PM

Tickets can be purchased online at [shadowlandstages.org](http://shadowlandstages.org), by calling the box office at 845-647-5511, or in person starting two hours before showtime.

Season subscribers save up to 25%, and groups of 10 or more receive substantial discounts. For group packages, contact the box office directly.

With free parking, excellent local dining, and a deep commitment to accessibility and affordability, SHADOWLAND STAGES remains “one of the region's treasures” (Times Herald-Record).

# SHADOWLAND STAGES

"A touching and life-affirming  
dramedy...touching both the  
funny bone and heart."  
TALKING BROADWAY

"A must-see play! A story of triumph  
rather than tragedy."  
CITITOUR

# THE RESERVOIR

2026 OUTER CRITIC'S CIRCLE NOMINEE FOR OUTSTANDING NEW OFF-BROADWAY PLAY

By Jake Brasch  
Directed by Stephen Nachamie

**MAY 29 — JUNE 14**

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY at 8PM**  
**SUNDAY at 2PM**

The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
157 Canal Street, Ellenville NY 12428

**CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE SINGLE TICKETS**

[https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-  
ticketing.com/events?mc\\_cid=b4f02c6119&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc_cid=b4f02c6119&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)  
*Performance Schedule & Tickets*



**Rabies Clinic**  
**Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lions Club**



When: Tuesday June 30, 2026, From 5-6:30 pm

Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds- Pavilion

8230 State Rte 55 Grahamsville, NY

**Cost: FREE - Donations Accepted**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER  
BRING PRIOR PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU**



**Shady United Methodist Church**

**Baked Ham Dinner**

**& Strawberry**

**Shortcake**

**Sat. June 20**

**Takeouts Only**

**4:00 to 6:30 PM**

**Adults \$20 Children \$10**

**Church Road - Rt. 212**

**5 miles West of Woodstock**

**For Information:**

**845-679-2982 or 845-679-4039**

*Fairy Tales*

9th annual juried  
summer group show  
juried by  
jaime ransome

July 11 – September 5, 2026  
submission deadline: **monday may 11, 2026**

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY

more info: [olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art](http://olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art)

## OLIVE SENIORS

**When:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

**Where:** American Legion Hall\*

**What:** Guest speakers covering topics like CPR, wildlife, Ashokan Reservoir, etc. & visits from local vendors like the Catskill Visitor Center and Fruition Chocolate

**Shuffleboard:** meets January-May every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon\*\*

\* 26-28 Mountain Road, Ashokan, NY, handicap accessible, bathrooms on site

\*\* follows Ontario School District calendar and is cancelled when Ontario schools cancel due to a weather event

# Historic Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

*Experience a One Room School from Long Ago*



*Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator*

Meet 1930s Schoolmarm  
**Elsie Harshey**  
on June 6th  
Don't be late for school!

**Interactive exhibits, games and activities for kids**

## 2026 Open Hours

Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.  
June 6, July 18,  
August 15, September 19,  
October 17

*Admission by donation*



## Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY (next to the church hall)

[info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 845 985-7700

*A collaborative project of the Claryville Reformed Church, Neversink Association and the Time and the Valleys Museum*



## 1700s Frontier Exhibit Opening in May & We Need Your Help!

Do you have any of these items below to loan to the  
Time and the Valleys Museum through September, 2028?

- Mannequins with heads (man and woman)
- Taxidermied deer, beaver, opossum, hedgehog, racoon, fox, wild cat, rabbit and especially wolf
- Any items (real or replica) from the 1700s

We are also seeking someone with graphic design skills  
to enhance photos and create graphics.

If so, please call or email

Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville  
[director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 845 985-7700

*All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition*

**Thank you so much!**



# POP UP ART EXHIBIT

## **Sleepy Hollow**

Self Guided Tour

**June 8th through June 22nd**

Meet the artists Friday, June 12, 2026 from 2 - 4 pm



The Daniel Pierce Library is pleased to present an art exhibition by Catskills based artists Maciej Toporowicz and Moonching Wu. The show is a tribute to Washinton Irving, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle.

Please enjoy!



Your voice and stories are crucial to my work as your Representative. Whether it's talking to you at a community event or when you call my office, I immensely value hearing from each and every one of you.

Here's some of how I fought for you and a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley for us all this week:

### **VOTING TO END TRUMP'S ILLEGAL WAR IN IRAN**

For more than three months, the Trump administration has waged war in Iran without Congressional approval, which has cost Americans by some estimates \$100 billion, killed 13 brave U.S. servicemembers and wounded hundreds more, and caused prices to skyrocket at home.

Last week, I voted to pass a War Powers Resolution to end President Trump's war in Iran, assert Congressional authority and rein in Trump's recklessness endangering troops and U.S. national security.

Finally, after months of calling on my Republican colleagues to join me in voting to end this war, the resolution passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 215 to 208.

This was not an easy fight. Since the start of Trump's illegal, reckless war, Republicans have used every procedural trick in the book to stop us and let this vote fail three separate times. But last week, the People's House spoke with the People's voice.

I'm so proud of every patriot in our community who spoke out and stood strong because it was your voice that made this vote possible. This is a major victory - only Congress has the authority to declare war, not the president, and we made that clear. But our troops are still in harm's way and gas prices continue to climb, and we will keep fighting until President Trump does the right thing and ends this war.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-votes-end-war-iran-fourth-time-resolution-successfully>

### **SAVING THE RHINECLIFF TRAIN STATION**

Rhinecliff Station is central to our Hudson Valley community and one of the busiest in New York. We've been fighting for years, not just for more transit options for passengers but to improve our existing infrastructure.

The Rhinecliff Station project is the product of years of community advocacy and bipartisan partnership at the local, state, and federal level.

When the Hudson Valley heard work on this project was paused, I spoke with Secretary Duffy about how this could jeopardize our progress.

I'm very grateful he listened, engaged constructively, and acted quickly to get things back on track. That's the kind of effective bipartisanship I'm fighting for, and I will

continue to make sure Rhinecliff Station gets the resources it needs to serve our community.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-and-senator-schumer-announce-victory-fight-save>

### **ENDING THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC**

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month.

The weapons I carried in combat have no place on our streets, in our schools, in our churches or in our hospitals.

I'm proud to cosponsor the Assault Weapons Ban and Ethan's Law for safe gun storage. I will keep pushing for common sense gun reform like the Enhanced Background Checks Act, the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, and the Stopping the Fraudulent Sales of Firearms Act to keep illicit guns out of the hands of criminals who shouldn't have them.

I'm fighting to crackdown on illicit guns to prevent them from reaching the streets in the first place through bills that ban ghost and zombie guns - guns that can be illegally sold and assembled through discarded or makeshift parts - and close the bump stock loophole.

As a proud member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, I will continue to fight to end this crisis once and for all.

### **PROVIDING RELIEF TO FARMS DEVASTATED BY THE APRIL FROST**

The frost this spring was absolutely devastating to our farmers and growers in the Hudson Valley. Hearing and seeing the damage firsthand makes clear we need urgent action. One of our apple growers told me they lost close to 90% of their crop.

Our community needs the USDA to step up and do their job - now. An official Disaster Designation would unlock millions of dollars in emergency grants and resources to help farmers and growers begin to recover from the estimated \$30 million loss.

I am fighting tooth and nail alongside our Senators and all three County Executives to make sure Secretary Rollins understands the on-the-ground impacts and acts with urgency.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/following-devastating-freeze-event-cost-ny-farmers-30-million-crop-loss>

### **CONGRATULATING ZANE MCCORMICK-BLAINE ON WINNING THE 2026 THOMAS OLIVO LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Congratulations to Ulster BOCES student Zane McCormick-Blaine for winning the Thomas Olivo Leadership Award, which recognizes Career and Technical Education students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, technical excellence, community involvement, and service. Zane was one of two students selected from across Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties.

Students like Zane are the finest the Hudson Valley has to offer. Programs like the CTE program at BOCES at iPark 87 are what makes the Hudson Valley a special place to learn. (Contd. Pg. 62)

**Pat Ryan** (From Pg. 61)

### **BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU**

Do you need help with Medicare, getting your IRS tax return, and more? Join my team at one of June's CARES Van events for one-on-one assistance with federal programs.

If you need help navigating a federal agency, but can't join an event, please call my team at (845) 443-2930.

### **CONGRATULATING OUR ORANGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS**

Congratulations to Orange County Partnership CEO and President Connor Eckert on being named one of the top 50 Economic Developers in North America!

The annual recognition honors outstanding economic development professionals who are nominated by their peers in both economic development and site location consulting for their leadership, innovation and real world impact in the communities they serve.

This achievement shows that the Hudson Valley is a powerhouse in economic development and continues to grow.

### **GRANTS CORNER**

**Important Deadline - 30C Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Tax Credit Expires June 30, 2026**

Has your school district purchased an electric school bus charger in the last year, or plan to install one soon? You may qualify for the 30C tax credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property. This tax credit is available to tax-exempt entities through the recently established IRS system of elective payment. To qualify, chargers must be placed in service by June 30, 2026.

### **Featured Funding Opportunities**

#### **Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grants**

The FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grants, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are now available! The application periods opened TUESDAY May 19 at 9 a.m. ET and close MONDAY June 22 at 5 p.m. ET.

FEMA is hosting Application Workshops, find the schedule here!

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance - please contact my office.

**Crossing Safety Program / Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program**

This program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 8, 2026 by 11:59 PM ET.

**Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program**

This program provides funding for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 22, 2026 by 11:59 PM ET.

### **NYS 2026 Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC) Grant Program**

The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) seeks applications through the SCAHC grant program, which funds safety and security projects at nonprofit organizations at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs, or mission. DCJS expects between \$35 million and \$70 million will be made available to support these projects. Applications will be accepted for up to \$250,000 per organization. Each eligible organization may submit one application for one or more physical security enhancements and/or cybersecurity enhancements.

The deadline for applications is Noon (DST) Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

### **NYS Clean Green Schools Initiative**

Recently, Governor Kathy Hochul announced more than \$100 million is now available to make clean energy upgrades in public schools through the Clean Green Schools Initiative, which provides funding to implement modern, energy efficient solutions from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (P-12) educational buildings.

The initiative is open to public school districts that are designated as Priority Districts, or if the public school buildings and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) buildings are located in a disadvantaged community, as defined by the New York Climate Justice Working Group. Incentive amounts start at \$500,000 for qualifying projects and proposals are due on August 18, 2026 by 3 p.m.

### **NYS DEC's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Grant Program**

\$10 million in funding is now available through Round 17 of DEC's UCF Grant Program. Of the \$10 million dollars available for this round of grants, \$3 million is set aside for communities with populations of 65,000 or less. Maximum grant awards are limited to \$2.5 million and minimum awards are of \$50,000.

Applications are due 2 p.m. on Wednesday August 12, 2026.

### **HFFI Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund (HFFI FARE Fund)**

The HFFI FARE Fund is a program under America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative, a program of USDA Rural Development.

The HFFI FARE Fund will fund projects that create or expand the following types of business models:

SNAP Authorized food retailers located in eligible underserved areas that will sell an assortment of Staple and Perishable foods directly to consumers

Post-harvest food retail supply chain enterprises that will distribute Staple and Perishable foods to SNAP authorized food retailers located in eligible underserved areas

### **Funding Levels:**

Grants from \$20,000 - \$250,000 for planning and implementation projects (Contd. Pg. 63)

## Pat Ryan (From Pg. 62)

Technical Assistance up to \$75,000 per project for early-stage planning, predevelopment, and business assistance contractual soft costs

Funding Inquiries are due no later than 11:59 PM ET, July 31, 2026.

If invited to submit, full applications are due no later than 11:59 PM ET, October 30, 2026. Award notifications will be made no earlier than January 2027.

Additional Resources:

### Hudson Valley Regional Council Grants Guide

Each month Hudson Valley Regional Council publishes its Grants Guide focused on federal, state, and local funding opportunities related to economic development, water, clean energy, resilience, and sustainability. Each grant listing features the deadline, eligibility, and a short description including the amounts municipalities are eligible to apply for and any required match. To view past Grants Guides, click here. To subscribe to the grants guide, please email [elaferriere@hudsonvalleyrc.org](mailto:elaferriere@hudsonvalleyrc.org).

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!



## GILLIBRAND, SCHUMER, RILEY CALL ON NORFOLK SOUTHERN AND UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION TO REPAIR DILAPIDATED BRIDGES

Binghamton, NY - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY), and Representative Josh Riley (D-NY-19) urged the chief executive officers of Norfolk Southern and the Union Pacific Corporation to prioritize public safety and commit to conducting critical repairs on four railroad bridges spanning Water and State streets.

The lawmakers' push follows a 2023 city-commissioned inspection that found 12 railroad bridges owned and operated by Norfolk Southern to be in "severe" or "poor" condition. In the letter, the members wrote, "Irrespective of the final decision of the proposed merger between Union Pacific Corporation and Norfolk Southern Corporation by the Surface Transportation Board, we ask that you commit to completing essential infrastructure upgrades to these bridges."

While Norfolk Southern has rehabilitated bridges over Glenwood Avenue, Jarvis Street, Front Street, and Murray Street, with work set to begin on the Brandywine Avenue bridge this week, four structures over Water and State streets remain untouched, posing ongoing safety concerns for the community. The members underscored, "Signs of distress on these bridges found in the 2023 report were incredibly alarming, with the two bridges located on Water Street identified to be in the most severe condition of the twelve total bridges that needed repairs. Norfolk Southern indicated its plans to begin a multi-phase rehabilitation project to address repairs needed by the four bridges on Water Street and State Street this year, but to this date has not begun to do so."

The members closed the letter by urging the CEOs at both companies to prioritize the safety of Binghamton residents and swiftly finish repairs on the remaining bridges. They also sought a commitment to "continued long-term maintenance of all railway infrastructure currently owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Binghamton."

In 2023, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand pushed Norfolk Southern to publicly release its private inspection report and called on the company to eliminate potential structural and safety issues in the City of Binghamton. Following the devastating 2023 freight train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, which caused a massive fire and chemical spill, Schumer introduced the bipartisan Railway Safety Act of 2023, legislation to help create new rail safety protocols, hold railroads accountable for malfeasance, and increase transparency of trains carrying hazardous materials. The senators personally wrote to the head of Norfolk Southern and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to immediately work with the city to address these safety concerns and urged the FRA to conduct its own inspection of the bridges in question to understand the safety threats to the Binghamton community. This effort builds on the senators' advocacy to strengthen rail safety, improve transparency, and get answers from railroad companies who put Upstate NY communities at risk.

The full letter can be found [HERE](#)

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Gillibrand-Schumer-Riley-Norfolk-Southern-Union-Pacific-Merger-Letter-re-Binghamton-Bridges.pdf>



### Urging DOJ Action on Criminal Referral of Former Governor Andrew Cuomo

This week, I led a letter to Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche urging the Department of Justice to provide an update and take action on the criminal referral of former Governor Andrew Cuomo for allegedly making false statements to Congress regarding his administration's handling of New York's nursing home policies during the COVID-19 pandemic. After reviewing hundreds of thousands of pages of documents and conducting extensive interviews, congressional investigators found substantial evidence that Cuomo knowingly and willfully misled Congress about his role in decisions and reports related to the nursing home crisis. More than 9,000 COVID-positive patients were admitted or readmitted into New York nursing homes under Cuomo's March 25th, 2020 directive, and families across our state are still seeking answers about what happened. New Yorkers deserve transparency, accountability, and equal application of the law. No elected official, regardless of their position or political ambitions, should be above scrutiny when serious questions remain about decisions that impacted thousands of lives.

Watch the full video here.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cot0HhaggZs>

### Joining the Ways & Means Committee Hearing with Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent

I participated in a House Ways and Means Committee hearing with Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to discuss the implementation of the Big Beautiful Bill and the economic policies that are strengthening communities across Upstate New York and the nation. During the hearing, I thanked Secretary Bessent and the Treasury Department for their partnership in advancing this landmark legislation, including making the New Markets Tax Credit permanent after years of uncertainty. This provision has already helped drive more than \$38 million in investment and support nearly 350 full-time jobs across New York's 24th Congressional District. I also requested an update on the next round of New Markets allocations so rural and economically distressed communities can continue attracting private investment, creating jobs, and expanding economic opportunity. Permanently extending this successful program will help ensure communities across Central and Western New York have the tools they need to grow and prosper for years to come.

Watch my full remarks here.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ8\\_wTb5yYs&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ8_wTb5yYs&feature=youtu.be)

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. 2854, the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act:** This bill would establish a new federal tax credit to encourage the rehabilitation and construction of owner-occupied homes in distressed communities. Many communities face housing shortages, blight, and aging housing stock that is difficult to redevelop. This legislation would help attract investments for neighborhood revitalization efforts, expand homeownership opportunities, and support community development.

**H.R. 284, the GLRI Act of 2025:** This bill would reauthorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through fiscal year 2031 and increase the program's funding for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) would support projects that improve water quality, restore habitats, and combat invasive species in the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes are a critical source of drinking water, economic activity, recreation, and transportation for millions of Americans, including communities across Upstate New York. This legislation would ensure continued protection of this vital ecosystem for future generations.

**H.R. 731, the Green Tape Elimination Act of 2025:** This bill would streamline the implementation of projects designed to reduce wildfire risk, including the removal of hazardous vegetation and forest fuels. Catastrophic wildfires threaten communities, infrastructure, wildlife habitat, and natural resources across the United States. This legislation would accelerate forest management and wildfire mitigation efforts by reducing regulatory delays for hazardous fuel reduction projects.

### My Votes Explained

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.

<https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

Wednesday, June 3

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7618, the American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act. This bill authorizes appropriations for Department of the Interior grant programs related to the preservation of American battlefields through Fiscal Year (FY) 2036. The bill would also require the National Park Service to study significant sites in the United States related to the French and Indian War and the Mexican-American War for preservation purposes. Preserving historical landmarks is of the utmost importance, and this bill ensures these pieces of history remain protected for years to come. This bill passed the House by a vote of 404-13.

I voted "Yes" on S. 254, the ARTIST Act. This bill prohibits any state from banning the interstate commerce, importation, sale, or possession of marine mammal ivory or bone incorporated into an authentic Alaska Native article of handicrafts and clothing by an Alaska Native. Alaska Natives have responsibly harvested whales, walrus, and other marine mammals for centuries. This bill affirms the right of Alaska Natives to continue their vital traditional practices. This bill passed the House by a vote of 404-14. (Contd. Pg. 65)

**This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 64)

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2860, the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2025. This bill reauthorizes the Northwest Straits Marine Advisory Commission, updates Congressional reporting requirements, authorizes the Commission to coordinate and collaborate with Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments, and authorizes the Commission to enter into cooperative agreements with other agencies. The commission was created by Congress in 1998 to carry out protection and restoration initiatives for marine resources in the Northwest Straits. This bill ensures that this commission continues to protect this vital ecosystem for future generations. This bill passed the House by a vote of 374-49.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7726, the No Funds for Repeat Child Care Violations Act. This bill would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revoke Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding from states that repeatedly abuse these funds. For too long, states like New York and Minnesota, have allowed CCDBG to be subjected to waste, fraud, and abuse without any real action to combat this. Taxpayer dollars should always be spent with the utmost care, along with rigorous oversight. In Minnesota alone, over a billion dollars of CCDBG fraud was uncovered, including the now infamous "Quality Learning Center". This bill will require the Secretary of HHS to take action when such abuse is allowed, increase federal oversight over state disbursements, codify common sense fraud statutes, and increase penalties on both states and the actual providers that are abusing these funds. While Democrats continue to sit on their hands and turn a blind eye to the waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars, House Republicans are committed to taking real action to protect the sanctity of your hard-earned dollars. I strongly supported this bill's passage, and please rest assured I will continue working to root out any abuse of taxpayer funding. This bill passed the House by a vote of 217-207.

I voted "No" on H.Con.Res. 86, Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran. This resolution would mandate President Trump to withdraw all U.S. Armed Forces from the conflict with Iran pursuant to the War Powers Resolution. Let me be clear, I wholeheartedly support President Trump in his commitment to never allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon. If Iran developed a nuclear weapon, this would pose a grave threat to our homeland and our interests around the world. Beyond being the leading global state sponsor of terror, Iran has made its aim to destroy the United States clear unequivocally. I continue to support President Trump's relentless efforts to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran and am disappointed that so many of my colleagues fail to understand the grave threat a nuclear Iran poses. The President's ongoing operations are critical to keeping our country safe, and I continue to keep all our service members and allies in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Unfortunately, this resolution passed by a vote of 215-208.

Thursday, June 4

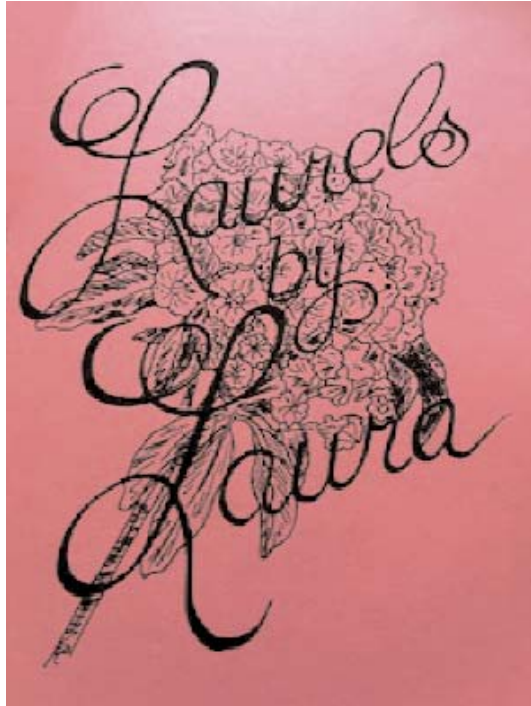
I voted "No" on H.Con.Res. 84, Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from Lebanon. This resolution would mandate President Trump to withdraw all U.S. Armed Forces from Lebanon pursuant to the War Powers Resolution. First and foremost, the United States is not actively engaged in conflict in Iran. Currently, the only U.S. service members in

Lebanon are protecting the U.S. Embassy and training the Lebanese Armed Forces, Lebanon's domestic military tasked with dismantling and disarming Hezbollah. This nonsensical resolution is yet another attempt to inappropriately politicize President Trump's peace efforts in the Middle East. As a result of President Trump's efforts, Lebanon and Israel are holding direct peace negotiations, previously unthinkable. I strongly oppose this resolution and was glad to see an overwhelmingly bipartisan rebuke of this resolution. This resolution failed by a vote of 92-324, with 2 members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8646, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agency Appropriations Act, 2027. This bill would fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Fiscal Year 2027. NY-24 is the largest agricultural district in the northeast. Our district is a top producer of specialty crops and dairy, while also boasting a significant amount of row crops. As a result, many communities, farmers, and producers in our district rely on USDA programs, such as rural development grants, margin protection programs, conservation funding, and research funding. This year's bill includes robust funding to combat New World Screwworm, which had the first confirmed U.S. case in decades this week. This bill included \$3.6 million of my community project funding requests (CPFs) including for the USDA's National Grape Improvement Center, the Town of Torrey's water improvement project, the Town of Porter's water improvement project, and Orleans County's plans to rehabilitate offices for seniors and parole officers. This bill also strongly supports President Trump's MAHA efforts and rural broadband efforts, while prohibiting funding for woke programs like the Climate Corps that President Biden attempted to create. I strongly supported this bill's passage and look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to get this bill signed into law as soon as possible. This bill passed by a vote of 213-210.

I voted "No" on H.R. 2913, the Ukraine Support Act. First and foremost, I strongly support Ukraine in its war of self-defense against Russia's invasion. In 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine with no provocation and has committed heinous atrocities against the Ukrainian people, including kidnapping Ukrainian children and mass murder of civilians. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Sanctioning Russia Act, to strengthen our efforts against Russian aggression and supporting the Ukrainian war effort. This bill had 154 cosponsors in the House and 84 cosponsors in the Senate, and President Trump has even truthed favorable things about this bill. However, instead, Democrats chose to pursue a partisan bill that has no chance of becoming law. President Trump's administration has made it clear he would veto this bill and Democrats did not work with Congressional Republicans on the language of this bill. That failure to cooperate in a bipartisan manner led to multiple typos and redundant provisions, including a host of provisions that already became law as part of the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act. Additionally, this bill removes flexibility for President Trump's ongoing efforts to negotiate a ceasefire, preventing him from leveraging every tool at his disposal to end the war once and for all. This bill was a shortsighted partisan stunt, and I find it gravely disappointing that instead of working across the aisle on this important issue, they chose to politicize Ukraine's war of self-defense. As such, I voted against this bill's passage when it passed the House by a vote of 226-195.

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



The book is available at the Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill for \$10.00.

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## SHADOWLAND 2026 STAGES SEASON

MAINSTAGE  
MAY 29 - JUNE 14

# THE RESERVOIR

STUDIO  
JUNE 19 - JULY 12

# AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

MAINSTAGE  
JULY 17 - AUG 9

# BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS

MAINSTAGE  
AUG 14 - SEPT 13

"NEVER CAN SAY GOODBYE"  
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MUSICAL

STUDIO  
SEPT 18 - OCT 4

# LADY DAY

AT EMERSON'S BAR & GRILL

MAINSTAGE  
OCT 9 - 25

# FLAWLESS



# 2026 Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, June 14, 2026 from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

**WHERE:** Monticello Transfer Station

91 Landfill Drive  
Monticello, NY 12701

**WHAT TO KNOW:**

- Pre-registration is NOT required
- Bring **ACCEPTABLE HHW** carefully packaged to prevent reactions, spills/leaks
- Bring **PHOTO ID and/or PROOF OF SULLIVAN COUNTY RESIDENCY**
- Remain in your car at all times

| ACCEPTABLE                      |                    | UNACCEPTABLE                                   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Paint                           | Smoke detectors    | Household garbage                              |
| Solvents                        | Fire extinguishers | Commercial/industrial/agricultural waste       |
| Stains                          | Cleaning products  | Medical waste/ pharmaceuticals                 |
| Ink                             | Poisons            | Radioactive material                           |
| Pool chemicals                  | Roofing tar        | Explosives                                     |
| Acids                           | Bases              | Ammunition                                     |
| Wood preservatives              | Adhesives          | Bulk liquids/drums/tanks larger than 5 gallons |
| Fluorescent bulbs               | Creosote           | LP/gas tanks                                   |
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| Batteries/ automotive batteries |                    | Refrigeration devices                          |

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(Next HHW Date: September 20, 2026)

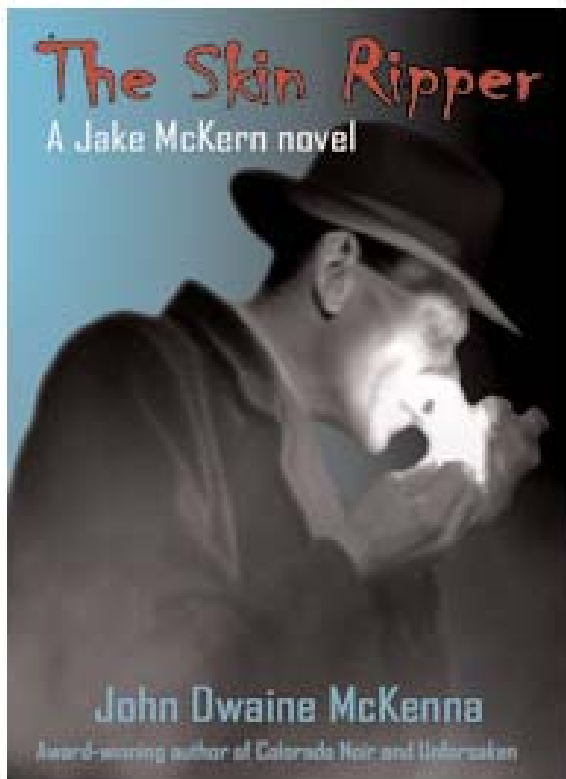


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## Warrior Teens Inspire Action Around Youth Vaping

*—Students are compelled by film to take  
action and educate their peers on  
vaping prevention*



[LIBERTY, NY] - More than 100 students from Eldred, Fallsburg, Sullivan West, Tri-Valley, Sullivan BOCES and the Homestead Collaborative College High School participated in this year's Sullivan 180 Warrior Teens film series at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Center. Warrior Teens uses film and meaningful conversation to connect prevention education with Sullivan County youth.

This year's series focused on the dangers of youth vaping and nicotine addiction. Students viewed "Screenagers: Under the Influence" and "Nic Sick: The Dangers of Youth Vaping," then participated in facilitated conversations with professionals representing more than a dozen local organizations and government services. Participants enjoyed healthy lunches, outdoor walks along the Hurleyville O&W Rail Trail, and opportunities to learn about local resources and services.

Tri-Valley 10th-grade student Cece Koskey-Barnes shared, "Watching the Nic Sick movie showed me that vaping is more than just a habit. It can quickly become an addiction that affects a person's health, relationships and future."

Through a partnership with Tobacco Free Action Communities (TFAC), students created awareness campaigns, including "Airing Big Tobacco's Dirty Laundry," an exhibit highlighting the impact of tobacco and vape industry marketing on youth.

Feedback showed that after the films, students felt comfortable discussing vaping and its health effects and were more confident serving as advocates within their schools and communities.

"Warrior Teens gives students the opportunity to engage directly with local leaders, ask questions and explore real issues affecting their health and well-being," said Amanda Langseder, Senior Director of Prevention Programming at Sullivan 180.

Community partners supporting this year's program included Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Hope Not Handcuffs, MVP Health Care, SALT (Sullivan Allies Leading Together), Sullivan County Community Services, Sullivan County Health & Human Services, Sullivan County Youth Bureau, Sullivan County Public Health and TFAC, among others.

The public is invited to view the Warrior Teens art display, "Airing Big Tobacco's Dirty Laundry," in the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center through June 16. To learn more about the Sullivan 180 Warrior Teens program or to bring

one of the films and discussions to a youth group, email [trainings@sullivan180.org](mailto:trainings@sullivan180.org) or call 845-295-2681.

## Building Retreat at Frost Valley YMCA



[LIBERTY, NY] - Fallsburg Hope Squad recently participated in a team-building retreat at Frost Valley YMCA on May 26, 2026, as part of their Sullivan 180 2025-27 Healthier Generation Competition Grant. The trip provided students with an opportunity to strengthen peer connections, build leadership skills, and reinforce the importance of teamwork and mental wellness in a supportive outdoor environment.

The Fallsburg Hope Squad is part of the Sullivan 180 Youth Mental Health Program three-year pilot initiative with the New York State Office of Mental Health. Fallsburg Middle & High School is expanding its Hope Squad as part of the 2025-27 Healthier Generation Competition Grant. Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program that empowers students to promote mental health awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage help-seeking behaviors among their peers.

During the retreat, students participated in a variety of group activities focused on communication, trust-building, collaboration, and leadership development. The experience allowed students to connect outside of the school setting while building stronger relationships with fellow Hope Squad members and advisors.

"Having the opportunity to bring our Hope Squad students to Frost Valley for team building was incredibly meaningful to me," said Hope Squad advisor Kristen Meyer. "Watching students step outside their comfort zones, challenge themselves, and support one another throughout the day was truly rewarding. I saw friendships strengthen, trust grow, and students connect with peers in ways that aren't always possible within the school setting. Seeing students encourage one another and grow together reminds me why this work is so important and why creating opportunities like this can have a lasting impact on our school community."

"The opportunity to go to Frost Valley gave me the chance to speak to and work with some people that I was previously intimidated by" said Abby a Hope Squad member. "When I had questions that I wasn't comfortable going to an adult to ask, I now had people in Hope Squad that I could go to. That's what Hope Squad is about, giving people the space to reach out comfortably when they need help."

To learn more or for schools interested in fostering student mental health and peer support can bring Hope Squad to their campuses by contacting [Mylene@sullivan180.org](mailto:Mylene@sullivan180.org).

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## Board of Elections Announces Early Voting Sites for 2026 Primary Election

Commissioners Torres and Williams are excited to announce the early voting centers for the 2026 Primary Election. Beginning Saturday, June 13, all eligible Ulster County Primary voters are invited to vote early. The Board of Elections has established three early voting locations throughout the county. Voters can visit any of the early voting sites throughout the nine day early voting period to cast their ballot.

### Early Voting Sites - General Election

#### Town/City/Village Location Address

Kingston Midtown Neighborhood Center 467 Broadway,  
Kingston, NY 12401

Wawarsing/Ellenville Ellenville Library 40 Center Street,  
Ellenville, NY 12428

Woodstock Woodstock Community Center 56 Rock City Rd.,  
Woodstock, NY 12498

\*Please note: The Olive American Legion had previously been selected as an Early Voting location for the June Primary. Due to an emergency septic issue, the site is closed for this Primary election.

Early Voting Dates/Times: Early voting sites will be open on the following schedule

Sat, June 13, 2026 9:00am-5:00pm

Sun, June 14, 2026 9:00am-5:00pm

Mon, June 15, 2026 9:00am-5:00pm

Tue, June 16, 2026 12:00pm-8:00pm

Wed, June 17, 2026 9:00am-5:00pm

Thu, June 18, 2026 12:00pm-8:00pm

Fri, June 19, 2026 9:00am-5:00pm

Sat, June 20, 2026 9:00am-5:00pm

Sun, June 21, 2026 9:00am-5:00pm

Primary voting in New York State is only available for voters who are enrolled in the political party conducting a Primary.

### Voter Eligibility for the June 23 Primary:

- All registered Democrats in Ulster County
- Republicans residing in Congressional District 19 and New York State Senate District 51

· Conservatives in the Town of Lloyd (Districts 1, 3, 4, and 7)

The last day to register for the Primary is election is June 13, 2026. In addition to the above listed early voting sites, voters may also register to vote in person at the Ulster County Board of Elections between the hours of 9am-5pm, voters may also access online voting registration methods by visiting our website: [voteulster.com](http://voteulster.com)

For more information on early voting and the 2026 Primary Election please visit [voteulster.com](http://voteulster.com), email us at [elections@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:elections@co.ulster.ny.us) or call our office at 845-334-5470. Our office is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and is located at 284 Wall St, Kingston NY 12401. Starting June 13, our office is open during all polling hours listed above and on June 23, 2026 between the hours of 6am-9pm.

## New York State Board of Elections Urges Voters to Mail Completed Ballots Early Following USPS Postmark Changes

ALBANY, N.Y. (06/09/2026) - New York State election officials are encouraging voters to return early mail and absentee ballots for the June 2026 Primary Election as soon as possible following recent changes to U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark procedures that may affect how mail is dated and processed.

Under updated USPS guidance this year, a postmark reflects the date a mail piece is processed at a postal facility rather than the date it was deposited in the mail. As a result, mail placed in a mailbox on a particular day may not receive a postmark until a later date. To ensure ballots are counted, voters are strongly encouraged to mail their ballots well before the deadline or return ballots directly to a poll site or their county board of elections.

"While these postal changes do not alter New York's election laws, they underscore the importance of voters making a plan to return their ballot," stated Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "The most effective step voters can take is to return their ballot early. Doing so helps ensure their vote reaches election officials in a timely manner and eliminates uncertainty related to mail processing."

"The Board is committed to ensuring voters understand how these changes may affect the handling of mailed ballots," added Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "We encourage every voter who plans to vote by mail to review the deadlines, understand their options, and return their ballot as soon as possible."

Every eligible voter should cast their ballot with confidence in the process and peace of mind."

New York State election law permits ballots to be post marked up through election day. Voters who choose to mail a ballot close to this deadline may request a manual or hand-stamped postmark at a USPS retail counter. These are available at no charge upon request. Properly postmarked ballots must be received by the voter's county board of elections within seven days of election day.

Voters in New York are encouraged to contact the State Board of Elections or their local county boards of elections directly for information about the upcoming election and voting options. If you have any questions regarding this press release, please contact Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the State Board of Elections at (518) 474-1953 or by email at [INFO@elections.ny.gov](mailto:INFO@elections.ny.gov).

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

The 2026 Primary Election is June 23, 2026.

For new voters, the deadline to register to vote before this election is June 13, 2026.

For voters wishing to receive a ballot by mail, the deadline to make this request is June 13, 2026. Early in-person voting occurs from June 13, 2026, through June 21, 2026.



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<https://www.thespiritofphiladelphia.com/events>

We've also added links to some of our recent TV, radio and podcast appearances, relevant media coverage, and an updated listing of upcoming events (all of these can be found on the "media & events" page). All of the new items are marked with a green "NEW" banner. We've also updated the "what people are saying" section of the home page to include several new endorsements of the book by Americans from across the ideological spectrum.

As always, I'd welcome your thoughts and feedback on any of these items and/or your reactions to my new book. You can reach me by sending an email message from the "contact us" page on the website.

Finally, I hope you are enjoying the beautiful color as our leaves change across the region and country - it's shaping up to be a beautiful fall!

Sincerely yours,  
Chris Gibson

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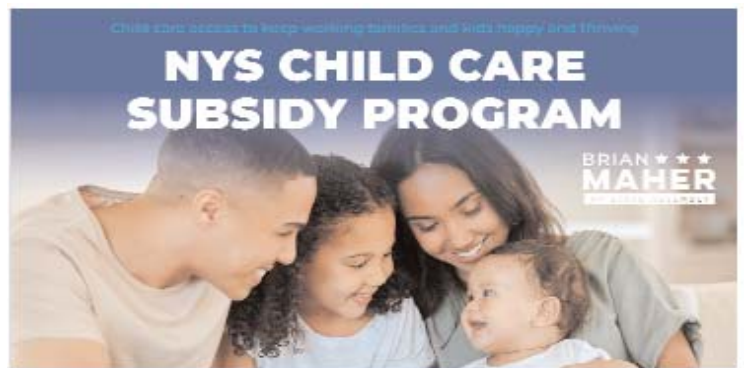
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## **CATSKILL PYSANKA WORKSHOP**

Soyuzivka Heritage Center

8 am, June 3rd

216 Foordmore Road, Kerhonkson

## **ONE LIFE ONLY PRESENTS: ULSTER FUTURE STARS UNITY CUP**

Field of Dreams

11 am to 7 pm, June 6th (Rain date: June 7th)

241 Libertyville Road, New Paltz

## **GATHER IN GARDINER: A WEEKLY COMMUNITY MARKET**

Little Light of Mine Village Candle

10 am to 2 pm

June 6th, June 13th, June 20th, June 27th

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## FERMENTATION FESTIVAL

Twin Star Orchards  
11 am to 6 pm, June 13th  
155 North Ohioville Road, New Paltz

## BACK TO THE GARDEN 1969 WOODSTOCK EXPERIENCE TRIBUTE SHOW

Colony Woodstock  
7 pm to 10 pm, June 13th  
22 Rock City Road, Woodstock

## NEW NETHERLAND MARKETPLACE: LIVING HISTORY EVENT 2026

Historic Huguenot Street  
10 am to 5 pm, June 13th  
10 am to 4 pm, June 14th  
81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz

## KLYNE ESOPUS MUSEUM'S ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Klyne Esopus Museum  
12 pm to 5 pm, June 20th  
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# **ULSTER** JUNE EVENTS **COUNTY'S**

## **UPSTATE ART WEEKEND**

Hudson Valley & Catskills Locations  
June 25th to June 29th

## **EARLY ONES ONLY: THE PARTY THAT DOESN'T RUIN TOMORROW**

Bearsville Theatre  
5 pm to 9 pm, June 26th  
291 Tinker Street, Woodstock

## **D&H CANAL MUSEUM CANAWLER DAYS**

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# Honor our Flag – June 14th Flag Day

## OUR FIRST AMERICAN FLAGS

In the first years of the Revolutionary War, Americans fought under many flags. One of them, the Grand Union Flag, or Continental Colors, flew over George Washington's headquarters near Boston. It was the first American flag to be officially recognized by another country.

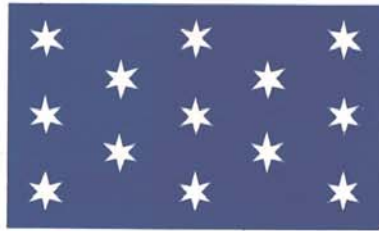
On November 16, 1776, the American warship, Andrew Doria, saluted a Dutch fort in the West Indies and was saluted in return. This brought a measure of international recognition to the United Colonies.

A flag with thirteen stars and thirteen stripes received its first salute from another country on February 14, 1778, when French vessels in Qui-beron Bay, France, saluted John Paul Jones and his ship "The Ranger".

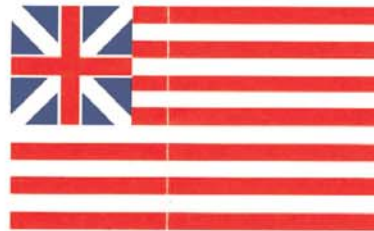
No one knows who designed the first stars and stripes, or who made the first one. Soon after the flag was adopted, Congressman Francis Hopkin-son claimed that he had designed it. Some historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first U. S. flag.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

**IN THE EARLY LIFE OF THE U. S. FLAG, there were many different models. Confusion existed concerning its design, but the stars and stripes, with a circle of 13 stars, is acknowledged as the most commonly used. The Bennington flag and the Serapis flag are outstanding examples of the many design variations caused by broad and vague Congressional description of the flag. Detailed specifications for the design of our National Flag were not established until 1912.**



**Washington's Flag 1775:** This was the personal flag of the Commander-in-Chief during the Revolutionary War. A reproduction of this flag flies today at Washington's Headquarters, Valley Forge.



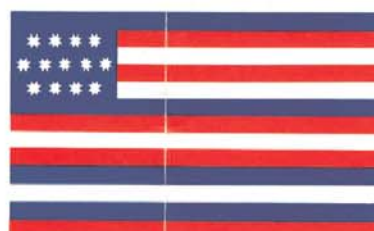
**The Grand Union 1775:** Also known as the Continental flag, it is the first true U. S. Flag. It combined the British Union Jack and the thirteen stripes signifying Colonial unity.



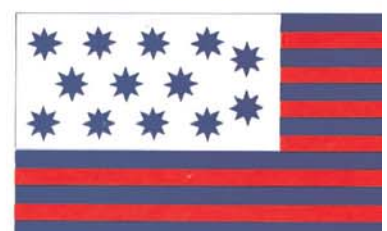
**The First Stars and Stripes:** Also called the Betsy Ross flag. The first official U. S. flag recognized internationally and is the flag that resulted from Congressional action June 14, 1777.



**The Bennington Flag:** Used in the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, by Vermont militia. This flag is the first to lead American armed forces on land. The original is preserved in the museum at Bennington, Vermont.



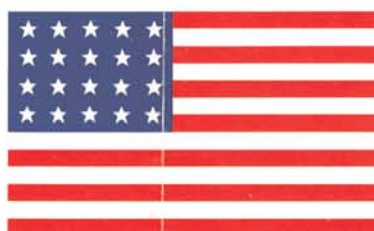
**The Serapis Flag:** Designed with 13 stripes alternating red, white and blue. This flag was flown by Captain John Paul Jones in the famous 1779 battle between "The U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard" and "The Serapis" in the North Sea.



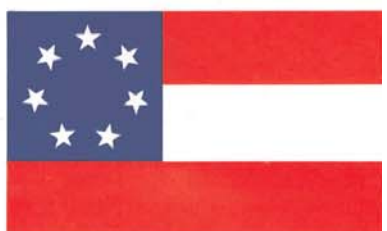
**The Guilford Flag:** This unusual flag was made with thirteen 8-pointed stars in a wide field. Historical records report this flag carried by North Carolina militiamen at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 17, 1781.



**The Star Spangled Banner:** Created by the Flag Act of May 1, 1795, adding 2 stripes and 2 stars. It was immortalized by Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, September 13, 1814.



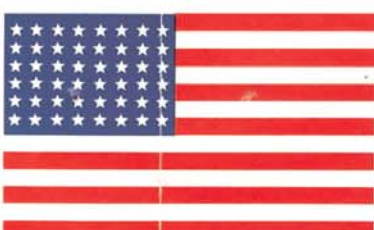
**The 1818 Flag:** Realizing that the addition of a new star and a new stripe for each new State was impractical, Congress passed the Flag Act of 1818 which returned the flag design to 13 stripes and specified 20 stars for the 20 states.



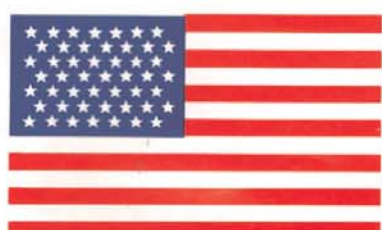
**Confederate Stars and Bars:** The first flag of the Confederacy. Although less well known than the "Confederate Battle Flags", the Stars and Bars was used as the official flag of the Confederacy from March 1861 to May of 1863.



**Civil War Flag:** During the Civil War period, the Union Forces used four official flags . . . with 33, 34, 35 and 36 stars. The 35-star U. S. flag was the one flown most extensively during this time in our Nation's history.



**48-Star Flag:** On July 4, 1912, the U. S. flag grew to 48 stars. This flag was official for 47 years, through two World Wars and the emergence of the United States of America as the leading nation of the world.



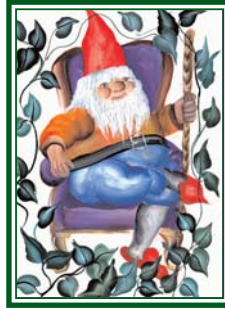
**49-Star Flag:** In 1959 Alaska achieved full Statehood placing the 49th star in our Flag. The 49-Star flag was official for only one year, until July 4, 1960, when Hawaii achieved its Statehood and the 50-Star flag was born.

Flags illustrated on the front cover are local flags of the Revolutionary War era. Information about these flags and their original colors is available in your library.

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**This weeks' Trivia question:** In what film do a jaded movie star and a bored newlywed meet in Tokyo?

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