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Tri-Valley Lions attend the Tri-Valley High School Senior Celebration on June 11, 2025



On Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Tri Valley Lion Director Esta Jacob, Director Stu Wizwer and Membership Chairperson Patricia Menje attended the Tri-Valley High School Senior Celebration in the beautiful school auditorium. The Tri-Valley Student Community Service Awards Committee, chaired by Lion Leah Exner, and committee members Lauree Novogrodsky, Bonnie Lewis, Esta Jacob, Claire Rennison, Stuart Wizwer, Pat Menje, and Stephen Miller, had reviewed multiple student applications and selected five Tri-Valley High School Students to receive a \$500 award each. (Contd. Pg. 5)

Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting, Officer Installation, and Rabies Clinic



On June 2, 2025, The Tri-Valley Lions enjoyed a terrific BBQ dinner at Hasbrouck Fireman's Park. The delicious BBQ consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, shish kabob, potato salad, garden salad, coffee, sodas, and desserts - all prepared by Ismael and Amy Berrios. They did an amazing job and all the Tri-Valley Lions who attended were grateful for the delicious foods and wonderful service by the Berrios. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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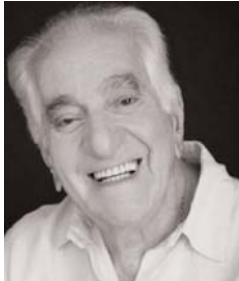
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On the Front Burner: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

OBITUARIES

Fuad Aby-Azar of Neversink, NY, a retired executive of Caloi, a bicycle manufacturer in Brazil, died on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at his home. He was 88. Son of the late Felix and Dalel Aby-Azar, he was born on January 10, 1937, in Registro, Brazil.



Fuad moved to the United States in July of 2023 to live with his daughter Cristina Aby-Azar and son-in-law Mark McLewin, local business owners. During the time Fuad was part of the community, he made strong connections thanks to his gentle manner, big smile and eagerness to know people better. Even with his limited English, he was able to communicate and open his heart to new friends.

He had a particular interest in connecting with young people and many of them like to call him Grandpa. He loved animals and his garden.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Contrera Aby-Azar, at home; daughter Rosana Aby-Azar Sarmento and her husband Rui Sarmento in Porto, Portugal; one brother, Walter Aby-Azar and his wife Meire in São Paulo, Brazil; and one granddaughter, Camila Aby-Azar Façanha in Madrid, Spain.

Memorial services will be on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 11 AM in the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY.

Memorial contributions in Fuad's name may be made to the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Ct. Newburgh, NY 12550.

Dignified cremation will be provided by the Harris Crematorium, LLC.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY, 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200, www.Harris-FH.com

Arnold Buley –With profound sadness, we say goodbye to Arnold Buley of Saugerties, New York, whose vibrant spirit touched the lives of many. Arnold left this world on June 16, 2025 at the age of 86, leaving a void in the lives of so many people. Family and friends can send flowers and/or light a candle as a loving gesture for their loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this

memorial page of Arnold Buley to show support.

He was predeceased by: his parents, Harold Buley and Kathleen Buley (Phillips); his son Arnold Buley, Jr.; and his siblings, Barbara Chase, Linda Moore, Barry Buley, Harold Buley and Gloria Reed.

He is survived by: his wife Wilhelmina Buley; his children, Rickie Buley, Sr., Karen Krom (Stephen) and Gary Buley, Sr. (Lynn Delaney-Buley); and his siblings, Beverly Roebuck, Irving Buley, Louise Clark, Bruce Buley and Roger Buley.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 20th 2025 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Joseph V. Leahy Funeral Home, Inc. (27 Smith Ave, Kingston, NY 12401). A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 21st 2025 at 10:30 AM at the same location. A burial will be held on Saturday, June 21st 2025 at 11:30 AM at the Mount Evergreen Cemetery (12 Mountainview Ave, Woodstock, NY 12498).

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

June 15, 1955

Miss Phyllis Ann Coombe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe of Ridgewood, N.J., and Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. Benjamin Gillette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gillette of Ellenville. The ceremony took place at the West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna became the parents of their third son at Hamilton Avenue Hospital, Monticello on Friday evening. The baby, who weighed 8 lbs., has been named Thomas William.

Mary had a little lamb,
she loved lamb chops, you know
She learned that for
the best in meat,
Krum's was the place to go.

KUM TO KRUM'S

June 2, 1965

Miss Barbara Ann Roswurm, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Richard Roswurm of Colorado Springs, Colorado, became the bride of Frederick Nash on May 22, 1965. The ceremony took place at the Air Force Base Chapel with Chaplain Charles J. Barnes officiating. The bride is a graduate of Central Union H.S. in El Centro, Calif. and has attended Southern Colo. State College at Pueblo. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

The groom, son Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nash of Neversink, is a Tri Valley School graduate and at present is in the Army at Fort Carson, Colo.

June 18, 1975

On June 5th, the Misses Marjorie and Virginia Erts, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erts of Staten Island, and the granddaughters of Mr. George W. Erts, formerly of Denning, were graduated from Kean College in New Jersey.

Virginia graduated with a BA in Mathematics and Marjorie with a BA in Biology. Marjorie has since been awarded an Asst. Teachership at Rutgers University where she will teach Biology while studying for her Master's Degree in Marine Botany.

June 13, 1985

Florence M Dodge of Grahamsville and Long Beach, Calif., died May 20, 1985 in Long Beach, Calif. She was 74. She was born Jan. 23, 1911 in Nohonoy, Pa. She was the wife of the late Willard L. Dodge. Survivors are a son, Willard N. Dodge of Long Beach, a daughter-in-law, Joyce also of Long Beach; five grandchildren; a brother, Warren Bedoe of Edison, N.J. and two nephews and a niece.

On or about the first week in Aug., 1985, the U.S. Post Office will be undertaking quite a task as they number each address in the Town of Neversink. Each residence will be assigned a "house number" and this applies to all homes whether on foundation structures or mobil. This will aid the First Aid Squad, Fire Depts. and hopefully improve mail delivery.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published April 9, 1998

Memories are a lot like true friends - The very best ones will always be there for you. I have memories that go back to childhood when things were a whole lot simpler and life didn't seem to go by in a blur. Memories of living on the "Old Man Davis Farm" with my husband, step-children and our children. How great it felt to see the first signs of spring when the thaw gave way to brilliant daffodils. The cure for cabin fever had arrived.

Memories of the kids' happy faces as I arranged their flowers in a jelly jar are vivid as ever. Then there were memories of my clothesline being mysteriously shortened as jump ropes blossomed in our driveway. Hopscotch squares were scratched in the soft dirt and the boys were playing mumbley peg with their Christmas jack knives.

In order to hang out the wash, I had to dig up more rope for the clothesline. Hanging laundry out to dry never seemed like work on the "Old Man Davis Farm." One reason for this was the view from the backyard. It was so breathtaking, rolling hills stretched away in the distance across the fields of green and Ross Bonnell's red barn and white farmhouse were nestled among the trees on his farm miles away.

Yes, memories are great friends and I have a good many of each. Every day brings more and the very best ones will always be there forever..

Household Hint:

Remove Dust

Slightly dampen a used dryer sheet to remove dust and hair from shelves, books, window screens, and even large leaves on indoor plants.

Nature Column - L. Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis, Hulda Vernooy, Carolyn Coombe and Martha Ahrens

The Little Plant that Crept into our Yard

What was once a little patch of Creeping Jenny that made its way into our yard has turned into a great ground cover under our old red maple tree and along the bank of the Benekill.

Many years ago, our next-door neighbor in West Nyack had Creeping Jenny in his yard. He allowed it to wander throughout his yard. It was the perfect fast-growing ground cover for the sloping bank in his yard. Eventually he brought some of the little plants up to his summer home, right next door to our summer place in Sundown. At first he kept the plants in flowerpots on his back porch. However after a few years a cluster of Creeping Jenny began to spread in his back yard. He managed to keep the plants contained in a small area.



It wasn't until a year or so after Hurricane Irene in 2011 that we began to see a little patch of Creeping Jenny under the old red maple tree that is near the Benekill. In all probability, some of the descendants of the original 'Sundown Creeping Jenny' made it down to our yard and they grew right where they were happy, near water. Since then, the Creeping Jenny plants have spread. Today, they are doing a great job as a ground cover near the banks along the Benekill.

Here are a few other interesting facts about Creeping Jenny. This time of the year they are covered with cheery yellow cup-shaped flowers. Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*) is a vibrant cultivar with chartreuse leaves and have been used to brighten up the edge of paths or borders. They are so resilient; they can stand a moderate amount of foot traffic. Creeping Jenny, also called Moneywort, is a long, crawling plant that can spread very tenaciously. Only reaching about 2 inches in height, the plant can grow to 2 feet long and has an unusually extensive root system. It is an evergreen perennial plant that can be found in Europe as well as most places in the United States. The plant reproduces by both seeds and rhizomes and can be grown from cuttings. The leaves are rounded, slightly ruffled, and have a diameter of up to 3/4 inches.

While seeds and plants are sold at plant nurseries, on Amazon and even on Etsy, Creeping Jenny is considered by some to be a wild invasive plant. Wild or not, the bounty of little yellow flowers are adding a lot of brightness to our yard and the big bonus - where they grow, we don't have to mow!!!

Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting, Officer Installation, and Rabies Clinic

(From Pg. 1) At the BBQ, we had the honor of having Mamakating Lion and Former District Governor James Eggleton install our 25/26 Officers. Tri-Valley Lions Officers for the 2025/2026 year are:

President - Stephen Miller
 1st Vice President - Hugh Delaney
 2nd Vice President - William Brenner
 Secretary - Stacey Wizwer
 Treasurer - Terry Delaney
 Corresponding Secretary - Fran Fuller
 Lion Tamer - MaryAnn Cosentino
 Tail Twisters Mike and Paula Ryan
 Director - Gene Froehlich
 Director - Stuart Wizwer
 Director - Claire Rennison
 Director - Esta Jacob
 Director - Tom Manell
 Membership Chairperson - Pat Menje



Jim Eggleton, District Governor installing 25-26 officers.

Then on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, The Tri-Valley Lions had our Rabies Clinic under the Pavillion at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Veterinarian Dr. Joseph Nebzydoski graciously gave 25 dogs and cats their Rabies Vaccinations. Thank you so very much Dr. Nebzydoski for your helping us out again this year. We also had several non-Lions help at the Clinic including Karen Fingar and Anna Furman (see photo) and were glad to see long-time Lion Carol Furman at this event.



Carol, Stacey, Ana, Karen, Helen, and doggie Rosey

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 48th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley Lions Club High School Community Service Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com



Two beautiful pups waiting for Dr. Nebs



Volunteers at June 3rd Rabies Clinic - Karen Fingar and Ana Furman



Stu Wizwer, Veterinarian Dr. Joseph Nebz, Aaron Wizwer, Merri White and Ismael Berrios

Wishing one and all a happy, HEALTHY, and safe Spring, and hope you will stop by our Soda Booth at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds for the 2025 Annual Little Worlds Fair and all forthcoming Fairground events.



Kelly and David Whipple with cat Smokey

Monticello Kiwanis Distributes Books to Second Graders



Mrs. Kilcoin's (left) Second Grade Students displaying chapter books and Jane Sorensen and Doris Motl in back row.

On Monday, June 9th, members of the Kiwanis Club of Monticello visited the George L. Cooke Elementary School for a Reading Assembly and book distribution to ten second grade classes.

The books were selected by Doris Motl, retired fourth grade teacher and Monticello Kiwanian. She emphasized the importance that all the books donated by Kiwanis Club be given out to every second grade student for their summer reading pleasure. The children were super excited when they learned they were chapter books, which they were introduced to during this past school year.

Ms. Motl was accompanied by Jane Sorensen, Past Distinguished Kiwanis President as well as the current EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) Family Engagement & Program Manager of the Monticello Central School District. Mrs. Sorensen read a book entitled "Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon" by Patty Lovell. The book was about Molly being bullied in school and how she learned to gain self-esteem and overcome challenges and negativity from others. The children loved listening to the book and Mrs. Sorensen received a round of applause.

After the assembly, Ms. Motl and Mrs. Sorensen visited Mrs. Makayla Kilcoin's second grade classroom where the children posed excitedly - each holding a chapter book.

In addition to the 200 chapter books given to the second graders, Mrs. Sorensen was given 30 picture books to distribute to families in the Tiny Town Program, which serves children from birth to three and their families. It is a partnership between the Monticello Central School District and the EPIC Program and is located at the St. John Street Community School.

For more information about Kiwanis, visit the Monticello, NY Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

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(From Pg. 1) Student applications had to demonstrate that the student(s) selected had shown volunteerism in the Community and within the school community and be a well-rounded student regarding school supervised activities, extracurricular activities, and academics. In addition, each student had to present references with their applications, as well as a transcript of their grades.

The five students selected were: Lilliana Morton-Curry; Katie Dauch; Kristoff Guanzon; Brynn Poley; and Allison Rogers

The Tri-Valley Lions wish to congratulate these five students and wish them the very best fortune for their futures. We also would like to congratulate all the High School students graduating in 2025. A happy, healthy, and wonderful future to all.

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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 137

The Warehouse

Mysterious Book Report No. 386

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by John Dwaine McKenna

Mi-Hi Abrahams is living the American dream. She's the mother of two children; a boy age five and a girl age two and a half, married to a Wall Street lawyer, and living a privileged, wealthy lifestyle on Manhattan's upper east side where she's a doting mommy and actively involved in the PTA and community charity events. But it's all a lie. The woman's real name is Song Sun Young, and she's a spy . . . what's known as a sleeper . . . for the NKPR, the North Korean People's Republic in author John Altman's electrifying new thriller: *The Korean Woman*, (Blackstone Publishing, \$26.99, 261 pages, ISBN 978-1-4708-2697-0).

Song Sun Young barely managed to survive a brutal childhood in North Korea after her parents were killed, by engineering two escapes from the harshest imaginable prison camps before she turned eleven years old. Instead of being shot, the authorities recognized her brains, beauty and talent and decided to utilize her abilities to advance the aims of the state. She was plucked out of prison and began a decade long training course in spycraft. With her younger brother still held by the regime as insurance, Song applied herself with diligence, efficiency and ruthlessness. Showing no remorse after her first kill, she's infiltrated into South Korea with a new identity, then into the United States under still another false identity. There, she settles in, gets married, has kids . . . and waits . . . for the call she hopes never comes. But just six years later, it does. She's tasked with stealing the inner workings of America's financial system.

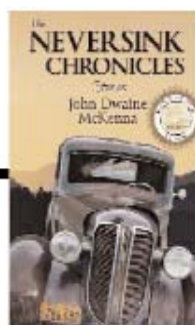
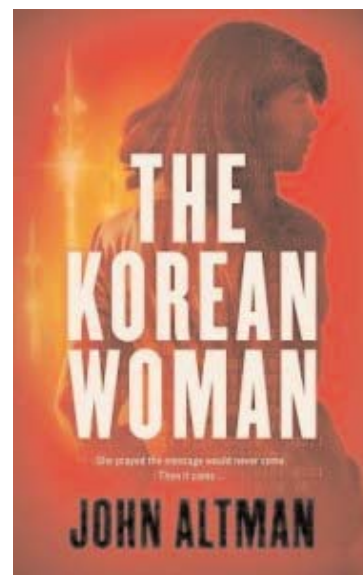
Unbeknownst to the North Koreans, the NSA, National Security Agency, using newly developed secret computers, has broken into the NKPR's cyber systems. The American CIA has been watching Song Sun Young for two years. The covert team leader calls upon retired Israeli operative Dalia Artzi, (a character introduced in Altman's last thriller, *False Flag*, MBR No. 322), who's a world-class expert in the history and tactics of warfare and a professor at Princeton. Her role is to figure out what the Koreans are attempting, as they observe Song's behavior while she relentlessly goes about her mission. What she sees convinces Dalia that Song is an unwitting dupe in a larger game, watching in horror as the nuclear-armed antagonists start their countdowns to the unthinkable in this teeth-gritting, pulse pounding and searing, all-too-real scenario that will leave you panting for more as Altman shows us once again, why he's fast becoming one of the top thriller writers in the world! Like the review? Let your friends know, You saw it in the *Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

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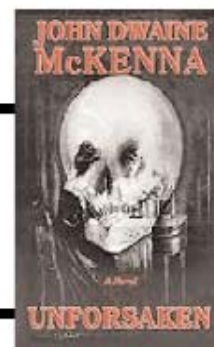
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Cabbage Patch Kids

I remember the holiday season when Cabbage Patch Kids were the hottest toy on the market. Each doll was unique and came with a name and birth certificate. They were in short supply, and every child wanted one from Santa. The problem was that the demand outpaced the supply, and frantic parents would travel near and far to pay for an over-priced doll.

We are much like the Cabbage Patch Kids; we all have the same general humanoid features, but those physical features vary in size, shape, color, and proportion. We are truly unique with other people looking similar, but not quite our double unless we are identical twins.

Actually we are more unique than the dolls because we have another dimension; we possess a personality or soul that makes us genuinely different from everyone else. This inner self develops on its own path because we are given the right to choose. We have favorites, likes and dislikes, talents, intelligence, and spirit that are the sum total of our life choices.



The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "**Toward the Sun**," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



What makes someone love cilantro and another think it tastes like soap? Who prefers to ski instead of bike ride? Why would someone run a 10K and another stand at the finish line and cheer a winner? Why did you choose your spouse or partner over all others? How did some folk become racist and others tolerant?

The term "NAMASTE" translates to "the spirit in me recognizes the spirit in you." Another way of saying it is, "I acknowledge you as the person you are; I see your soul."

We cannot judge someone at "face-level." We are more. We are an author writing our own book, page by page, hoping others will open that book to see our real self.

Our choices shape us. Even identical twins become their own person. We are truly Cabbage Patch Kids inside and out.

The DPL Summer Book Tent is Open for Business!

By Lisa Carroll

GRHAHAMSVILLE-'Yes, Virginia, there is a DPL Summer Book Tent!'



We are so thankful for Mike Schiffer and the Wednesday Club members Jerry Hunkoski, Peter Andruszkiewicz, Andrew Kremer and Michael Larison, as well as DPL's own Chris Russo and son Christopher, for their assistance in putting up our summer book tent this year.

It's finally up and ready for thrifty shoppers looking for literary steals. Thankfully, Mike Schiffer and the Wednesday Club members Jerry Hunkoski, Peter Andruszkiewicz, Andrew Kremer and Michael Larison, as well as DPL's own Chris Russo and son Christopher, were able to lend their brute strength and wrangle the very large tent up and into place...and for that, we are sincerely grateful.

So, there are a few general rules while visiting the DPL book tent. The tent is open 24/7 for your browsing pleasure. There are small, white envelopes to place the money in, which can then be brought inside (if we're open) or dropped in the book drop. There are also shopping bags to use! Anyone can stop by and shop, you do not need to be a DPL patron. The price list is: \$4.00 for a bag of books, \$0.25 for small paperbacks, \$0.50 for hardcovers and \$1.00 each for puzzles/games, vinyl records and DVD, CD, and audiobooks, with the former not included in the bag of books. Please, two gentle reminders though, the first: please take with you what you brought. Don't leave personal belongings, trash or random things under the tent. Now, the second: please DO NOT leave donations under the tent. It's expensive for us to throw away unacceptable donations and throws our carefully crafted processing system amok.

We love and appreciate your donations, but there are some guidelines to consider when donating materials to us. We can only accept good quality and clean hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, music CD's, vinyls and audio books. We CAN NOT accept damaged, dirty or old books or books that are soiled and brown from mildew or mold. We do not take textbooks, encyclopedias, reference sets, condensed books, magazines or newspapers and any VHS or cassette tapes.

The very best thing to do is call the library (845-985-7233) and speak with Michelle. She will help in determining if your donation is a good fit and will set up a time when you can drop them off. If it seems a little strict, our policy, it's only because we've been burned a time or two...and again, it is very costly to have to discard materials that we can't sell or use.

I won't get into great detail here but your donations help in a lot of different ways. They can become stock for our summer



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Come browse the DPL summer book tent! There are many great books, audiobooks and DVDs to choose from. Materials are added all the time, so stop by often.

book tent, Pages and Percs (our year round used book store housed in the 1902 room), our book tent at the Grahamsville Fair and of course, the Giant Pumpkin Party. Also, by you donating the materials, it gives them a second, third, etc. chance at being used and appreciated instead of being thrown away. It's really a win-win situation



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Letter to the Editor:

I am voting for Sheriff Michael Schiff as the Sheriff of Sullivan County, New York.

I would urge all Republicans to do the same in the Republican primaries on June 24, 2025.

The opponent Mr. Dymond is without a doubt qualified as a policeman. But he seems to lack the administrative experience required to run the Sheriff's Department consisting of 200 employees.

Above all, the function of the Sheriff does not entail mostly the police work but in managing the Department so the deputies and the detectives have everything they need to do their job.

A job of running against a successful incumbent is always a difficult one. But, unfortunately, Mr. Dymond elected to solve his dilemma by running a negative campaign that may turn the voters off by inventing charges against the Sheriff and his Department that were rather nonexistent or were highly exaggerated.

Ivan Orisek
Forestburgh, New York

Sullivan 180 Announces Community Development Grant Recipients *Grants support public art, events and enhanced public places*

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 announced recipients of the 2025 Community Development Grants, which support community-driven projects that align with Sullivan 180's mission to build a healthy community. Grant amounts range up to \$5,000 depending on the scope of the project.

"These projects reflect the creativity, heart, and energy of our community," said Shannon Cilento, Sullivan 180 Director of Community Development & Communications. "They meet real needs while helping to create welcoming spaces and experiences that support connection and well-being."

To date, the 2025 Community Development Grant recipients are:

Barryville Area Arts Association: Expansion of Picasso Was Right! youth art program with workshops and a county-wide student exhibition.



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Calliope on Main Foundation: Launch of Rockland Rides youth cycling and safety program, with helmet and bike lock giveaways at a May event.

ENGN Civic Creative Center: Restoration of historic grain silos in downtown Callicoon.

Ten Mile River Scout Museum: Phase 1 of campus upgrades including walkways and drainage to support increased public use and outdoor learning.

Hope's Compass Fund: Celebratory events and public art installation honoring genocide survivors; and the establishment of Creation Stations, similar to Little Free Libraries, for art supplies and projects.

Narrowsburg Farmers Market: Expansion of food and sustainability workshops and launch of Meals on a Budget series with the local food pantry.

Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance: Nature and birding walks as part of the first-ever multi-day ROAM event on the O&W Rail Trail in Wurtsboro.

Wurtsboro Board of Trade: Creation of four new murals in the Village of Wurtsboro with community engagement and youth participation.

Applications are still being accepted for Community Development Grants. For more information or to request an application, contact Shannon Cilento at 845-295-2434 or Shannon@Sullivan180.org.

Community projects are always seeking volunteers to lend a hand. Visit Sullivan180.org/2025-Projects to connect with a project in your community.

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

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Don't Miss 'I'm Not Rappaport' starring Judd Hirsch

As soon as we walked into the Shadowland Stages theatre Saturday evening, we knew we were in for a treat. The set on stage took us to a front row seat in Central Park!

Judd Hirsch as Nat, an 81-year-old Jewish radical and Eugene Lee as Midge, a half-blind apartment house superintendent who is about to lose his job and home, kept the audience in stitches.

The two octogenarians, both set in their ways, have a favorite meeting place—a park bench in Central Park.

Despite Midge's contention for his 'bench mate', he seemed to be drawn in by Nat's personality and his wildly far-fetched fabricated schemes and ever-changing characters. Nat seeks justice in his own way against a worthless hoodlum who victimizes the elderly, a drug dealer, and the apartment house tenants' committee representative who wants to fire Midge. When taking on the character of a consumer affairs activist, a tough guy, an undercover agent, a Mafia don, an aggressive lawyer or whatever he deems necessary, Nat forgets who he really is, an aging old man.

It is an amazing show. Judd Hirsch was phenomenal. Together with Eugene Lee, and the supporting cast they provided a dynamic evening of spirited laughter and light-hearted pleasure.

This is definitely a production you don't want to miss!

I'm Not Rappaport runs through June 29th. Performances are held Thursday through Saturday at 8 PM and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 PM, with preview performances on the first Friday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM of each run.

If you haven't seen *I'm Not Rappaport* at Shadowland Stages, don't wait, call now for tickets. They sell out very fast.

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Nineteen Students Say Goodbye to Elementary School and Hello Middle School

LIBERTY - On June 5, the Elementary Program at Sullivan BOCES held a Stepping Up ceremony for nineteen sixth-grade students transitioning to the middle school program at the Rubin Pollack Education Center. Administrators, staff, and families gathered to celebrate this important milestone.

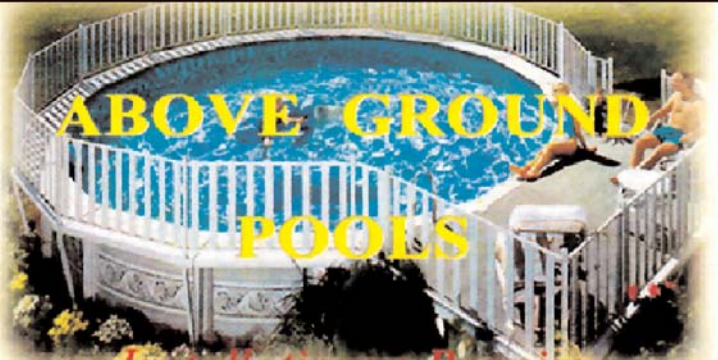
"Today is all about recognizing our students and their hard work, and celebrating the journey that has brought them to this important milestone. Whether you've been with us for many years or just a short time, it has been a joy to watch you grow into the thoughtful, capable young people you are today," said Megan Becker, Executive Principal of the Elementary Program. "You have shown resilience, curiosity, and dedication throughout your time with us, and you are ready to take that next exciting step into middle school."

"We will truly miss them in the Elementary Program," concluded Becker.

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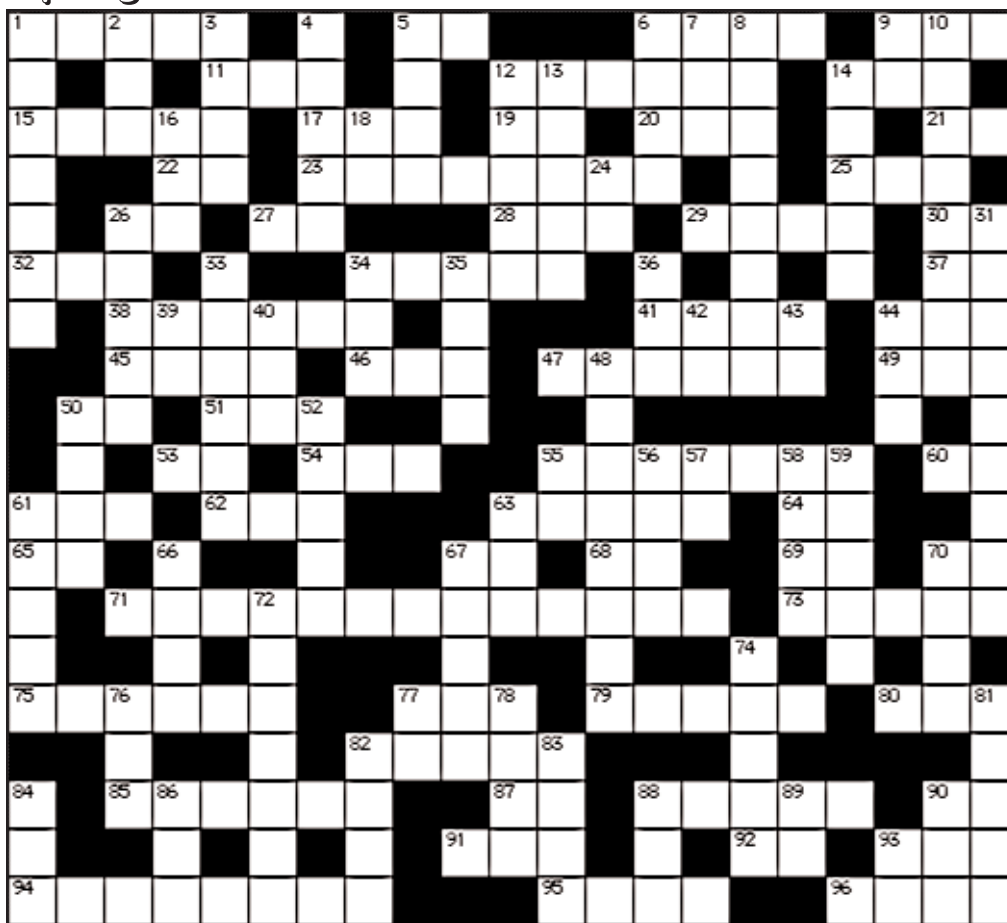
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Spring Gardens and Little Snails -L. Comando

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25 Tall hardy shade tree
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27 Florida (abbrev)
28 Hearing organ

29 To feel a glow
30 Indefinite article
32 Lunar excursion modular
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37 Look!
38 Process of growth
41 Skilled
44 “___,” tac, toe
45 Straight dividing mark
46 Maiden name of a married woman
47 Cultivated ground
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53 Maine (abbrev)
54 Skill
55 Body organs capable of contracting and expanding

60 Physician
61 Oil product
62 Tease good
63 Vehicle
64 Great (abbrev)
65 Not out
67 Colorado
68 Rhode Island (abbrev)
69 Proceed
70 In this year (hac anno)
71 Animal that is both male and female
73 A gastropod
75 Circling around a central point in a flat curve
77 Writing instrument
79 Slimy secretion

80 Allow
82 Warm
85 Tiny teeth of a mollusk
87 Left end in football
88 Damp
90 Third note of the major scale
91 Affirmative
92 To work out
93 Have got
94 Toothed wheel
95 Young goats
96 Tenth of a dollar

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3 Kernels
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9 Archaic form of woe
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12 Ventured
13 Pond snail food
14 Foe
16 To feel remorse
18 Rupees (abbrev)
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26 Aroma
31 Of the night
33 Dealer or trader
34 Indonesian monetary unit
35 Peak
36 Paddle used to row a boat
39 Roman six
40 Meadow

42 Board (abbrev)
43 Half an em
44 Foot digit
48 Tank for live water animals
50 Turkish ruler
52 Light, sweet yeast cake
55 Masculine title
56 Parody
57 Common Era
58 More than one ovum
59 Piece of rock
61 Breathing organs for water animals
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Homemade Antipasto Salad for the Family Picnic

2 packages (1 pound each) spiral pasta
4 to 5 large tomatoes, chopped
3 cloves of garlic, minced
1 onion, chopped
2 large green peppers, chopped
2 cans (15 to 16 ounces each) garbanzo chickpeas, rinsed and drained
1 pound thinly sliced Genoa salami, julienned
1 pound sliced pepperoni, julienned
1/2 pound provolone cheese, cubed
1 cup pitted ripe olives, halved

DRESSING:

1 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons dried oregano
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1-1/2 cups olive oil

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain; rinse with cold water. In several large bowls, combine pasta with next eight ingredients.

For dressing, pulse vinegar, sugar, oregano, salt and pepper in a blender. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, 4 hours or overnight.

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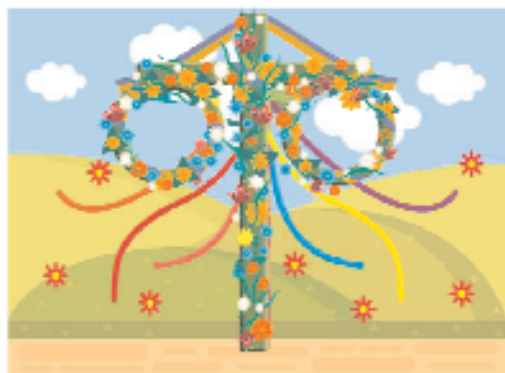
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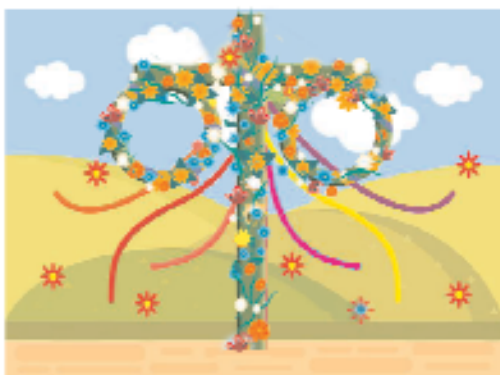
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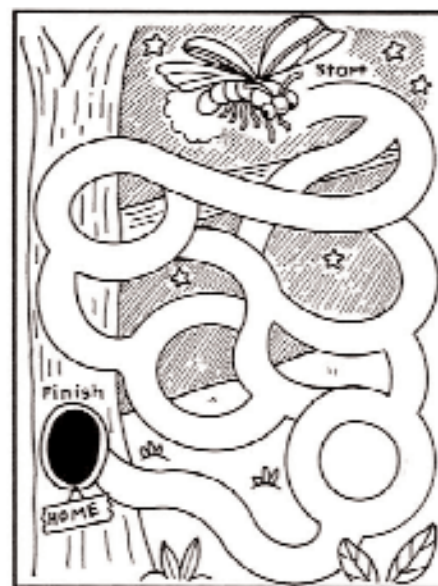


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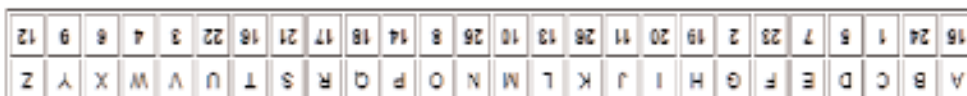
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Please help the firefly
find his way back to
his home in the tree



2025 Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarship Winner: Daya Cuji Calle of Loch Sheldrake

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - We are very pleased to announce the 2025 winner of the Time and the Valleys Museum's \$500 scholarship: Daya Cuji Calli of Loch Sheldrake. Daya will be attending Central Michigan University for International Business. Congratulations Daya!

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

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

- o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, nineteen period farm buildings including a farm house, sap house, saw mill, barn, electric plant, milk house and working water-wheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

- o **NEW! The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting** an exhibition of the evolution of quilting displaying many old and new local quilts, both hand-made and machine, with traditional and contemporary designs. Includes information on the quilts, quilt puzzles, coloring sheets for kids and more. Participating local quilt groups include the Calico Geese of Sullivan County, Chestnut Creek Quilters of Grahamsville and Claryville Quilters.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



Matthew Haynes, Time and the Valleys Museum Trustee and Tri-Valley English teacher, presenting Daya Cuji Calle with her scholarship certificate.

Monticello Kiwanis and Sullivan County Aktion Clubs Maintain Flowerbeds



Standing - Aktion Club Advisor Kim Loucks and Kiwanis Past Pres. Jane Sorensen, Front Row - Aktion Club members Robert Weissman, John Paxton, Willie Conklin, Harold Conklin, Andrew Barry and Gary Walling

The Monticello Kiwanis Club continued their tradition of maintaining the Village of Monticello flowerbeds located on Jefferson Street and Route 42 near the Beer Store in the Village. This year Past Kiwanis President Jane Sorensen volunteered to be in charge and she received much appreciated assistance from several members of the Sullivan County Aktion Club, who came out early in the morning to till the soil, remove roots and weeds and plant beautiful flowers.



Items donated to SPCA by Aktion Club

The Aktion Club is sponsored by the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs and is comprised of individuals with disabilities who are affiliated with Arc Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community and The Center for Discovery. They continued helping out the community by visiting the Sullivan County SPCA the next day to present them with a variety of items that were on the SPCA Wish List.

Aktion Club members Betsy Kashdan, Anthony Radzieski and William Schmitt holding donated SPCA items



Time and the Valleys Museum Opens Catskill Family Farm Phase II Celebrates connection of water, people and the Catskills



NYC DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala and Time and the Valleys Museum Board President Richard Coombe tour the "Tunnels, Toil & Trouble" exhibit at the museum.

Richard Coombe, Time and the Valleys Board President. "Because of that help, we have been able to share the story of the 5,500 people who lost their homes for the building of the Catskill Reservoirs. Many of these people were farmers earning a living on the land, just as their parents and grandparents before them."

All of the period buildings feature artifacts, tools and equipment, and are interactive with videos, games and authentic farm sounds. With the farmhouse, barn, and more; there are 19 farm buildings along with three Museum exhibitions in the main building.

"I have a PhD in American History and I go to history museums when I possibly can," said Commissioner Aggarwala, who was the guest speaker for the event. "This is a really world-class history museum. It tells the story really, really well. From multiple aspects, it

GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK - June 11, 2025 - The Time and the Valleys Museum officially opened Phase II of the 1930s Catskill Family Farm to the delight of longtime volunteers, museum supporters and area officials including NYC DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala. Memories were shared about family life on a farm in the 1930s as those attending the event got to tour many of restored farm buildings now standing just above the Museum site on Main Street in Grahamsville.

"We could not have built this Catskill Farm without the generous support of so many individuals who gave of their time and money to allow us to educate and inform people about the watershed partnership and protection programs," said



NYC DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala and Time and the Valleys Museum Director Donna Steffens tour the tunnel exhibit at the museum.



Ray Bertholf REO Speedwagon: Gene Bertholf, Debbie Bertholf, Alan Gerry and Sandra Bertholf Gerry stand with a picture of a young Raymond Bertholf and his prized 1936 REO Speedwagon truck. The Bertholf family donated the truck to the Time and the Valleys Museum to be exhibited at the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm.

has the science, it has the architecture, it's got the engineering, it's also got the people. And you need all of that. Just as this is a world-class museum, one of the things that is so important about the relationship between NYC and its watershed is that it's truly a global model for how people can do things right, do things cooperatively."

Some of the additional buildings include a maple syrup sap house, saw mill, pig pen, chicken coop and the Ray Bertholf Exhibition Barn with beautifully restored vehicles including a 1936 REO Speedwagon and model A Ford.

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Time and the Valleys Museum Opens Catskill Family Farm Phase II Celebrates connection of water, people and the Catskills



Ribbon Cutting: Helping cut the ribbon at the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm Phase II Opening at the Time and the Valleys Museum's is, from left, Robert Gipson, Dorothy Muthig, NYC DEP Deputy Commissioner for Water Supply Paul Rush, Sandra Gerry, Time and the Valleys Museum Board President Richard Coombe, Alan Gerry and Time and the Valleys Museum Board Treasurer Jarryd Killian.

(From Pg. 19) Sandra Bertholf Gerry, who attended the opening with her husband Alan, brother Gene Bertholf and his wife Debbie, told those in attendance that she was amazed and learned so much by walking around the Museum and seeing all the exhibits. "Being here today, reflecting and learning about some of our family history has also been very awakening to me. I'm appreciative of this area." She admitted getting weepy seeing a life-size picture of her father Raymond standing next to his beloved REO Speedwagon.

"I'm stunned by what Dick (Coombe) and his team have created," said Robert Gipson, a longtime supporter of the Museum. "It's important not just for people in this area, but also to the kids from Deposit and Hancock, Downsville and Margaretville, whose knowledge of this disruption is less current than mine. But it was their grandparents and great-grandparents who relocated. This Museum tells a marvelous story. I'm honored to be able to support it."

Background: From the 1900s to the 1960s, New York City's need for portable water resulted in 5,500 people losing their homes for the building of the Catskill Reservoirs (1,500 people for the Rondout and Neversink reservoirs alone). Many of these people were farmers earning their living on the land, just like their parents and grandparents before them. With the opening of the Catskill Family Farm, the Times and the Valleys Museum tells their story, and the story of all families whose lives changed forever when New York City came to the Catskills to obtain clean drinking water for their residents.

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Museum information: (845) 985-7700; info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org



L to R: Brianna Noller, Elisheva Sudranski, Bella Muscia, Isabelle Batista, Cecelia Riker Lainez, Evyonna Gilliard, Erli Alessandro Maldonado Garcia. (Rachel Montenegro Sandoval and Nicholas Storms were unavailable for this photo.)



Rachel Montenegro Sandoval



Nicholas Storms

Congratulations to the 2025 Kiwanis of Woodridge Scholarship Recipients

Surrounded by pristine golf links, and views for miles, the second Annual Community Awards Banquet at Tarry Brae Golf Course in South Fallsburg, NY was held on May 30th. Scholarships were awarded to Fallsburg Central School graduating seniors by the Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund Committee, Fallsburg Lions Club, Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc., and the Fallsburg Alumni Association. It was truly an impressive evening.

Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. gave nine (9) scholarships of \$1,000 each to the following graduates:

Isabel Batista, daughter of Cynthia May of Woodbourne, NY, will be attending SUNY New Paltz with a major in Accounting.

Erli Alessandro Maldonado Garcia, son of Florida Garcia and Wilson Gonzales of South Fallsburg, NY, will be attending SUNY New Paltz with a major in Business/Finance.

Evyonna Gilliard, the daughter of Everald and Trevonne Gilliard of South Fallsburg, NY, will be attending the Culinary Institute of America with a major in Baking & Pastry Arts.

Cecilia Riker Lainez of Woodbourne, NY, the daughter of Alberta Riker and Jose Lainez, will be attending SUNY New Paltz with a major in Visual Arts.

Bella Muscia, the daughter of Fiorella and Maurizio Muscia of South Fallsburg, NY, will be attending SUNY Brockport with the goal of becoming a nurse. Her scholarship is in honor of Ralph Rappaport, longtime FCS Board Member and longtime auditor for the Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund.

Brianna Noller, daughter of Robert and Heather Noller of Hurleyville, NY, will be attending Hartwick College with a major in Early Childhood Education.

Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, daughter of Lety and Nevy Montenegro of South Fallsburg, NY, will be attending Nazareth University with the goal of becoming a nurse.

Nicholas Storms of Mountain Dale, NY son of Rosalind Natale and Michael Storms Sr., will be attending Molloy University with a major in Sports Management.

Elisheva Sudranski, daughter of Yitzchak and Chaya Sudranski of Woodridge, NY will be studying Mass Communications at SUNY Oswego.

Kiwanis of Woodridge is extremely proud to support these very impressive students and wish them great success in all their future endeavors.

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Sundown United
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**Every
Saturday Yard Sale**
9 am - 1 pm

**Covered Dish
Supper**
5:30 pm
July 5, 2025

*Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall*

St. Mary's and St. Andrews Church
139 S Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12740

Mass Times

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

5:00 PM Saturday Evening
7:30 AM Sunday Morning
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
(Latin) 11:30 AM Sunday Morning*
(Spanish) 1:00 PM Sunday Afternoon
*Sung Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

8:00 AM Monday through Friday
9:00 AM Saturday

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST

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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

Thrift Sale

Sat., June 21st
9 am - 12 noon



**Grahamsville & Sundown
United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin
845-985-2283

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Church**

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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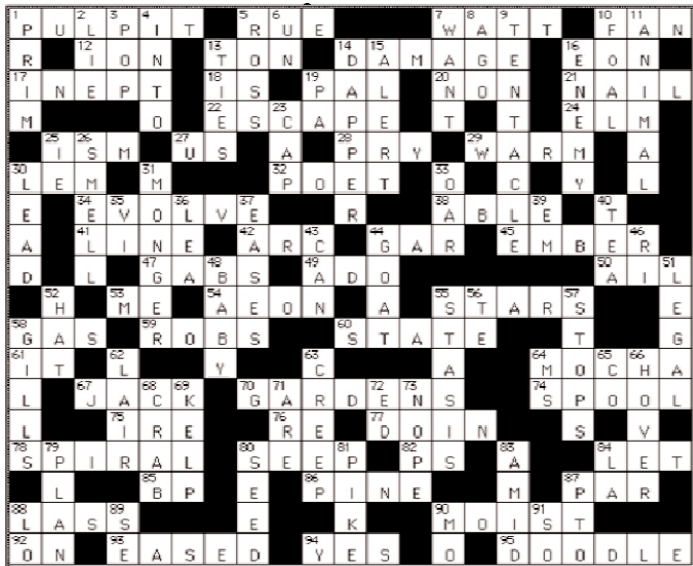
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also
WANTED
People to
play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

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email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
or visit our Virtual Mall
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>



Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

July 5, 2025 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items
available for sale**(Covered Dish Suppers are held the
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall)

Clip & Save



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

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

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| June 21st | Sept - 6th and 20th |
| July - 5th and 19th | October - 4th and 18th |
| August - 2nd and 16th | Nov - 1st and 15th (weather permitting) |

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, start-
ing March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

\$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

Every day New York State returns \$1.5 million to those who file claims
here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:<https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf> or <https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf>Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and
filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office.
It only takes a few minutes to find

Temple Shalom Fundraiser Cruise to Nassau

Leave January 11 and return to Miami on January 18, 2026.

Single cabin -\$2155; Couples-pay between \$3275 and \$4463 for a double
balcony cabin with drinks and WiFi included. The higher price includes a
dedicated restaurant and a cruise long pass to the spa for two. A \$500
deposit is refundable. Each cabin will receive \$100 in on-board credit.For further information, contact Barry Gleen at
barry.gleen@cruiseplanners.com.

or (516) 281-5905

All commissions from this trip donated to Temple Shalom.

Check the air quality where you are at:
<https://www.airnow.gov/>

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or
history of Sullivan County
at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 6/18/25 | Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm |
| 6/19/25 | Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall |
| 6/19/25 | Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm |
| 6/21/25 | Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Yard Sale 9 am - 1 pm |
| 6/21/25 | Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon |
| 7/5/25 | Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church |
| 7/8/25 | Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) |
| 7/8/25 | Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall |
| 7/9/25 | Town of Neversink - Board Meeting |

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Weekly Update

For The Week Of

Weekly Update For The Week Of
June 16 - June 20, 2025

Monday, June 16

- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL, 33436, and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 826 1041 9196, Passcode: 646550
- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, June 17

- o 4:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 5:30 PM - Democratic Caucus, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM - Republican Caucus, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature

- o 7:10 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2
- o 7:15 PM - A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities
- o Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session

Wednesday, June 18

- o 8:30 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building, Kingston
- o 8:45 AM - (or immediately following UCIDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building, Kingston
- o 9:00 AM (or immediately following UCCRC) Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building, Kingston
- o 10:00 AM (or immediately following UCIDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building, Kingston
- o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

Thursday, June 19

- o Juneteenth - County Offices Closed

Friday, June 20

- o No Meetings

The History of Quilting Then and Now

A presentation by Phyllis (Penny) Coombe

Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum

On Sunday, June 22 at 2 p.m., long time quilter Phyllis Coombe of Grahamsville will give a presentation The History of Quilting Then and Now at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County NY.

Have you ever wondered..... How quilting began? What materials are necessary to make a quilt? If quilts were used for signals on the Underground Railroad? What on earth are trapunto and broderie perse? What are current trends in the world of quilting?

These questions and more will be answered in a presentation on the story of quilts and quilters, past and present, by Phyllis (Penny) Coombe, followed by a tour of the current exhibit The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting with the curator. Light refreshments included. The cost of the program is \$5, Museum members are free. For more information, email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.



A Victorian crazy quilt in the exhibition.



One square of a 1874 signature quilt in the exhibition.



Arlene Richter and Judy Chernowski installing the exhibition.

Exhibitions:

o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition

includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

o **New! Expanded 1930s Lost Catskill Farm** an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, out-house and workshop with working waterwheel - over 19 restored period buildings in all!

o **NEW! The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting** an exhibition of the evolution of quilting displaying many old and new local quilts, both hand-made and machine, with traditional and contemporary designs. Includes information on the quilts, quilt puzzles, coloring sheets for kids and more. Participating local quilt groups include the Calico Geese of Sullivan County, Chestnut Creek Quilters of Grahamsville and Claryville Quilters.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Employees Recognized as Leadership Ulster Graduates



Ellenville, NY - Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that two of its employees James Dyer, Manager of Ancillary Services and Krista Usko, Manager of Emergency Services, have successfully completed the Leadership Ulster program through the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The program culminated in a recognition ceremony held on June 10, 2025, honoring the accomplishments of the 2025 cohort.

Leadership Ulster is a hallmark initiative of the Ulster Chamber Foundation. Since 1993, the program-formerly known as the Ulster Leadership Development Institute, has helped develop more than 500 individuals into leaders across business, government, nonprofit, and community sectors. The nine-month program includes interactive training, mentoring, and engagement with key regional stakeholders, aimed at refining leadership, entrepreneurial, and team-building skills. Participants in the program are selected for their potential as emerging leaders and their commitment to community engagement.

"We are incredibly proud of James and Krista for their dedication and growth throughout this program," said Keith Edwards, Director of Human Resources and Marketing at Ellenville Regional Hospital. "Their participation reflects not only their personal commitment to leadership, but also our hospital's ongoing investment in employee development and community leadership."

The hospital extends its congratulations to both graduates and expresses gratitude to the Ulster County Chamber Foundation for providing such a meaningful platform for leadership development in the Hudson Valley.

About Ellenville Regional Hospital

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a not-for-profit, critical access hospital located in Ellenville, NY. Committed to serving the health needs of our community with excellence and compassion, ERH provides a range of inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services with a focus on quality, safety, and patient-centered care. To learn more visit erhny.org

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through the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for
advertising for our local churches

Low Rates
High Visibility!



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

All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

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



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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

Please check if you would like to be either outside under the pavilion or inside the building.

*****spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application*****

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale Every Saturday

Something different every week!

Come have some fun!

Look for that special bargain or treasure

**9:00 am
to
1:00 pm**



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

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

Statement from SC Sheriff's Office Regarding the 2017 Murder of Shaniece Harris

Reference is made to the June 11, 2025 Press Release from the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York regarding the Superseding Indictment of Dwayne Johnson in connection with the murder of Monticello resident Shaniece Harris. The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office handled the initial missing person case involving Ms. Harris in May of 2017. The Sheriff's Office sought the help of the FBI safe streets task force who expanded the scope of the investigation, which led to the charges against Dwayne Johnson. Sheriff Mike Schiff praised the work of his detectives and the collaboration with FBI. "We never gave up hope and continued to work on the case over the years, reassuring the family that we did not forget their loved one".

The Sheriff is referring all questions regarding this case to the U.S. Attorney's Office for further comment.

Link to Justice Dept. Press Release

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/monticello-man-charged-2017-murder>

Leadership Sullivan Class of 2025 Launches Countywide Little Free Food Pantries Initiative to Combat Food Insecurity

Strategically placed food pantries bring community-powered support directly to neighbors in need

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - The Leadership Sullivan Class of 2025 announces the launch of the Little Free Food Pantries initiative, a community-rooted project to provide 24/7 access to essential food items for individuals and families throughout Sullivan County. These small, strategically placed food pantries offer barrier-free nourishment in areas of greatest need, made possible through the collective support of community partners, local sponsors, and volunteers.

In Sullivan County, too many residents face barriers to accessing consistent meals: limited transportation, restrictive pantry hours, and inconsistent food supply. This initiative meets people where they are, offering immediate support in a way that prioritizes dignity, autonomy, and care. This effort builds on the powerful work already being done by local food pantries, houses of worship, civic groups, community-based organizations, and everyday neighbors who believe that we have a shared responsibility, and that when we give our neighbors what they need, we all grow stronger.

"We're here to stand with our community and add to the momentum, to meet people where they are with something that's immediate, empowering, and driven by all of us, together," said Janae Myers, Leadership Sullivan Class of 2025 Historian.

Little Free Food Pantries Mission: To combat food insecurity in Sullivan County by placing community-driven Little Free Food Pantries in high-need areas, offering 24/7 access to nourishment, dignity, and hope for all people



Project Partners and Locations

The project launched with widespread support from across the county.

- o Jeff Bank held a countywide food drive across all its branches.
- o Hudson Valley Home Source, LLC built each Little Free Food Pantry.
- o Precision Engraving created the pantry plaques.
- o Six generous sponsors funded the build and sustainability of each pantry.
- o Five committed community partners stepped up as host locations.

The first five Little Free Food Pantries will be located at:

1. Liberty Police Department (Liberty), sponsored by Liberty PBA
2. Landfield Avenue Synagogue (Monticello), *Kosher, sponsored by New Hope Community, Inc.
3. Bethel Town Hall (Bethel), sponsored by Adam Gold and Jeff Bank
4. The River Reporter (Narrowsburg), sponsored by Hudson Valley Home Source, LLC
5. Lumberland Town Hall (Lumberland), In Memory of Jimmy Hickey

Call to Action: Help Us Keep the Pantries Stocked and Growing
This initiative belongs to all of us. We invite the community to join the movement:

- o Take what you need. No questions asked.
- o Leave what you can. A box of pasta, a can of soup, a note of encouragement-it all matters.
- o Become a partner or sponsor. Help us expand to more neighborhoods and sustain this work for the long haul. Monticello Rotary sponsored the next partner location!

Ashley Leavitt, Chamber President, encouraged, "Whether you're a local business, a faith-based organization, a teacher, a parent, or simply someone who cares, this is your invitation to be part of something meaningful, impactful, and lasting."

We can transform the way Sullivan County responds to hunger, one Little Free Pantry at a time.

Join us at each Little Free Pantry location on June 20, 2025, for a community-wide ribbon cutting celebration.

9:00 a.m. - Liberty Police Department - 159 North Main Street, Liberty, NY 12754

10:15 a.m. - Landfield Avenue Synagogue - 18 Landfield Ave, Monticello, NY 12701

11:30 a.m. - Bethel Town Hall - 3454 State Route 55, White Lake, NY 12786

12:45 p.m. - The River Reporter - 93 Erie Ave, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

2:00 p.m. - Lumberland Town Hall - 1054 Proctor Rd, Glen Spey, NY 12737

For more information, to become a partner, or to find your nearest pantry, contact:

Foundation@Catskills.com | 845.791.4200

Leadership Sullivan Class of 2025: Jennifer Jensen (President), Janae Myers (Historian), Alicia Tuleweit, Ashley Leavitt, Cassandra Rhodes, Dawn Roemer, Ean Blank, Jesse Robinson

About Leadership Sullivan: The mission of Leadership Sullivan is to develop informed and committed leaders from all segments of the community who will apply their collective experience and skills to serve, strengthen and improve the quality of life for all people who live and work in Sullivan County. The Leadership Sullivan Program is a platform that expands leadership potential of participants through: educational programs designed to broaden individuals knowledge of the County, improve communication skills, and increase organization and problem solving skills. The program provides an opportunity to thrive in a culture that allows for the advancement of yourself, in addition to the well-being and advancement of those around you. Enhance potential, become better connected, and get smarter.

Kindergarten Graduation Celebrates Milestone for 27 Young Learners

LIBERTY - On Thursday, June 6, twenty-seven proud kindergarten students marked a significant milestone in their academic journey during a heartwarming graduation ceremony held at the Rubin Pollack Education Center. Family members and staff gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the young learners as they completed their first full year of school.

Dressed in caps, the graduates received their diplomas, marking the transition from kindergarten to first grade.

"This is such a special day for our youngest students. Today's ceremony marks a significant milestone in our journey together. From that very first day of school to today, we have witnessed remarkable transformations, the blossoming of friendships, and countless moments of curiosity, learning, and discovery," said Megan Becker, Executive Principal of the Elementary Program. "We are so proud of each and every one of them and grateful to the families and staff who helped support their journey."

Congratulations!



Kindergarten Class:

Elijah Buerge, Margaretville CS; Santhiago Calderon, FCS; Greyson Cardona, ECS; Joshua Centeno-Martinez, FCS; Eian Cortez-Ardon, TVCS; Zachary Davis, MCS; Leonardo Del Carmen, Ellenville CS; Jaxon Dempsey, MCS; Maddux Drafts, FCS; Landon Fitzsimmons, TVCS; Wilmer Gonzales-Garcia, FCS; Piero Hugo-Alvarez, FCS; Serenity Lawrence, TVCS; Eli May, RCS; Omari Mitchell, MCS; James Parlapiano, MCS; Riley Rescigno-Dawson, MCS; Matthias Rodriguez, MCS; Gary Rodriguez-Cortes, TVCS; Scott Rose Jr., TVCS; Ermias Santana, FCS; Pearl Scantlebury, MCS; Austin Shulman, LCS; Weston Thomas, LMCS; Alaric Uhl, MCS; Moises Valentin, FCS; and Ryan Vaugeois, FC.



Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



July 5, 2025
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables
filled with a variety of collectibles,
household items and more
that will be available for sale

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



Please Help Save Our School!

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

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

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

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

Thank You!

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

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

Please mail your check to:

Time and the Valleys Museum

P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740

or go online:

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

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Address: _____

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Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740
845 985-7700 or join online: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25 | Name: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double | \$40 | Address: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$50 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$100 | City: _____ State & Zip: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Silver | \$200 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold | \$500 | Phone: _____ e-mail: _____ |

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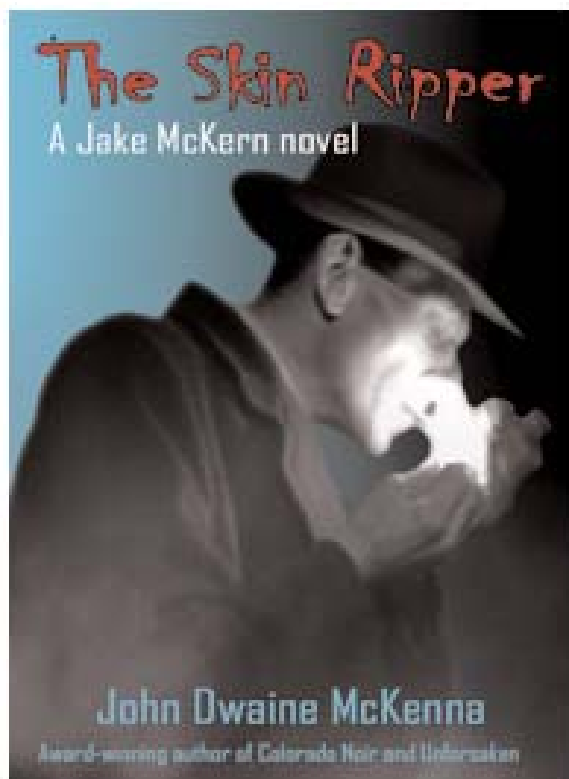
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"Gayle and Sabina exemplify the kind of 55+ volunteers we have in our County," said Sullivan County Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul, who accompanied the duo to the ceremony. "They give without thought of getting anything in return, but I'm so happy that the State was able to recognize them in this wonderful way!"

Irving volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association and currently serves as a community representative, community educator, and on the Orange/Sullivan Walk to End Alzheimer's committee. "Don't let opportunities to help others pass by," the Grahamsville resident says. "By giving your time and skills, volunteering strengthens community bonds and supports those in need. It also creates positive change by learning new perspectives and building a more resilient, compassionate New York. You will find the reward is priceless."

For 22 years, Toomey has been a very involved member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council Fundraising Committee and a member of the Sullivan County Office of Aging Advisory Council. This past year, as a member of her Sullivan County Women's Group, she engaged in a passionate effort to educate the community and legislators about domestic violence and the current status of support available in her county. "I genuinely feel that volunteering helps me pay back for what I have been given: family, friends, a beautiful place to live and work, enough to eat, a warm place to sleep and ... the peace of mind knowing that I have helped someone else feel thankful, too."

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Celebrating Older New Yorkers Day with close to 100 others in Albany were, from the left, Sullivan County Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul, Debbie Bradley, 2025 awardee Sabina Toomey, NYS Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen, 2025 awardee Gayle Irving, Karin Pantel and Sullivan Volunteers Coordinator Monika Roosa.



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Participants can walk the trail at their own pace to enjoy the fresh air in the scenic forest and take advantage of fitness equipment stationed along the way to engage in physical activities focused on building strength and flexibility. Participants will have the opportunity to ask Joy questions, get encouragement and support, and connect with other health-focused professionals in the county. Please join us for time out in the sunshine and fitness-focused conversation!

There is no fee, but preregistration is encouraged. Participants can register online at sullivanccc.org/events. Those with questions or interest in related programs can find more information at <http://sullivanccc.org/events>, email sullivan@cornell.edu or call 845-292-6180 for assistance.

Nestled behind the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County office, the Turtle Spring Trail is open to the public daily, from dawn to dusk.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request

DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 24 Now Available: Environmental Conservation (and So Much More) Police on Patrol

Episode Explores Role of DEC's Environmental Conservation Police Officers to Protect New York's Air, Water, Wildlife, and Public Safety

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 24 - "Environmental Conservation (and So Much More) Police on Patrol"- explores the critical work of DEC's Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) who help protect New York's air, water, wildlife, and public safety.

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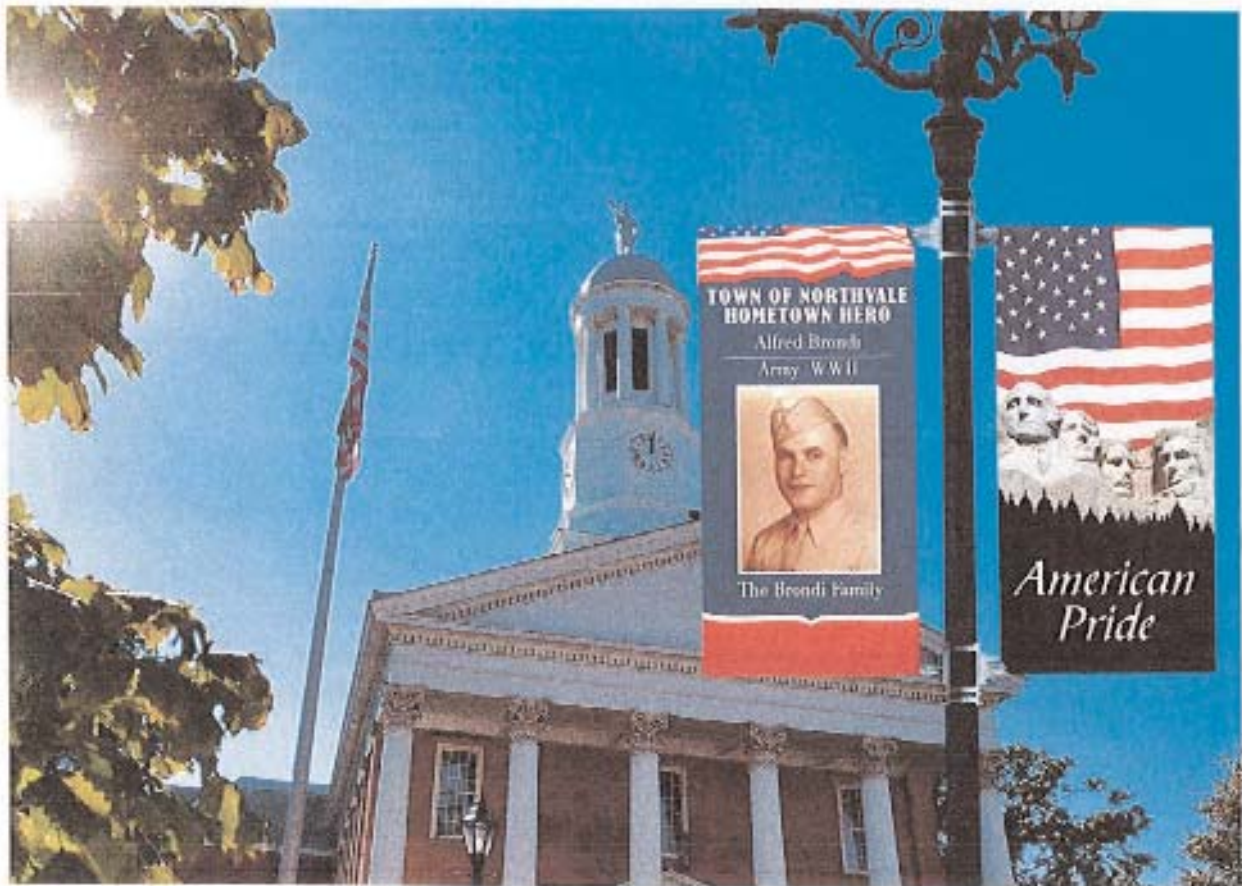
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The oldest law enforcement organization in New York State beginning in 1880, DEC's Division of Law Enforcement responds to more than 30,000 complaints each year. In this episode, hosts Executive Deputy Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald are joined by Officer Mary Frano and Officer Craig Tompkins from DEC's Region 3 (lower Hudson Valley) to discuss ECOs' wide-ranging responsibilities to enforce New York Environmental Conservation Law, the unpredictable nature of a typical day on the job, and how ECOs help the next generation of New Yorkers enjoy hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities across New York State.

Officers Tompkins and Frano also share what inspired them to become ECOs and tips for young people interested in exploring careers with the Division of Law Enforcement. They also share their most memorable calls, including a leashed alligator out for a stroll, a multi-ton corn spill across a local roadway, and helping remove a yogurt cup from a live skunk's head.

All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms.

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

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

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Child Care Providers Needed

If you have considered working with or teaching young children, there is no better time to start! Sullivan County needs childcare throughout the county!

According to The U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2023, is 79,920 people in Sullivan County. 6.1% of the county's population are children under the age of 5 (US Census Bureau, 2010). Making the under 5 population in Sullivan County, 4795 children. The current number of infant / toddler childcare spots available in Sullivan County is 1129. The bottom line is Sullivan County children and current providers NEED your assistance as childcare is filled with waiting lists.

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

If you're worried about start-up cost, we may be able to assist in supply costs through our Infant/Toddler program. Most training courses through our agency are FREE for Sullivan County providers!!! Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council for step-by-step assistance with the application process, business aspect of your program, as well as the programs and resources available when your program is established.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has determined an immediate need for Infant and Toddler childcare based on our referral services:

- o County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
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- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

For more information please visit our website: scchildcare.com, The Office of Children and Family Services at

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US Census Bureau, 2010.

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Gillibrand Introduces Legislation to End Food Deserts

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to reintroduce her Healthy Food Financing Initiative Reauthorization Act, legislation to help end food deserts. Food deserts are areas where a significant portion of residents don't have easy access to a grocery store and affordable, nutritious food. Instead, they are forced to rely on corner and convenience stores, which often sell little to no fresh produce, meat or dairy and whose prices are higher than those of a typical supermarket.

Gillibrand's legislation would provide \$50 million annually in mandatory federal funding for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI). HFFI is a USDA program that offers loans and grants to incentivize grocery stores to establish locations in areas where residents lack easy access to fresh food retailers.

"An easily accessible grocery store is a basic necessity, but hundreds of communities across our state don't have consistent access to one," said Senator Gillibrand. "That means residents have to travel miles outside their neighborhood just to buy staple groceries, a trip that can take hours on foot or by public transit for those without access to a car. It's unacceptable. This legislation would provide \$50 million each year to a federal program that incentivizes grocers to open new locations or expand existing ones to bring fresh food to areas that need it. It is a commonsense bill that would help communities across our country, and I look forward to working to get it passed."

A map of food deserts across New York State is available here.

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/go-to-the-atlas>

In New York State, HFFI has provided financial or technical assistance to 4 fresh food retailers in Troy, Rochester, Buffalo, and Brooklyn, as well as dozens more nationwide. A full list of recipients is available here.

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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Two and counting...The wind down of the year is officially here!

A reminder to sell your Bar-B-Que tickets for the BBQ scheduled for next week. If you still have not received your tickets, please contact me to set a time to meet. We will need everyone's sale count by next Sunday so we know what we have left to sell at the door. This is generally a sold out event, so the count is important. Three tickets are part of your dues. Seven tickets are to sell or return. If you don't sell or return them, you will be invoiced for the outstanding tickets. So...let's make this another sell out year.

Those assisting for set up are asked to arrive at DeHoyas Park at or after 2:30.

What a great meeting this past week with The Canvas Publisher Barry Plaxen and Sophia Krcic. The Canvas is an integral monthly publication in the Hudson Valley that showcases the amazing Arts programming in our area. We thank Barry and Sophia for joining us for the evening. We were delighted to learn about this publication and what it brings to our community.



In addition, we were excited to meet and present the Monticello Rotary Scholarship Winners their checks as they move on to the next leg of their journey.



Thank you to Scholarship Chair Marty Miller and the entire committee for their time in making this happen. All agreed that this was a very hard year as all applicants were outstanding from both

the Monticello and Fallsburg High Schools.

Monticello Rotary awards students from both districts in the amount of \$10,000 annually through a rigorous selection process which includes and application of questions, essays, and an interview. The funds to support the annual scholarships are raised through the Annual Golf Outing scheduled for this September 13, 2025 at Tarry Brae Golf Course. Congratulations to all of the students.

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

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

Agenda for June 10, 2025

Annual Chicken B-B-Q 4pm - 7pm. BBQ Set up Crew should arrive at 2:30pm. DeHoyas Park, Monticello

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Monster Run Meeting - July 1, 2025, 5:30 - Albella Restaurant
Monticello Rotary Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and Scholarship Presentation Awards Night - Tuesday, June 17, 2025 4pm - 7pm. DeHoyas Park Rotary Pavilion, Monticello.

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

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

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

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Monti Rotary Set for 47th Annual Monster Run

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

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

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

The major goal of Rotary is to serve the community. The proceeds for this year's race will help local veterans to meet needs of everyday living. According to Monticello Rotary Club President Les Kryst, "Too many of our veterans need assistance with heating, food, transportation for medical serves, rent and mortgage assistance just to name a few. They have given to us all through their service to our country. Monticello Rotary is glad to sponsor this race to raise awareness and funds as a way of giving back to those who served and are currently serving." (Contd, Pg. 48)

Montigram (From Pg. 47)

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

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

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

Registrations can be completed online prior to the event at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Monticello/MonsterClassic> For further information about the race, please contact Race Co-Chairs Orshii Boldiis or Les Kristt via email at RotaryMontiMonsterRun@hotmail.com or call (845) 798-1770.

Monticello Rotary Supports DARE



The Monticello Rotary Club was pleased to present a check for \$750, to Sheriff Mike Schiff and his team (Undersheriff Eric Chabody and Sgt. Rose Ionta - Youth Division) to support the DARE program. Monti Rotary has been a longtime supporter of the Sullivan County Sheriff Offices' DARE program. As a matter of fact, the Monticello Rotary Club was instrumental in bringing the DARE Program to Sullivan County.

In 1988-89, Richard Sush was the First Vice President for Monticello Rotary Club. As incoming President for the 1989-90 year, he had the responsibility to choose a project for the service club to work on during his presidency. Since his background is in counseling, he felt strongly about finding a program/project focused on the drug abuse issues of the day as the club's goal for his year as President. He researched options and discovered a program which had education of students and police in schools as the foundation of the program that he liked - DARE.

Over the years, some amazing law enforcement leaders such as Cheryl Crumley, Don Starner, Willie Van Hage, Jason Corley, and Luis Alvarez to name a few, have ensured that all 5th grade students in Sullivan County have the opportunity to become a DARE Graduate.

When Sheriff Mike Schiff took office in 2005, he made a commitment the Sullivan County Community to be sure the DARE Program would be rebuilt and supported as part of an effort to provide youth services in Sullivan County. He created a Youth Division in Sullivan County to provide DARE, School Resource Officers, Summer Camp Initiatives, Professional Development to Sheriff Deputies in working with youth, and networked across the county creating a strong working relationship with youth services providers.

Monticello Rotary is proud to remain a partner in the DARE Program with Sheriff Schiff and his team. Some say that DARE doesn't work. Monticello Rotary President Lori James who presented the donation on behalf of Monticello Rotary responds to that opinion stating, "The reality is, if just one life is influenced for good in the anti-drug message and more importantly, the positive choices taught through this program, then that is a life helped and saved. And, that is the very definition of success."

Sheriff Schiff and his team spoke to the Monticello Rotary Club to give an update on DARE and Youth Services available to our schools and community. Sheriff Schiff thanked the club for its unwavering support of DARE all the years.

Monti Rotary Delivers Over \$7300 Donation from Taste of Sullivan

Monticello Rotary was proud to present a check for over \$7300 to CEO Kathy Kreiter from the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

The Monticello Rotary held its 2nd Annual Taste of Sullivan at SUNY Sullivan in April hoping to top the over \$3000 donated from the event last year. And boy - did Monticello Rotary deliver more than doubling last years efforts to ensure food security and homelessness have continued funding in our community.

ToS Chair Helen Diehl thanked all the club members for their support in the success in making this event possible. In addition, she reminded all to support the Sullivan County Restaurants who supported our event providing a sampling of their signature dishes and the many who provided gift certificates for the raffle.

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James praised Helen Diehl for her amazing vision and organizational skills in putting the event together. "The need in our community is great and having people like Helen and her team in place to lend that helping hand, ensures that at least one other life is improved."

Monticello Rotary supports The Sullivan County Federation throughout the year with community service projects such as Food Drives, Coat/Sock/Mitten Drives, Taste of Sullivan, and volunteer help at the Federation. Please visit the Federation online at <http://www.scfederation.org/> to find out how you can help in the efforts of "Service Above Self."

The New Hope Knights Return to the Special Olympics New York Buffalo Bowl!



On June 7th, the New Hope Knights took the Buffalo Bowl at Highmark Stadium by storm yet again. Having competed in the tournament for the first time last year, the Knights were able to raise \$3,500 in order to hit the Buffalo Bills' home field this year with two competition-ready teams!

Prior to their departure, the Knights were celebrated at a New Hope Community-wide pep rally. They left the grounds energized and ready to take on their competition! On game day, players toured the Bills' locker room and media suite, ran through the tunnel to the sound of cheers, and had the opportunity to warm up together on the field. The day ended in an epic showdown between the Knights' two teams, with the Black Team edging out the Yellow Team 19-18 in a nail-biting finish.

Attending the Buffalo Bowl was an unforgettable experience, and thanks to the support of our incredible community, twice as many Knights were able experience the excitement, pride, and magic of game day on an NFL field. From practicing weekly (no matter the weather!) to the final whistle, the Knights exemplified team spirit and dedication to a sport they love. Go, Knights!

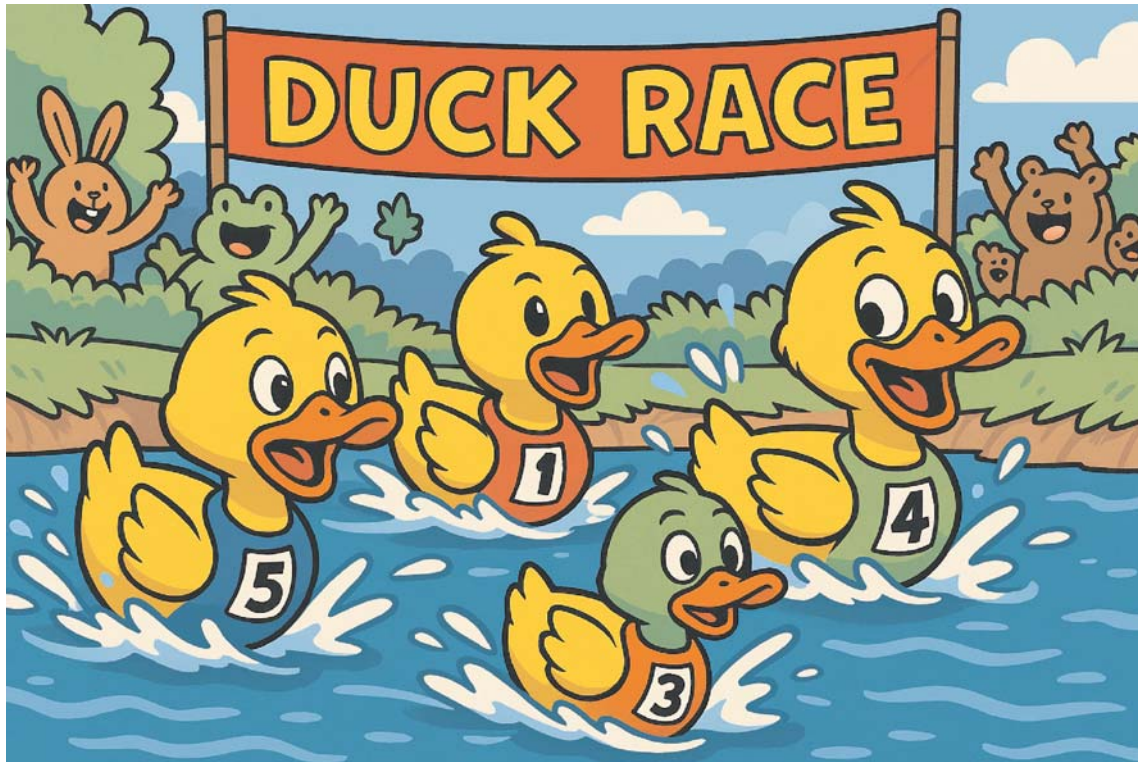


NO DUCKS BARRED COMPETITION

They are at it once again....."Speedy McSplash" and "Waddles the Wanderer" cannot keep their rivalry from spilling over into yet another Duck Race Event. The quacks and not-so-nice "duckgestions" are flying - so to speak - each one claiming that victory will be theirs. They seem to forget that they are not the only ducks in the race!

For the past two years, these two quackers have been hard at work promoting their own athletic 'duckabilities'. They tell you they are faster than the water that flows, more agile than a trout jumping for a fly, speedier than a hummingbird after some nectar. They have been so busy arguing, even during the Race, that neither one of them have come out the winner. Quacker Jack, Pluckie Duckie, Princess Preener, Beaklejuice and all the other racers can't help but beat these two squabblers.

Maybe this year will be different. Come and witness the rivalry first hand. Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 11:00 A.M., Morningside Park, Hurleyville, NY.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Flea Market/Craft Fair

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

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



Vendors Wanted

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What you are selling: _____

Make check out to: BIOFC Ladies Aux

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

Questions to: marylou.stapleton@aol.com



Archtop Fiber Breaks Ground on \$29.9M Sullivan County Investment New York State's ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Grant Fuels Regional Broadband Expansion

BETHEL, NY - JUNE 12, 2025 - Archtop Fiber, the leading regional provider of multi-gig, lightning speed fiber Internet and phone service across the Northeast, broke ground in Sullivan County today. Fueled by New York State's ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program administered by Empire State Development, which aims to expand broadband infrastructure throughout New York State, Sullivan County was awarded a substantial \$29.9M of the collective \$240M+ state-wide funding announced to date.

In celebration of the groundbreaking, executives and officials from Empire State Development, Archtop Fiber and Sullivan County gathered at The Bethel Woods Center this afternoon to unveil regional expansion plans.

"Today marks a historic turning point for Sullivan County - we're finally bridging the gap that has held back too many communities for far too long," Governor Kathy Hochul said. "This publicly-owned infrastructure isn't just about faster Internet - it's about opening doors to better healthcare, education, and economic opportunities that access to high-speed Internet brings to the table. No New Yorker should be left behind simply because of where they live, and this project ensures that rural communities have the same access to opportunity as anywhere else in our state."

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "The Municipal Infrastructure Program highlights New York State's commitment to innovative, equitable broadband solutions. By prioritizing public ownership, we ensure broadband connectivity is universally accessible, affordable, and sustainable. This investment will make a tangible difference in the daily lives of Sullivan County residents - helping students succeed in school, supporting small businesses, and expanding access to telehealth and other vital services."

Through this initiative, Archtop Fiber will deploy 220+ miles of fiber - nearly 100% of which will be buried, underground backbone, and/or middle mile construction. Once fully implemented, the company will service more than 22,000 Sullivan County addresses by providing 10GB of symmetrical Internet.

The power of connectivity will grant residents access to the creator economy's full potential, in turn fueling long-term benefits and economic growth for the region. With fiber optics in place, the area will be poised to attract new businesses as well as remote, work-from-home talent, which will further promote an economic boost.

"Archtop Fiber is proud to bring the fastest fiber Internet on the market to Sullivan County," said Jeff DeMond, Chairman and CEO, Archtop Fiber. "It's partnerships like this that make a significant impact in local communities. We are committed to helping businesses grow, governments connect and make homes frustration-free all while making the American dream much more achievable through access to the creator economy."

"This partnership represents the culmination of many years of work and vision by County staff and partners," said Sullivan County Manager, Joshua A. Potosek. "I'm particularly grateful to Governor Kathy Hochul, Empire State Development and Archtop Fiber for coming alongside Sullivan County to realize this enormous project, one which promises to impact thousands of people and businesses."

"Thanks to being awarded the largest single grant in our history

- nearly \$30 million - Sullivan County is positioned to spread the wealth of high-speed, affordable broadband access across our 1,000 square miles," noted Sullivan County Legislature Chair, Nadia Rajsz. "And with our partner Archtop Fiber, we will be accomplishing this feat with a minimum of unsightly wires - in fact, many people will be able to access the Internet wirelessly at speeds faster than they've ever experienced."

Last month, Archtop Fiber announced securing nearly \$200M in funding to support its aggressive expansion plan throughout the Northeast, targeting rural and unserved communities. The company's service is currently available across Kingston, Saugerties, Rhinebeck, Hudson, Warwick, and Woodstock in New York and Vernon, New Jersey, with plans to light up even more markets, including Catskill, Red Hook and Tivoli in New York, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts in The Berkshires.

Customer installations in Sullivan County are expected to begin later this year with full implementation planned for end of 2026.

As part of its expansion, Archtop Fiber will be actively adding local jobs across new markets for both the development and ongoing customer support phases.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply for available roles by visiting www.archtopfiber.com/careers.

ABOUT ARCHTOP FIBER

Archtop Fiber offers the fastest, most reliable, environmentally friendly and affordable Internet access to communities across the Northeast. With decades of experience and success, the company provides multi-gig, symmetrical, all-fiber Internet solutions that open doors for community growth and prosperity. Archtop Fiber's future-forward network and Internet services deliver reliable, lightning-fast access to entertainment, healthcare, employment and education opportunities. From businesses and hospitals to farms and families, Archtop Fiber prioritizes exceptional service, and an unwavering community focus to create a brighter, tech-driven future for all. For more information, please visit www.archtopfiber.com.

ABOUT EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency, and promotes business growth, job creation, and greater economic opportunity throughout the state. With offices in each of the state's 10 regions, ESD oversees the Regional Economic Development Councils, supports broadband equity through the ConnectALL office, and is growing the workforce of tomorrow through the Office of Strategic Workforce Development. The agency engages with emerging and next generation industries like clean energy and semiconductor manufacturing looking to grow in New York State, operates a network of assistance centers to help small businesses grow and succeed, and promotes the state's world class tourism destinations through I LOVE NY. For more information, please visit esd.ny.gov, and connect with ESD on LinkedIn, Facebook and X.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Sullivan County is partnering with Archtop Fiber to serve over 22,000 homes and businesses, leveraging the County's existing towers and Archtop's capabilities in fiber optic construction. Sullivan County will own the infrastructure, while Archtop Fiber and Hudson Valley Wireless will serve as internet service providers. The County will build 253 miles of fiber and one new communication tower, in addition to 11 towers it already owns, extending broadband service to unserved and underserved locations. Sullivan County faces unique challenges due to its rural, mountainous terrain, low population density and status, as the most distressed of the seven counties represented by the Hudson Valley Regional Council that have long deterred broadband deployment in the County. This initiative reverses



Standing Up to Governor Hochul and Sanctuary Policies that Put New Yorkers at Risk

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

This week, I participated in an Oversight Committee hearing examining the dangerous consequences of sanctuary state policies implemented by far-left governors, including Governor Kathy Hochul.

Sanctuary states are refusing to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement, shielding criminal illegal aliens from removal and putting NY-24 communities at risk. These reckless policies obstruct federal law and embolden criminal activity.

During the hearing, I directly questioned Governor Hochul about her administration's failure to comply with federal immigration law. She admitted that New York's correctional facilities are housing criminal illegal immigrants, including gang members, and she has no clue how many there are in our state's prisons. This is a direct threat to our corrections officers, other inmates, and every community across New York State.

Governor Hochul's failed leadership is putting lives at risk. I'm demanding answers: What is her plan to remove these criminal illegal aliens from our prisons and from our state? New Yorkers deserve transparency, accountability, and a firm commitment to the rule of law. I will continue fighting to end New York's sanctuary policies and to ensure our communities are safe and secure.

Reaffirming my Commitment to Protecting Social Security

This week, I introduced a House Resolution reaffirming my promise to safeguard the benefits that millions of hardworking Americans have earned.

As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I see firsthand how essential Social Security is to seniors and families, especially across New York's 24th District. If you've worked hard and paid in, you deserve the peace of mind that your retirement will be secure. That's why I'm fighting to ensure the program is preserved, protected, and strengthened, not just for today's retirees, but for generations to come.

We owe it to every American taxpayer who has contributed to this system and is counting on it.

READ MORE: Claudia Tenney introduces defense of Social Security amid Democratic attacks

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/finance-and-economy/3440405/claudia-tenney-social-security-defense/>

Cutting Billions of Dollars in Wasteful Government Spending

H.R. 4, the Rescission Act, is a critical measure that reins in \$9.4 billion in reckless federal spending and restores fiscal sanity in Washington. This legislation eliminates billions in wasteful expenditures, including taxpayer funds directed to NPR and PBS, foreign climate initiatives like "Net Zero Cities" in Mexico, and even overseas programming such as Iraqi Sesame Street. With the national debt approaching \$37 trillion, we must ensure every dollar is spent wisely and in the best interest of the American people, not foreign pet projects or left-wing activism. By passing the

Rescission Act, House Republicans are delivering on President Trump's America First agenda and taking meaningful steps towards a more accountable federal government.

Supporting Water Infrastructure Projects

Replacing hazardous lead pipes in our communities should not be delayed by burdensome federal red tape. This week, I introduced the FLOW Act, which takes a commonsense approach to eliminate excessive documentation requirements and streamlines access to affordable financing for critical water infrastructure projects. This legislation will help communities in NY-24 and across the country accelerate the replacement of dangerous lead pipes and ensure more families have access to safe, clean drinking water.

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. Each week, I review numerous bills and letters, engaging in thorough discussions with members of our community to determine which actions to support and address your needs. Below are a few bills I recently cosponsored.

H.R. 3946, the FIGHT Act: This bill strengthens the Animal Welfare Act by cracking down on the cruel and illegal world of animal fighting. It bans online gambling on fights, stops the shipment of fighting roosters through the mail, empowers citizens to take legal action, and authorizes the seizure of property used for these crimes. This bill is a critical step in ending animal cruelty and holding perpetrators fully accountable.

H.R. 3891, the Northern Border Staffing and Security Enhancement Act: This bill would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to update and submit a Northern Border Threat Analysis to Congress every 5 years. Additionally, this legislation provides more resources to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Conducting a comprehensive analysis of the threats facing our Northern Border and providing the necessary resources for law enforcement will enhance transparency and support our mission to protect our communities from criminal gangs, illicit drugs, and illegal human trafficking along our borders.

H.R. 3861, the Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act: This bill would limit federal financial assistance for one year to any city or state that refuses to cooperate with ICE detainers or restricts communication with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Under Governor Hochul, New York State has become overrun by criminal gangs, and she has misused her authority by preventing state and local law enforcement from collaborating with federal agencies to detain and deport violent criminals. I will always support our law enforcement to ensure that our communities are safe from violent crime by illegal criminal aliens.

H.R. 3443, the Modernizing EMS Delivery and Sustainability (MEDS) Act: This bill will strengthen the nation's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system by addressing workforce shortages, ensuring access to life-saving medications and blood products, and improving emergency response times. Specifically, the bill directs MedPAC to study EMS workforce compensation, establishes a CMMI demonstration to secure payment for critical EMS drugs and blood, and requires HHS to reissue guidance on reducing "wall time" delays - the time EMS crews must wait at hospitals before patients are admitted. These reforms are vital to improving patient care, reducing emergency response delays, and stabilizing the EMS workforce, especially in rural communities in New York's 24th District where these challenges are most acute.

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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>

Monday June 9

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2035, American Cargo for American Ships Act. This bill would strengthen America's maritime security and revitalize our domestic shipping industry by requiring that 100 percent of cargo procured, furnished, or financed by the Department of Transportation be transported on U.S.-owned, privately-operated commercial vessels. Building on the foundation of the Cargo Preference Act of 1954-which mandates that at least 50 percent of government-financed cargo be carried on U.S.-flag ships when available-this legislation eliminates loopholes and half-measures by ensuring every dollar spent by DOT directly supports American vessels, American jobs, and American economic strength. This bill passed by the House by a vote of 373-14.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 481, Condemning the rise in ideologically motivated attacks on Jewish individuals in the United States, including the recent violent assault in Boulder, Colorado, and reaffirming the House of Representatives commitment to combatting antisemitism and politically motivated violence. Over the last few months, horrific incidents of anti-Semitism have become increasingly common and violent. In April, the Governor of Pennsylvania's residence was firebombed. In May, two Israeli embassy staffers, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim were shot and killed. And most recently, eight individuals were injured in Boulder, Colorado by a man throwing Molotov cocktails screaming "Free Palestine." Violence, hatred, and anti-Semitism must be condemned in all forms and Congress must continue its important work to end this heinous spike in anti-Semitism. I was a cosponsor of this resolution and will always stand with the Jewish community in the face of these attacks. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 400-0, with two members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 488, Denouncing the antisemitic terrorist attack in Boulder, Colorado. On June 1, Mohamed Sabry Soliman injured eight innocent individuals while yelling "Free Palestine." He later told authorities that "he wanted to kill all Zionist people and wished they were all dead." This disgusting display of anti-Semitism should never have been allowed to occur, as Mohamed Sabry Soliman is an illegal alien who remained in our country due to Biden's refusal to enforce our immigration laws. This resolution condemned this horrible violence and calls for greater enforcement of our immigration laws to ensure an attack like this never happens again. I am shocked and disappointed that 113 of my Democratic colleagues refused to vote for this commonsense resolution. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 280-113, with six members voting present.

Tuesday June 10

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2096, the Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act. Over the last few years, rampant crime has plagued Washington, DC, turning our nation's capital into a dangerous display of urban decay. The Metropolitan Police Department lacks the officers to keep the city and its visitors safe and has reached historic lows in officer recruitment and retention. This is attributable to the radical legislation the DC City Council has instituted in stripping officers of due process rights and commonsense workplace protections. This bill would restore these rights, which would help increase the recruitment and retention

rates of law enforcement officers in Washington, DC. It is incredibly important to keep this city safe for residents of New York's 24th District that wish to visit our nation's capital and the center of our federal government. This bill passed by a vote of 235-178, with one member voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 884, the Prohibiting Noncitizens from Voting in DC Elections Act. This bill prohibits non-citizens from voting in local District of Columbia (DC) elections and repeals the DC Local Residents Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, which allows non-citizens to vote in local elections, ballot initiatives, and referendums. Elections are the cornerstone of our constitutional republic, and the majority of citizens do not want non-citizens and illegal aliens to threaten our elections. It is a national security imperative to secure our elections in our nation's capital and ensure that only American citizens have a say at the ballot box. As Chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I was pleased to cosponsor and support this commonsense legislation. This bill passed by a vote of 266-148.

Thursday June 12

I voted "Yes" on S. 331, the HALT Fentanyl Act. Our families and communities have been ravaged by fentanyl, and it has contributed to making overdose the leading cause of death among American adults aged 18-45. In 2024 alone, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized enough fentanyl to kill every American multiple times. In response, the Trump administration has begun holding Canada, Mexico, and China accountable for failing to stop the influx of fentanyl into the United States. This legislation would permanently make fentanyl a Schedule I drug, giving law enforcement the tools they need to combat the spread of these deadly drugs in our communities and discourage the production of new and more potent fentanyl-related substances. In Congress, I will always fight to protect our communities and our most vulnerable from these destructive substances. This bill passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 321-104.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2056, the District of Columbia Federal Immigration Compliance Act of 2025. This bill prohibits the District of Columbia (DC) from creating sanctuary laws restricting cooperation with federal immigration enforcement officials. Additionally, it bans DC from adopting policies or practices that would not comply with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) immigration detainer requests. Congress remains committed to ensuring that our communities are safe and that sanctuary cities are held accountable for their illegal practices. I was glad to support this commonsense bill to ensure that our law enforcement receive the support needed to uphold our immigration laws. This bill passed by a vote of 224-194.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4, the Recissions Act. This bill eliminates \$9.4 billion in wasteful foreign aid spending and funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which finances NPR and PBS. This bill is a bold step toward restoring fiscal sanity in Washington. By slashing billions in wasteful and woke spending, including \$1.1 billion for left-wing propaganda outlets like NPR and PBS, \$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street, and \$6 million for so-called 'Net Zero Cities' in Mexico, we are cutting waste, fraud, and abuse to build a more efficient federal government. With our national debt soaring to nearly \$37 trillion, we must get our fiscal house in order and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent in the best interest of the American people, not foreign pet projects or left-wing activism. By passing this legislation, House Republicans are delivering on President Trump's America First mandate and returning hard-earned taxpayer dollars back to the American people. This bill passed by a vote of 214-212.



It was another busy week in Washington, working to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, more safe, and more free. Here's how I've been fighting for our community this week:
ENDING THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC
 June is Gun Violence Awareness Month.

Far too many lives have been cut short, families torn apart, & communities left reeling from the tragic toll of the gun violence epidemic.

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

Last weekend, I joined Moms Demand Action and SNUG in Poughkeepsie to rally for change.

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

I refuse to let our draft-dodging President lecture us about what it means to be a Patriot while he cuts veterans' health care, insults Gold Star families, and installs an incompetent loyalist who is dangerously politicizing the Department of Defense.

That's why I was proud to join my fellow Democratic Veterans this week to launch a new caucus committed to serving the heroes who have served our country.

It's our duty, as those who have borne the battle, to fight for our fellow veterans and for the country we love so dearly.

Our loyalty is to no man. It is to the Constitution we swore an oath to protect and defend.

Our mission is to deliver for our men and women in uniform and every freedom-loving American.

Read more about the Democratic Veterans Caucus here:
NOTUS: House Democrats Start New 'Veterans Caucus' to Directly Respond to Trump

Amid Unprecedented Attacks on Veterans and Rising National Security Concerns, Congressmen Pat Ryan, Ted Lieu, and Chris Deluzio Lead 18 Members of Congress to Launch Democratic Veterans Caucus

REPRESENTING THE HUDSON VALLEY AT THE CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME

I don't think it's a big secret that I'm a die-hard Yankees fan - but playing on any major league field is a pretty surreal experience.

I was so proud to be able to represent Hudson Valley pillars like the Renegades and, of course, my alma mater West Point. And to score one of our team's two runs!

The final score wasn't optimal, but coming together like this is so important. I'm glad my colleagues and I could put politics aside for a night of fun - because, after all, nothing unites Americans quite like baseball.

FIGHTING TO END CORRUPTION AND CLEAN UP D.C.

For too long, politicians in both parties have put their own gain ahead of what's best for the American people.

The brazen corruption of the last few months has only highlighted the need for urgent action. It is time for comprehensive reform to ensure politicians serve the people, not themselves.

No more getting rich off trading stocks. An end to Members of Congress becoming lobbyists. Getting rid of kickbacks for billionaire friends.

I'm proud to be working alongside a group of next-generation lawmakers who refuse to accept the status quo.

We're here to clean things up.

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

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

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

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

Catch us at Dutchess County Office for Aging's Senior Picnic in Hyde Park this Wednesday, and check out the full schedule below to find an event near you!

Learn more about the C.A.R.E.S. Van: Spectrum News: Hudson Valley residents seek answers on Medicaid, Social Security

And view the full event schedule: After Voting Against GOP Bill That Drives Up Costs and Takes Healthcare From Hudson Valley Families, Congressman Ryan's C.A.R.E.S. Van to Provide Direct Assistance Across the Hudson Valley in June
REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF PULSE NIGHT CLUB

9 years ago this week, 49 lives were viciously taken in the Pulse Night Club shooting.

This Pride & Gun Violence Awareness Month, my message to the LGBTQ+ community is this:

You are loved.

You belong.

And I will always fight to protect your rights and freedoms as Americans.

CONTINUING TO CELEBRATE PRIDE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

The Hudson Valley is a home for everyone - no matter who you are or who you love.

This month and every single day, I'll continue fighting for equality for every member of our community.

It was great to march in the first ever Hudson Valley Pride March and Festival at Kingston Pride last week, and I'm looking forward to celebrating with communities across the Hudson Valley all month.

CELEBRATING HUDSON VALLEY ARTISTRY

The Hudson Valley is home to immense artistic talent, a rich history in the arts, and exceptionally impressive young people honing their craft.

I was proud to welcome the NY-18 winner of the Congressional Art Competition, James O'Neil High School rising-sophomore Shylah-Eve Guy, to the Capitol this week to see where her art will be displayed for the next year.

I'm proud that Shylah's artwork will be displayed in the Capitol, so visitors from around the world can see that the arts are alive and thriving in the Hudson Valley. I look forward to walking by her artwork each day on my way to vote, and having a constant reminder of the extraordinary talent of Hudson Valley students. Congratulations Shylah!

HONORING HUDSON VALLEY VIETNAM VETERANS

Thank you to the Saugerties VFW Post 5034 for inviting me to the dedication of a new Vietnam War Veterans Memorial last week.

May we always remember heroes who served our community and country, and never forget their legacy and sacrifice.

We're here to clean things up

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 55)**CELEBRATING THOSE SIGNING UP TO SERVE: ARMY RECRUITMENT**

Very proud to see the Army continue to hit & exceed recruitment numbers. Good news that every American should celebrate.

But let's be honest about how we got here.

It's years of bipartisan efforts to invest in our troops and bolster our recruitment efforts.

MY STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Especially this week, as violence escalates in the Middle East, it was an honor to attend the opening of the Nova Exhibition in DC.

As I looked again at the scenes of that tragic day, read the names of innocent young lives lost, and spoke with hostages finally now free, it was a stark reminder that the Iranian regime (and its proxies) are truly evil - and we must stand strongly and firmly against them.

I continue to pray for our men and women in uniform stationed overseas, the Israeli people, and every other innocent civilian in harm's way.

STANDING UP FOR FREE SPEECH, ALWAYS

Disgraceful and Un-American.

This is how they treat a sitting US Senator.

Every freedom-loving American should be deeply disturbed.

CELEBRATING EID-AL ADHA

Eid Mubarak! I hope every Hudson Valley family who celebrated this week had a meaningful Eid of reflection, togetherness, peace, and joy.

62 YEARS OF THE EQUAL PAY ACT

The Equal Pay Act was passed 62 years ago this week, yet for the first time in two decades the gender pay gap WIDENED this year.

That's why I'm fighting to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to end the gender wage gap once & for all.

GRANTS CORNER**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:****Upcoming CFA Information Sessions**

The Mid-Hudson Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) information sessions offer valuable opportunities to become familiar with the application process and connect directly with agency representatives.

Join Empire State Development (ESD) for a CFA information session to learn more about the funding opportunities available through this year's application round. ESD team members will be available to answer questions.

Virtual Session - Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Focus: For-Profit Business, Not-for-Profits, etc.

3:00PM - 4:00PM

Register Here

In-Person Session - Thursday, June 26, 2025

All Interested Applicants

10:00AM - 11:00AM

New York Medical College, 40 Sunshine Cottage Road, Valhalla, NY 1095, Terence Cardinal Cooke Auditorium, Basic Sciences Building

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

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

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

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

First Round of FY 2026 New York State Council on the Arts Grants

The FY2026 application periods for Support for Organizations, Support for Artists, Support for Targeted Opportunities, and Support for Re-grants and Services are now open.

This grant opportunity offers essential funding for general operations, artist support, rehearsal space, apprenticeships, and residencies.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 5 p.m.

FY2025 Regional Food System Partnerships Program (RFSP)

The RFSP supports partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local or regional food systems. The RFSP focuses on building and strengthening local or regional food economy viability and resilience. Applicants will work with their partners to catalyze the development of local or regional food systems.

RFSP offers two types of projects, 24-month Planning and Design and 36-month Implementation and Expansion Projects.

Applications are due on June 27, 2025.

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

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

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

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

Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund 2025

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is soliciting proposals for the Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund to restore and sustain healthy rivers, forests and grasslands that provide habitat for diverse fish and wildlife populations.

Full Proposal Due Date: June 26, 2025, 11:59 PM EDT

2025 COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program

The goal of this program is to improve security at schools and on school grounds through the implementation of evidence-based school safety programs and technology.

Applications are due by June 26, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

2025 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

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

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

FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) competitive grant program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants for Action Plans, including supplemental safety planning and/or safety demonstration activities, and Implementation Grants.

The FY 2025 NOFO substantively differs from the FY 2024 NOFO, be sure to review it closely. The deadline for applications is June 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT)

The Cooling Assistance Benefit provides for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home stay cool.

Call your HEAP Local District Contact to apply!

COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

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

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

Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program

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

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

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

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program

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

The 2025 LEMHWA program will fund projects that:

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

Increase law enforcement agency capacity to implement peer support networks for crisis and non-crisis circumstances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities

Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking

Accreditation

Approximately \$4 million is available for this program.

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

Community Policing Development (CPD) - Law Enforcement

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

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

All for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit institutions, institu-

tions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply, and up to \$8 million is available for this program.

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

Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 2025 Safer Outcomes program will encompass two separate solicitations:

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

Support for law enforcement agencies

Approximately \$18 million is available for this program.

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

COPS Blue Alert Program

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

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

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 57)

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

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

The 2025 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program is a competitive grant program that advances public safety by providing funds

If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter .

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting for mental health programs in schools

Ensuring that the mental health workforce pipeline is strong and that schools have the resources they need to hire counselors, social workers, and other staff that support student mental health is crucial.

This week, Kirsten held a press conference to demand that the Trump administration restore the full \$1 billion in federal funding for two grant programs that support mental health services in schools. The administration's decision to cancel this funding will hurt students in New York and beyond, and Kirsten is committed to fighting for its reversal.

Read more. <https://www.wbng.com/2025/06/12/senator-gillibrand-seeks-restoration-federal-funding-student-mental-health-resources/>

2. Demanding funding for increased security at religious institutions

Since October 7, 2023, we have seen a disturbing rise in hate crimes across the country and at home in New York targeted toward members of the Jewish faith. We must do better to protect our Jewish communities.

This week, Kirsten held a press conference in New York City demanding increased funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The NSGP helps nonprofit organizations most at risk of attack, including houses of worship, install security measures and make preparations in the event that they are targeted.

Read more. <https://www.jns.org/ny-dems-demand-500m-for-nonprofit-security-grant-program/>

3. Supporting seniors in New York

Protecting Social Security and supporting caregivers is critical to ensure that older Americans have the support they need to thrive.

This week, Kirsten spoke with seniors and caregivers in New York at a telephone town hall hosted by AARP New York. As the top Democrat on the Senate Aging Committee, she is committed to fighting for older Americans in New York and across the country.

Read more. <https://www.btpm.org/2025-06-12/lawmakers-fight-to-preserve-benefits-for-older-adults>

4. Congratulations to New York's Congressional Award gold medalists!

Kirsten welcomed New York's Congressional Award gold medalists to the Capitol this week to congratulate them on all their hard work. This award honors young students across the country for their achievements and commitment to public service. It is given to some of New York's best each year.

5. Helping New Yorkers with Social Security

When a constituent from Central New York had been waiting a year to receive his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, he contacted Kirsten's office for help.

After Kirsten's team reached out to the Social Security Administration, he received over \$70,000 in retroactive benefits.

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

Senataor Peter Oberacker Highlights Legislative Wins as 2025 Session Concludes

ALBANY, 6/13/25 - As the 2025 legislative session came to a close early Friday morning, Senator Peter Oberacker highlighted a slate of key victories that advanced out of the State Senate efforts that reflect his ongoing commitment to making New York more affordable, championing our hero veterans, and supporting school-based healthcare networks.

"My office set an aggressive legislative agenda this year focused on transparency, accountability and standing up for the hardworking families across the 51st District," said Senator Oberacker. "I am incredibly proud to report that we have delivered."

One of the most notable victories of the session was the Senate's passage of the Food Safety and Chemical Disclosure Act, landmark state legislation sponsored by Senator Oberacker that bans Red 3, potassium bromate, and propylparaben while reaching new levels of transparency to New York's food manufacturing industry.

Additionally, many initiatives Senator Oberacker advocated for this session successfully passed on the Senate Floor, including:

- o Transparent and Accountable Utility Billing Practices - Senator Oberacker is leading the charge against predatory utility billing practices, passing three key bills to protect consumers: one to prohibit utility companies from using ratepayer funds to cover corporate losses; another to ban the use of ratepayer dollars for lobbying, public relations, or political contributions; and a third to establish a state watchdog agency dedicated to advocating for ratepayers.

- o Supporting Our Local Heroes - For many service members, the hardest part of serving their country comes after they return home. Transitioning to civilian life and finding meaningful work can be overwhelming. That's why Senator Oberacker proudly sponsored legislation to ease this burden-creating a statewide career and job listing database tailored to veterans that will aid them in finding steady employment and build a strong future.

- o Protecting School-Based Health Centers - Senator Oberacker doubled-down on his commitment to fight for rural healthcare services, passing key legislation to protect school-based health centers from government red tape as a managed-care program.

"While these are tangible results that we're proud of, there's more work to be done," said Senator Oberacker. "My constituents sent me to Albany to fight for our shared values and to be a voice for common sense. We will continue to do just that."

Mike Beiling and the Bertholf Family and Friends Present

Matty Bertholf's Annual Horseshoe Tournament

**Sunday, July 13th, 2025
Neversink Firehouse**

Times

Registration 8:30 am

Tourney Begins 9:00 am

Entry Fee \$25

Contests

50-50 drawings

Beverages

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**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

40th Annual Academic Achievement Celebration Recognizes Top Students

LIBERTY - On June 4, Sullivan BOCES held its 40th Annual Academic Achievement Celebration at the Rubin Pollack Education Center to honor the county's top students from the Class of 2025. The event was attended by Superintendents of Schools, Principals, Board Presidents, and Dr. David Potash, President of SUNY Sullivan, who served as the guest speaker.

Dr. Potash congratulated the students on their exceptional academic achievements and expressed his pride in their hard work and dedication. He emphasized how their perseverance and commitment have already set them apart and shared four pieces of advice for their future:

1. Don't put so much pressure on yourselves - your achievements will come in time.
2. Be nice.
3. Be memorable in a nice way.
4. Make a friend.

After offering his advice, Dr. Potash paused his speech and invited everyone in the room to stand up, find someone they didn't know, and share something about themselves - practicing how to be memorable while also being kind. By the end of the exercise, everyone had made a new friend.

During the ceremony, each student in attendance introduced themselves and shared their plans for the future. Dr. Robert M. Dufour, District Superintendent of Sullivan BOCES, along with each student's School Superintendent, Board President, and High School Principal, presented a Certificate of Achievement and a Rocket Notebook, generously donated by the Rolling V Bus Corporation.

This year's top students include:

Eldred CSD: Connor White and Logan Amato

Fallsburg CSD: Hannah Johnson, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, Jordyn Wall-Carty, and Cecelia Riker Lainez



Hannah Johnson

Jordyn Wall-Carty


Liberty CSD: Kaitlyn Bodolosky, Sophia Ferguson, Rita Zheng, Cameryn Will, Faith Fitzgerald, and Noah Call



Sophia Ferguson



Livingston Manor CSD: Michael Carlsen, Joshua Hendrickson, and Wesley Kinne



Monticello CSD: Lyndsey Kaplan, Joseph Campbell, Hailey Kaplan, Alexandra Cushing, Diya Patel, Yuki Kwok, and Geliana Fernandez



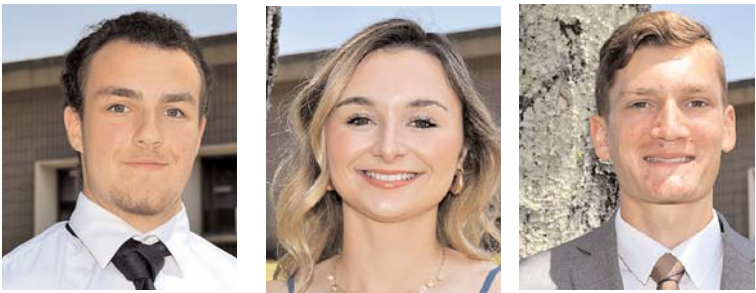
Roscoe CSD: Rebecca Gashinsky and Braden Powell



Sullivan West CSD: Matthew DuBois, John Dworetsky, Sophie Wilken, and Joshua Winder



Tri-Valley CSD: William Seward, Jenna Carmody, and Nicholas Bender



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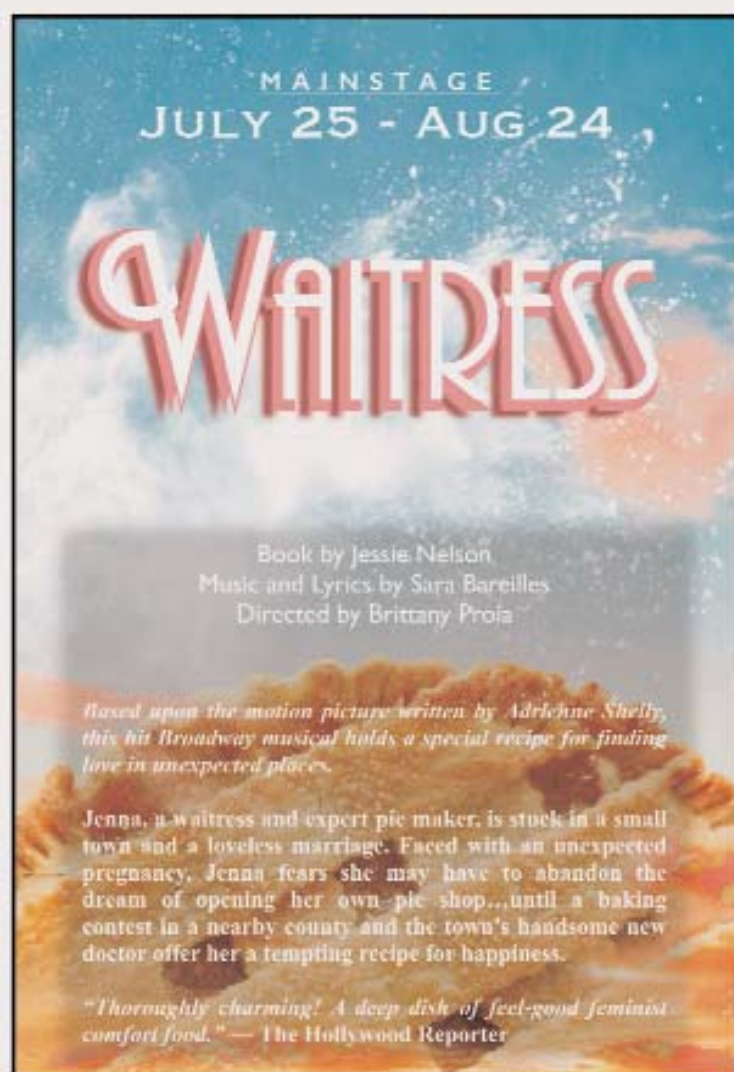


A TASTE OF BROADWAY IV "WAITRESS"

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

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"A Taste of Broadway IV"

Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu

Gaby's House Salad

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Pollo 5 de Mayo

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers,
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TWO MORE WEEKS TO CATCH POWERHOUSE 'I'M NOT RAPPAPORT'

TICKET AVAILABILITY THIS WEEKEND:

THURSDAY 6/19 @ 8 PM - Tickets Available
FRIDAY 6/20 @ 8 PM - BEST AVAILABILITY
SATURDAY 6/21 @ 2 PM - Almost SOLD OUT
SATURDAY 6/21 @ 8 PM - BEST AVAILABILITY
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Photo by Jeff Knapp

'I'M NOT RAPPAPORT,' starring Tony Award winner Judd Hirsch and Eugene Lee, and directed by Tony nominee and Artistic Director of Atlantic Theater Company Neil Pepe, is officially OPEN! Tickets are selling fast for this 'powerhouse' production. Focused on a bench in Central Park, the play follows two feisty octogenarians-Nat, a fiery idealist clinging to his independence, and Midge, a superintendent dodging his tenants-as they resist being pushed aside by society. It's a rich and relevant comedy, brimming with heart and humanity.

'I'M NOT RAPPAPORT' runs through June 29th. Performances are held Thursday through Saturday at 8 PM and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 PM, with preview performances on the first Friday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM of each run.



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

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
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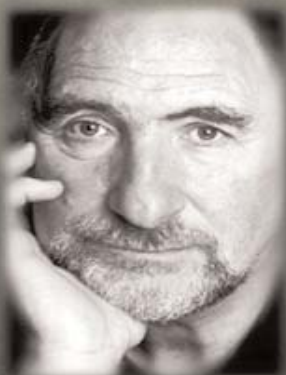


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Governor Hochul Announces \$13.7 Million Awarded to 19 Farm and Food Organizations through 2024 Partnership Agreement with U.S. Department of Agriculture

*Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program
Offers Competitive Grants for Projects Designed to
Build Middle of Supply Chain*

Equipment-Only Grant Funding To Open Soon

Governor Hochul announced that 19 farm and food organizations are being awarded a total of \$13.7 million through the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Grant Program. The funding announced today is the first of two grant programs announced last year as part of a cooperative agreement between New York State and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service to expand middle of the supply chain work to create a more resilient food system in New York State.

"Farmers are our lifeblood - they nourish our families and fuel our economy, and it is more important than ever that we invest in projects that bolster our local food supply chain here in New York State," Governor Hochul said. "The Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program provides critical funding to make our food systems at the local and state level more resilient for years to come by investing in projects that modernize agricultural facilities, improve training, and facilitate the purchase of new equipment. I'm proud to support this great work and shore up a strong future for New York State."

First announced in May 2024, the RFSI Grant Program offers a total of over \$14.7 million through two grant opportunities - Infrastructure Grants and Equipment-Only Grants - to provide capital and technical assistance to farmers and food businesses operating at the middle of the supply chain, helping to enhance coordination throughout the food system and improve access to markets for farmers. Grants of \$13.7 million are being awarded to 19 projects across the state through the program's Infrastructure Grants, which support projects focused on the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of agricultural food products. A list of the awarded projects is available [here](#).

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) has partnered with Farm and Food Growth Fund, Inc (FFGF) to administer the funding available through the program's Infrastructure Grants as well as the Equipment-Only Grants, which will be open for applications soon.

As part of the RFSI Grant Program, AGM is also partnering with Tierra Viva Collective to provide technical assistance to producers to improve supply chain coordination

activities. Additionally, the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension's Harvest New York Program will conduct an updated assessment of New York State's processing infrastructure to identify challenges and opportunities for growth, as well as an analysis of the State's institutional purchasing to provide market information to New York State producers.

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "The RFSI program offers us an opportunity to strengthen New York's food system in real and meaningful ways. The recipients of this funding will be able to modernize and construct new agricultural facilities, improve food safety, purchase new equipment, and so much more. I thank all our partners for their work moving this progressive programming forward and look forward to seeing the impact these projects have on our communities."

Senator Charles Schumer said, "New York's farmers and agricultural sector are the backbone of our state's economy, and this funding is a win-win, supporting our farmers and helping deliver their fresh-grown food to people who need it. I'm proud to deliver millions in federal funding to help fresh-grown food from New York's farmers reach kitchen tables across the state. The Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program is key to improving our food supply chains, expanding markets for New York farmers, and helping local farmers and businesses purchase the equipment they need so fresh-grown produce can be enjoyed locally. I'm grateful for Governor Hochul's work putting these federal dollars to good use."

Farm and Food Growth Fund President and CEO Todd Erling said, "By focusing on middle-of-the-supply chain, these grants are providing support to the State's small and mid-sized producers to advance their ability to thrive, scale and bolster supply chain resiliency. Increasing aggregation, processing, storage and distribution will expand the supply of New York-sourced food products available in New York markets and institutions."

Tierra Viva Collective Co-Founder and Co-Director Dr. Gabriela Pereyra said, "The RSFI funding is catalyzing the modernization of infrastructure and equipment that supports access to nutritious food grown for New Yorkers by New Yorkers, addressing the crucial need across the middle of the supply chain for small, medium and large agri-food businesses, and fostering a more inclusive and sustainable food system"

Equipment-Only Grants

Applications for the RSFI's Equipment-Only grants will open soon. Following USDA's accelerated timeline for the execution of this program, the application for this opportunity will be open for a very limited time. The Department encourages all potential applicants to take advantage of the resources available below to be ready to apply promptly when the application opens.

Applications will be open to New York State entities and will provide awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$100,000. (Contd. Pg. 72)

Governor Hochul Announces \$13.7 Million Awarded to 19 Farm and Food Organizations through 2024 Partnership Agreement with U.S. Department of Agriculture

(From Pg. 71) The funding may only be used for post-harvest equipment that will expand capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of locally and regionally produced food products, including value-added food products. Successful projects will focus on increasing the supply of New York-sourced food products available in New York markets. Competitive project applications will benefit multiple producers and multiple markets.

To help potential applicants prepare to apply, the FFGF has developed a quick reference sheet on the required documents and information needed to submit an application. Required documentation will include:

- o A letter of support
- o A letter of commitment
- o NEPA questionnaire
- o Budget quotes for each requested equipment item
- o Evidence of Critical Resources and Infrastructure
- o Evidence of permitting requirements
- o Any site plans/drawings
- o Other items as needed

Complete information about how to apply for Equipment-Only Grants will be available on AGM's website and FFGF's website when applications open. In addition, potential applicants are encouraged to follow the

Department on social media to hear the latest information, or sign up to receive the Department's monthly newsletter at agriculture.ny.gov.

These investments build on the Governor's commitment to boost demand for New York agricultural products, bolster New York's food supply chain, and ensure all New Yorkers can access fresh, local foods. This includes the Governor's Executive Order 32 directing State agencies to increase the percentage of food sourced from New York farmers and producers to 30 percent of their total purchases within five years.

New York State continues to prioritize increasing access to food for all New Yorkers and providing new markets for farmers through a number of programs and initiatives supported in the New York State's FY 2026 Budget, including Nourish New York, Farm to School Programs, the Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs, the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grants Programs, and more.

The Budget includes additional support in key areas to continue to strengthen the agricultural community, provide a boost to New York's farmers, and create a stronger, more resilient food supply chain. This includes a record investment of over \$90 million in agricultural stewardship programs that implement climate resilient and best management practices on farms, and help protect farmland. Additionally, building on last year's commitments to New York's dairy industry, the state's largest single agricultural sector, the Budget includes \$10 million for the second round of the Dairy Modernization Grant Program and provides additional funding to research and implement climate-resilient practices on dairy farms.



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FARM ARTS COLLECTIVE TWO EVENTS!

Family Farm Day

Saturday, June 28 at 10 AM to 1 PM



Farm Tour with Greg Swartz

Damascus, PA- Farm Arts Collective will hold Family Farm Day on Willow Wisp Organic Farm on Saturday, June 28 from 10 AM to 1 PM. The free, annual event for families and children of all ages will include farm tours, touch-a-tractor, a seed-planting station (kids will take a sunflower seed-starter cup home), guided trips to the flower and vegetables fields, a veggie-tasting station, art-making, face-painting, games, and much more! The day is a great opportunity for children and families to learn about where food comes from, and experience a local working farm and the many agricultural steps from seed to harvest. Farm Arts Collective is located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415. For more information go to

www.farmartscollective.org

The program is supported by the Wayne County Community Foundation and the John and Helen Villaume Foundation.

A Midsummer Open Mic Night

Monday, June 30 at 7 PM

Join Farm Arts Collective on Monday, June 30 at 7pm-10pm for Midsummer Night Mic, an open-mic event for the community to share music, poetry, stories, and other performances among fairy lights, hay bales, and the lush vegetation and flora of Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA. Enjoy the sunset and stars on the sprawling clover lawn at Farm Arts Collective's new agricultural venue, and experience the talents of local artists, writers, and musicians with sing-alongs and summery treats from the farm.

A Midsummer Night Mic will be a magical experience for audiences and performers alike. This event is Pay-What-You-Can, and attendees are invited to bring their own beverage. Go to www.farmartscollective.org and navigate to the Calendar to find the link to sign up to perform, or to RSVP to attend. Spontaneous arrivals also welcome.



Shakespeare on the Farm by Farm Arts Collective (2019) with Yurika Sase
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Money in Your Pockets: Governor Hochul Announces Nearly 3 million New Yorkers to Receive \$2.2 Billion in Tax Relief this Summer and Fall

Visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>

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Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that nearly three million New Yorkers will receive \$2.2 billion in tax relief this summer and fall through New York's School Tax Relief (STAR) program. STAR provides property tax relief to eligible homeowners and seniors statewide. While some STAR recipients have already received their benefit in the form of a tax exemption this year, many other recipients will receive their benefit as a tax credit and will be sent a check in the mail this summer and fall. Check deliveries will begin next week and will continue statewide throughout the coming months. Most homeowners eligible for a STAR credit will receive a check between \$350 and \$600. Most seniors eligible for an Enhanced STAR credit will receive a check between \$700 and \$1,500. STAR recipients can visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/> to track their check delivery or enroll in direct deposit.

"Summer is here - and it's also the start of STAR tax relief season for millions of New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "From tax credits to child care assistance and much more, we're continuing to put more money back in New Yorkers' pockets."

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller said, "The STAR program delivers welcome tax relief, and we want every eligible homeowner to take advantage of it. If you're a new homeowner, or you are currently not receiving a STAR benefit on your primary residence, check out the Tax Department's website to see how you can enroll and start saving."

Regional breakdown of this year's \$2.2 billion in STAR tax relief for nearly 3 million New Yorkers:

| REGION | STAR TAX RELIEF | RECIPIENTS |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Capital District | \$144.5 million | 242,000 |
| Central New York | \$131.1 million | 176,000 |
| Finger Lakes | \$205.2 million | 279,000 |
| Long Island | \$698.4 million | 582,000 |
| Mid-Hudson | \$488.5 million | 404,000 |
| Mohawk Valley | \$66.3 million | 101,000 |
| New York City | \$158.6 million | 483,000 |
| North Country | \$47.2 million | 88,000 |
| Southern Tier | \$109.6 million | 156,000 |
| Western New York | \$178.5 million | 320,000 |
| TOTAL | \$2.2 BILLION | \$2.83 MILLION |

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "While Washington advances tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy

and mega-corporations at the expense of millions of working Americans, we in New York continue to champion the well-being of the middle class. The Senate Democratic Majority has worked with Governor Hochul and the Assembly to put more money back in the pockets of everyday New Yorkers. We look forward to continuing the fight to make New York more affordable."

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie said, "As we head into the summer, millions of homeowners and seniors across the state will get these STAR tax relief checks, putting money back into their pockets and allowing them to spend their hard-earned money in the best way for their family. We will continue working together with our partners in government to find commonsense ways to ease the financial burden on New York families."

Homeowners and seniors who are eligible and enrolled in the STAR program receive their benefit each year in one of two ways: as an exemption that reduces their school tax bill, or as a credit issued as a check or direct deposit.

The STAR benefits received by each recipient are based in part on local school taxes and vary based on the county in which the individual resides, among other factors.

Homeowners who are registered and eligible for the STAR credit can expect to receive their STAR credit before the deadline for their school taxes. Some parts of the state - including New York City, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse - have due dates in July and will receive their STAR benefits between the end of June and mid-July. Benefits across other parts of the state will continue to roll out statewide throughout the summer and fall.

Those who receive the STAR credit as a check or direct deposit can visit the STAR Credit Delivery Schedule to learn when credits will be issued in their area. Property owners who are looking for details about STAR credits that have already been issued should visit the Property Tax Credit Lookup.

Enroll in STAR Direct Deposit

Homeowners can enroll in the STAR Credit Direct Deposit program through the Homeowner Benefit Portal within the Tax Department's secure Online Services system. Homeowners will also be able to use the Homeowner Benefit Portal to manage their STAR benefits easily and efficiently.

The direct deposit option enables eligible STAR credit recipients to get their STAR credits without having to wait for and cash a check. To ensure homeowners receive their STAR credit by direct deposit this year, they should enroll as soon as possible. Homeowners who enroll fewer than 15 days before STAR credits are issued will receive a check this year and direct deposit will begin next year.

For more information about the STAR program, visit the Tax Department's STAR Resource Center.

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Tues., June 10

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

**Advancing the Science: The Latest in
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Tues., June 17

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



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2025

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

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


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

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

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 6 - 7 pm

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

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The D&H Canal Interpretive Center Hosts County Historian John Conway June 22 Starts a Summer of Interesting Programs

Summitville, NY - The Delaware & Hudson Canal Interpretive Center (16 Bova Road, Summitville) is kicking off a series of free presentations throughout 2025 with Sullivan County Historian John Conway's presentation about the mighty economic impact of the canal on Sunday, June 22 at 3 p.m.

Arguably, every significant economic and historical milestone in Sullivan County's early history was the result of a major breakthrough in transportation, and the D&H Canal is the perfect example. In fact, in the first 20 years of the canal's operation, the population of Sullivan County more than doubled, and great industries such as tanning and bluestone were made possible. Yet, as James Eldridge Quinlan wrote in his "History of Sullivan County," published in 1873, that impact "is a mere bagatelle when compared with its benign influence on the coal-region of Pennsylvania, on New York and other cities, and on the country at large." Sullivan County Historian John Conway examines that phenomenon in his presentation, "A Mere Bagatelle: The Economic Impact of the D&H Canal on Sullivan County."

This event is free! Advance registration is requested, however, as space is limited.

Email scparks@sullivanyny.gov or call 845-807-0287 to save a spot.

Additional presentations are posted at <https://www.sullivanyny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/DelawareHudson>.

Looking just to visit the D&H Canal Interpretive Center? Admission is free, and it's open every Friday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.), Saturday (10-5) and Sunday (noon-5 p.m.) through September 1.



D&H Canal Interpretive Center
16 Bova Road, Summitville, NY 12781

2025 EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 3:00pm
The Economic Impact of the D&H Canal on Sullivan County
presented by John Conway

Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 2:00pm
Post Cards of the D&H Canal
presented by Bill Merchant

Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 2:00pm
The D&H Canal: Port Jervis to Phillipsport
presented by Cliff Robinson

Additional presentations to be announced!

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Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?
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Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and
someone will always be there to listen
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Text 845-372-1817
Call 866-372-2336

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A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

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



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Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:
Bullying - Eating Disorders -
Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -
Pregnancy - Problems at Home -
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Divorce - School Issues -
Substance Use -
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**Talk to your
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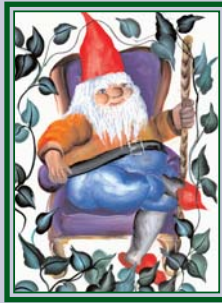


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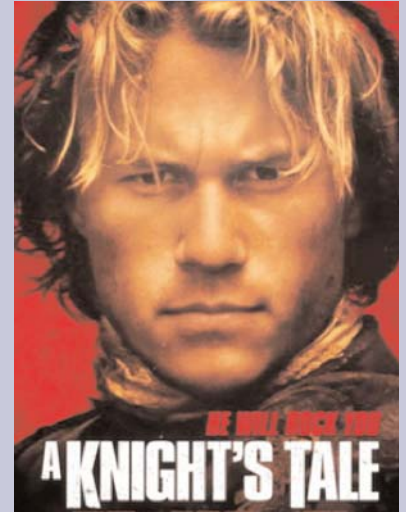
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**A Knight's Tale**

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PG-13

Romantic, Comedy, Action & Adventure

Peasant-born William Thatcher (Heath Ledger) begins a quest to change his stars, win the heart of an exceedingly fair maiden (Shannyn Sossamon) and rock his medieval world. With the help of friends (Mark Addy, Paul Bettany, Alan Tudyk), he faces the ultimate test of medieval gallantry -- tournament jousting -- and tries to discover if he has the mettle to become a legend.



A Knight's Tale is a feel good classic with good dialogue and great supporting actors. The music is what makes it classic. It was great in 2001, and just rewatching in 2025 holds up

Starring: Heath Ledger, Rufus Sewell, Shannyn Sossamon, Paul Bettany, Laura Fraser, Mark Addy, Alan Tudyk, Bérénice Bejo, Scott Handy, James Purefoy. Directed by: Brian Helgeland



*Stay safe, and stay well
Knarf Odnamoc
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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Anne Bancroft

This weeks' Trivia question: Who is Isabella Rosselini's real life Mom?